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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 2015-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State
- 2013-2015 Director, Irish Studies Program, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois
- 2011-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, joint appointment, Departments of Geography and International Studies DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois
- 2011-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Dominican University, Chicago, Illinois

### EDUCATION

- 2006-2011 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Doctorate awarded 2011  
Dissertation: "Galicia's Hurricane: The Politics of Regional Place"  
(Robert Ostergren, Yi-Fu Tuan, Robert Kaiser, Kris Olds, Juan Egea, Sam Dennis)
- 2004- 2006 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Masters awarded in 2006  
Thesis: "'Constructing' Contemporary European Regional Identities in Spanish-Galicia"
- 1999-2003 University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A. - Spanish; European Studies - Awarded in 2003,  
Graduated with Distinction. Study Abroad Research Undergraduate Thesis-Mexico, 2002

### ACADEMIC BOOKS – PEER-REVIEWED

Dempsey, K.E. (2022). *An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Ireland: Conflict, Nationalism and Reconciliation*. Routledge. ISBN 9780367692650.

\*Awarded the 2022 American Conference (ACIS) **Irish Studies Donnelly Prize for History and Social Science Book, Honorable Mention.**

Dempsey, K.E. and Myadar, O. eds. (2023). *Making and Unmaking Refugees: Geopolitics of Social Ordering and Struggle within the Global Refugee Regime*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032452708.

Flint, C., and Dempsey, K.E. eds. (2023). *Making Geographies of Peace and War*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032385983.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Dempsey, K.E.** (2025). “Empowering Change: Refugee Agency in Grassroots Advocacy Organizations” as part of Special Issue: *Geopolitics of Displacement – Refugees and Asylum Seekers* in *Geographical Review*. [doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2025.2469798](https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2025.2469798).
- Dempsey, K.E.** and Bose, P. (2025). “Political Geography of Governance and Agency in Camps.” *Political Geography*. Invited article for Special Issue: *Bodily Autonomy, Gender, and Geopolitics*. 119, 103316. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2025.103316>
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2024). “Espaços de violência: Uma tipologia da geografia política da violência contra migrantes que procuram asilo na UE” in *Geografia Política, Geopolítica e Gestão do Território: Agendas, Atores e Pesquisas IV CONGEO*.
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Infrasecular” geographies and the multifaceted significance of a European shrine cathedral,” *Journal of Cultural Geography*. doi: [10.1080/08873631.2023.2194841](https://doi.org/10.1080/08873631.2023.2194841).
- DeBoom, M., Dahlman, C., Dowler, L., Holland, E., Murphy, A. and **Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Reading **Kara E. Dempsey’s** *An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Conflict, Nationalism, and Reconciliation in Ireland*.” *Political Geography* (102999). [doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2023.102999](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2023.102999)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2022). “Concealed Productions of Structural Violence: A Cultural Flagship in Post-Authoritarian Spain,” *Social and Cultural Geography*. doi: [10.1080/14649365.2022.2114533](https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2022.2114533)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2021). “Migrant agency and counter-hegemonic efforts among asylum seekers in the Netherlands in response to geopolitical control and exclusion,” *Geopolitics*. [doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1912019](https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1912019)
- Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. (2021). “Making and unmaking refugees: Geopolitics of social ordering and struggle within the global refugee regime: An Introduction,” *Geopolitics*. [doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1924552](https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1924552)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2020). “Spaces of Violence: A typology of the Political Geography of violence against migrants seeking asylum in the EU,” *Political Geography* 17 (102157): 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2020.102157>
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2020). “Fostering grassroots civic nationalism in an ethno-nationally divided community in Northern Ireland,” *Geopolitics*. [10.1080/14650045.2020.1727449](https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2020.1727449)
- Dempsey, K.E.** and McDowell, Sara (2019). “Disaster Depictions and Geopolitical Representations in Europe’s ‘Migration Crisis,’” *Geoforum*, 98: 153-160. [doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.008)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2018). “Negotiated positionalities and ethical considerations of fieldwork on migration: Interviewing the interviewer,” *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies* 17 (1): 88-108. <https://acme-journal.org/index.php/acme/article/view/1568>

- Anderson, L., Bonevac, A., Thompson, L., **Dempsey, K.E.**, Shay, E. and Sugg, M. (2018). “Understanding Key Informant Experiences and Perceptions of the 2016 Drought and Wildfires in Western North Carolina,” *Weather, Climate and Society*. 11(1) [DOI.org/10.1175/WCAS-D-18-0061.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/WCAS-D-18-0061.1) (\* student-led)
- Dempsey, K.E.**, Qureshi, M., Ondoma, S., and Dempsey, R., (2017). “Effect of Geopolitical Forces on Neurosurgical Training in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *World Neurosurgery*, Feb 6. [DOI:10.1016/j.wneu.2017.01.104](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wneu.2017.01.104)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2016). “Competing Claims & Nationalist Narratives: A City/State Debate in a Globalizing World”, *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, 107 (1): 33-47. [DOI:10.1111/tesg.12127](https://doi.org/10.1111/tesg.12127)
- Dempsey, K.E.** and Wilbrand, S., (2016). “The Role of the Region in the European Landscape Convention,” *Regional Studies*, 51 (6): 909-919. [DOI: 10.1080/00343404.2016.1144923](https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2016.1144923)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2014). “‘Galicia’s Hurricane’ Actor Networks and Iconic Constructions,” *Geographical Review*, 102 (1): 93-102. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23208626>

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Dempsey, K.E.** (2025). “Geopolitics of Peace” in (ed.) Flint, C. *Encyclopedia of Geopolitics*. Edward Elgar Press. Accepted for publication. Forthcoming publication.
- Dempsey, K.E.** and K. Foote. (2024). “Constructive politics of political geography: From specialty group to ‘Community of Practice’ in (eds.) Menga, F. and K. Grove. *Political Geography in Practice*. Palgrave Academic Press. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-69899-6\\_16](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-69899-6_16).
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2024). “Geographies of Violence” in (ed.) Warf, B. *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Springer Press. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25900-5\\_289-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25900-5_289-1)
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Forging Shared Space for Building Peace,” in (eds.) Flint, C. and **K.E. Dempsey** *Making Geographies of Peace and Conflict*. Routledge.
- Dempsey, K.E.** (2023). “Migrant Agency and Counter-Hegemonic Efforts Among Asylum Seekers in the Netherlands in Response to Geopolitical Control and Exclusion,” in (eds.) **Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. *Making and Unmaking Refugees. Geopolitics of Social Ordering and Struggle within the Global Refugee Regime*. Routledge.
- Flint, C. and **K.E. Dempsey** (2023). “Introduction: Making Geographies of Peace and Conflict” in (eds.) Flint, C. and **K.E. Dempsey** *Making Geographies of Peace and Conflict*. Routledge.
- Myadar, O. and **K.E. Dempsey** (2023). “Introduction: Making and Unmaking Refugees: Geopolitics of Social Ordering and Struggle within the Global Refugee Regime. in (eds.) **Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. *Making and Unmaking Refugees. Geopolitics of Social Ordering and Struggle within the Global Refugee Regime*. Routledge.

**Dempsey, K.E.** (2018). “Creating a Place for the Nation in Dublin: The Republic of Ireland’s Garden of Remembrance,” in (eds.) Hagen, Josh and Diener, Alexander. *The City as Power: Urban Space, Place, and National Identity*. Rowman & Littlefield.

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

Brown, H. and **Dempsey, K.E.** “Spatial distribution of twitter discussion topics regarding Covid-19 and related public health policies” submitted. (\* **student-led research & writing**).

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Nationalism and Geopolitics
- Peacebuilding
- Geopolitics of religion (e.g., the Muslim World, political Islam and Christianity)
- Conflict, paramilitary violence and reconciliation efforts
- International forced migration
- Sustainability (e.g., social, environmental, water and food)
- Health Geographies in developing nations
- Politics of place, architecture and representation
- Human Geography (Political, Cultural, Historical and Urban)

#### RESEARCH FIELD WORK

2023	Geopolitics of Refugee Camps, New Zealand (Auckland, Hamilton, and Christchurch)
2018-present	Geopolitics of asylum camps within the European Union
2017-present	Climate & Social and Environmental Justice dialogues in Appalachia, North Carolina
2017	Migration and Integration Ethnographic Research in Asylum Camps, Iceland
2016	Migration “Crisis” Ethnographic Research in Asylum Camps: Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands
2015-present	“Shared” spaces in divided neighborhoods in Belfast, Northern Ireland
2014	Memorial Landscape Research, Dublin, Republic of Ireland
2013	International Migration and migrant labor in Spain, Catalonia, Spain
2012	European Union Environmental Landscape Policies, Catalonia, Spain
2011	Medical and Social Geography Research, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
2010	Political and Cultural Geography Research, Belfast and Derry, Northern Ireland
2008	Invited Visiting Researcher, University of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain
2008	Dissertation Field Research, Santiago Archives and Capitol Library, Spain
2006	Master’s Thesis Field Research: Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025 **Research Innovation & Collaboration Exchange Fellowship (RICE)**. National East-West Scholar Center, Washington, DC, applied for \$35,000. Decision in spring 2025. **External Grant.**

- 2025 **George L. Mosse European Fellowship**, George L. Mosse Foundation and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, **\$11,000. External Grant.**
- 2023 Awarded the American Conference (ACIS) **Irish Studies Donnelly Prize for History and Social Science Book, Honorable Mention**, for *An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Ireland: Conflict, Nationalism and Reconciliation* (published 2022). **External Recognition.**
- 2023 2023-2025 Graduate Research Assistant Mentor (GRAM) AWARDEE, Appalachian State University **\$28,000**
- 2023 2023 **BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**, University of North Carolina **\$1,000**
- 2023 Plenary Speaker, Political Geography Organization, (AAG) **VIRGINIE MAMADOUH OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD**, for “Spaces of Violence: A Typology of Violence Against Migrants Seeking Asylum in the EU.” **External Recognition.**
- 2023 Appalachian State Virtual International Program Award **\$1,500**
- 2022 **2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**, College of Arts and Sciences **\$1,000**
- 2022 Office of International Research Grant **\$3,500**
- 2022 Student and Faculty Excellence Grant **\$1,000**
- 2022 Online Teaching Excellence Institute Award Recipient **\$4,000**
- 2021 Inducted into the **ACADEMY OF OUTSTANDING TEACHERS**, Appalachian State University
- 2021 *Political Geography* (Journal) **EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER PAPER AWARD** for “*Spaces of Violence: A Typology of Violence Against Migrants Seeking Asylum in the EU*” **\$1,000. External Award.**
- 2020 William Strickland **OUTSTANDING JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD**, **\$1,000**
- 2020 College of Arts and Sciences Academy of Outstanding Teachers, Nominee.
- 2020 Richard N. Henson Outstanding Advisor Award in CAS, Nominee.
- 2020 Spring 2020 URA Research Grant, Appalachian State University, **\$1,000.**
- 2020 **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, RUI GSS: “Understanding connections between mobility, transportation and quality of life in refugee communities in Tucson, Arizona,” (#1951754) applied for \$206,588 (Dempsey PI, App State & Myadar co-PI, University of Arizona, co-PI) ranked as Competitive, but not funded. **External Grant.**
- 2019-2021 Graduate Research and Mentorship Grant (Dempsey, Shay, Sugg), Appalachian State, **\$24,000.**
- 2019 CAS Research/Proposal Development Summer Grant, **\$5,000**
- 2019 Nominated for William C. Strickland Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
- 2019 Faculty Resigned Research Grant, Appalachian State University, **Spring 2019**
- 2018 Faculty Research Summer Grant, Appalachian State University, **\$5,000**
- 2018 Office of Research Faculty Grant, Appalachian State University, **\$8,300**
- 2018 **WAYNE D DUNCAN TEACHING FELLOWSHIP AWARDEE**, Appalachian State University – Awarded to 1 faculty member annually for teaching excellence, **\$3,500.**
- 2018 Voted one of “Appalachian State Top 10 Professors” by students via OneClass!
- 2018 **National Science Foundation (NSF)** NRT “Empowering Local Communities for Sustainable Access to Food and Clean Water” (#1850324) applied for \$184,251 (Shay &

Dempsey PI, Kowalczyk & MacNamara Co-PI, M. Sugg & A. Hege, Senior Personnel.  
Not funded. **External Grant.**

- 2016-2018 Graduate Research and Mentorship Grant (GRAM), Appalachian State (Dempsey, Shay, Sugg), **\$20,000.**
- 2016-2018 Appalachian State University, Research Institute for Environment, Energy & Economics. CONCERT grant—mountain resilience (Dempsey, Shay, Sugg) **\$15,000.**
- 2017 **United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-G2016-STAR-A2** EPA “From Collective Knowledge to Action: Water Resources, Public Health, and Adaptive Planning in a Rural Mountain Environment,” \$399,787, (PI M. Sugg, co-PIs Dempsey, Runkle, and Shay). Not funded. **External Grant.**
- 2017 College of Arts and Science Teaching Award Nominee, Appalachian State University
- 2017 Best Academic Advisor Award, Appalachian State University, **\$1,000.**
- 2016 RIEEE Cluster Grant “Vulnerable Populations,” Appalachian State University, **\$4,000.**
- 2016 College of Arts and Sciences Student and Faculty Excellence Award, Appalachian State University, **\$2,000.**
- 2016 Appalachian State College of Liberal Arts and Science Teaching Award, early nominee
- 2016 Board of Trustee Grant for International Research “Shared spaces in Ireland,” Appalachian State University, **\$5,200.**
- 2016 Research Council Grant, “Divided Neighborhoods in Belfast,” Appalachian State University, **\$2,250.**
- 2015 RIEEE Cluster Grant “Mountain Vulnerability,” Appalachian State University, **\$3,500.**
- 2014 DePaul “Diversity Grant,” DePaul University, **\$5,000.**
- 2013 College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award for Contingent Faculty, DePaul University, Chicago - Awarded to 2 Faculty, **\$4,000.**

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2011 Capstone PhD. Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison -Awarded to 4 Graduate Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, **\$8,000**
- 2010 University Teaching Writing Fellowship, “Writing instruction across the University,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, **\$5,000**
- 2008 International Studies Travel Grant, “Place Identity, Monumental Landscapes and Regional Transformations,” University of Wisconsin, **\$4,700**
- 2008 First Place Graduate Student Paper Award, “Architecture, Symbol and Identity: Spanish Monuments and Contested Regional Representations,” Association of American Geographers, Political Geography Specialty Group, **\$300**
- 2008 First Place Graduate Student Paper Award, “Constructing Contemporary European Regional Identities and National Divisions,” Association of American Geographers, European Specialty Group, **\$200**
- 2008 Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin
- 2007 **National Science Foundation (NSF) DDRI (#0825675) Doctoral Dissertation Research:** National Monumental Landscapes and Regional Transformation. (PI: R. Ostergren, co-PI; Dempsey), **\$4,525 External Grant.**
- 2005 **Tinker-NAVE Field Scholarship**, “Reinventing Region: (Re)Defining Region,”

Tinker-NAVE Research Society, \$2,000. External Grant.

### NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2023-present** AAG Honors Committee, American Association of Geographers  
2023-present Mentor, Political Geography Early Career Workshop Mentor  
**2023-2025** President Emeritus, Political Geography Group, AAG  
**2021-2023** President, Political Geography Group, AAG  
2019-2021 Vice President, Political Geography Group, AAG  
2015-2017 President, European Specialty Group, AAG

### EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

*Geographical Review*, 2024-present

### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE WITH EDITED JOURNALS AND BOOKS

- 2024-2025 **Co-Editor - Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. eds. (forthcoming). *Geopolitics of Displacement – Refugees and Asylum Seekers*. Special issue in *Geographical Review*.
- 2023 **Co-Editor - Dempsey, K.E.** and Myadar, O. eds. (2023). *Making and Unmaking Refugees: Geopolitics of Social Ordering and Struggle within the Global Refugee Regime*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032452708.
- 2023 **Co-Editor - Flint, C.,** and **Dempsey, K.E.** eds. (2023). *Making Geographies of Peace and War*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032385983.
- 2021 **Co-Editor-** “Making and unmaking refugees: (2022). Geopolitics of social ordering and struggle within the global refugee regime” Special Issue in *Geopolitics*.  
doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1924552

### INVITED OFF-CAMPUS LECTURES

- 2024 “Geographies of Violence against migrants,” Brazilian Political Geography Conference IV CONGEO, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2024 Plenary Panel Speaker- Geopolitics of Violence and Peace in Post-Conflict Ireland, International Geographers Union Political Geography Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2024 “Geopolitics of Regional Nationalism in Modern Spain,” Invited Guest Lecturer, Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- 2024 “Sectarian Segregation, Paramilitary Violence, and a Fragile Peace,” University of Hawaii at Manoa.
- 2024 “Methodology and Challenges of International Peacebuilding,” Invited Guest Speaker, Utah State University
- 2023 Yi-Fu Tuan Invited Lecturer – “25 Years after the Good Friday Peace Agreement:



- Peacebuilding in a divided Ireland,” University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2023 “Positive Peacebuilding in grassroots community centers,” University of North Carolina-Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 2023 “Spaces of Peacebuilding in Ireland,” Invited Guest Lecturer, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.
- 2023 “Frozen reconciliation? Peacebuilding efforts in divided Ireland,” Invited Guest Lecturer, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina.
- 2023 “Why the walls remain - Northern Ireland after the 1998 Peace Agreement,” Invited Lecturer, Palmetto Forum, Palmetto Club - Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2023 “Exclusionary nationalism: residential segregation and asylum camps in Europe,” Invited Guest Speaker, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- 2023 O’Donovan Invited Lecturer, “Why walls with a Peace Agreement? Northern Ireland 25 years later.” DePaul University, Chicago.
- 2022 “International Peacebuilding,” Invited Guest Speaker, Utah State University.
- 2022 “Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution,” Invited Guest Speaker, Northern Illinois University.
- 2022 “International Peacebuilding,” Invited Guest Speaker, Utah State University.
- 2018 Walker College of Business International Awards Luncheon Annual Award Ceremony Keynote Speaker, “Global forces, social justice, politics, and the global economy,” Appalachian State University.
- 2015 “Politics, Place and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland,” International Education Week, Appalachian State University.
- 2015 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish Business Practices” Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.
- 2014 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish and Irish Nationalism” Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha
- 2013 Guest Lecturer, “Physical Geography of the Burren in West Ireland” Study Abroad Trip in Ireland for DePaul University, Galway.
- 2013 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish in Academic Research and Business Foundations”, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.



- 2012 Guest Lecturer, “Monumental Endeavors: Contested “Global” Architecture in Santiago de Compostela, Spain”, DePaul Geographical Society, Chicago.
- 2012 Guest Lecturer, “Spanish for Business Professionals”, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.
- 2012 Guest Lecturer, “Political Battles and Iconic Architecture: Place Making Efforts in Contemporary Spain, International Studies Department, DePaul University, Chicago.
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, “Employment of Languages in Academia”, Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Carroll University, Waukesha.
- 2010 Guest Lecturer, “European Medieval Urbanism,” Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison.
- 2010 Guest Lecturer, “Política, Paisaje, y Cultura”, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison.
- 2008 Invited Annual Hibdon Honorary Lecturer, “Cultural Identity in Architecture: ‘Spain’s City of Culture’, Central Missouri University.
- 2007 Guest Lecturer, “European Cultural Geography,” Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Plenary Panel Speaker- Geopolitics of Violence and Peace in Post-Conflict Ireland, International Geographers Union Political Geography Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2023 AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS – (Author) “Introduction to the Geopolitics of Conflict, Nationalism, Reconciliation in Ireland”
- 2023 “Forging shared spaces for building peace: Corrymeela, Northern Ireland,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Denver
- 2022 “International peacebuilding and refugee agency,” Association of American Geographers Conference, New York City/hybrid online
- 2021 “Asylum camps as geopolitical spaces of embodied violence and migrant agency,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Seattle/hybrid online
- 2021 Panelist – Author meets Critic: “Fair Trade Rebels,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Seattle/hybrid online
- 2020 (National Conference canceled due to Covid)
- 2019 “A Selective Place for the Nation: Employment of urban commemorative space in Dublin”, Association of American Geographers Conference, DC.

- 2018 “The EU’s Securitization of Migration and Violence,” Association of American Geographers Conference, New Orleans
- 2017 “Migrant Struggles, Violence, and the European Migration “Crisis,” Political Geography Specialty Group Annual Conference, Harvard University
- 2017 “Experiences of violence along migration and in asylum camps: The European Migration Crisis,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston.
- 2016 “Media Perceptions and public reception of Europe’s Migration “Crisis,” Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2016 “‘Shared’ Spaces in Post-Conflict Belfast,” Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2015 “Politics, Place, Commemoration and Reconciliation”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago.
- 2014 “Creating a place for the Nation: The Republic of Ireland’s Garden of Remembrance”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- 2012 “Media mayhem: Newspapers and Regional Politics in Galicia, Spain,” Association of American Geographers Conference, New York.
- 2011 “Monumental endeavor of “collective impression management”: Galicia, Spain’s international place-making efforts,” Association of American Geographers, Seattle.
- 2011 "Galicia's Hurricane": Representation, Politics and Culture on the Landscape”, Indiana State University Landscape Conference, Bloomington.
- 2010 “Spanish Regions and Regional Identities in Contemporary Europe,” Europe and the Mediterranean Conference, Center for European Studies Training of K-12 teachers, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2010 “Marketing place: Employment of the European City of Culture Celebration in 2000,” Department of Letters and Science Tourism and Culture Conference, Madison.
- 2010 “Politics “grounded” in place: Discourses of representation and politics on the European landscape,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2009 “Re-making” place: Santiago de Compostela’s Employment of the 2000 European City of Culture Celebration,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Las Vegas.
- 2008 “Architecture, Symbol and Identity: Spanish Monuments, Museums and Galicia’s Regional Representations,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston.
- 2008 Panelist “Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind: place and the construction of memory in Europe,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston.

- 2007 “Performance, monuments and identities: Spanish-Galician regional tensions,” Association of American Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2007 “Performing Identity: Galician heritage, dance, and ‘its’ Cathedral,” Geography Student Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2006 “Constructing contemporary European regional identities: Spanish-Galicia’s Cidade da Cultura,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago.
- 2006 “Identidades Regionales en Europa,” Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024-present **Board Member**, *Geographical Review (Journal)*
- 2023-present **(AAG) American Association of Geographers Committee**, Honors Committee
- 2023-2025 **President Emeritus**, Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
- 2021-2023 **President**, Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
- 2020 Invited Committee Member for the American Association of Geographers 2020 “*Ethnonationalism and Exclusion Around the World*” Theme Selection Committee
- 2023-present Manuscript reviewer for *Space and Polity*
- 2022-present Manuscript reviewer for *Social & Cultural Geography*
- 2021-present Manuscript reviewer for *Space, Place, and Policy*
- 2018-present Manuscript reviewer for *Geopolitics*
- 2018-present Manuscript reviewer for *Dialogues in Human Geography*
- 2018-present Manuscript reviewer for *Political Geography*
- 2018-present Manuscript reviewer for *Refugee Studies*
- 2018-present Manuscript reviewer for *ACME: Critical Geographies*
- 2018-present Manuscript reviewer for *Geoforum*
- 2017-present Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Geography*
- 2016-present Manuscript reviewer for *Landscape Research*
- 2019-2021 **Vice President** of the Political Geography Specialty Group and PGSG Conference, American Association of Geographers
- 2017 Organizer and Chair of “Contextualizing the effects of the European Migration “Crisis,” American Association of Geographers Conference, Boston
- 2017 Chair and Head Judge of “Best Political Geography Book” Award for the Political Geography Specialty Group
- 2017 Chair of “Geopolitics of Finance Sessions,” Political Geography Specialty Group Annual Conference, Harvard University.

- 2014-2017 President of European Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2016 Organizer and Chair of “European Migration Crisis Series,” (3 sessions) American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco
- 2014 Book reviewer, *After the Agreement: Life in contemporary Northern Ireland* by Sarah Tuck
- 2015-present **Voting Board Member** of Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2015 Panelist and Panel Organizer for “Rebirth of Region,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago
- 2015 Organizer for “Addressing new political and socio-cultural challenges in Europe,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago
- 2014-2015 Local coordinator for 2015 Political Geography Specialty Group pre-conference, DePaul University, Chicago
- 2014-2015 Local Arrangements Committee for the Association of American Geographer Conference, Chicago
- 2014-present Travel Grant Award Committee, Political Geography Specialty Group, AAG
- 2014 Paper Session Coordinator for “Addressing new political and socio-cultural challenges in Europe since the 2007-2008 financial crisis,” Association of American Conference, Chicago
- 2014 Organized and hosted a university and city-wide week long Irish-American Heritage and Women’s History Month lecture and performance series, including “Daughters of Eire” musical and heritage performance and “St. Patrick: Biocidal Lunatic or First Irish Ecologist?” by Dr. Liam Heneghan, DePaul University, Chicago
- 2014 Paper Session Coordinator for two sessions, “Politics and the implementation of landscape laws and regulations” and “The Current State of Migration in Europe”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Tampa
- 2014-present Committee co-chair for Student Travel Award for the Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2013-2015 Vice President of the European Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2013-present Board Member of the Landscape Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2013 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “The Current Status of Immigration in Europe”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Los Angeles, California
- 2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) Reviewer for NSF Proposal and Merit Review

- 2012 Discussant, “German Economy in the EU”, International Studies Department, DePaul University
- 2012 Organized and hosted university-wide lecture and National Public Radio (NPR) interview on Peace in Northern Ireland with Reverend Bill Shaw, recipient of the Order of the British Empire for his work in Northern Ireland
- 2012 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “The European Union Today”, Association of American Geographers Conference, New York City, New York
- 2011 Paper Session Chair and Student Paper Competition Panel Judge, Association of American Geographers West Lakes Division Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois
- 2011 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “Integration in the European Union”, Association of American Geographers Conference, Seattle, Washington
- 2010 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “Society, Landscape, and Politics,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2009-2011 Graduate Representative, Association of American Geographers European Geography Specialty Group
- 2008-2009 Graduate Representative, Association of American Geographers, Political Geography
- 2008 Paper Session Chair and Coordinator, “European identities II: Analyzing Representations of Difference and Identity,” Association of American Geographers Conference, Boston

### MENTORING - ADVISOR TO GRADUATE STUDENT THESIS

- 2023-2025 **CHAIR** to Gloria Hope, *Master Thesis (my GRAM Student)*– “GIS and political violence against refugees via asylum acceptance in the United States”. Expected defense Spring 2025.
- 2023-present Committee Member, *PhD Dissertation*, English Department’s Jean Hall’s on “Autoethnography and the role of place in writing.”
- 2021-2022 **CHAIR** to Harrison Brown, *Master’s Thesis*, Department of Geography and Planning, “Spatial distribution of twitter discussion topics regarding covid-19 and related public health policies.”
- 2021-2022 **CHAIR** to Caity Duncan, *Master’s Thesis*, Department of Geography and Planning, “Assessing the relationship between sociodemographic variables and adult asthma rates at the county regional-division level in the contiguous United States.”
- 2019-2020 Committee Member to Leah Handwerger, *Master’s Thesis*, Department of Geography and Planning, “An Assessment of Social and Physical Vulnerability to Hydroclimate Extremes in Appalachia.”
- 2017-2018 **CO-CHAIR** to David Vines, *Master’s Thesis*, Department of Geography and Planning,

“The media makes the discourse: De facto state development, Nagorno-Karabakh and the Vardenis-Martakert Highway.”

- 2017-2018 Committee Member to Lauren Andersen, *Master’s Thesis*, Department of Geography and Planning, “An Assessment of Wildfire Vulnerability in Western North Carolina.”
- 2016-2017 Committee Member to Laura Thompson, *Master’s Thesis*, Department of Geography and Planning, “Adolescents in Crisis: A Spatial Exploration of Mental Distress Using Data from Crisis Text Line.”
- 2016-2017 Committee Member to Jesse Andrews, *Master’s Thesis*, Department of Geography and Planning. “A Practicum on Uncertainty: Creation of an HGIS Database”

### *Undergraduate Honors Thesis*

- 2024-2025 **CHAIR** to Lexi Christiansen, *Honor’s Thesis*, “Linguistic Impact of Violent Politics in Japan.”
- 2024-2025 **CO-CHAIR** to Emerson Phillips, *Honor’s Thesis*, “Women in Paramilitary and Peacebuilding in Belfast during the Troubles.”
- 2020- 2021 **CHAIR** to Taylor Lundquist, *Honor’s Thesis*, “The role of media and government in refugee acceptance rates in Sweden.”
- 2019-2020 **CHAIR** to Max Martin, *Honor’s Thesis*, “Resurgence of ultra-nationalist and right-wing extremist groups in Sweden.”
- 2017-2018 Committee Member to Victoria Haynes, *Honor’s Thesis*, “Geopolitics and the multigenerational narratives of Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Jhumpa Lahiri.”
- 2017-2018 Committee Member to Margaret Smith, *Honor’s Thesis*, “Splenocytes from young mice proliferate and protect immunocompromised mice against death from malaria infection.”

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2024-present QEP CLI Pathways to Resilience Implementation Committee Faculty committee member
- 2023-2024 **Committee Member, PhD Thesis** Jean Hall’s PhD Dissertation on Autoethnography and the role of place in writing
- 2023-2024 **CHAIR**, College of Arts & Sciences Academy of Outstanding Teachers Committee, Appalachian State University
- 2023-present Guest speaker in Watauga grade schools – Geography, Forced Migration, and Refugees, Green Valley School, North Carolina
- 2023-present Grant Reviewer - Appalachian State’s Peer Assisted Grant Review Enterprise (**PARE**), Appalachian State University

2023-present Transfer Student Mentor, Appalachian State University

2021-2023 Curriculum and T&P Committee, Appalachian State University

2018 **CHAIR**, College of Arts & Sciences William Strickland Outstanding Junior Faculty Award Committee, Appalachian State University

2018-present Honor & Awards Committee, Appalachian State University

2017 Co-organizer and participant for university panel discussion for “Mountain Vulnerability Research,” May 2017, Appalachian State University

2016 Global Studies and International Migration Panel organizer and presenter, Appalachian State University

2015 Speaker, “Politics, Place and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland” for International Education Week, Appalachian State University

2014 Organized and hosted a university-wide lecture on “Contemporary Ireland” given by Consul General of Ireland, Aidan Cronin, DePaul University

2014 Co-organized a university-wide lecture, “Evangelical Protestantism and the Making of Victorian Belfast” by Dr. Sean Farrell from Northern Illinois University

2013 Master’s Defense Committee Member, International Studies Department, DePaul Univ.

2010 Chair of University of Wisconsin-Madison Interdisciplinary Dissertation Writing Group

2009 Coordinator of Graduate Mentoring Program, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2008 Geography Symposium Coordinator, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2007-2008 Visiting Speakers Committee Graduate Coordinator, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2007- 2008 Instructor for new Geography Teaching Assistants, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2005-2006 Graduate Affairs Representative, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2005-2011 Graduate Mentor, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison



## DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

\*In addition to regular Department Committee Service and Student Mentorship (Thesis)

2024	Search Committee, Cluster Hire for Physical Geography & Climatology
2024	Planning Program Advisory Committee Member
2023-2024	<b>Chair</b> , Appointment, Promotion and Tenure (APT) Department Committee
2023-2024	Search Committee, Online GIS Hire, Department of Geography & Planning
2022-2024	Tenure and Promotion (T&P) Regulation Review Committee
2019-2024	<b>Chair</b> , Speaker Committee, Department of Geography & Planning
2019-2020	Search Committee, Department of Geography and Planning Hire for Chair
2017	<b>Chair</b> , Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee
2016-2017	Search Committee, Department of Geography and Planning Cartography Hire
2013-2015	<b>Director</b> of the Irish Studies Program, DePaul University - Within one academic year: (In addition to regular Department/Program/Institute responsibilities) increased the number of declared Irish Studies students by 400%, organized and hosted Irish heritage week for the university and public, managed program budget, supervised student employee, established a student internship program at the Chicago Consulate of Ireland, co-hosted multicultural events with other interdisciplinary departments, and launched a study abroad programs for DePaul students in Ireland.

## TEACHING INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

- **Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for Student Success (CETLSS) workshop training for Quality Flipped Pedological Expertise, February 2025, Appalachian State University**

-**Mental Health First Aid Training Certification 2024, Appalachian State University**

-**Developing Culturally Responsive Learning Environments at Appalachian State University 2024**

-**Pedological and Methodological Teaching Training 2023**

- AAG Mapping Justice Training with Trubel & Co., 2023.
- Columbia University Inclusive Teaching Excellence summer-long workshop (MOOC) “Inclusive Teaching: Supporting All Students in College Classrooms” 2021
- Appalachian State University’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for Student Success summer-long teaching workshop, 2022.

\***Developed 3 new courses and innovated 4 department courses**

- Human Geography (Political, Urban, Cultural, Historical, Religious and Social)
- International Migration
- Peacebuilding and Peace Studies
- Nationalist Movements and Paramilitary Violence
- Sustainability (environmental, food and water, security, social)

- Regional (Spain, Portugal, North Africa, Middle East, Ireland, Europe/EU, BREXIT, Latin America)
- Political Science (Comparative, Democracy, Authoritarian)
- Global Studies, Globalization, and/or International Relations
- Religion, Culture and Politics
- Liberal Studies (Politics through Literature, Art, and Film)
- Qualitative methods

**Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University**

Fall 2021-2024 GHY 3011: *Geography of Europe - Past & Present*

- An examination of the key social, political and economic institutions, history, and cultural landscapes of Europe. This course explores Europe's great diversity, inhabitants, languages, religions, political organizations and everyday life. It also focuses on efforts to bring about political, economic and social integration and the challenges raised by such efforts.

GHY 3017: *Mediterranean Empires and Globalization*

- Emphasis on political and cultural connections via Colonialization. Examination of the politics, religion, health, history, culture, of Spanish, Portuguese and, North African society, particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections between Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

GHY 1040: *Human Geography, Social Justice, and Peacebuilding*

- Study of spatial patterns and human society focusing on the geospatial aspects of peacebuilding methods and post-conflict societies, cultural, political and global dimensions of human language, human-environment interaction, economy, religion and government. This course is a celebration of human diversity.

Summer 2020-2023 GHY 3230: *Political Geography – online course*

- Spatial aspects of territoriality, boundaries, voting patterns, government programs, formation of political units, political development and integration, and environmental policy.  
GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*
- Spatial patterns of human society focusing on spatial dimensions of human language, economy, religion and government, this course is a celebration of human diversity.

Spring 2015-2024 GHY 4230: *Political Geography*

GHY 3011: *Geography of Europe - Past & Present*

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

Fall 2019-2016 GHY 1020: *Global Geographic Diversity*

- An examination of global issues including sustainability, multiculturalism, global population pressures, religion, technology and culture change, rural versus urban development, and international trade, political identity and international conflict.

GHY 3017: *Political and Cultural Connections: Spain and North Africa*

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

- Fall 2015      GHY 5130: *Human Geography Seminar*
- An investigation of key social, political and economic institutions of Europe. By investigating Europe at the city, region, state and supra-national level, this seminar will examine its diversity, including the history and distribution of its inhabitants, languages, religions and political structures. This course also focuses on historic and contemporary efforts to bring about political, economic and social integration, and the challenges raised by such efforts.
- GHY 4230: *Political Geography*
- GHY 1020: *World Regional Geography*

**Departments of Geography and Global Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, IL**

\*Teaching load included 7-8 courses per year plus 1 summer course

- Spring 2015    GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*
- Examination of the history, culture, politics and society of Spain and Portugal, particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections with Latin America, Africa and Europe
- GEO 204: *Global Geography of Religion*
- Political and historical analysis of the development and diffusion of major world religions throughout history as well as contemporary interactions of the Abrahamic faiths and its affect on American foreign relations
- Winter 2015    GEO 201: *Geopolitics*
- Survey of theories of geopolitics and international relations, international security and organization, regional integration, nationalism, state formation and conflict. Case studies from Europe and the US provide opportunities to assess theoretical approaches and profile the security and foreign policy concerns of the U.S.
- GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*
- IRE 100: *Introduction to Irish Studies*
- Interdisciplinary introduction to Irish Studies; the history and politics of Ireland; the role of religion; Irish mythology and literature; the Irish Diaspora; and the location of Ireland today in a complex and interdependent global political economy
- Fall 2014      GEO 170: *Global Cultural Landscape*
- GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*
- Spring 2014    GEO 201: *Geopolitics and Multiculturalism*
- GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*
- Winter 2014    GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*

IRE 100: *Introduction to Irish Studies*

Fall 2013 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

GEO 218: *Geography of Spain and Portugal*

Summer 2013 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

Spring 2013 GEO 218: *The Iberian Impact*

- Historical and political analysis of the Iberian Peninsula focusing on geopolitics, trade, settlement and culture

LSP 200: *Multiculturalism in the United States: Critical Cultural Geography*

- Political and cultural analysis of dimensions of multiculturalism, including ethnicity, race, class, gender, language and religion in the United States, as considered in the context of the global community

**Political Science Department, Dominican University, River Forest, IL**

POSC 246: *Democracy and Authoritarianism*

- Survey of a variety of modern political systems, particularly focusing on the antithesis of democracy and authoritarianism and scholarship on authoritarian regimes, including their institutional features, strategies for survival, and prospects for change

Winter 2013 Department of Geography, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

LSP 200: *Multiculturalism in the United States: Critical Political Geography*

Fall 2012 GEO 218: *The Iberian Impact*

INT 341: *Europe in History and the Modern World*

- Political and geographical survey of the social, political and economic institutions, history and cultural landscapes of Europe in relation to the current European crisis

**Political Science Department, Dominican University, River Forest, IL**

POSC 262: *Politics and Film*

- An investigation of the relationship between politics and film such as government propaganda, a director's depiction of events, and the relationship between the political environment and creation/reception of a film

Summer 2012 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

Spring 2012 GEO 204: *Geography of Religion*

INT 341: *The History of European International Relations*

- Survey of European society, politics, economy, history and cultural landscapes

- Winter 2012    GEO 218: *The Iberian Impact*
- INT 150: *Global Connections: International Relations*
- Introduction to international perspectives on politics, culture, global health and urbanism
- Fall 2011        GEO 170: *Earth's Cultural Landscape*
- A critical examination of how people, through their cultural processes, change the earth's landscapes and conceptualize culture, space and place
- INT 395: *Conflict and Working for Peace: Ireland's Troubles*
- Political, cultural and religious analysis of the history and contemporary situation of Ireland's tumultuous "Troubles"
- Spring 2010    Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- GEOG 349: *Geography of Europe*
- Historical, cultural, political, urban, physical/environmental geographic analysis of Europe
- Spring 2009    GEOG 101: *Introduction to Human Geography and Globalization*
- Introduction to human geography through an investigation of political, cultural, economic and urban geographic themes and case studies
- Fall 2009        GEOG 349: *Geography of Europe*

**GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

- Responsible for teaching weekly discussion sections emphasizing case studies based on lecture material
- 2011            Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- GEOG 120: *Introduction to the Physical Environment*
- 2005-2010    GEOG 101: *Introduction to Human Geography*, Writing Intensive Course
- 2006-2010    Head Teaching Assistant, responsible for coordinating 6 teaching assistants

**STUDY ABROAD INSTRUCTOR**

- Summer 2017    Study abroad course on the Migration "Crisis" in Europe, Refugee and Asylum Camps, Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden
- Summer 2016    Trained Appalachian State University student researcher for fieldwork on conflict and reconciliation efforts in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Appalachian State University
- Summer 2013    Co-led Study abroad course on urbanization and travel literature in the Republic of Ireland for DePaul University

Summer 2010 Organized and led University of Wisconsin-Madison trip for undergraduates to study the political forgiveness process from sectarian violence in Northern Ireland

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Association of American Geographers:

2021-present **President**, Political Geography Specialty Group  
2019-2021 Vice President - Political Geography Specialty Group  
2014-2017 President - European Specialty Group  
2014-present Board Member - Political Geography Specialty Group  
2008-present Member - Landscape Specialty Group  
2008-present Member - Cultural Geography Specialty Group  
2014 Local host for Political Geography Specialty Group annual conference  
2009-present Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honor Society, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2007-present Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### **NON-ACAMEDIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2016-2019 Habitat for Humanity Board Member, Watauga County  
2015-present Appalachian State University Chorale  
2015-2011 DePaul University Choir  
2013-2015 Big Shoulders Charity Fund Executive Board Member, Chicago  
2011 Operating Room Circulator, Dar Es Salaam, Africa  
2010-2011 Translator, St. Vincent's community housing project, Madison  
2010-2011 Fundraiser and volunteer coordinator, Habitat for Humanity Young Professionals  
2008-2011 Volunteer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum, Madison  
1994-2009 Translator, "Medical Mission Ecuador", Ambato, Ecuador

- Volunteer on annual week-long medical training program and pediatric surgeries as a Spanish-English translator and Operating Recovery Room attendant

### **LANGUAGES**

English: Native  
Spanish: Fluent  
Gallego: Moderate  
Catalan: Moderate  
French: Reading comprehension