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**CURRENT POSITION**

2015-present Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, and the Global Studies Program, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

2013-2015 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography

Director, Irish Studies Program, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

2011-2013 Adjunct Professor, joint appointment, Departments of Geography and International Studies

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

2011-2013 Visiting Professor, Political Science Department, Dominican University, Chicago, IL

**EDUCATION**

2006-2011 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Doctorate awarded 2011 Dissertation: “Galicia’s Hurricane: The Politics of Regional Representation and Place Branding”

Advisor: Robert Ostergren; Committee members: Yi-Fu Tuan, Robert Kaiser, Kris Olds, Juan Egea, Sam Dennis

Fields: Cultural and political geography, migration, nationalism, place marketing,

Spain’s transition from dictatorship to democracy, terrorism and peace, qualitative methods

2004- 2006 Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Masters awarded in 2006

Thesis: “‘Constructing’ Contemporary European Regional Identities in Spanish-Galicia”

Advisor: Robert Ostergren

Fields: Cultural and historical geography, migration, nationalism, identities, qualitative

methods

1999-2003 Department of Spanish, University of Wisconsin-Madison,

B.A. awarded in 2003, with Distinction. Certificate in European Studies.

Study Abroad Research Project, Mexico, 2002: “Culture and Heritage in contemporary,

Global Oaxaca”

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Dempsey, Kara E. (2019). “Fostering a hybrid nationalism in an ethno-nationally divided community: A ‘shared place’ in Belfast, Northern Ireland”, *Geopolitics*. Forthcoming*.*

Dempsey, Kara E. and McDowell, S. (2018). “Disaster Depictions and Geopolitical Representations in

Europe’s ‘Migration Crisis’,” *Geoforum.* Forthcoming.

Dempsey, Kara 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*.*

Anderson, L., Bonevac, A., **Dempsey, K.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*. Forthcoming.

Dempsey, Kara 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

Dempsey, Kara E. (2016). “Competing Claims & Nationalist Narratives: A City/State Debate in a

Globalizing World”, *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, 107 (1): 33-47.

Dempsey, Kara 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

Dempsey, Kara, E. (2012). “ ‘Galicia’s Hurricane’ Actor Networks and Iconic Constructions,”

*Geographical Review*, 102 (1): 93-102.

**ACADEMIC BOOKS**

Dempsey, Kara E., *The Terrible Beauty: The geography of conflict, nationalism and reconciliation in*

*Ireland*. Under an advanced contract with publication with *Syracuse University Press*.

**CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES**

Dempsey, Kara, 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, pp. 27-40.

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW**

Dempsey, Kara E. “Spaces of Violence: A typology of the Political Geography of violence against

migrants seeking asylum in the EU”, currently under review.

Dempsey, Kara E. “Geopolitical spaces of belonging and exclusion in Refugee Camps in the EU”,

currently under review.

Dempsey, Kara E. “Global expectations, place transgression, local urban identity, and the failure

to rebrand through monumental architecture”, currently under review.

Dempsey, Kara E., “Urban space and meaning of place: the cultural and political significance of the

Cathedral of Santiago”, currently under review*.*

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION WORK IN PROGRESS**

Dempsey, Kara E. “Securitization of migration, asylum camps, and laws governing their bodies: Migrant

experience(s) in Europe”.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

* Nationalism and Geopolitics
* Conflict, paramilitary violence and reconciliation efforts
* International migration
* Health Geographies in developing nations
* Social and environmental justice
* Politics of place, architecture and representation
* Place marketing and city networking
* Human Geography (Political, Cultural, Historical and Urban)

**RESEARCH FIELD WORK**

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 de Compostela Archives and Capitol Library, Galicia, Spain

2006 Master’s Thesis Field Research: Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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.**

2017-2018 Graduate Research and Mentorship Grant, Appalachian State, **$20,000.**

2018 CONCERT grant, “Mountain Resilience and Climate Dialogues in the Southern

Appalachian Mountains, ” Appalachian State University, **$4,500.**

2018 NSF grant “Activation Local Capacity for Access to Food and Water,” under review

2017 College of Arts and Science Teaching Award Nominee, Appalachian State University

2017 Best Academic Advisor Award, Appalachian State University, **$1,000.**

2016 Graduate Research Assistant Mentorship Program Grant, Appalachian State, **$20,000.**

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 Contingent Faculty in the college, **$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

2011 Research Grant, Center for Culture, History and Environment, University of Wisconsin-

Madison

2010 Graduate Student Mentor Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2010 University Honored Instructor Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2010 University Teaching Writing Fellowship, “Writing instruction across the University”

2010 Vilas Conference Travel Grant Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2009 Vilas Travel Grant Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2009 Trewartha Graduate Travel Award, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin

2008 Vilas International Travel Grant, Vilas Foundation, University of Wisconsin

2008 Trewartha Graduate Research Grant, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin

2008 International Studies Travel Grant, “Place Identity, Monumental Landscapes and

Regional Transformations,” Division of International Studies, University of Wisconsin

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

2008 First Place Graduate Student Paper Award, “Constructing Contemporary European

Regional Identities,” Association of American Geographers European Specialty Group

2008 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Geography, University of

Wisconsin-Madison

2007 Trewartha Conference Travel Award, Department of Geography, University of

Wisconsin-Madison

2006 Trewartha Conference Travel Award, Department of Geography, University of

Wisconsin-Madison

2005 NAVE Travel Scholarship, “Reinventing Region: Defining Region through the Built

Environment and Cultural Performance,” Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University

of Wisconsin-Madison

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2016-2017 Department of Geography and Planning Cartography Hire Search Committee

* 1. Director of the Irish Studies Program, DePaul University

- Within one academic year: increased the number of declared Irish Studies students by

400%, organized and hosted a week-long Irish heritage week for the university and

general public, managed program budget, supervised Irish Studies student employee,

established a student internship program at the Consulate of Ireland in Chicago, co-

hosted multicultural events with other interdisciplinary departments and programs at

DePaul, and launched a study abroad programs for DePaul students in Ireland.

**TEACHING INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE**

* Human Geography (Political, Urban, Cultural, Historical, Religious and Social)
* International Migration
* Nationalist Movements and Paramilitary Violence
* Regional (Spain, Portugal, North Africa, Ireland, Europe/EU, BREXIT, Latin America)
* Political Science (Comparative, Democracy, Authoritarian)
* Global Studies, Globalization, and/or International Relations
* Religion, Culture and Politics
* Politics of Film
* Liberal Studies (Politics through Literature, Art, and Film)
* Qualitative methods

Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University

Fall 2018 GHY 1020: Global Geographic Diversity

* An examination of global issues including sustainability and social justice, geospatial analysis, 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*

* Examination of the politics, religion, health, history, culture, and society of Spain, Portugal, North Africa, and Arabia particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections between Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

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

Spring 2018 GHY 4230: *Political Geography*

* Spatial aspects of territoriality, boundaries, voting patterns, government programs, formation of political units, political development and integration, and environmental policy.

GHY 3011: *Geography* of Europe

* 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 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.

Fall 2017 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*

* Examination of the politics, religion, history, culture, and society of Spain, Portugal and North Africa, and Arabia particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections between Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

* Study of human society focusing on cultural, political and global dimensions of human language, economy, religion and government, this course is a celebration of human diversity.

Spring 2017 GHY 3011: *European Geography*

* 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 1020: *World Regional Geography*

* The study of our contemporary world divided into the regions of North America, Central and South America, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Russian Realm, and South, East and Southeast Asia. Examination of global issues including population problems, technology and culture change, rural versus urban development, and international trade, political identity and international conflict.

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.

Fall 2016 GHY 4230: *Political Geography*

GHY 1020: *World Regional Geography*

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

Spring 2016 GHY 3540: *Spain and North Africa*

* Examination of the politics, history, culture, and society of Spain, Portugal and North Africa, particularly regarding geopolitical efforts and connections between Europe, Latin America and Africa.

GHY 1040: *Introduction to Human Geography*

GHY 1020: *World Regional 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*

* A critical examination of how people, through their cultural processes, change the earth's landscapes and conceptualize culture, space and place

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 the society, politics, economic institutions, history and cultural landscapes of Europe

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**

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, Iceland and Sweden

Summer 2016 Study abroad course on the 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 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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.

**INVITED LECTURES**

2018 College of Business Annual Award Ceremony Keynote Speaker, “Globalization forces,

social justice, politics, and the global economy”, 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, “Politica, 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. Madison.

**PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

2018 Co-editor of the Special Issue on “Geopolitics of Making and Unmaking Refugees” for

*Geopolitics*.

2018 Chair, Masters Thesis, “Media and Discourse: De Facto State

Development, Nagorno-Karabakh and the Vardenis-Martakert Highway,” Appalachian State University

2018 Manuscript reviewer for peer-reviewed international journal, *Geopolitics*

2018 Committee Member, Masters Thesis, “Adolescents in Crisis: A Spatial Exploration of

Mental Distress Using Data from Crisis Text Line,”Appalachian State University

2018 Committee Member, Honors Thesis, “A Proposed Model for Childhood Malaria,”

Appalachian State University

2018 Awards Committee, Appalachian State University

2018 Manuscript reviewer for peer-reviewed international journal, *Geoforum*

2017 Committee Member, Masters Thesis, “Historical Investigations employing GIS to map

the Mexican Railroad 1905-1915, Appalachian State University

2017 Chair of Masters Comprehensive Exam Committee, Appalachian State University

2017 Co-organizer and participant for statewide panel discussion for “Mountain

Vulnerability Research,” May 2017, Appalachian State University

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

2017 Manuscript reviewer for peer-reviewed international journal, *Journal of Geography.*

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

State University

2016 Search Committee Member for Tenure-Track Faculty Position, Appalachian State

University

2016 Organizer and Chair of “European Migration Crisis Series,” (3 sessions) American

Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco

2016 Manuscript reviewer for peer-reviewed international journal, *Landscape Research*

2016 Committee Member for Masters Comprehensive Exam Committee, Appalachian State

University

2014 Book reviewer for *After the Agreement: Life in contemporary Northern Ireland* by Sarah

Tuck

2015 Speaker, “Politics, Place and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland” for International

Education Week, Appalachian State University

2015-present Board Member of Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of

Geographers

2015-present President of European Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

2015 Panelist for “Rebirth of Region,” Association of American Geographers Conference,

Chicago

2015 Manuscript reviewer for *Geopolitics,* peer-reviewed international journal,

2015 Organizer for “Addressing new political and socio-cultural challenges in Europe,”

Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago

2014-present President-elect of European Specialty Group

2014-2015 Local coordinator for 2015 Political Geography Specialty Group pre-conference, DePaul

University, Chicago

2014-2015 Local Arrangements Committee of the Association of American Geographers, 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 Organized and hosted a university-wide lecture on “Contemporary Ireland” given by

Consul General of Ireland, Aidan Cronin, DePaul University

2014-present Committee co-chair for Student Travel Award for the Political Geography Specialty

Group, Association of American Geographers

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

University

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 a NSF Proposal and Merit Review

2012 Discussant, “German Economy in the EU”, International Studies Department, DePaul University

2012 Organized and hosted university-wide lecture 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 Chair of University of Wisconsin-Madison Interdisciplinary Dissertation Writing Group

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

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

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

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

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Association of American Geographers:

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-present 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

**REFERENCES**

Professor Robert Ostergren, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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