

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Political economy and cultural politics of the decline of the Appalachia coal industry; environmental politics; resource governance; political ecology; geographies of gender and race; community-engaged scholarship.

Education

PhD, 2023. The University of Minnesota, Department of Geography, Environment, and Society.
Dissertation Title: *Power, Development, and Post-Coal Politics in Appalachia*
Advisor: Kate Derickson

B.A. with honors, 2013. University of California, Berkeley, Department of Geography
Honors thesis title: *Where Appalachia Went Right: White Masculinities, Nature, and Pro-Coal Politics in an Era of Climate Change*
Advisor: Jake Kosek

Academic Appointments

Fall 2023 – Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee
2022 – 2023 College of Liberal Arts Fellow, University of Minnesota
2019 – 2022 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
2018 – 2019 College of Liberal Arts Fellow, University of Minnesota
2017 Fulbright Research Fellow, Instituto Socioambiental, Brazil

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

Research Grants

2023, Research Consultant, Supporting Higher Purpose Co. in examining the impact of state-sanctioned payday lending on Black communities in the Mississippi Delta, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Project total: \$361,020

Fellowships

2019, Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, \$96,000 in stipend

2018, College of Liberal Arts Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota, \$49,000 in stipend and \$20,000 in research support
2017, Fulbright Research Fellowship, Brazil, \$20,000 in travel and living stipend
2014-2015, John Gardner Public Service Fellowship, USDA, Rural Development Office, \$27,000 living stipend

Awards

2023, Krishna Bharadwaj and Eric Wolf Prize, *Journal of Peasant Studies*
2023, Best Student Paper, Development Geographies Specialty Group of the AAG
2021, Best Paper Award, *Southeastern Geographer*
2014, Judith Lee Stronach Baccalaureate Prize, University of California, Berkeley, \$20,000
2014, UC Berkeley Big Ideas Prize, Blum Center for Developing Economies
2013, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Award of Distinction, Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley
2013, Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

Journal Articles

Schwartzman, G. 2022. "Climate rentierism after coal: forests, carbon offsets, and post coal politics in the Appalachian coalfields." *Journal of Peasant Studies*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2022.2078710>

Schwartzman, G. 2022. "Anti-Blackness, Black Geographies and Racialized Depopulation in Coalfield Appalachia." *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, 28(2).
<https://doi.org/10.5406/23288612.28.2.02>

Schwartzman, G. 2021. "POWER and the Future of Appalachia: Discursive Framings of an Economic Transition." *Southeastern Geographer*, 61(4), 343-356.

Schwartzman, G. 2013. "Articulating Race, Geography, and Nostalgia in Rural Maryland." *Berkeley Undergraduate Journal*, 26(3), 246-252.

Rezende, R., **Schwartzman, G.**, Straatman, J., Postigo, A. *Forthcoming*. "Valuing Conservation and Socio-Environmental Services on an Amazon Frontier: The Extractive Reserves of the Terra do Meio." *Journal of Political Ecology*.

Book Chapters

Schwartzman, G. 2019. "WVWaterHistory.com and Producing Digital Resources on a Water Crisis." *I'm Afraid of that Water: a Collaborative Ethnography of the West Virginia Water Crisis*. L. Eric Lassiter, Brian Hoey and Elizabeth Campbell, eds. Morgantown, WV: West Virginia University Press, pp. 205-210.

Schwartzman, G. *Forthcoming*. "Masculinities in the Decline of Coal and Queer Futures in the Appalachian Coalfields." In *Deviant Hollers: Queering Appalachian Ecologies*. Zane McNeill and Rebecca Scott, eds. Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky Press.

Derickson, K., **Schwartzman, G.**, Walker, R. *Under review*. “Contesting Natures.” In *Doing Political Ecology: A Guidebook for Critical Environmental Inquiry*. Kelly Kay and Simon Gregory, eds. New York, NY: Routledge Press.

Rezende, R., **Schwartzman, G.**, Straatman, J., Postigo, A. *Forthcoming*. “Manejo territorial dos beiradeiros da Terra do Meio e contribuições socioambientais nas áreas protegidas [Territorial management by the riverine peoples of the Terra do Meio and their socioenvironmental contribution to protected areas].” In *Como proteger quando a regra é destruir* [How to protect when the law is destruction]. Nurit Bensusan and Antonio Oviedo, eds. Juiz de Fora, MG: Instituto Federal de Sudeste Minas Gerais.

Book Reviews

Schwartzman G. *Forthcoming*. Review of *Living on the Edge*, by Anne-Marie Pascal. *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, 29(1).

Schwartzman, G. 2022. Review of *Country Queers Podcast*, hosted by Rae Garringer. *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, 28(2).

News Media and Online Publications

2020. Internet Companies Don’t Want to Serve the Clearfork Valley. So Residents Are Working to Build Their Own Access. *The Daily Yonder*. December 14. <https://dailyyonder.com/internet-companies-dont-want-to-serve-the-clearfork-valley-so-residents-are-working-to-build-their-own-access/2020/12/14/>

2020. Indigenous Brazilians Fight Covid-19, Arson, and the President’s Push for More Soy. *The Daily Yonder*. September 25. <https://dailyyonder.com/indigenous-brazilians-fight-covid-19-arson-and-the-presidents-push-for-more-soy/2020/09/25/>

2018. Amazonian Back Country: What If the Only Choice Wasn’t Stay or Go? *The Daily Yonder*, March 29. <https://www.dailyyonder.com/amazonian-back-country-choice-wasnt-stay-go/2018/03/29/24238/>

2018. The Teachers’ Strike — Only The Last in a Long History of Labor Organizing in the Mountain State. *100 Days in Appalachia*, March 10. <https://www.100daysinappalachia.com/2018/03/10/the-teachers-strike-only-the-last-in-a-long-history-of-labor-organizing-in-the-mountain-state/>

2017. Life on the Amazonian Frontier: The Fight for the Riozinho do Anfrizio. *Daily Yonder*, August 23. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/life-amazon-frontier-fight-riozinho-anfrizio/2017/08/23/20708/>

2015. Study Links ER With Rural Adolescent Painkiller Misuse. *Daily Yonder*. September 29. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/study-links-er-use-with-adolescent-painkiller-misuse/2015/09/29/8724/>

2015. Reframing Rural: Workshop Teaches How to Talk about Rural. *Daily Yonder*. September 9. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/reframing-rural-workshop-teaches-how-to-talk-about-rural/2015/09/09/8185/>

2015. Young Leaders: Telling Stories, Solving Problems. *Daily Yonder*, September 8. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/young-leaders-telling-stories-solving-problems/2015/09/09/8169/>
2015. Rural Voices: A Lot of Allies Out There. *Daily Yonder*, September 2. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/rural-voices-lot-allies-out-there/2015/09/02/7959/>
2015. Rural Voices: Putting Lockhart on the Map. *The Daily Yonder*, September 1. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/rural-voices-putting-lockhart-map/2015/09/01/7947/>
2015. Rural Voices: Different Than I Expected. *The Daily Yonder*, August 26. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/rural-voices-different-i-expected/2015/08/26/7949/>
2015. Rural Voices: More than Singing the Blues.” *Daily Yonder*, August 11. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/rural-voices-more-singing-blues/2015/08/11/7929/>
2015. Peasant, Poet, Provocateur. *Daily Yonder*, August 4. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/peasant-poet-provocateur/2015/07/31/7920/>
2015. The Appalachian South Folklife Center. In, *Inside Appalachia*. Eds. Jessica Lily. West Virginia Public Broadcasting. July 3. Audio at 45:04 min. <https://soundcloud.com/wvpublicnews/inside-appalachia-hears-responses-to-the-confederate-battle-flag>
2015. “On the Bayou: The Frontlines of Climate Change. *Daily Yonder*, May 26. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/bayou-la-front-lines-climate-change/2015/05/26/7851/>
2015. The Social History of the West Virginia Water Crisis. *WVWaterHistory.com*, January 25. www.wvwaterhistory.com
2015. How Central Appalachia Went Right. *The Daily Yonder*, January 13. <http://www.dailyyonder.com/how-coalfields-went-gop/2015/01/11/7668/>
2012. We’re Proud to be Scabs. *In These Times*, October 2. http://inthesetimes.com/article/13826/were_proud_to_be_scabs

Oral History Collections

2016. Don West and the Legacy of the Appalachian Folklife Center Oral History Project. Nunn Center for Appalachian Oral History, University of Kentucky. Digital archive. <https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/catalog/xt702v2cbr52>
2015. The Social History of the West Virginia Water Crisis, 2015. Digital storytelling archive. www.wvwaterhistory.com
2014. Logan County, West Virginia, Coalfield Oral History Project. Nunn Center for Appalachian Oral History, University of Kentucky. Digital archive. <https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt7sj38kh689>

Invited Talks

2022. May 17. Invited panelist. Economic & Financial Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers. “Building Impact and Engagement into Your Early Career.”
2022. March 7. Invited panelist. Coal Transitions, Wuppertal Institute. “Gender Dimensions of a Just Transition – Insights from Colombia, USA and Germany.”
2022. March 9. Invited talk. Ohio Valley Resource Institute. “The POWER Initiative and the End of Neoliberalism in Appalachia.”
2021. December 17. Invited talk. Energy, Gender, and Space Webinar Series. Energy Geographies Research Group. “Nostalgic Masculinities in the Decline of Coal and Queer Futures in the Appalachian Coalfields.”

Conference Presentations

2023. March 30. Invited talk. “Is Neoliberalism Over? Reflections from Appalachian Coal Country.” Colloquium at University of Minnesota, Department of Geography, Environment and Society
2023. March 24. “Scaling Post-Neoliberalism: A Crisis of Neoliberal Hegemony and the Rise of Authoritarian Populism in Appalachian Post-Coal Politics.” American Association of Geographers, Denver, Colorado
2023. March 18. “Militancy in the Inter-War Period: Author-meets-critic for *Bootleg Coal Rebellion Miners*.” Appalachian Studies Association, Athens, OH.
2022. June 23. Invited workshop. “Crises in/of Forest Carbon Offsetting.” Political Ecology Society pre-workshop, digital.
2022. March 26. Invited panelist. “Mapping Land Ownership: Politics, Methods, and Future Directions.” Dimensions of Political Ecology, digital conference.
2022. March 19. “Is Neoliberalism Over in Appalachia?” Appalachian Studies Association, Morgantown, WV.
2022. February 25. Invited panelist. “A public economic geography for the 21st century.” American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2022. February 27. “After Coal: Uneven Development and Climate Forest Governance in the Appalachian Coalfields.” American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2022. February 27. “Author Meets Critics: *Blind Joe Death’s America*: John Fahey, The Blues, and Writing White Discontent” panel discussion. American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2021. April 19. “Climate Forest Governance and the Land Company in Appalachia.” American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2020. April 8. “Whiteness and the Black Geographies of Appalachia.” American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2020. April 6. Panelist. “Studying Transit: Experimental Research and Just Transitions.” American Association of Geographers, digital conference.

2020. February 28. "Appalachia's Future After Coal." Dimensions of Political Ecology, Lexington, KY.
2019. April 9. "Relational Analysis of Rural Gentrification in the West Virginia Highlands." Association of American Geographers, Washington, D.C.
2019. March 16. "Black Geographies of Appalachia: Black Invisibility, John Henry and Ed Cabbell." Appalachian Studies Association, Asheville, NC.
2019. February 22. "Researching Appalachian Resource Extraction After Coal." Dimensions of Political Ecology, Lexington, KY.
2018. May 22. Invited panelist. "Young People and Rural Policy." Rural Assembly National Conference. Center for Rural Strategies. Durham, NC.
2018. April 10. Coauthored with Roberto Rezende. "Parks with People and the Economic Viability of Conservation in the Brazilian Amazon: The *Reservas Extrativistas* of the Terra do Meio." Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
2018. February 23. "Community Definition of Economic and Ecologic Relations in the Extractive Reserves of the Terra do Meio: Community of Praxis." Dimensions of Political Ecology, Lexington, KY.
2016. October 4. Invited panelist. "Young Rural Leaders Roundtable." White House Rural Council, State College, PA.
2015. March 26. Coauthored with Cathy Kunkle. "The Social History of West Virginia American Water Company." Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Johnson City, TN.
2015. March 27. "Where Appalachia Went Right: Pro-Coal Politics in the Era of Climate Change." Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Johnson City, TN.

Courses Taught and Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

- Spring 2022. GLOS 3215: Supercapitalism: Labor, Consumption, and the Environment. University of Minnesota.
- Fall 2012. GEOG 198. Geographies of Environmental Justice: Appalachian Mountaintop Removal. Democratic Education at Cal Course. Faculty sponsor, Prof. Michael Watts. University of California, Berkeley.

Guest Lectures

2020. January 29. "The Country in The City: Country Music, Nashville, and Appalachia." GEOG 3377. Music in the City. University of Minnesota, Prof. Arun Saldanha
2018. May 17. "Community Engaged Research Practice." Urban Political Ecology: Domestic Field Study Program at the UGA Marine Institute, Sapelo Island, GA. GEOG 2610. University of Georgia, Prof. Nik Heynen.

Community Outreach and Popular Education

2022. July 4 – 15. Co-instructor. Sustainable Rural Development and Territorial Management in the Terra do Meio. Instituto Socioambiental, Altamira, Pará, Brazil.
2015. Co-facilitator with Prof. Eric Lassiter. Water Crisis Oral History and Documentary. Graduate Humanities Seminar, Marshall University.

Service

Departmental Service

2022. Organizer. Human geography graduate student writing workshop. University of Minnesota, Department of Geography, Environment, and Society.
- 2020-2022. Co-convener. Abolitionist geographies graduate reading group. University of Minnesota, Department of Geography, Environment, and Society.
- 2018-2020. Member. Supporting Women in Geography. University of Minnesota, Department of Geography, Environment, and Society.
- 2018-2019. Undergraduate recruitment committee member. Graduate student organization. University of Minnesota, Department of Geography, Environment, and Society.

Invited Reviewer

- Journal of Appalachian Studies (2021, 2022)
- Southeastern Geographer (2021)
- Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space (2019)

Conference Sessions Organized

2022. March 19. Organizer and chair with Dr. Lou Martin. “Politics, Protest, and Government in Appalachia,” paper session. Appalachian Studies Association, Morgantown, WV.
2022. February 27. Organizer and chair with Dr. Max Ritts. “Author Meets Critics: *Blind Joe Death’s America*: John Fahey, The Blues, and Writing White Discontent,” panel session. American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2020. April 8. Organizer and chair with Dr. Gretchen Sneegas. “The Political Ecology of Whiteness,” paper and panel session. American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2020. April 6. Organizer and chair with Dr. Dylan Harris. “Studying Transit: Experimental Research and Just Transitions,” panel session. American Association of Geographers, digital conference.
2020. February 28. Organizer and chair. “Scholar Activist Praxis in the Political Ecologies of Appalachia,” paper and panel sessions. Dimensions of Political Ecology, Lexington, KY.
2015. March 28. Organizer and chair with Mathew Lewis-Rosenburg. “The Legacy of Don West: the Past, Present and Future of the Appalachian South Folklife Center.” Appalachian Studies Association, Johnston City, TN.

Community Engagement

- 2021-22 Board member. Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM). Knoxville, TN.
- 2021-22 Grant writer. Tennessee Alliance for Community Economies. Eagan, TN.
2022 Received - Recreational Economies for Rural Communities. Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2021-22 Grant writer. Woodland Community Land Trust. Clairfield, TN.
2021. Brownfield Assessment Grant. Environmental Protection Agency. \$50,000
2021. Grow Appalachia. Grow Appalachia Foundation. \$20,000
2021. Community development grant, Cumberland Forest Project. The Nature Conservancy. \$14,000
2021. Mini Grant. Indigenous Environmental Network - Western Mining Association Network. \$4,000
- 2021-22 Grant writer. Southern Connected Communities Project. Clairfield, TN.
2022 (under review). General Support. Appalachian Community Fund.
2022 (under review). Southern Partners Fund.
2022 (under review). LGBTQ Support Fund. Appalachian Community Fund.
- 2021-22 Federal Policy Committee Member. Alliance for Appalachia. Knoxville, TN.
- 2021 Grants review committee member. Mayors' Institute on City Design. National Endowment for the Arts. Washington, DC.
- 2016 - 2022 Member. Young Climate Leaders Network.
- 2015 Co-director. Dynamic Delta Leaders, multi-media project. Mississippi Delta Region.
- 2014 Participant. Delta Leadership Institute, Mississippi Delta.
- 2013-2015 Board Member. Blair Mountain Heritage Alliance. Blair, WV.

Consulting

- 2015-2019. Community Wealth Building. Higher Purpose Co., Clarksdale, MS.
- 2018-2019. Consultant, Rural quality of life initiatives. Southern Mutual Help Association, New Iberia, LA.