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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2025-Present Ph.D., Geography
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
Advisor: Dr. LaToya Eaves
- 2023-2025 M.A., Geography
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Advisor: Dr. Nik Heynen
- 2017-2021 B.A., Ad Hoc: Urban Sustainability
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Advisors: Dr. Keith Woodhouse (History) and Dr. Melissa Rosenzweig (Anthropology)
- 2016-2017 Tulane University-Lusher Charter School Dual Enrollment Program
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Monroe Fellow, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South
New Orleans, LA
- 2024 Climate and Culture Research Fellow, Imagine Water Works
New Orleans, LA
- 2020 Research Fellow, The Water Collaborative of New Orleans
New Orleans, LA
- 2020 Portuguese Language Fellow, Foreign Language and Area Studies Program, U.S. Dept. of Education
São Paulo, Brazil (remote due to COVID-19 Pandemic)
- 2019 Research Intern, Maharashtra Social Housing and Action League
Pune, Maharashtra, India
- 2019 Northwestern University Undergraduate Research Grant, “Bogotá’s ‘Urban Temples’: Using Pedagogical Urbanism as a Framework for Understanding Sociospatial Change”
Bogotá, Colombia

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2025 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia
- 2024-2025 Co-Chair at Large, Geography Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia
- 2021 Honoree, Program in Environmental Policy & Culture Awards, Northwestern University
- 2017-2021 Kaplan Humanities Scholar, Alice Kaplan Institute, Northwestern University
- 2018-2021 Dean’s List (Winter 2018, Winter & Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Winter 2021), Northwestern University
- 2019 Undergraduate Student Ambassador, Northwestern University

2018-2019	Student Representative, Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee, Northwestern University
2018-2019	Executive Board Member, Northwestern Equestrian Team, Northwestern University

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024	Monroe Fellowship, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South	(\$3,125)
2024	Departmental Summer Research Grant, University of Georgia	(\$1000)
2020	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Award, U.S. Dept. of Education.	(\$7,500)
2020	J. G. Nolan Scholarship, Northwestern University	(\$500)
2020	Jean & Theron Locke Scholarship, Northwestern University	(\$300)
2019	Summer Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University	(\$3,500)
2019	International Research Award, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University	(\$1,000)
2019	International Research Travel Grant, Northwestern University	(\$400)
2019	J. G. Nolan Scholarship, Northwestern University	(\$500)
2019	Jean & Theron Locke Scholarship, Northwestern University	(\$300)
2018	Northwestern University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association Scholarship	(\$20,000)
2018	J. G. Nolan Scholarship, Northwestern University	(\$500)
2018	Jean & Theron Locke Scholarship, Northwestern University	(\$300)
2017-2019	Northwestern Equestrian Team Quarterly Merit Scholarship, four-time awardee	(\$1,000)
2017	National Merit Scholarship	(\$2,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	Frentress, Z. Dolls and Queens: Making “Voodoo” in New Orleans. <i>Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers</i> . Greenville, SC.
2025	Frentress, Z. Whose State is This Anyways?: Racial Capitalism, Social Memory, and Climate Futures in Louisiana. <i>Geosymposium</i> . Knoxville, TN.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instruction

2025	T.A., Introduction to Weather and Climate (GEOG 131), University of Tennessee
2025	T.A., Introduction to Human Geography, Honors (GEOG 2010H), University of Georgia
2024	Instructor, Introduction to Physical Geography Lab (GEOG 1111L), University of Georgia
2024	T.A. Introduction to Human Geography (GEOG 1101), University of Georgia
2023	T.A., Introduction to World Geography (GEOG 1130), University of Georgia
2022-2023	Instructor: Environmental Education Program, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Athens, GA

Course Design

2024	Introduction to Physical Geography Lab (GEOG 1111L), University of Georgia
2023	Learning to Refine Red Clay from Indigenous Methods, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Athens, GA

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (native)
 Spanish (advanced)
 Portuguese (intermediate)
 Russian (intermediate)
 Hindi (beginner)

OTHER EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

2021-2022	Trail Guide and Equestrian Technician, Haig Point Club, Daufuskie Island, SC
2021	Assistant Barn Manager and Trainer, Silver Lining Farm, Mobile, AL
2017-2019	Media Team, WNUR Radio Station (89.3 FM), Evanston, IL
2017-2019	Team Member and Executive Board Member, Northwestern Equestrian Team, Evanston, IL
2017-2019	Member, Russian Club, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2018-2019	Volunteer, Horsefeathers Therapeutic Riding Institute, Lake Forest, IL
2019	Intramural Ultimate Frisbee, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2018	Northwestern University Student Representative, "University Night at the Art Institute of Chicago" Planning Committee, Chicago, IL
2018	Arts Education Intern, Open Studio Project, Evanston, IL
2018	Inter, Tillerman Sustainable Development L.L.C., Decatur, GA
2017-2018	Intramural Co-ed Volleyball, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2017-2018	Member, Rainbow Alliance, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL