

Derek H. Alderman — CV Summary
Chancellor's Professor of Geography, University of Tennessee

Signature Research Themes: Critical Place Naming, Commemorative Geographies, Heritage Tourism and Social Justice, Racialized Mobility and Travel, African American Memory-Work, Civil Rights Geographies, Critical Cartography and The Living Black Atlas, American South, Public Geography, Community-Engaged Scholarship, and Innovations in Geographic Education.

At-a-Glance Publication Profile

Publication / Output Type	Total
Books (co-authored and co-edited)	3
Journal publications	127
Chapters in edited books	58
Encyclopedia and reference works	8
Public-facing essays, op-eds, and guest commentaries	30
Professional newsletters, academic blogs, and resource contributions	34
Book reviews	11
Special journal issues edited or organized	17

Scholarship and Public Impact

- Google Scholar: 10,784 citations; h-index 47 as of July 28, 2026.
- Included in Stanford/Elsevier's top 2% of scientists worldwide for research citations, 2019–2025.
- Co-authored 41 journal publications and 20 book chapters with current or former students, reflecting a sustained record of collaborative graduate mentorship.
- Media engagement: cited or quoted in or contributed to 352 news stories, documentaries, broadcasts, blogs, and podcasts, including 150 national & international pieces.
- (Co)author of 17 contributions to *The Conversation*, collectively generating over 600K readers
- Funded-project portfolio totals \$1,189,476, including NSF, NEH, state, foundation, and university support.

Recognition and Awards

- 59 honors and professional recognitions across research, teaching, mentoring, service, public engagement, and leadership.
- Major recognitions include: Graduate School Alumni of Distinction, University of Georgia; Chancellor's Professorship, University of Tennessee; AAG Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Award; AAG Fellow; AAG Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award; AAG Media Achievement Award; AAG Globe Book Award; AAG Meredith F. Burrill Award; AAG J. Warren Nystrom Best Dissertation Award; NCGE George J. Miller Distinguished Service Award; NCGE Distinguished Mentor Award; SEDAAG Lifetime Achievement Award; SEDAAG Research Award; and UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Leadership and Major Positions

- President, American Association of Geographers (2017–18); Vice President (2016–17); Past President (2018–19); Regional Councilor on the AAG Council (2011-2014); Chair of AAG Publications Committee (2012-2014).
- President, Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers (2009-11).
- President, University of Tennessee Faculty Senate (2024–25); UT Faculty Senator; SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Fellow; Chancellor’s Leadership Academy.
- Department Head, UT Geography (2012–17) and Interim Head (2020–21); Co-Editor, *Southeastern Geographer* (2003–07).
- Federal Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names, U.S. Department of the Interior (2022–25). Appointment by then-Secretary Deb Haaland
- Co-Founder, Tourism RESET; Founder, I-NAME; Member of UGA Franklin College Board of Visitors (formerly Advisory Board).

Teaching, Mentoring, and Presentations

- 36 different courses taught: 9 introductory, 11 upper-division undergraduate, and 16 graduate courses, plus extensive guest teaching and special instructional settings.
- Graduate mentoring: major professor/advisor for 38 completed graduate students (2 in progress); advisory committee member for 58 completed students (4 in progress).
- Faculty sponsor/advisor for 130+ student presentations at academic meetings and conferences.
- Presentations include 166 invited lectures (including 43 keynote/featured talks) plus 164 conference presentations (88 national/international, 63 regional, and 13 statewide/local/university).

Community, Professional, and University Service

- Sustained pro bono consulting and research assistance provided to over 60 municipalities, community groups, museums, documentary filmmakers, historical societies, advocacy organizations, and activist initiatives.
- Professional service includes serving on the editorial board of several international journals; over 550 peer reviews of journal submissions, grant applications, and book proposals and manuscripts; workshop development and organization of over 130 special sessions at academic conferences; and extensive university, college, and department service
- Leadership achievements as UT Faculty Senate President include the creation of the Emergency Needs Fund for faculty and staff, and the Heart and Soul Award for faculty making positive contributions to the climate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Sustained record of educational outreach, curriculum development, teacher professional development, and professional development training for early career faculty and departmental leaders. Designed or co-led K–12 teacher workshops, including a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute. Contributed research and consultation to public-facing educational resources. Served on state and national education initiatives, including curriculum revision committees for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Collaborator with the Tennessee Geographic Alliance.

Full CV

Derek H. Alderman

Chancellor's Professor, University of Tennessee
Past President, Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee (2024-25)
Fellow and Past President, American Association of Geographers (2017-18)

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Personal Website: <http://derekalderman.com/>

Research Gate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Derek_Alderman

University Faculty Page: <https://geography.utk.edu/people/instructional-faculty/alderman-derek/>

MLK Street Naming Resource: <http://mlkstreet.com/>

Race, Ethnicity, & Social Equity in Tourism Initiative: <http://tourismreset.com>

AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

General

Cultural and Historical Geography, the American South

Specific

Commemorative Geographies, Heritage Conflict, and Memory-Work
Critical Place Naming Study, Symbolic Landscapes, and Spatial Inscription;
Political, Affective/Emotive, and Spatial Dimensions of Museums, Historical Sites;
Race, Social/Spatial Justice, and African American Belonging;
Racialization of Geographic Mobility, Travel, and Tourism;
Popular Culture, Media Geographies, and Regional Identity;
Role of Language and Narrative in Social Construction of Place and Nature; and
Community Engagement, Public Outreach, Critical Pedagogy, Landscape Intervention.

EDUCATION

- 1993-1998 **Ph.D. in Geography, University of Georgia** (Athens, Georgia).
Major: Cultural Geography, Minors: Urban Geography, Computer Cartography
Dissertation: "Creating a New Geography of Memory in the South: The Politics of (Re) Naming Streets in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr." (Advisor: Andrew Herod)
- 1990-1993 **M.A. in Geography, University of Georgia** (Athens, Georgia).
Thesis: "Exploring the Effects of Socio-Spatial Distance on State Mental Hospital Admission Patterns: A Case Study of Georgia, 1865-1870" (Advisor: Kavita Pandit)
- 1986-1990 **B.A. in History/Minor in Geography, Georgia Southern College** (Statesboro, Georgia).
G.P.A.: 3.94/4.00 (Graduated Summa cum Laude), Dean's List (1986-1990), and Academic Excellence Award (1987-1990).

(History Advisor: Walter J. Fraser, Geography Advisor: Daniel Good)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2012-Present **Professor of Geography** (tenured), Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 2010-2012 **Professor of Geography** (tenured), Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Appointed to Graduate Faculty (2010)
- 2005-2010 **Associate Professor of Geography** (tenured), Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.
- 2000-2005 **Assistant Professor of Geography** (tenure-track) Department of Geography, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Appointed to Graduate Faculty (2001).
- 1998-2000 **Assistant Professor of Geography and Interdisciplinary Studies** (tenure-track), Department of History & Geography, Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Georgia. Appointed to Graduate Faculty (1999).
- 1997-1998 **Temporary Instructor**, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
- 1996-1997 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
- 1995-1996 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography**, Department of Geology & Geography, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia.
- 1991-1995 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL, LEADERSHIP, & COLLABORATION POSITIONS

- 2024-Present **Chancellor's Professor**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. The highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the faculty at the University of Tennessee.
- 2025-Present **Faculty Fellow, Center for Social Theory**, College of Arts & Sciences. Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 2024-Present **Member, Advisory Board, Black Geographers on Film: A Digital Archive of Black Geographies**, Antipode Foundation Right to the Discipline Award. Directed by Alex Moulton, Brian Williams, and Inge Salo.
- 2024-Present **Member, Advisory Board, African Studies Department**, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN (Served previously on the African Studies Program Board of Advisors, 2014-2020)
- 2023-Present **President-Elect/President/Immediate Past-President**, Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee

- 2023-Present **Member, Board of Advisors, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences**, University of Georgia
- 2020-Present **Member, Beck Cultural Corridor Planning Committee, Knoxville, TN.** A planning initiative associated with the Beck Cultural Exchange Center's initiative to preserve artifacts and stories for developing heritage and cartographic resources to retell the history of urban renewal's impact on Knoxville's Black communities.
- 2010-Present **Co-Founder, Tourism RESET** (Race, Ethnicity, & Social Equity in Tourism). Interdisciplinary, multi-university initiatives at the University of Tennessee that address social inequity in the tourism industry.
- 2019-Present **Founder, I-NAME** (Interventions in Naming America & Mobilizing for Equality). Research and public outreach initiative based at the University of Tennessee to inform public debate on commemorative place-name reform.
- 2024-2025 Invited Participant, **Chancellor's Leadership Academy**, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 2022-2025 **Member** (Appointed by Secretary Deb Haaland), **Federal [Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names](#)**, US Department of the Interior. Member of Processes and Principles Subcommittee. Served an initial 2-year term and was reappointed in 2024.
- 2023-2024 **Fellow, Southeastern Conference (SEC) Academic Leadership Development Program**, representing the University of Tennessee.
- 2020-2024 **Member, Board of Directors, Tennessee Geographic Alliance**, Knoxville, TN. A non-profit educational organization advocating geographic education and curriculum, fostering collaboration among college and university geographers and K-12 teachers, and providing educators with training and networking opportunities and classroom resources.
- 2015-2024 **Faculty Affiliate**, Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights (DDHR) Program, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
- 2012-2024 **Faculty Fellow**, Center for the Study of Social Justice, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 2021-2023 **Faculty Senator**, representing Social Sciences. University of Tennessee.
- 2021-2023 **Member, Board of Advisors, Beloved Streets of America**, St. Louis, MO. A non-profit community development organization devoted to economic revitalization and social justice on the nation's streets named for civil rights icon Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 2020-2021 **Interim Head, Department of Geography**, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, TN
- 2019-2023 **Betty Lynn Hendrickson Professor of Social Sciences**, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN (also held professorship 2015-2017)
- 2018-2019 **Past President**, American Association of Geographers

- 2017-2018 **President**, American Association of Geographers.
- 2016-2017 **Vice-President**, American Association of Geographers.
- 2012-2017 **Head, Department of Geography**, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 2011-2014 **Regional Councilor** (representing Southeastern Division) American Association of Geographers.
- 2010-2012 **Research Fellow in Cultural and Heritage Studies**, Center for Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.
- 2009-2012 **Faculty Affiliate**, African and African American Studies Program, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.
- 2008-2012 **Faculty Affiliate**, Center for Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.
- 2007-2009 **President**, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.
- 2007-2012 **Faculty Associate**, Center for Natural Hazards Research, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.
- 2004-2012 **Faculty Associate**, Coastal Resources Management Ph.D. Program, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.
- 2003-2007 **Co-Editor**, Southeastern Geographer (Published by UNC Press), Peer-reviewed journal of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (with Scott Lecce).
- 2002-2004 **Co-Coordinator**, North Carolina Geographic Alliance (with Robert Brown).
- 1999-2000 **Project Co-Director**, Center for Georgia Studies, Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Georgia (with John Fair, Sarah Gordon, and Bob Wilson).

HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- **Graduate School Alumnus of Distinction**, University of Georgia, 2026. One of six awardees recognized for achieving exceptional success in their professional careers and in service to their communities, and exemplify UGA's mission "to teach, to serve, and to inquire into the nature of things" at local, regional, and global levels
- **Gilbert F. White Distinguished Public Service Award**, American Association of Geographers, 2026. Honors geographers who have promoted discipline in the public, private, or non-profit sectors either through their own work or impactful collaborations with others.
- **Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society**, Inducted as Full Member, 2025.
- **Graduate Student Advocate Award**, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee. Selected by the program's students in recognition of significant contributions to the support and training of graduate students, 2025.
- **Graduate Student Senate Award** for *Outstanding Graduate Student Support*, Graduate Student Senate, University of Tennessee, April 2025.

- **Chancellor's Professor Appointment.** The highest honor bestowed on a faculty member at the University of Tennessee. Recognizes extraordinary scholarship and a record of excellence in teaching and service leadership. August 2024.
- **Graduate Student Senate Awards** for (1) *Outstanding Graduate Research Mentor* and (2) *Outstanding Graduate Student Support*, Graduate Student Senate, Univ. of Tennessee, April 2024.
- **Faculty Academic Outreach Research & Creative Activity Award** (for publicly engaged research). Bestowed by the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, in recognition of externally focused scholarship that brings together faculty and community collaborators to address real-world problems, April 2024.
- **Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award.** Significant disciplinary recognition of extraordinary leadership in building supportive academic and professional environments and guiding the growth of students and junior colleagues, American Association of Geographers, 2024.
- **George J Miller Award for Distinguished Service to Geographic Education.** The highest honor of the National Council for Geographic Education for lifetime contributions in serving the field of geographic education, including K-12 educators, October 2023.
- **Elected President** of Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee, served 2024-2025.
- **Outstanding Teaching Award (Graduate Level)**, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee. Selected by the program's graduate students for outstanding commitment to student learning and academic excellence, 2023.
- **2023 Impacts Award**, Award Category: Community-Engaged Research Award, Western Carolina University, Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning, 2023. Recognized as a contributing scholar and major interviewee for the documentary film, "[A Monumental Project](#)."
- **Fellow, American Association of Geographers.** Honorary title conferred for life to recognize significant contributions to advancing Geography, American Association of Geographers, 2021.
- **Excel Award** for Excellence in Leadership, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2021. In recognition of serving as Interim Department Head.
- **Lorayne W. Lester Award**, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2020. The award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate outstanding service to the college and university and have had a significant impact on the broader public sphere.
- Included on the annual list of **the top 2 percent of scientists** worldwide for research citations, 2019-2025, as determined in a [Stanford University/Elsevier study](#). Among the less than 200 University of Tennessee researchers recognized in the study.
- **Zumkehr Prize in Public Memory Scholarship**, a cross-disciplinary award bestowed in 2020 by Ohio University (Co-recipient with Stephen Hanna, Peery Carter, Amy Potter, Candace Bright, Arnold Modlin, and David Butler) for "Following the Story: Narrative Mapping as a Mobile Method for Tracking and Interrogating Spatial Narratives," published in [Journal of Heritage Tourism](#) (2018, Vol. 14, No. 1)
- **Finalist, Chancellor's Honors for Excellence in Graduate Advising & Mentorship**, University of Tennessee, 2020.
- **Betty Lynn Hendrickson Professorship** for accomplished research and teaching in social science, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2019-2023 & 2015-17.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**, Southeastern Division, American Association of Geographers, 2019.
- **Distinguished Mentor Award**, National Council for Geographic Education, 2017.
- **Distinguished Career Award**, Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, 2017.
- **Honorary Coach, Football Team**, University of Tennessee, 2017.
- **Award for Excellence in Geography**, Iota Theta Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographical Honor Society, 2017.
- **Elected President**, American Association of Geographers (AAG), 2017. AAG is the flagship professional society for geography professionals, with 12,500 members in almost 100 countries.
- **Elected Vice President**, American Association of Geographers, 2016.

- **Diversity Leadership Award (Senior Level)**, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2015.
- **Quest Scholar of the Week**, Office of Research and Engagement, University of Tennessee, April 12-18, 2015. Nominated by UT Commission for Black People.
- **Media Achievement Award**, Association of American Geographers, 2014. This nationwide award recognizes exceptional accomplishments in publicizing geographical insights to the public through mass media engagement and wider science communication.
- **Outstanding Service Award**, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 2011. The region-wide annual award recognizes exceptional professional commitment to geography at multiple levels, including service to professional organizations, colleges and universities, primary and secondary education, governmental bodies, and industry.
- **Elected Regional Councilor**, Association of American Geographers (Representing Southeastern Division on AAG Council), 2011-2014.
- **Meredith F. Burrill Award**, Association of American Geographers, 2011. National award honors work of exceptional merit and quality that explores the intersection of basic research in geography and practical applications or policy implications.
- **Urban Communication Foundation Journal Article Award**, 2010. Received (with Heather Ward) for "The Writing on the Plywood: Toward an Analysis of Hurricane Graffiti." Coastal Management (2008).
- **UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching**, East Carolina University, 2009. This is the highest teaching award at a university. One professor is recognized per campus across the UNC system.
- **Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography**, Association of American Geographers, 2008. Received (with Owen Dwyer) for Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory.
- **Research Award for Outstanding Research and Scholarly Achievement**, Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, East Carolina University, August 2008.
- **Faculty Guest Coach, East Carolina University Basketball Team**, January 2007. Recognition of professors who have taken extra time and effort in helping student-athletes achieve their educational goals.
- **Elected President**, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, 2007-2009.
- **Research Honors Award**, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 2006. One of two recipients in region-wide recognition.
- **Five-Year Research Achievement Award**, East Carolina University, August 2006. One of two recipients in the university-wide selection process.
- **Distinguished Professor of Teaching Award**, East Carolina University, April 2005. One of six recipients in the university-wide selection process.
- **Scholar-Teacher Award**, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, East Carolina University, April 2005. Awarded to one recipient in the college-wide selection process.
- **Robert L. Jones Award for Outstanding Teaching**, East Carolina University, May 2004. Awarded to one recipient in the university-wide selection process.
- **National Finalist**, Glenda Laws Award, Association of American Geographers, 2004. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to geographic research on social issues.
- **Award for Outstanding Research and Scholarly Achievement**, Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, East Carolina University, August 2003.
- **Distinguished University Teaching Achievement Award**, National Council for Geographic Education, May 2002. One of ten selected nationally.
- **Honorary Member of Gamma Theta Upsilon** (International Geography Honor Society), Inducted April 27, 2001.
- **J. Warren Nystrom Award**, Association of American Geographers, April 2000. National award for best paper based on a recently completed dissertation in geography.

- **Honorable Mention, Best Ph.D. Dissertation**, Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 1999.
- **Honorable Mention, Political Geography Specialty Group Student Paper Competition** (Ph.D. level), Association of American Geographers, 1998.
- **Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award**, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Awarded annually to only five graduate student teachers within the university, 1997.
- **Best Student Paper Award, Ph.D. Level**. Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Athens, Georgia, 1996.
- **Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, Geography Section, Georgia Academy of Science Meeting, Augusta, Georgia, 1992, 1995.
- **Research Prize**, First Annual Graduate Student Forum Promoting Interdisciplinary Interaction, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1995.
- **Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award**, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1994.
- **Graduated Summa cum Laude**, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia, 1990.
- **Michael E. Shaw History Scholarship**, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia, 1989.
- **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society**, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia, 1988.

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar Profile: Citations: 10,784, h-index: 47, as of July 28, 2026.

Books (3)

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| 2022 | Potter, Amy, Stephen Hanna, Derek H. Alderman , Perry Carter, Candace Bright, and David Butler. 2022. <u>Remembering Enslavement: Reassembling the Southern Plantation Museum</u> . University of Georgia Press. |
| 2018 | Rose-Redwood, Reuben, Derek H. Alderman , and Maoz Azaryahu, eds. 2018. <u>The Political Life of Urban Streetscapes: Naming, Politics, and Place</u> . Routledge. (Published in paperback in 2020) |
| 2008 | Dwyer, Owen J., and Derek H. Alderman . 2008. <u>Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory</u> . Published by the Center for American Places, Distributed by the University of Georgia Press. (Recipient of 2008 Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography, Association of American Geographers). |

Chapters in Edited Books and Chapter-Length Edited Contributions to Published Books of Conference Proceedings (58 Total, 20 co-authored with current/former students—indicated with *)

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| Forthcoming | Alderman, Derek H. (Forthcoming). “Speaking up for Geography: Advocacy and Storytelling as Core Pedagogical Work.” <u>Oxford Handbook of Geography for Educators</u> (edited by Rebecca Theobald and Todd Kenreich). Oxford University Press. |
| 2027 | Alderman, Derek H. , Mayra Román-Rivera, Michael Camponovo, and Renee Kesler. 2027. “Mapping as Black Memory-Work: Toward a Restorative Cartography of Urban Renewal/Removal in Knoxville, Tennessee.” <u>Creating Memories in Community</u> (edited by Stephen Hanna and Amy Potter). Routledge. Republished piece in <u>Geographical Review</u> (2025). |
| 2026 | Alderman, Derek H. and Ethan Bottone.* 2026. “Racialized Mobility and Tourism |

- Justice in America: The Green Book as Archive and Map.” Justice, Mobility & Power: In Search of Ethical Encounters in Tourism (edited by Dominic Lapointe, Bryan S. R. Grimwood, Meghan Muldoon, and Michela J. Stinson). Routledge. pp. 268-284.
- 2025 **Alderman, Derek H.**, Joshua Inwood, and Jordan Brasher.* 2025. “Renaming as Revanchism: The Implications of Trump’s Toponymic Imagination.” Proceedings of the 31st International Seminar on Sea Names: Geographical Naming at the Crossroads: Conflict, Cooperation, and Cultural Heritage (edited by the Society for East Sea), Seoul, Republic of Korea, pp. 61–76).
- Brasher, Jordan*, **Derek H. Alderman**, Mark Rhodes. 2025. “Memory and Reckoning.” Wiley Blackwell Companion to Cultural and Social Geography (edited by Ishan Ashutosh and Jamie Winders), Wiley, pp. 309-322.
- Alderman, Derek H.** 2025. “Writing on the Graceland Wall: On the Importance of Authorship in Pilgrimage Landscapes.” Religious Tourism: An Essential Reader, Routledge (edited by Tzung-Cheng (TC) Huan, Anestis K. Fotiadis, Nikolaos Stylos Wall), pp. 52-58. Revised reprint of Tourism Recreation Research 2002.
- Alderman, Derek H.** 2025. “Promoting Your Work: A Professional Responsibility.” Thriving in an Academic Career: An International and Interdisciplinary Guide for Early Career Faculty (edited by Michael Solem, Ken Foote, Shannon O’Lear, LaToya Eaves, Jongwon Lee). Taylor & Francis, 280-296.
- 2024 Davis, Heather* and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2024. “Everyone Has a Story: Creative Pathways to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Geography.” How to Foster Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Geography (edited by Guo Chen and LaToya Eaves). Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 267-279.
- Hanna, Stephen, Amy Potter, and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2024. “Mapping Narratives on Historical Tours: A Mobile Method for Researchers and Practitioners.” The Routledge Handbook of Cartographic Humanities (edited by Tania Rossetto & Laura Lo Presti). Routledge, pp. 339-348.
- Bottone, Ethan*, **Derek H. Alderman**, Stefanie Benjamin*, and Sarah Frankel. 2024. “Atmospheric Instability in Dark Tourism: Spatial Construction of Conflicting Affective Atmospheres at the Titanic Museum & Attraction, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (USA).” Dark Tourism Geographies: Critical Epistemologies on Death and Disaster (edited by Nitasha Sharma, Annaclaudia Martini & Dallen J. Timothy). De Gruyter, pp. 33-51.
- Alderman, Derek H.** 2024. “Plantations, Place Naming and the Contested Afterlife of Slavery.” Time-Space (Dis-)Continuities in the Linguistic Landscape: Studies in the Symbolic (Re-)Appropriation of Public Space (edited by Isabelle Buchstaller, Małgorzata Fabiszak, and Melody Ann Ross). Routledge, pp. 13-29.
- 2023 Brasher, Jordan P* and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2023. “From De-Commemoration of Names to Reparative Namescapes.” De-Commemoration: Making Sense of Contemporary Calls for Tearing Down Statues and Renaming Places. Berghahn Books

(edited by Sarah Gensburger and Jenny Wüstenberg), pp. 309-318. Published in English and French.

Alderman, Derek H. and Joshua Inwood. 2023. "Recovering the Black Geographies of Motorsports: The Counter-Mobility Work of NASCAR's Wendell Scott." The History and Politics of Motor Racing: Lives in the Fast Lane. Palgrave Macmillan (edited by Damion Sturm, Stephen Wagg, and David L. Andrews), pp. 327-354.

Inwood, Joshua and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2023. "American Landscape Under Siege: A Provocation." Re-Reading the American Landscape: Environments, Cultures, and Places. Routledge (edited by Chris Post, Geoff Buckley, and Alyson Greiner), pp. 169-182.

Alderman, Derek H., Kortney Williams,* and Ethan Bottone.* 2023. Jim Crow Journey Stories: African American Driving as Emotional Labor. Affect and Emotion in Tourism, Routledge. (edited by Jennie Germann Molz and Dorina-Maria Buda), pp. 15-39. Republished article from Tourism Geographies.

2022

Alderman, Derek H. 2022. "Commemorative Place Naming; To Name Place, To Claim the Past, To Repair Futures." The Politics of Place Naming: Naming the World. London / Hoboken: ISTE-Wiley. (edited by Frédéric Giraut and Myriam Houssay-Holzschuch), pp. 29-46.

Also Published in French: Alderman D., (2023). "Commémorer par la toponymie : nommer les lieux, revendiquer le passé, réparer l'avenir" dans *Politiques des noms de lieux, dénommer le Monde*, F. Giraut and M. Houssay-Holzschuch (coord.). Londres, ISTE Éditions : 31-50

Benjamin, Stefanie*, Dillette, Alana, and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2022. "'We Can't Return to Normal': Committing to Tourism Equity in the Post-Pandemic Age." Global Tourism and COVID-19 Implications for Theory and Practice, Routledge (edited by Alan A. Lew, Joseph M. Cheer, Patrick Brouder, Mary Mostafanezhad), pp. 22-29. (Republished article from Tourism Geographies, 2020)

Cooper, Alex* and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2022. "Cancelling March Madness Exposes Opportunity for More Sustainable Sports Tourism Economy." Global Tourism and COVID-19 Implications for Theory and Practice, Routledge (edited by Alan A. Lew, Joseph M. Cheer, Patrick Brouder, Mary Mostafanezhad), pp. 71-81. (Republished article from Tourism Geographies, 2020)

2021

Inwood, Joshua, **Derek H. Alderman**, and Stephen P. Hanna. 2021. "Slavery and Empire: On Historical Foundations and Contemporary Resonances." Handbook of Historical Geography. Sage (edited by Mike Heffernan, Charles Withers, Mona Domosh), pp. 297-314.

Allen, Douglas and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2021. "Race, Ethnicity, and the Media: Absence, Presence, and Socio-Spatial Reverberations." Routledge Handbook on Media Geographies (edited by Paul C. Adams and Barney Warf), pp. 209-219.

- 2020 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Joshua Inwood. 2020. "Historical Geographies and Archived Subjects: Research as Doing Emotional Justice." Research Ethics for Human Geography: A Handbook for Students. SAGE (edited by Helen F. Wilson and Jonathan Darling), pp. 192-201.
- Yoon, Jihwan* and **Derek H. Alderman**. 2020. "When Memoryscapes Move: 'Comfort Women' Memorials as Transnational." Routledge Handbook of Memory and Place. Routledge Press, pp. 119-128.
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2011 Guest Co-Editor (with Rebecca Dobbs), "Historical Geographies of Slavery," Historical Geography (Volume 39, 2011).

Guest Co-Editor (with Bill Graves), “Innovations in Southern Studies within Geography,” Southeastern Geographer (published Volume 51(4), 2011).

Guest Co-Editor (with Reuben Rose-Redwood), “Political Toponymies: Intervention Essays,” ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies (published Volume 10(1), 2011).

2008 Guest Co-Editor (with Reuben Rose-Redwood and Maoz Azaryahu), “Collective Memory and Politics of Urban Space,” GeoJournal (published Volume 73(3), 2008)

Guest Co-Editor (with E. Arnold Modlin, Jr.), “Museums, Narratives, and the Contested Memory of Slavery,” Southeastern Geographer (published Volume 48(3), 2008)

2007 Guest Editor, “Forum on Social Justice in the American South,” Southeastern Geographer (published Volume 47(1), 2007).

2004 Guest Co-Editor (with Owen Dwyer and Steven Hoelscher), “Memory and Place,” Social and Cultural Geography (published Volume 5(3), 2004).

2002 Guest Co-Editor (with Holly Hapke, Rebecca Torres, and Jeff Popke), “Curing the Future: Issues & Strategies in Remaking Tobacco-Dependent Communities in North Carolina,” North Carolina Geographer (published Volume 10, 2002).

2000 Guest Co-Editor, “New Memorial Landscapes in the American South,” Professional Geographer (published Volume 52(4), 2000).

FUNDED PROJECTS/GRANTS (totaling \$1,189,476)

External to the University

\$185,777 “The Role of Geographic Mobility in the African American Freedom Struggle.” Summer Seminars and Institutes for K-12 Educators, National Endowment for the Humanities. Co-PI and Co-Director with Kurt Butefish & Joshua Kenna, 2020-2022 (Pedagogy and Outreach Grant).

\$74,700. “Leveraging Disciplined Inquiry to Support Students’ Reading, Writing, and Thinking in History and Geography.” State of Tennessee High Education Commission, Improving Teacher Quality Program (federally funded). Co-Director with Joshua Kenna, 2017-2018 (Pedagogy & Outreach Grant)

\$375,000. “Mapping Jim Crow from Below: The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Geospatial Intelligence, and Civil Rights.” National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences. Co-PI with Joshua Inwood, 2017-2023 (Research Grant).

\$445,423. “Transformation of Racialized American South Heritage Landscapes.” National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences. Co-PI with David L. Butler, Perry Carter, Stephen Hanna, Arnold Modlin, and Amy Potter, 2014-2016 (Research & Outreach Grant).

- \$1000. “The Andy Griffith Show: Mayberry as Working Class Utopia.” **Parker-Dooly University of North Carolina Visiting Scholar Grant**, Southern Historical Collection, UNC-Chapel Hill. Grant author and principal investigator representing East Carolina University (Research Grant), 2010.
- \$2,800. “Writing on the Plywood: Hurricane Graffiti in Eastern North Carolina.” Quick Response Program, **Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado**. Grant co-author and co-principal investigator (with Heather Ward, CRM) representing East Carolina University (Research Grant), 2008.
- \$35,000. “North Carolina’s Changing Ethnic Landscape: The Hispanic/Latino Experience.” **Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation**. Grant co-author with Doug Wilms representing NC Geographic Alliance and East Carolina University. (Pedagogy Grant), 2002.
- \$1000. “Preserving the King’s Courts: The Politics of Commemorating Elvis Presley in Memphis, TN,” **Association of American Geographers Research Grant Program**. Principal investigator representing Georgia College & State University. (Research Grant), 1999.
- \$9,200. “Cultural Geography for Middle Grade Teachers” Teaching & Learning Course Enhancement Grant, **University System of Georgia Board of Regents**, Office of Information and Instructional Technology (statewide competition). Grant author and co-participant with Chris Meindl representing Georgia College & State University. (Pedagogy Grant), 1999.
- \$19,640. “Computer-Assisted World Geography.” Innovative Course Grant, **University System of Georgia Board of Regents**, Office of Information and Instructional Technology (statewide competition). Grant co-author with Dr. Dan Good representing Georgia Southern University. (Pedagogy Grant), 1996.

Internal to the University

- \$6,000. “Slavery and Symbolic Annihilation in the Virtual Antebellum South: Measuring the (In)Visibility of the Enslaved within Online Plantation Tourism Marketing.” 2008. Creative Research Award, Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, **East Carolina University**. Grant author and principal investigator representing East Carolina University. (Research Grant—Funded release from teaching spring 2009).
- \$4,000. “The (In)Visibility of African Americans in North Carolina Travel Brochures: On the Importance of Socially Responsible Tourism Marketing.” 2008. Research support grant, Center for Sustainable Tourism, **East Carolina University**. Grant author and principal investigator representing East Carolina University. (Research Grant)
- \$10,436. “The Politics of Remembering Slavery within the African American Community: The Case of Savannah, Georgia.” 2005. Research/Creative Activity Grant, Faculty Senate, **East Carolina University**. Grant author and principal investigator representing East Carolina University. (Research Grant)
- \$7,500. “The Making of a Miracle Vine: Promoting Kudzu in the Early 20th century American

- South.” 2004. Research/Creative Activity Grant, Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, **East Carolina University**. Grant author and principal investigator representing East Carolina University. (Research Grant)
- \$6,000. “MLK Street vs. Main Street: Toward a Political Economy of Place Naming.” 2003. Creative Research Award, Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, **East Carolina University**. Grant author and principal investigator representing East Carolina University. (Research Grant—Funded release from teaching spring 2004)
- \$6000. “Teaching Geography with Technology.” 1995. University-wide Development of Instruction Grant Competition, Faculty Welfare Committee, **Georgia Southern University**. Grant co-author and co-director with Dan Good representing Georgia Southern University. (Pedagogy Grant)

INVITED LECTURES (166 Total)

Keynote and Featured Presentations

- Featured Virtual Roundtable Speaker, [The Other 250: Heritage From Below](#), The Natural History Museum, July 15, 2026.
- Keynote Speaker, Tourism, Memory and Heritage International Conference, Wageningen University & Research, June 3, 2026.
- Inaugural Lecture, Centre of Expertise for Transformative Mobilities, Wageningen University & Research, June 4, 2026.
- Keynote Speaker (with Renee Kesler), 188th Meeting of the Association of Research Libraries, Knoxville, TN, April 27, 2026.
- [Featured Speaker](#), 1st Interonoma - International Congress of Onomastics: Social impact of naming processes, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, November 3-7, 2025. (delivered virtual talk to in-person meeting).
- [Keynote Speaker](#), Memorialization: Theory, Methods, Goals, and Ethics (National Endowment for the Humanities-sponsored conference), University of Mississippi, March 14, 2025.
- Featured Speaker, Advancing Geographies of Justice by Removing Offensive Place Names, California Geographic Alliance K-12 Webinar ([virtual](#)), November 2024.
- Featured Speaker, Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) Annual Meeting, Columbia, Missouri, September 17, 2024.
- Featured Presenter, 49th Annual Geography in Bluegrass Day, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 21, 2023 (delivered additional talk at event’s awards ceremony).
- Keynote Speaker, National Council for Geographic Education, Minneapolis, MN, October 15, 2022.
- Featured Presenter (virtual), National Department Leadership Workshop, American Association of Geographers, June 2021 & June 2022.
- Keynote Speaker, Appalachian Student Research Forum, East Tennessee State University, April 7, 2022.
- Featured Presenter, “Panel: Kudzu and Boll Weevil in Modern Georgia,” Richard B. Russell Special Collections Libraries, University of Georgia, April 5, 2022.
- Featured Presenter for Onomastics Online ([virtual lecture](#)), The International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, February 15, 2022.
- Featured Presenter (with Bethany Craig), Virtual Super Saturday Conference Kickoff, National Council for Geographic Education, December 2021.
- Geography Awareness Week Keynote Lecture, Department of Geography, Virginia Tech University,

November 2021.

- Tennessee Council for Social Studies Annual Meeting (virtual). Delivered keynote for Geography strand/theme of the conference, February 2021.
- National Council for Geographic Education Annual Meeting (virtual). Hosted in conjunction with the National Council for Social Studies Annual Meeting, December 2020.
- Zumkehr Lectures in Public Memory, Scripps College of Communication, Ohio University. Invited, filmed lecture posted [online](#) on February 13, 2020.
- Martin Luther King Holiday Campus Lecture, College of Communication and Information Sciences & Department of Geography, University of Alabama, January 21, 2020.
- Past President's Address, National Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, April 6, 2019.
- West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, November 2, 2018.
- "The 14th Amendment at 150: Slavery & Justice in the Liberal Arts" workshop, Alliance for the Advancement of Liberal Arts Colleges, hosted by Furman University, Feb. 26, 2018.
- "Unlayerings: A Critical Conversation on Historical Geography" Conference, Department of Geography and Society of Fellows, Dartmouth College, May 16, 2018 (delivered two additional talks).
- South Dakota State Geography Convention, Department of Geography, South Dakota State University, March 16, 2018.
- Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Mississippi State University, November 20, 2017.
- Southwestern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Sam Houston State University, October 26, 2017.
- Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, SUNY-Geneseo, October 21, 2017.
- Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, University of North Dakota, October 14, 2017.
- East Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Eastern Michigan University, October 13, 2017.
- "Charting the Cosmos of Cartography" International Workshop, Library of Congress, Washington DC, June 28, 2017. Sponsored by ICA Commissions on the History of Cartography, Toponymy, and Atlases.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Observance and Freedom March, Norfolk State University, January 12, 2017.
- Mid-Atlantic Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, George Mason University, November 18, 2016.
- Southwestern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, University of North Texas, October 21, 2016.
- GeoFest 50, South Carolina Geographic Alliance, University of South Carolina, October 24, 2015.
- South Dakota Undergraduate Convention (student-run geography conference), South Dakota State University, March 20-21, 2013.
- New Student Convocation, East Carolina University, August 22, 2011.
- Place and Memory Symposium, Center for the Humanities, Grinnell College, Iowa, April 22, 2010. Made college-wide presentation as part of multi-day symposium that also included talks by James Young, Margaret Critchlow Rodman, and Lizette Larson-Miller.

- University Commencement, East Carolina University, December 18, 2009.
- University Faculty Convocation, East Carolina University, August 24, 2009.
- Midwestern Undergraduate Geography Symposium, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 23, 2005.
- “Moving the Dream into the Community: Civil Rights to Social Justice” program, Western Michigan University, January 21, 2003.

Invited Public/Community Presentations

- Panel, “Does Free Speech & Academic Freedom have a Future at UT?” AAUP-UTK Freeing Speech & Sharing Governance Teach-In, Univ. of Tennessee, April 13, 2026
- Morning Pointe Assisted Living-Hardin Valley, Knoxville, TN, November 10, 2025.
- Panelist presentation and Q/A, “From the Green Book to the Orange Book: Travel, Tourism, and Resistance in the Black Community.” Black History Month public program in Knoxville, Tennessee presented by The Beck Cultural Exchange Center, UT CEHHS Office of Access and Engagement, and the UT Commission for Black Communities February 16, 2024.
- Virtual Lightning Talk and Discussion for “Maps and Social Justice Convening,” Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center, February 9, 2023.
- Panelist presentation and Q/A, “Just Practices for Advancing Sustainable Transportation,” Tennessee Sustainable Transportation Forum & Expo, University of Tennessee, November 8, 2022.
- Virtual presentation and Q/A, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science Division of National Park Service, Interior Region 2-South Atlantic-Gulf, October 3, 2022.
- Virtual presentation & Q/A (with Joshua Inwood), “Black Maps Matter – Just Maps,” Livingmaps Network Webinar, the United Kingdom, September 29, 2021.
- Virtual panel & Q/A, “More Than a Name: Role of Race and Geography in Naming Streets after Martin Luther King,” Black Historic Sites Committee and the Detroit Historical Society, Detroit, Michigan, January 18, 2021.
- Virtual panel, “King Blvd Block Party: Community Discussion of MLK Street Naming,” Martin Luther King Blvd Short Film Creative Team, Los Angeles, California, January 17, 2021.
- Virtual panel, “MLK: An Examination of His Accomplishments & Legacy,” Langston Centre Black History Panel Series, Johnson City, Tennessee, January 15, 2021.
- Virtual lecture & Q/A, “Food for Thought Summer Series: What are the implications of changing a name?” The Business School, City, University of London (UK), August 12, 2020.
- Virtual lecture & Q/A (with Gregg Suzanne Ferguson), College of Arts & Sciences Conversation Series on Allyship and Antiracism entitled “Embattled Names, Racialized Memories, and Wounded Places,” University of Tennessee, July 30, 2020.
- Virtual teach-in, “Anti-Racism 101: Moving Forward, Honoring Memory by Renaming & Removing White Supremacy,” Wofford College, July 30, 2020. Sponsored by ODI Antiracism Action Team & Wofford Antiracism Coalition.
- Public Lecture (with Jordan Brasher) as part of campus program “Universities, Public Memory, and the Built Environment,” Virginia Tech University, October 18, 2017. Sponsored by Office for Inclusion and Diversity and the Department of Geography.
- Public Lecture (with Steve Hanna), Virginia Tech University, February 23, 2017. Sponsored by Coalition for Justice Non-Profit, Smithfield-Preston Foundation, and VT Departments of History, Geography Religion and Culture, Hospitality & Tourism Management and the university’s Office for Inclusion & Diversity, Center for Peace Studies & Violence Prevention, American Indian Studies Program, Race and Social Policy Research Center, and NAACP at Virginia Tech. (carried out an additional 4 other lectures).

- Seniors for Creative Living, Knoxville, Tennessee, September 24, 2015.
- Leadership Educational Symposium Speaker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission, Knoxville, Tennessee, January 15, 2015.
- Pregame Showcase Lecture Series, College of Arts & Sciences Alumni, University of Tennessee, August 31, 2013.
- Rationalists of East Tennessee, Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Knoxville, Tennessee, May 19, 2013.
- Museum of the Coastal Plain, Wilson, North Carolina, November 29, 2012.
- Lifelong Learning Program, East Carolina University, March 6, 2012.
- Museum of the Coastal Plain, Wilson, North Carolina, December 6, 2011.
- UNC Charlotte Community Conversation Series: Globalizing Charlotte, Levine Museum of New South, November 17, 2010. Delivered talk (with Ron Mitchelson) as part of panel on the book, *Charlotte, NC: The Global Evolution of a New South City*.
- L.E.A.D. Under the Sun Summer Leadership Camp, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, July 22, 2010. Delivered talk and led middle school students on field study of MLK Street in Tallahassee.
- Theater of the American South (Festival of Southern Culture), Wilson, North Carolina, May 24, 2008.
- English and Literature Class, South Central High School, Pitt County Schools, Greenville, NC, May 21, 2007.
- Public forum hosted by the Martin Luther King Scholars Program of Ithaca College and Tompkins County History Center, Ithaca, New York, April 11, 2006.
- Public forum hosted by the Martin Luther King Street Renaming Ad-Hoc Committee, Greenville, North Carolina, February 27, 2006.
- Educational forum on MLK Street naming hosted by the High Point Black Leadership Roundtable, High Point, North Carolina, January 15, 2005.
- Bi-monthly meeting of city managers and mayors in Mecklenburg and Brunswick Counties, Virginia, August 26, 2004.
- Educational forum on MLK Street naming hosted by Community Relations Commission, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 16, 2004.
- AP Human Geography Class, Ayden-Grifton High School, Pitt County Schools, September 20, 2002.
- Kiwanis Club, Milledgeville, Georgia, March 7, 2000.
- United Daughters of the Confederacy, Milledgeville, Georgia, January 10, 2000.
- Bulloch County Historical Society, Statesboro, Georgia, October 1995.
- National Geography Awareness Week Observance, F.T. Corry Elementary School, Greensboro, GA, November 20, 1996.

Invited Academic Presentations

- Guest lecturer/facilitator for Graduate Workshop of the Centre of Expertise for Transformative Mobilities, Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands, May 29, 2026.
- Guest speaker (virtual) for class entitled “Heritage and Memorial Landscapes: Street and Place Naming,” University of Mary Washington, January 31, 2025.
- Smokers Club, University of Tennessee, January 25, 2025.
- Guest speaker for “Big Orange Essentials Professional Development Series,” Division of Student Services, October 16, 2024.
- Guest speaker (virtual) for honors class entitled “Culture, Identity, and the Politics of the American

- South,” College of Charleston, April 12, 2023 & April 8, 2024.
- Clarke Speaker Series, Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, February 13, 2023.
- Smokers Club, University of Tennessee, January 21, 2023.
- Guest talk (virtual), Brown Bag Lecture Series, Department of History, University of Texas-Arlington, TX, October 2022.
- Panelist. “Emergent Topics in Africana Studies: Black Geographies.” Africana Studies Week, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, September 2022.
- Panelist for special session “Sharing Faculty Expertise with the General Public: How to Best Leverage *The Conversation*,” CommuniCon Annual Conference, University of Tennessee, August 9, 2022.
- Panelist (virtual) for class entitled “Unruly Practices (theme: future of southern plantation),” Master of Landscape Architecture Program, University of Pennsylvania, April 20, 2022.
- Panelist for re-orientation session on New Orleans for post-alternative spring break student trip to New Orleans, Clay & Debbie Jones Center for Leadership & Service, University of Tennessee, April 19, 2022.
- Guest talk (virtual), Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (theme: *Critical Toponymy: Toward an Inclusive Landscape of Commemoration*), October 13, 2021.
- Guest Lecture, Department of Anthropology Annual Visiting Lecture Series (theme: *Decolonization, Anti-Racism, Abolition*), University of Tennessee, Sept. 23, 2021.
- Smokers Club, University of Tennessee, March 20, 2021.
- Guest Lecture, Department of Geology & Geography, Georgia Southern University, March 11, 2021.
- Campus-wide annual geography lecture, Department of History & Geography, Elon University, March 20, 2019.
- Campus-wide lecture hosted by Division of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, University of Missouri, March 14, 2019.
- AAG Past President Lecture, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, February 22, 2019.
- Colloquium Talk and Black History Featured Lecture, Department of Geography and Planning, University of Toledo, February 15, 2019.
- Guest Lecture, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University, February 15, 2019.
- Departments of Geography and History Interdisciplinary Lecture Series, Binghamton University, September 27, 2018.
- Global Awareness Lecture Series, Haslam Scholars Program, Howard Baker Center, University of Tennessee, September 5, 2018.
- Robert Gabler Lecture, Department of Geography, GIS, & Meteorology, Western Illinois University, February 28, 2018.
- Distinguished Geographer Lecture, Department of Geography, Geology, and the Environment, Illinois State University, February 26, 2018.
- Colloquium Guest Talk, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas-Austin, February 16, 2018.
- Colloquium Guest Talk, Department of Geography, Ohio University, November 3, 2017.
- Coffee Hour, Department of Geography, Pennsylvania State University, January 20, 2017.
- The Collaborative for Southern Appalachian Studies and University Lectures Committee, Sewanee: University of the South, October 4, 2016.
- Development Staff, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, September 20, 2016.
- Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series, The Brewster History Forum, East Carolina University,

January 26, 2016.

- Global Studies and Cultural Geography Program & Black History Month Campus Activities, Middle Tennessee State University, February 10, 2015
- Department of Geography & Black History Month Campus Activities, University of Mary Washington, February 4-5, 2015 (2 lectures)
- Chauncy Harris Distinguished Lecture, Brigham Young University, November 20, 2014.
- Academic Leadership Retreat, University of Tennessee, August 26, 2014.
- Africana Studies Program, University of Tennessee, April 2, 2014.
- Geography Awareness Week Lecturer, Department of Geography, Geology, and Planning, Missouri State University, November 18, 2013.
- Department of Geography and Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina, November 8, 2013.
- Scholars Invitational 2013, University of Tennessee, October 11, 2013.
- Smokers Club, University of Tennessee, September 21, 2013.
- Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST) Group, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, September 18, 2013.
- Development Staff, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, August 20, 2013.
- Dean's Advisory Board, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, April 19, 2013.
- College of Charleston, March, 2013. Deliver two lectures to Geography classes and one university-wide talk as part of the Jubilee Project.
- Center for the Study of Social Justice, University of Tennessee, January 23, 2013.
- Department of Geography Colloquium, Kent State University, April 20, 2012.
- Public History Program, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, October 4, 2011.
- Advancement Council, Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, East Carolina University, March 24, 2011. Delivered talk at the invitation of Dean Alan White.
- GTU/AAG Visiting Scientist Program, University of New Orleans and Southern Mississippi University, January 27-28, 2011 (2 lectures).
- GTU/AAG Visiting Scientist Program, Virginia Commonwealth University and University of Richmond, Oct. 21, 2009. (2 lectures)
- GTU/AAG Visiting Scientist Program, Department of Geography & Geology, Sam Houston State University, February 10, 2009 (2 lectures)
- Randall-Zullo Seminar Series, Department of Geography & Geology, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, January 16, 2009.
- Center for the Study of the New South and Levine Museum of New South, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, October 21 2008.
- Big Read Program: Remembering Segregation and the Civil Rights Movement, Georgia College & State University, October 15, 2008. (2 lectures)
- Department of Geography Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, October 10, 2008.
- Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of Georgia, April 4, 2008.
- Honors Program, University of South Florida-St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL, February 19, 2008 (delivered 3 lectures).
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Week, Department of Geography, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, January 19, 2007.
- GTU/AAG Visiting Scientist Program, Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, January 18, 2007 (delivered 2 lectures)

- Making Tourism Work for You II Conference, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, October 27, 2006. (delivered 2 lectures)
- Department of Geography & Earth Science, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, October 18, 2006.
- “Centering the South” Lecture Series, Center for the Study of the American South, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, October 27, 2005.
- Department of Geography, University of Mary Washington, October 4 & 5, 2004. (delivered 2 lectures)
- Department of Geology & Geography Colloquium Series, Georgia Southern University, February 20, 2003.
- Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of South Carolina, January 24, 2002.
- Department of Environmental Sciences Lecture Series, Richmond University, November 8, 2001.
- Department of Earth Science Colloquium Series, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, April 20, 2001.
- National Geography Awareness Week Lecture, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, November 16, 2000.
- Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of Georgia, October 21, 2000.
- Liberal Arts Symposium, Georgia College & State University, April 28, 1999.
- Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Georgia College & State University, October 28, 1998.
- Humanities Colloquium, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia, February 1996.

MASS MEDIA ENGAGEMENT & RECOGNITION

(Cited, quoted in/or contributed to 352 news stories, documentaries, radio & TV broadcasts, blogs, podcasts)

National and International Level (150)

- Quoted in “[What's in a name? The hidden history of Lahore's streets.](#)” **The Express Tribune** (digital native English newspaper in Pakistan), July 29, 2026.
- Quoted in news analysis, “[What's in a name? Florida airport renamed for Donald Trump.](#)” **RTÉ (Ireland's National Television and Radio Broadcaster)**, July 9, 2026.
- Contributed (with Seth Kannarr) guest analysis, “[Summer camps remain a battleground over what it means to be American.](#)” **The Conversation US**, June 26, 2026.
- Quoted in “[Nauru: Warum einer der weltweit kleinsten Inselstaaten seinen Namen ändern will](#) (Nauru: Why one of the world's smallest island nations wants to change its name).” **Reise Reporter**, May 29, 2026.
- Quoted in “[This Pacific Island Nation Hopes You Will Call It by a New Name.](#)” **New York Times**, May 18, 2026.
- Quoted in “[Scrubbing Chávez From Campus May Take Time.](#)” **Inside Higher Ed**, March 24, 2026.
- Contributed (with Reuben Rose-Redwood) op-ed, “[Trump Station? America's place names are not bargaining chips.](#)” **The Hill**, February 19, 2026.
- Quoted in “[The Gulf of What? Has Trump's name change caught on?](#)” **USA Today**, February 9, 2026.
- Quoted in “[What's in a name? Plenty, when that name is 'Trump.'](#)” **USA Today**, January 23, 2026.
- Contributed (with Jack Swab) guest commentary, “[Les cartes du monde représentent mal la taille de l'Afrique : pourquoi il est important de corriger cela.](#)” **The Conversation**, Sept. 1, 2025. (French translation of Aug. 28 publication.)
- Contributed (with Jack Swab) guest commentary, “[World maps get Africa's size wrong: cartographers explain why fixing it matters.](#)” **The Conversation Africa**, August 28, 2025.

- (translated into Chinese and republished in [The Reporter for Kids](#), an affiliated non-profit online media outlet in Taiwan).
- Quoted in “[At Alabama Plantation: Families of Enslavers and the Enslaved Strike a Deal.](#)” **The Washington Post**, August 17, 2025.
 - Significantly quoted in “[Who Gets to Decide What Names Go on Digital Maps?](#)” **AFAR**, June 25, 2025.
 - Research referenced in online essay “[Cape to Cairo: the making and unmaking of colonial road networks.](#)” **The Architectural Review**, June 13, 2025.
 - Significantly quoted in “[Met namenspel ‘Golf van Amerika’ laat het zuiden de Confederatie een comeback maken](#) (With name game 'Wave of America', the South makes the Confederacy make a comeback).” **Trouw**, April 29, 2025. (Published in Dutch)
 - Contributed (with Seth Kannarr and Jordan Brasher) guest commentary, “[From Greenland to Fort Bragg, America is caught in a name game where place names become political tools.](#)” **The Conversation**, March 26, 2025.
 - Quoted in “[Burgum terminates Biden-era lands rule advisory panel and five others.](#)” **E&E News by Politico**, March 3, 2025.
 - Quoted in “[From Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America, New Amsterdam to New York: The politics behind name changes.](#)” **The Indian Express**, February 12, 2025.
 - Quoted in “[Gulf Grab: Trump’s Name Game Drives World Insane.](#)” **Washington Times**, January 13, 2025.
 - Quoted in “[How Trump could get his ‘Gulf of America,’](#)” **E&E News by Politico**, January 9, 2025.
 - On-camera speaking cameo in the drama/comedy film, “[King Blvd](#)” (directed by Earl Hardy, Indie Rights). **Amazon Prime Video**. December 2024
 - Contributed (with Seth Kannarr) guest commentary, “[Why returning the name Kuwohi to the Great Smoky Mountains matters.](#)” **The Conversation**. October 25, 2024.
 - Contributed (with Josh Inwood and Daniel Oto-Peralías) guest commentary, “[Offensive names dot the American street map – a new app provides a way to track them.](#)” **The Conversation**. August 14, 2024.
 - Quoted in “[Interior name advisers seek to topple ‘Devils Tower,’](#)” **Greenwire (E&E News by Politico)**. June 20, 2024.
 - Contributed (with Reuben Rose-Redwood and CindyAnn Rose-Redwood) guest commentary, “[The renaming of universities and campus buildings reflects changing attitudes and values.](#)” **The Conversation**. June 18, 2024.
 - Quoted and research highlighted in “[Protecting our Planet.](#)” **Brilliant Star Magazine** (for children), Vol. 53, No. 2, p. 11 (published May 7, 2024).
 - Quoted and research highlighted (with Joshua Inwood) in “[MapLab: The Living Black Atlas.](#)” **Bloomberg/CityLab**. February 28, 2024.
 - Contributed (with Joshua Inwood) guest commentary, “[Black communities are using mapping to document and restore a sense of place.](#)” **The Conversation**. February 5, 2024. (Republished by PBS Newshour, Chicago Sun-Times, New Pittsburgh Courier, and other outlets.)
 - Interviewed in “[Traveling to escape, resist, and belong: centering black experiences within tourism scholarship.](#)” **Tourism Geographies Podcast**. February 2, 2024.
 - Quoted and research highlighted extensively in “[Here’s How Many Streets Are Probably Named After Martin Luther King Jr.](#)” **Time**. January 15, 2024.
 - Quoted in “[Ces sites publics perpétuent l’héritage de Martin Luther King aux États-Unis.](#)” **24 Heures au Bénin**. January 14, 2024.
 - Research highlighted & quoted in “[I Want to Change MLK Street Names.](#)” **Medium**. January 1,

- 2024.
- Quoted extensively for daily magazine article “[Coming Up Kudzu](#).” **JSTOR-Daily**. December 30, 2023.
 - Interviewed on camera extensively for film documentary “[A Monumental Project: One Monument. One Town. Divided Times](#).” Directed by Rachel York Bridgers, Western Carolina University. 2022.
 - Research highlighted and quoted in “[The Nine States That Don't Have a Street Named After Martin Luther King Jr.](#)” **Newsweek**, January 16, 2023.
 - Research highlighted in “[MLK Day Of Service 2023 Focus On Civil Rights Leader's Unfinished Work](#).” **Patch**. January 15, 2023.
 - Quoted extensively in “[Can a name become a metaphor for civil rights?](#)” **Share America**. January 10, 2023. Published in several languages and distributed internationally by US State Department and other outlets.
 - Contributed (with Joshua Inwood) guest commentary, “[How a 2013 US Supreme Court ruling enabled states to enact election laws without federal approval](#).” **The Conversation**. November 1, 2022.
 - Interviewed (with Amy Potter and Stephen Hanna) for “[Remembering Enslavement Book Podcast](#)” **New Books Network**, September 13, 2022.
 - Quoted in “[2022's Best & Worst States for Summer Road Trips](#).” **WalletHub**. June 22, 2022.
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT & RECOGNITION, PUBLIC SERVICE

Recognition

- Recognized by **MLK Memorial Committee in Manhattan, Kansas**. Research on MLK streets is acknowledged as a seed for the dedication of a Manhattan street for King. Delivered talk as part of the dedication ceremony in January 2007.
- Recognized by **Georgia Clients Council**, a statewide organization of low-income grassroots community-based leaders. Research on MLK streets is acknowledged as a partial impetus for the organization's "Claiming a Street Named King Project," which seeks to learn about MLK thoroughfares and their conditions and formulate a process to revitalize impoverished communities, 2006-2007.
- Research on MLK Streets an interview on National Public Radio recognized as the inspiration for the **Study of Los Angeles' Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard**. The project was conducted in an interdisciplinary, upper-division social science class at University Southern California taught by Katie Mills, who engaged students in community-based research, 2001.

Outreach Publications and Policy Contributions

- Lead co-author of "**Place Name Reconciliation: Guiding Visions and Principles**" (with Christine Johnson), Processes and Principles Subcommittee of the Federal Advisory Place Name Reconciliation Committee, US Department of Interior, 2022-2025). The document, unanimously adopted by the Advisory Committee, is a policy framework that articulates a reparative and participatory approach to reforming derogatory place names in the United States. It outlines core principles—such as historical reckoning, public engagement, research-driven audits, and educational outreach—to guide governmental agencies, community organizations, and citizens in replacing harmful place names with ones that honor marginalized histories and foster social healing. Its goal is to advance local and national conversations about how to approach place names as public symbols and responsible toponymic reform (can be found at: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1892/upload/Place-Name-Reconciliation-Principles.pdf>).
- Co-produced and co-authored (with Patrick Pease and Matthew Mitchelson) the educational pamphlet "**A Street Fit for a King: Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. Along America's Roadways**." Over 15,000 copies of the pamphlet were distributed locally and to civil rights organizations and museums across the country, including the MLK Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia, and the annual national meetings of the NAACP and SCLC, 2005-2007. The pamphlet was funded by the People's Geography Project and East Carolina University.

Outreach Activities, Partnerships, Pro-Bono Consultations

- **Apostolic Church of God, Childersburg, Alabama**. Provided consultation, research, and a letter of support (with Joshua Inwood) to assist the development of a community-led proposal to rename "Needmore Circle." Renaming proponents aim to eliminate what they perceive as a stigmatizing moniker for the road's Black community and replace it with a name that reflects local heritage and pride. In several cases in the USA, Needmore is a place name to identify historically poor or underserved neighborhoods that are lacking, July-August 2025.
- **NAACP Boulder County, Colorado**. Provided data and other background information on the national and international profile of streets named for Martin Luther King. Information was provided to support a successful state resolution to rename the road in Boulder, Colorado, in honor of King. Information also supports preparations for a city-wide celebration and promotion of the road naming, August 2024.
- **Natchez Documentary Film**. Provided unpaid consultation to director Suzannah Herbert and producer Darcy McKinnon on developing a strategy and points of contact to assist in broadening the

educational impact of the PBS-funded, award-winning documentary [Natchez](#). The film documents the racialized politics of memory and heritage tourism in Natchez, Mississippi. February 2022-Present.

- **The Place Justice Project**, Maine. Provided an unpaid consultation/invited an informational interview to the statewide truth-seeking and historical recovery initiative of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations. Consultation and assistance focused on translating the latest innovations in critical toponymic studies to American place name reform, as well as how Black communities are absent from, harmed by, misrepresented & marginalized in the prevailing narratives inscribed into places as built environments and public spaces. December 2023.
- **Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names**, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. Appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to a federal advisory committee in charge of identifying derogatory place names on federal lands for possible removal and designing a public-forward process for streamlining citizen requests for place name reform. Served on the committee at large and the sub-committee in charge of processes and principles. Lead co-author of place name reconciliation principles. Aug 2022-2025.
- **Board of Advisors, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences, University of Georgia**, Athens, GA. Served as Board Member with charge of providing unpaid assistance and support to the Dean of the Franklin College of Arts & Sciences in raising the visibility and reputation of the College and its efficacy to students, faculty, communities, and alumni. Jan 2023-Present.
- **The Knot Worldwide**, New York, NY. Provided unpaid consultation to a company specializing in American company that provides content, tools, products, and services for couples who are planning weddings, creating a home, and starting a family. Consultation focused on suggesting a methodology for rating historical plantation wedding venues in terms of how well they retell and come to terms with the history of enslavement on their properties. February 2023.
- **Historic Hunter Hills Neighborhood Association**, Atlanta, Georgia. Assisted in the organization as it researched the origin of the neighborhood name in determining whether it bore the name of antebellum slave owner Alston Hunter Green. December 2022.
- **Change the Names**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Provided pro-bono consultation about street renaming ordinances and strategies to one of the directors of an initiative to petition the Chapel Hill Town Council to change the name of Cameron Avenue (honoring a slave owner) to Pauli Murray Avenue (honoring an influential civil rights legal scholar and clergy). October 2022.
- **King Blvd Feature Film**, Los Angeles, California. Provided pro-bono research consultation to writer and producer Earl Hardy for a social comedy depicting and challenging the phenomena of finding many Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd streets in blighted neighborhoods, and the story of a young man to revive his MLK street. Also provided a cameo on-camera appearance for the film (released December 2024). 2018-2022.
- **Flight Centre Travel Group, Americas**, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Collaborated with Tourism RESET fellow Amy Potter to provide unpaid consultation to the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Manager. August 2022.
- **City of Gonzales, Texas**. Provided unpaid consultation with municipal officials on the possible creation of a Martin Luther King Thoroughway or District in the small rural town with a population of 7,200. The city has little recognition of the African American experience in its public spaces, and the consultation focused on combining street naming with creative signage and educational programming. Discussion also focused on incorporating public commemoration and sense of place into the town's strategic planning process. August 2022.
- **The Emancipator**, Boston, MA. Provided unpaid consultation to editors of digital, abolitionist

- magazine, highlighting potential themes and scholarly contributors for essays/op-eds. Feb. 2022
- **Tilt Shift Media**, New York, NY. Provided data, unpaid consultation, community contacts, and filmed interviews to documentary producers about MLK streets in the United States. Documentary highlights the struggles and community development efforts of places in and around MLK streets in Baltimore, MD, and St. Louis, MO. Fall 2021.
 - **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation**, Charlotte, North Carolina. Collaborated with fellow researchers Amy Potter, Stephen Hanna, and Ronnie Schumann in providing unpaid consultation and published research to the Parks and Recreation Department in reimagining the management structure and reforming the interpretation of the history of slavery at one of Mecklenburg County's historical sites, Latta Plantation. Latta Plantation had drawn significant public controversy for insensitive portrayals of enslavement and Black lives and histories in August 2021.
 - **Beck Cultural Corridor Planning Committee**, Knoxville, Tennessee. Served as a member of a collaborative project with community partners and the African-American-operated Beck Cultural Center to identify archival material and other data to help tell the story of the ramifications of Knoxville's Urban Renewal in the mid-20th century on the predominantly African American population it affected and displaced, December 2020--Present.
 - **City of Reidsville, North Carolina**. Provided unpaid consultation and aid to the city manager's office to assist the municipality in incorporating the commemoration of the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech into a planned community memorial/educational installation called "Patriots Park," October 2020.
 - **Wofford College Antiracism Coalition**, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Provided unpaid consultation and aid to student activists leading a petition to remove the names of slave owners from three buildings on the Wofford campus, July 2020.
 - **Civil Righteousness**, Ferguson, Missouri. Provided database on MLK streets to a racial reconciliation and restorative justice non-profit organization as they planned the "Pray on MLK" campaign (prayonmlk.org) to form a nationwide, multi-ethnic human prayer chain on August 8, 2020, as a response to racial inequality, violence, and injustice, July 2020.
 - **Turner Broadcasting, NBA Division** (Warner Media), Atlanta, Georgia. Conducted an extensive archival search to reconstruct the renaming of Atlanta's MLK Street in 1976 in preparation for an NBA-related television broadcast (NBA on TNT) in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday. Broadcast part of a broader media initiative to conduct public outreach and service along the MLK streets found in all NBA franchise cities, January 2020.
 - **Georgia Historical Society**. Provided unpaid consultation to the staff of the historical society in charge of Georgia's roadside historical marker program. Consulted on strategies for devising ways of estimating the economic impact of historical markers as a heritage resource to address questions of state legislators and public stakeholders, August 2019.
 - **City Council, Kansas City, Missouri**. Provided data and an unpaid consultation to a city official to provide a national context on debates over (re)naming streets for Martin Luther King, Jr. Kansas City faced petition drive by opponents to have King's name removed from a street formerly known as The Paseo, April 2019.
 - **Beloved Streets of America, St. Louis, Missouri**. Provided data, unpaid consultation, and media referrals to a non-profit organization devoted to a national campaign to revitalize streets named for Martin Luther King, Jr. Assistance dates back to 2008, with the most recent collaboration in October 2020.
 - **National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, Tennessee**. Provided data, published research, and pro-bono consultation to interpretive staff to assist in creating an exhibit on Martin Luther King streets in observance of the 50th anniversary of King's assassination in 1968. Co-produced with Janna

- Caspersen a USA map of places with MLK streets, highlighted and included in MLK50 exhibit that premiered April 2018.
- **National Geographic Magazine, Washington, DC.** Provided data, published research, and interviews to assist with the production of a magazine article and internet-related supplementary content on the naming of streets for Martin Luther King, Jr., as part of the 50th anniversary observance of his assassination in April 2018.
 - **Coalition for Justice, Blacksburg, Virginia.** Delivered an invited public presentation at Virginia Tech University on socially responsible approaches to incorporating the history of slavery in plantation museums and provided pro-bono on-site consultation and assessment to Smithfield Plantation, a Blacksburg heritage tourism site interested in enhancing the place of the enslaved within its public history tours. Outreach also included classroom visits/invited talks in Appalachian Studies, Tourism and Hospitality, Native American Studies, and Geography, 2017.
 - **1504 Film Documentary Company, Birmingham, Alabama.** Provided data, historical photographs, and consultation to producers of “America’s Boulevard: A Mural on MLK,” a film that describes the construction of a larger public mural and accompanying memory-work and redevelopment along Martin Luther King Street in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 2016.
 - **City of Garner, North Carolina.** Conducted contracted research and data gathering to assist in preparing a white paper to address the issue of renaming a street to facilitate economic development and participate in place branding, 2015.
 - **City of High Point, North Carolina.** Provided data on national and state distribution of street naming patterns to senior planners and other municipal officials as they considered a proposal to rename a street for Martin Luther King, Jr., 2015.
 - **Community Street Naming Task Force, Harrisonburg, Virginia.** Provided data and unpaid consultation to the task force commissioned by the city council to research the naming of a road for Martin Luther King. Members of the task force also read and referenced previously published research on MLK streets, 2013.
 - **Xavaz.com, San Diego, California.** Interviewed on camera for documentary film on Martin Luther King Streets and provided film-maker (Xavier Vasquez) with data and publications on street naming, 2013
 - **Diversity Interactive, Austin, Texas.** Provided data and unpaid consultation on Martin Luther King Streets to assist in the creation of an educational poster and quiz for USAA Insurance employees. Data and information drawn from a previously published article (Mitchelson, Alderman, and Popke 2007) and an interview with staff from Diversity Interactive, a firm that advises businesses on how population changes will impact the economy and create new opportunities, 2013.
 - **City Council, Dover, Delaware.** Provided data, publications, and unpaid consultation to city officials as they considered a proposal to rename a downtown street for Martin Luther King, Jr., 2012. Also contributed a guest commentary entitled “Putting the King Street Debate in Context” to the statewide newspaper, *Delaware State News* (published Dec. 9, 2012, p. 6). The City of Dover recognized contributions to the street naming effort at the dedication of the street to King.
 - **International Civil Rights Center and Museum,** Greensboro, North Carolina. Provided unpaid consultation to the museum in terms of collecting and analyzing visitor data and developing a survey to measure local economic impact and opinions of museum visitors. The project was envisioned as a prototype to be expanded to other civil rights museums and African American heritage tourism sites across the South and the U.S. in 2011.
 - **Edgecombe County, North Carolina.** Worked on a grant proposal (with Alex Naar, Carol Kline, and Eric Evans) to plan a park at Shiloh Landing, an offloading site for African Americans during the slave trade. The planned park is meant to be a place of outdoor recreation, historical interpretation, and environmental

education while also contributing to heritage tourism in the area related to Princeville and Freedom Hill, 2010.

- **Uptown Business & Professional Association, New Bern, North Carolina.** Carried out an NC Humanities Council Planning Grant to plan for the development of an educational/tourism promotion website related to “The Great Fire of 1922,” which destroyed many African American neighborhoods in New Bern. Toured the city, visited with community organizers, and held planning meetings to devise a preliminary plan to create the African American heritage resource, 2010-2012.
- **Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce, North Carolina.** Supervised the development and implementation of a survey of visitors to the 2010 Mayberry Days Festival (survey construction and administration carried out by Stefanie Benjamin). The survey was used to create a traveler profile of festival goers for tourism officials in Mount Airy and as part of a larger scholarly project looking at the sustainability of film/TV-induced tourism, 2010-2011.
- **L.E.A.D., Inc., Tallahassee, Florida.** Served as an unpaid guest facilitator for a summer leadership camp of 22 middle and high school students called “LEAD Under the Sun.” Leaders by Empowerment-Activists by Development (LEAD) is a non-profit organization. Delivered a presentation about streets named for Martin Luther King, Jr., and designed a field exercise in which summer camp students assessed the livability and walkability of Tallahassee’s MLK Blvd, 2010.
- **Historic Hope Plantation, Windsor, North Carolina.** Advised site managers about their plans to incorporate the history of slavery into docent-led tours of the plantation and provided copies of research, made an on-site visit, and delivered an unpaid consultation about strategies for including the history of slavery, 2009.
- **Straight, No Chaser Productions (SNC), Washington, DC.** Interviewed on camera by the producers of the documentary film “The MLK Street project” about research on streets named for Martin Luther King, Jr., and provided filmmakers with data and publications on street naming. SNC is a community-minded group that involves youth in filmmaking, 2009
- **The Flannery O’Connor Andalusia Foundation, Inc., Milledgeville, Georgia.** Provided unpaid consultation to the executive director about the foundation’s research needs and created maps for displaying and analyzing the geographical origin and distribution of visitors to the heritage tourism site, Andalusia Farm, 2008.
- **Ambassadors for a Legacy Committee, Southern Illinois University.** Provided unpaid consultation to a group seeking to name a street for Dr. King. The group had met with local opposition and sought information on street naming struggles in other areas of the country, 2008.
- **Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach.** Provided unpaid consultation and materials for developing a community course and assessment project entitled “Streets Where Kings Walk: A Discussion of MLK Boulevards in the US,” which would examine the economic, social, and political challenges on MLK streets, 2008.
- **Office of US Congressman John P. Sarbanes, Maryland Third District.** Provided unpaid consultation for a project focused on identifying US schools named for Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembled database of named schools and provided copies of relevant published research to the Congressman's office, 2008.
- **National Alliance of Faith and Justice.** Provided data and copies of published research to assist with the dissemination of the engagement tool for promoting Justice Sunday, MLK Day of Service, and the 'PEN OR PENCIL' youth initiative, 2007.
- **Multnomah County Commission and Mayor's Office, Portland, Oregon.** Provided unpaid consultation to two staffers on two occasions about strategies for responding to controversy over naming a street after Cesar Chavez, 2007.
- **Georgia Office of Film, Video, and Music Development.** Provided a copy of a film-induced tourism project carried out in Warm Springs, Georgia, in reaction to the airing of the HBO film (released 2005).

Also provided copies of previously published academic research on the economic impact of films on tourism, 2007.

- **Vision 2015, Covington, Kentucky.** Provided unpaid consultation to the community planning development group about the politics of naming a street for Martin Luther King Jr., and provided data and copies of research, and presented the pros/cons of proposing a dual naming of 12th Street and MLK, 2007.
- **Tompkins County Living Wage Coalition, Ithaca, New York.** Visited the city, met with local activists and municipal officials, and gave a public talk on MLK street naming hosted by Ithaca College and The History Center, 2006.
- **Social Compact, Washington D.C.** Provided data and published research on MLK streets to assist its DrillDown, an analysis of inner-city neighborhoods for the purpose of promoting successful business investment in lower-income communities for the benefit of current residents, 2006.
- **Service for Peace, Bridgeport, CT.** Provided data on MLK streets to assist with the development of MLK Season of Service, a program that advances King's dream of peaceful and just communities, 2006.
- **Sonshine Communications, North Miami Beach, FL.** Provided data on MLK streets to public relations firm working with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on nationwide campaign for Black History Month, 2005.
- **Quincy Human Rights Commission, City of Quincy Planning and Development Department, Illinois.** Provided data and published research on MLK streets in response to a street naming controversy, 2005.
- **Congressional Research Service, United States Congress, Washington, D.C.** Provided data on MLK streets to unidentified members of U.S. Congress, 2005.
- **North Carolina Humanities Council.** Served as a paid consulting scholar on a planning grant for "Dismal Swamp and the Underground Railroad." Planning meeting at Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, 2005.
- **Black Leadership Roundtable, High Point, North Carolina.** Visited the city, attended a roundtable meeting, and gave two public talks on MLK street naming, 2004 & 2005.
- **MLK Sub-committee, Community Relations Commission, Grand Rapids, Michigan.** Visited the city, gave extensive media interviews, met with local activists and municipal officials, and delivered a public talk on MLK street naming, 2004.
- **North Carolina Humanities Council.** Served as paid consulting scholar on planning grant for "Portsmouth Village, North Carolina as a Place." North Carolina Maritime Museum, Beaufort, North Carolina, 2004.

EDUCATIONAL ENGAGEMENT, SERVICE, & OUTREACH

- Co-Presenter and Co-Organizer (with Brian Smith of Tennessee Geographic Alliance) for "What's in a Name? Exploring Place Names as Forms of Social and Geographic Storytelling," K-12 teacher workshop sponsored in part by the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Southern Region at Middle Tennessee State University, held at the East Tennessee History Center, Knoxville, TN. Educators explored the profound social, historical, and political meanings behind the names attached to places, and how to use primary sources of geographical and historical data to map and interpret toponyms as forms of public storytelling about communities' identities, values, and ongoing struggles for recognition. Participants explored how toponyms shape our understanding of social inclusion/exclusion, the commodification of place, whose histories are remembered (or forgotten), and how communities claim and contest space through names. October 6-7, 2025.
 - Co-Presenter and Co-Organizer (with Brian Smith of Tennessee Geographic Alliance) for "[What's in a Name Asynchronous Video Experience](#)," a series of recorded training modules

designed to extend the content from the October 2025 in-person workshop in Knoxville, TN, to a wider online audience. Recorded three major modules on the critical educational approaches to place name study and organized contributed recordings from four other presenters. January-March 2026.

- Contributed research on MLK Streets, a video interview, and pro-bono consultation for an online educational module entitled “[King Blvd: From Dreams to Reality](#)” to accompany and complement a drama/comedy film directed and produced by Earl Hardy. The purpose of the module is to help viewers/students understand the political obstacles that face naming streets for Dr. King in America, how those obstacles shape where King is honored (on what kinds of streets), and how the public can get involved in improving MLK streets in their communities. February 2025.
- Co-Organizer and Co-Facilitator, “Geographic Mobility’s Role in African American Freedom Struggle,” Secondary Education Clinic/Mini-Workshop for National Council for Social Studies Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2023.
- Co-Director, Role of Geographic Mobility in African American Freedom Struggle,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute. Hosted 18 K-12 teachers in a three-week workshop consisting of content lectures, lab exercises, field trips, and pedagogical project development, July 2022.
- Board Member, Tennessee Geographic Alliance, a non-profit network of K-12 teachers devoted to educational material development, educator training, and geography advocacy. 2020-Present.
- Invited session leader and facilitator/mentor at national virtual workshop, American Association of Geographers Department Leaders Workshop, June 2021 & 2022. Worked to organize and deliver a training and discussion of “Storytelling as a Leadership Tool.”
- Invited mentor and facilitator, National Science Foundation Early Career Workshop at Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference in Austin, Texas (October 2018) and Baltimore, MD (October 2021). Through panel presentations and small-group breakout sessions, early-career scholars receive advice and individualized feedback on developing a research, writing, and publishing plan; grant-seeking; navigating institutions; landing academic jobs; and securing tenure and promotion.
- Co-Director of two national workshops, Early Career GFDA (Geography Faculty Development Alliance) Workshop and American Association of Geographers Department Leaders Workshop, Knoxville, TN, summers of 2016 and 2017.
- Invited leader and facilitator at two National Workshops: Early Career GFDA (Geography Faculty Development Alliance) Workshop and American Association of Geographers Department Leaders Workshop, Storrs, CT, June 2015.
- Invited leader and presenter at Early Career Learning and Teaching Seminar, National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE), Memphis, TN, August 2014. Delivered talk entitled “Integrating Teaching and Research: Collaborative Approaches to Faculty/Student Research” to a group of early faculty members and senior graduate students as part of a broader faculty development initiative sponsored by NCGE and the Association of American Geographers.
- Contributed data on the national distribution of streets named for Martin Luther King, Jr. to Wiley & Sons for mapping and inclusion in the college textbook, Human Geography 11 Edition (by Erin Fouberg), July 2014.
- Served as subject matter expert and reviewer for National Academy Foundation course “Geography for Tourism,” as part of Hospitality and Tourism curriculum for tenth and eleventh graders in US high schools. Reviewed, updated, and edited 15 lesson units to make them current about emerging travel trends, contemporary case studies, and advances in the academic study of tourism, Pearson Charitable Foundation, New York City, NY, 2011-2012.
- Served as Advisory Board Member for “Commemorative Landscapes of North Carolina,” a digital

educational resource published as part of the UNC-Chapel Hill Library's *Documenting the American South* project. The website is a collection of primary resources, instructional essays, and a spatial database of monuments and memorials to assist students and the general public with understanding the social process of public commemoration. Provided feedback on project at various stages and contributed two essays to the project, 2010-2012.

- Developed and implemented "Fridays with Professor," an outreach initiative in which Geography faculty members visit area public schools to assist with content delivery and student preparation for university life, East Carolina University-Pitt County, NC Schools, 2010-2011.
- Designed and conducted a professional development workshop on "Five Themes of Geography" to K-5 teachers as part of the Advanced Placement Institute, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, 2010.
- Contributed an invited feature article to *Interaction*, a quarterly journal published by the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria, Australia. (Alderman, Derek H. 2010. "Place Naming and the Politics of Identity: A View from Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., USA" *Interaction* 38(3): 10-14).
- Designed two social studies content modules for pre-service teachers and partnered with faculty in the College of Education, East Carolina University Teacher Quality Partnership Grant (TQP), Greenville, North Carolina, 2010.
- Geography Specialist Advisor and Review Team Member, Elective High School Course "Global Geography," North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC. Provided unpaid consultation, 2009-2010.
- Geography Specialist Advisor and Review Team Member, Social Studies Standard Course of Study Revision, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC. Provided on-site unpaid consultation, 2009-2010.
- Invited Judge, Senior Project Presentations, South Central High School, Pitt County Schools, Greenville, NC, 2009 & 2011.
- Designed and delivered (with Douglas Gamble) workshop on incorporating fieldwork into large Geography undergraduate classrooms, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, 2009.
- Designed and conducted teacher training workshop for *Geography in Action*, a newly designed elective course for North Carolina high schools, Department of Public Instruction, 2003. Workshop co-sponsored by the North Carolina Geographic Alliance.
- Delivered three-hour presentation on geography content for Grade 2 Social Studies Trainer of Trainers session, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, 2003.
- Designed *Geography in Action*, an elective course in geography for North Carolina high schools, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, 2001.
- Expert Committee Member, Social Studies Standard Course of Study Revision, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, 2000-2001.
- Co-developed and co-taught an honors seminar on "Southern Cultures" that brought together college students with members from the lay community to attend guest lectures by several prominent southern studies scholars, Georgia College & State University, 2000.
- Invited Judge, 23rd Annual Golden Eagle Student Awards (sponsored by *The Macon Telegraph* newspaper), 2000.
- Invited Judge, Central Georgia Regional Social Science Fair, Georgia College & State University, 2000.
- Invited Judge, Social Science Regional Fair, Georgia College & State University, 1999.
- Invited Judge, 22nd Annual Golden Eagle Student Awards (sponsored by *The Macon Telegraph* newspaper), 1999.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP:

- Co-Editor (with Scott Lecce), Southeastern Geographer (2003-2007).
- Co-Editor (with John Strait), Geography Discussion Paper Series, Univ. of Georgia (1997-1998).
- Editorial Board, Dialogues in Human Geography (2020-Present)
- Editorial Board, GeoHumanities (2023-Present)
- Editorial Board, Human Geography (2022-Present)
- Editorial Board, Journal of Cultural Geography (2013-Present)
- Editorial Board, Journal of Geography in Higher Education (2013-Present)
- Editorial Board, Tourism Geographies (2013-Present)
- Editorial Committee, Southeastern Geographer (2000-2003, 2007-Present).
- Editorial Advisory Board, The Flannery O'Connor Review (2001-Present).
- Editorial Board, AAG Review of Books (2013-2016)
- Editorial Board, Annals of the Association of American Geographers (2016-2019)
- Editorial Board, Historical Geography (2004-2008)
- Editorial Board, Journal of Geography (2001-2004)
- Editorial Board, Social & Cultural Geography (2016-2024)
- Editorial Board, Social Sciences (2017-2021)

ANONYMOUS PEER REVIEWER FOR JOURNAL ARTICLES:

(Reviewed 509 manuscript submissions for 111 different refereed journals)

Academia Mental Health & Well-being (2); ACME (2); African Affairs (1); Agoriad: A Journal of Spatial Theory (2); American Indian Culture and Research Journal (3); American Sociological Review (1); Annals of the Association of American Geographers (30); Annals of Tourism Research (2); Antipode (4); Applied Geography (1); Area (4); Cartographica (1); Cities (2); Cities & Health (1); City (1); Classical Receptions (2); Coastal Management Journal (1); Cogent Arts & Humanities (2); Cogent Social Sciences (2); Critical Tourism Studies (1); Current Issues in Tourism (1); Curriculum Inquiry (1); Dialogues in Human Geography (1); Ecumene / Cultural Geographies (12); Digital Humanities (1); Emotion, Space, Society (2); European Journal of Cultural Studies (2); Environment and Planning A (4); Environment and Planning B (3); Environment and Planning C (2); Environment and Planning D (4); ERDKUNDE (2); Eurasian Geography and Economics (1); European Journal of Geography (2); Flannery O'Connor Review (6); Food, Culture, and Society (1); Gender, Place, and Culture (2); Geoforum (3); Geografiska Annaler B (1); Geographical Bulletin (2); Geographical Research (1); Geographical Review (6); Geography Compass (1); GeoHumanities (14); GeoJournal (7); The Geography Teacher (3); Geopolitics (3); Historical Archeology (2); Historical Geography (5); History & Memory (2); Hospitality & Society (1); Housing, Theory, & Society (1); Human Geography (4); Humanities and Social Sciences Communications (2); Illinois Geographical Bulletin (1); International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research (1); International Journal of Heritage Studies (6); International Journal of Sport Management and Marketing (1); International Journal of Tourism Research (1); Journal of American Studies (4); Journal of American Ethnic History (1); Journal of Asian and African Studies (1); Journal of Cultural Geography (21); Journal of Geography (15); Journal of Geography in Higher Education (35); Journal of Global Slavery (1); Journal of Hate Studies (1); Journal of Heritage Tourism (9); Journal of Historical Geography (15); Journal of Historical Sociology (1); Journal of Material Culture (2); Journal of Modern Slavery (1); Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change (2); Journal of Tourism History (2); Journal of Transport History (1); Journal of Urban Affairs (1); Journal of Urban History (2); Land (1); Landscape Research (1); Latino Studies (2); Material Culture (2); Memory Studies (13); Mobilities (2); Mondes du Tourisme (2); Museum & Society (2); North Carolina Geographer (2); Northeastern Geographer (1); Oxford Bibliographies (2); Papers for the Applied Geography Conference (2); People & Nature (1); Political Geography (17); Professional Geographer (20); Progress in Human Geography (2); Public Art

Dialogue (2); Public Humanities (1); Rural Sociology (1); Social and Cultural Geography (37); Social Forces (5); Social Sciences (8); Social Science & Medicine (1); Societies (4); Southeastern Geographer (21); Southern Communication Journal (1); Southern Cultures (2); Time & Society (1); Tourism Geographies (32); Tourism Recreation Research (3); Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers (8); Urban Geography (13); Urban Science (1); Urban Studies (1)

REVIEWER OF BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS AND PROPOSALS (34)

- Ashgate Press (2006, 2009)
- Bristol University Press (2021)
- Center for American Places (2010, 2015)
- Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd (2018, 2026)
- Louisiana State University Press (2022)
- Lexington Books (2023)
- McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers (2025)
- Mellen Press (2005)
- MIT Press (2022)
- Oxford University Press (2001, 2017)
- Palgrave (Pivot Series) (2018)
- Palgrave Macmillan (2026)
- Routledge (2004, 2014, 2020, 2024, 2025, 2026 (2))
- Rowman & Littlefield (2013, 2016, 2018)
- Springer (2023)
- Temple University Press (2001)
- University of Georgia Press (2007, 2009, 2016)
- University of Minnesota Press (2023)
- University of Toronto Press (2023)
- University of Virginia Press (2024)
- University Press of Florida (2012, 2017)

REVIEWER OF GRANTS PROPOSALS & FINAL REPORTS (29)

- Public Spaces in Transition Program, Vienna Science and Technology Fund (Austria) (2013)
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada) (2011, 2012[2], 2014, 2018, 2024)
- Economic and Social Research Council (UK) (2009)
- European Research Council (2024)
- National Geographic Society (2012[2])
- National Science Foundation (2007, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021[2], 2022)
- Howard Foundation, Brown University (2006)
- Israel Science Foundation (2004, 2014)
- German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research & Development (2002)
- University of Milwaukee Innovation and Discovery Grant program (2019)
- Austrian Science Fund (FWF) (2014, 2015, 2020)
- Swiss National Science Foundation (2025)

REVIEWER OF CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS & PROCEEDINGS

- Invited Member, Scientific Committee, International Congress of Architecture (ICONARCH) III:

- Memory of Place in Architecture and Planning, Konya, Turkey, 2017.
- 35th International Geographical Congress, Dublin, Ireland, 2024
- Invited Member, Scientific Committee, Congress of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences, Vienna, Austria, 2027.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory level (9 different courses)

- Geography of Recreation: Cultural Geography of Leisure (East Carolina Univ.)
- Global Issues and Society (Georgia College & State University)
- Introduction to Geography (Georgia College & State University, East Carolina University)
- Introduction to Human Geography (University of Georgia, University of Tennessee)
- Peoples, Places, and Environments (East Carolina University)
- Power of Place (Honors Course) (East Carolina University)
- Resources, Society, and the Environment (University of Georgia)
- World Regional Geography (Georgia Southern University)
- World Geography, Developed Regions (East Carolina University)

Upper-division, undergraduate (11 different courses)

- Cultural Geography (Georgia Southern University, Georgia College & State University)
- Geographic Images (East Carolina Univ.)
- Geographies of American Popular Culture (University of Tennessee)
- Geography of the American South (Georgia Southern University)
- Geography of Tourism (East Carolina Univ.)
- Historical Geography of the United States (East Carolina Univ.)
- Maps, Society and Power (University of Tennessee)
- Political Geography (Georgia College & State University)
- Practicing Geography (University of Tennessee)
- Southern Spaces and Places (University of Tennessee)
- Urban Geography (Georgia Southern University)

Graduate level (16 different courses)

- Advanced Geographic Images (East Carolina University)
- Cultural Geography (Georgia Southern University, Georgia College & State University)
- Geography of the American South (Georgia Southern University)
- Introduction to Geographical Research & Professional Development (University of Tennessee)
- Political Geography (Georgia College & State University)
- Seminar in Cultural Geography (East Carolina University)
- Seminar in Geography of the American South (University of Tennessee)
- Seminar in the Geography of Heritage (East Carolina University)
- Seminar in Maps, Society, and Power (University of Tennessee)
- Seminar in Public Memory (University of Tennessee)
- Seminar in Race and Public Memory (University of Tennessee)
- Seminar in Tourism Geographies (University of Tennessee)
- Topics in Qualitative Methods (University of Tennessee)
- Topics in Cultural Geography (University of Tennessee)
- Tourism Development (East Carolina University)

- Urban Geography (Georgia Southern University)

Special instructional settings

- Guest speaker, GEOG 41: Maps, Society, and Power (University of Tennessee). “On The Living Black Atlas.” Spring 2026.
- Guest speaker, GEOG 345: People and Environment (University of Tennessee). “The Entangled Cultural Geography of Kudzu.” Fall 2025.
- Guest speaker, GEO 605: Writing Geography (Syracuse University). “A Working Class Approach to Writing for Academic and Public Audiences.” Spring 2024.
- Guest Panelist, Geography 499: Practicing Geography (University of Tennessee). “Applying for and Succeeding in Graduate School.” Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 420: GIS and Community (University of Tennessee). “Introducing the Beck Center Client and GIS as Reparative Storytelling.” Fall 2019
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 363: Southern Spaces & Places (University of Tennessee). “The Cult of the Pig: BBQ, Tourism, and Civil Rights.” Spring 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 363: Southern Spaces & Places (University of Tennessee). “Untangling the Place of Kudzu in Southeastern US.” Spring 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 363: Southern Spaces & Places (University of Tennessee), “Race, Memory, and Southern Heritage Tourism: The Politics of Doing Justice to the Enslaved at Plantation Museums,” Spring 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, Anthropology 450: Current Trends in Anthropology and Anthropology 357: Junior Honors in Anthropology (University of Tennessee). “Renaming, Racial (In)Justice, and the Tough Work of Remaking Place And Public Memory: Toward University Campus Landscapes As Curriculum. Fall 2018.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 345: People and Environment (two sections) (University of Tennessee). “The Place of Kudzu within the Southeastern United States,” Fall 2018, Spring 2019.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 423: Geography of American Popular Culture (University of Tennessee). “Barbeque Tourism, Civil Rights, and Cult of the Pig.” Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 320: Core Concepts in Cultural Geography (University of Tennessee). “Place, Naming, and Interpretation of Cultural Landscape,” Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
- Guest Lecturer, HRT 484: Critical Sustainable Tourism Studies (University of Tennessee). “The Green Book and the Racial Politics of Travel & Hospitality.” Fall 2017.
- Guest Lecturer, History 356: 1960s in America (University of Tennessee). “Memory, Race, and the Politics of Place: Naming Streets for Martin Luther King, Jr.” Fall 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, Honors 318: College Scholars Seminar (University of Tennessee). “Navigating the Terrain of Discrimination: The *Green Book* and Mapping Jim Crow Journey Stories.” Spring 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 101: World Regional Geography (University of Tennessee). “The Place of Kudzu within the Southeastern United States,” Fall 2013, Spring 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, Geography 363: Geography of the American South (University of Tennessee). “The Politics Remembering Slavery in the South.” Spring 2013.
- Guest Lecturer, SUTO 6000: Principles of Tourism & Sustainability (East Carolina University). “Sustainable Tourism as a Place-Based Profession.” Fall 2010.
- Guest Lecturer, COAS 2025: Survey of Coastal and Marine Resources (East Carolina University). “Tourism and Sense of Place: A Critical Introduction.” Fall 2009.
- Guest Lecturer, SOCI 4345: Race and Cultural Minorities (East Carolina University). “The Politics of Naming Streets for Martin Luther King, Jr,” Spring 2008.
- Guest Lecturer, GEOG 4140/6160: Qualitative Research Methods in Human Geography (East

- Carolina University). “Hurricane Graffiti as a Research Project.” Spring 2007.
- Guest Lecturer, ELEM 6406: Social Studies in the Elementary School (East Carolina University). “Geography for Teachers.” Fall 2006.
- Guest Lecturer, GEOG 3250: Environmental Hazards (East Carolina University). “The Writing on the Plywood: Toward an Analysis of Hurricane Graffiti.” Fall 2006.
- Guest Lecturer, GEOG 4335/6335: Geography of Tourism/Tourism Development (East Carolina University). “Power and Politics of Representation: The Case of Tourist Brochures.” Fall 2006.
- Guest Lecturer, GEOG 4540/6540: Coastal Storms/Advanced Coastal Storms (East Carolina University). “The Writing on the Plywood: Toward an Analysis of Hurricane Graffiti.” Fall 2005, Fall 2007, Fall 2010, Fall 2011.
- Regular Guest Lecturer, CRM 6100: Introduction to Coastal Problems and Their Management (East Carolina University) “Coastal Resource Management as a Place-Profession.” 2005-2008.
- Regular Guest Lecturer, GEOG 4999: Professional Development Seminar. (East Carolina University) “How to Apply to Graduate School in Geography.” 2004-2012.
- Member of Instructional Team, “GEOG 6350: Seminar in Rural Development” (East Carolina University), “Place and Cultural Politics of Development,” Fall 2002.
- AP Consultant and Assistant Director, “Advanced Placement Human Geography Summer Institute for High School Teachers,” summer 2001 (North Carolina Geographic Alliance)
- Facilitator and Co-Organizer, “Southern Cultures” Honors Seminar, spring 2000 (Georgia College & State University)
- Workshop Speaker/Leader, “Southern Cultures” Honors Seminar, Georgia College & State University. Spoke on the historical geography of kudzu, Elvis' cultural landscapes, and the role of the sheriff in southern culture. Spring 2000.
- Guest Lecturer and Geography Advisor in “Old Governor's Mansion Workshop,” Georgia College & State University. Spoke on Kudzu and the Electronic Atlas of Georgia. Summer 1999 & 2000.
- Middle Grades Teacher Education Course, Georgia College & State University, “Geography for Teachers,” Fall 1998.
- Guest Lecturer and Course Co-Developer, “Computer-Assisted World Geography: A Course for Pre-Service Teachers” (Georgia Southern University), Spring 1996

Laboratory Assistant/Instructor

- Introduction to Landforms (University of Georgia)
- Cartography and Graphic Design (University of Georgia)
- Weather and Climate (University of Georgia)
- Geographic Perspectives on Multiculturalism in the US (regular and honors section) (University of Georgia)

ADVISING/MENTORING ACTIVITIES

- **Undergraduate Advisor**
 - East Carolina University, geography majors (10 students annually)
 - Georgia College & State University, history majors (20 students annually)
- **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor**
 - Kim Jones (2003), Geography, East Carolina University
“Antiques Tourism: The Selling of Heritage in Eastern North Carolina.”
- **Graduate Student Advisor/Major Professor**
 - **Completed (38 Total)**
 - Shannon Arnold (MS, 2011, thesis), Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University,

- “Legislative Perceptions of Sustainable Tourism: The Case of the North Carolina General Assembly.”
- Stefanie Benjamin (MS, 2011, thesis), Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University, “Lost in Mount Airy/Mayberry: The Importance of Tourist Profiles in Sustainable Tourism Planning.”
 - Ethan Bottone (PhD, 2020, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “*The Green Book* and a Black Sense of Movement: Black Mobilities and Motilities during the Jim Crow Era.”
 - Jordan Brasher (PhD, 2020, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “From South of the Mason-Dixon Line to South of the Equator: A Critical Exploration of the Transnational Contours of Confederate Memory.”
 - Luke Brice (MS, 2024, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee (co-advisor with Tracey Norrell), “Labor Trafficking on the Global Sporting Stage.”
 - Janna Caspersen (PhD, 2018, dissertation, Geography, University of Tennessee, “Crowdsourcing the Reputation of Martin Luther King: Twitter as a Place of Memory.”
 - Matt Cook (PhD, 2016, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Critical Historical Geographies of Slavery.”
 - Jacob “Alex” Cooper (MS, 2020, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Making Orange Green? A Critical Geographic Approach to Carbon Footprinting Tennessee Football Tourism.”
 - Bethany Craig (MS, 2022, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Scars as Cartography: Bodily Commemoration and Memorials.”
 - Anna Eskridge (MA, 2007, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Politics of Anti-Kudzu Legislation in Missouri: An Analysis of Discourses and Material Practices Surrounding Exotics Eradication.”
 - Emily Frazier (PhD, 2019, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Providing Refuge: Faith-Based Resettlement and Refugee Integration in the USA” (co-advisor with Micheline van Riemsdijk, Uppsala University, Sweden).
 - Glenn Gentry (MA, 2004, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Walking with the Dead: An Analysis of Ghost Walk Tours in Savannah, Georgia.”
 - Justin Gross (MA, 2006, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Bridging the Festival Gap: Comparing Organizers’ Perceptions of Visitors to a Survey of Visitors to the Carolina Renaissance Festival, 2005.”
 - Hannah Gunderman (PhD, 2018, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Popular Geopolitics, Empathy, and Cultural-Media Geographies in Doctor Who Fandom.”
 - Laura Heavner (MA, 2006, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Power of Photography: Gender and Racial/Ethnic Images in North Carolina Tourism Brochures.”
 - Allison Hueber (MA, 2011, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Analyzing Resident Place Satisfaction in a Tourist Destination through Auto-Photography: The Case of Southern Shores.”
 - Seth Kannarr (PhD, 2026, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “What’s in a Name? Reimagining the Geography of Naming Designations in the USA National Park System.”
 - Richard Kennedy (MA, 2013, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University,

“Automobility, Hospitality African American Tourism, and Mapping Victor H. Green’s *Negro Motorist Green Book*.”

- Jennifer Mann (MA, 2010, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Coast as a Vernacular Region.”
- Suzanne McArdle (MA, 2008, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are: The Myspace Lesbian and Her Material Social World.”
- E. Arnold Modlin, Jr. (MA, 2008, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Back of the Plantation Museum: An Evaluation of the Representation of Slavery at North Carolina Historic Sites.”
- Terri Moreau, (MA, 2008, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Can You Hear the Voices on the Walls? How Graffiti is known in Punitive and Tolerant Public Spaces.”
- Christopher McPhilamy (MA, 2004, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Effect of Travel Patterns on Geographic Literacy: Using the World Wide Web to Survey U.S. College Students.”
- L.J. Palmer-Maloney (PhD, 2012, dissertation), Coastal Resources Management, East Carolina University, “Human-Environment Interaction & Water Complexities: Mustering Science and Policy for a Coastal Resources Management Approach to Counterinsurgency Operations.”
- Micah Ortiz (MS, 2025, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Field of Forgotten Dreams: The Role of Memorial Myopia in Representing Black Baseball History in Birmingham, Alabama.”
- Jennifer Ott (MS, 2025, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Campus Social Infrastructure for International Students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK).”
- William Caleb Parker (MA, 2007, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Politics of Church Space: North Carolina’s United Methodist Clergy Respond to Homosexuality.”
- Jeff Prince (MA, 2003, internship report), Geography, East Carolina University, “‘Eat Mo’ Shad: An Analysis of Festival Making in Grifton, North Carolina.”
- Tyler Sonnichsen (PhD, 2017, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Capitals of Punk: Paris, DC, and the Circulation of Urban Counter-narratives.”
- Katrina Stack (PhD, 2025, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “From Freedom Houses to Tent Cities: Historic ‘Homes’ and the Preservation of Civil Rights Memory.”
- James Tripp (MA, 2004, internship report), Geography, East Carolina University, “Flood Insurance and Hazard Mitigation: The Role of the Community Rating System.”
- Yael Uziel (MS, 2021, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Messy Zoning and Studentification: The Case of Fort Sanders, Knoxville, Tennessee.”
- Emma Walcott-Wilson (PhD, 2019, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Tour guides as place-makers: Emotional labor, plantation aesthetics, and interpretations of slavery in South Carolina.”
- Robert Walker (MS, 2019, non-thesis project), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Defining the Temporal and Geospatial Boundaries of the Great African American Migration in the United States.”

- Heather Ward (PhD, 2010, dissertation), Coastal Resources Management, East Carolina University, “Creating the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument: The Pivotal Role of Media Geography and Policy Entrepreneurs.”
- Matt Watterson (MA, 2010, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Evaluating the Sustainability of Heritage Tourism and Historic Preservation in New Bern, North Carolina.”
- Reagan Yessler (MS, 2021, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, "Social Inequity in Memories of Shakespeare: The Fetishizing Power of the Globe Theatre"
- Jihwan Yoon (PhD, 2017, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “The Korean Comfort Women Commemoration Campaign”: The Role of Intersectionality, Symbolic Places, and Transnational Circulation in Politics of Memory and Human Rights.”
- **In progress (0)**
- **Graduate Student Advisory Committee Member**
 - **Completed (58 Total)**
 - Christopher Acuff (PhD, 2017, dissertation), Political Science, University of Tennessee, “Beyond the City-County Divide: Race, Referenda, and Representation in Consolidated Governments.”
 - Sam Bowden Akbari (PhD, 2023, dissertation), Geography, Rutgers University, “‘Symbols and Systems!’: Exploring the Politics of Urban Fallism in the U.S. South.”
 - Michaelina Antahades (MS, 2011, non-thesis project), Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University, “Racial Images in State Travel Guides: A Study of the Carolinas.”
 - Rosemary Ayelazuno (MS, 2023, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Examining housing experiences among International Students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK).”
 - Andy Baker (PhD, 2013, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “IndyCar Races and the Marketing of Places: A Geographic and Marketing Exploration of IndyCar Racing in the United States.”
 - Melanie Barron (PhD, 2016, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Remediating a Toxic Town: Power, Place, and Justice in Anniston, Alabama.”
 - Scott Basford (MS, 2014, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “International Student Migration for Development: An Institutional Approach to the Norwegian Quota Scheme.”
 - Stefanie Benjamin (PhD, 2015, dissertation), Educational Foundations and Inquiry, University of South Carolina, “Telling a different narrative: Exploring the values and challenges of performing enslaved community members' stories at US southern plantation museums”
 - Robert Best (MA, 2005, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Spatial Politics of Gerrymandering.”
 - Mary Biggs (PhD, 2023, dissertation), Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill, “Playing in a Painful Past: Challenges and Opportunities of Interpreting Slavery in Leisure Landscapes at Plantation Museums”
 - Matt Blaylock (PhD, 2017, dissertation), History, University of Tennessee “Appalachian Aristocrats: How Tourists, Elites, and Mountaineers Created a New

Western North Carolina, 1880-1920.”

- Ruth Bowling (MS, 2014, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “The Antagonist Art Movement: Creating Community through Art Spaces.”
- Justin Briggs (MA, 2010, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Locational Aspects of Adaptive Reuse: The Case of North Carolina Textile Mills.”
- Daniel Brock (PhD, 2022, dissertation), Anthropology, University of Tennessee, “An Archaeological Study of Pit Cellars and Identity in Tennessee.”
- Charles Brown, Jr. (MA, 2004, thesis), Recreation & Leisure Studies, East Carolina University, “Customer Satisfaction Based on Perceived Value of Stay at a Premiere Golf Resort.”
- Rachel Campbell (MA, 2008, internship), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Design of a Postal Code System for Trinidad and Tobago.”
- Patia M. Connell (MS, 2010, thesis), Biology, East Carolina University, “Predator out of Place: The Differential Impacts of Native and Non-Native Crayfish on Bufo Tadpoles.”
- Neil Conner (PhD, 2015, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Contested Notions of Irishness: Social integration and the multiple intersections of ethno-racial, religious, and national identities in Dublin, Ireland.”
- Shaundra Cunningham (PhD, 2022, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Sermon Geographies: Black People as Spiritual Cartographers in South Carolina.”
- Heather Davis (PhD, 2022, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Genealogy Tells: Using Older Women’s Experiences of Gendered Health Inequity and Familial Mortality to Inform Health and Aging Policies Across East Tennessee.”
- Michael Edwards (MA, 2006, thesis), Exercise and Sports Science, East Carolina University, “NASCAR as Postmodern Sport.”
- Valerie Grussing (Ph.D., 2009, dissertation), Coastal Resources Management Program, East Carolina University, “Reanimating the Graveyard: Heritage Tourism Development of North Carolina Shipwrecks.”
- Sean Hawley (MA, 2009, internship), Geography, East Carolina University, “Greenville Utilities Commission: GIS Training Plan, 2009.”
- Bradley Hinger (MS, 2018, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Racism unwritten: the materiality of memory and ‘Southering’ beyond the text.”
- Joshua Hodge (PhD, 2019, dissertation), History, University of Tennessee, “Alabama’s Public Wilderness: Reconstruction, Natural Resources, and the End of the Southern Commons.”
- Lavinia Horner (PhD, 2018, dissertation), Modern Foreign Languages & Literatures, University of Tennessee, “Cultural Heritage Superimposition in the Novels of Emmanuel Robles and Maissa Bey.”
- José Izquierdo (MS, 2014, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Belgian Identity Politics: At a Crossroad between Nationalism and Regionalism.”
- Devyn Kelly (MS, 2023, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Knoxville is Home Because I Have Made it That Way”: Drag Family and the Politics of Joy in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Alicia Laffoon (PhD, 2017, dissertation), Elementary Education, University of Tennessee, “Elementary Pre-service Teachers’ Attitudes toward Digitized Visual Primary Sources in Social Studies.”

- Elin Langholm (MA, 2002, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Ecotourism in Dominica.”
- Rhiannon Leebrick (PhD, 2015, dissertation), Sociology, University of Tennessee, “Environmental Gentrification and Development in a Rural Appalachian Community: Blending Critical Theory and Ethnography.”
- Russ Lewis (Ph.D., 2009, dissertation), Coastal Resources Management, East Carolina University, “Towards Defining a Coast: Delineating the North Carolina Coast through Policy, Cultural, and Scientific Perspectives.”
- Gavin Malone (PhD, 2012, dissertation), School of Environment, Flinders University (Australia), “Phases of Aboriginal Inclusion in the Public Space in Adelaide, South Australia.”
- Marvin N. McFadyen (MA, 2002, internship report), Geography, East Carolina University, “GIS and Local Elections Administration.”
- Jessie Messina (MA, 2009, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “A Word Frequency Analysis of HIV/AIDS Policies in Four African Countries.”
- Calvin Mires (PhD, 2014, dissertation), Coastal Resources Management, East Carolina University, “The Value of Maritime Archaeological Heritage: An Exploratory Study of the Cultural Capital of Shipwrecks of the Atlantic.”
- Katherine Morris (PhD, 2016, dissertation), Sociology, University of Tennessee, “The Scruffy City: Development in Knoxville, TN.”
- Alison Murray (MS, 2012, thesis), Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University, “Factors Influencing Brand Loyalty to Craft Breweries in North Carolina.”
- Shamaury Myrick (MA, 2006, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Legacy of Mistrust: The Challenges of Participatory Planning in West Greenville, North Carolina”
- Jill Naar (MA, 2010, thesis), Recreation and Leisure Studies, East Carolina University, “International Tourism Later in life: Innovation Theory Related to Benefits Gained.”
- Velvet Nelson (MA, 2003, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “Representation and Images of Ecotourism in Grenada.”
- John Nichols (PhD, 2020, dissertation), English, University of Tennessee, “Bioregional Ethics in the Literature of the United States.”
- Daniel Pizappi (PhD, 2022, dissertation), English, University of Tennessee, “Reading Pantemporality: The Present, Past, and Future of Slavery and Abolition in US Fiction Post-1945.”
- Casey Price (PhD, 2025, dissertation), History, University of Tennessee, “Given to This Land: Mapping Settler Colonialism in Kituwah, 1682-1810.”
- Joseph Roberts (MS, 2015, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Four Dimensional Approach to Center City Transformation: A Case Study of Knoxville, Tennessee, 1884-1950.”
- Helen Rosko (MS, 2015, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Drinking and Remaking Place: A Study of the Impact of Commercial Moonshine in East Tennessee.”
- Gwen Ruttencutter (PhD, 2018, dissertation), Educational Psychology & Research, University of Tennessee, “Getting Gritty with It: An Examination of Self-Directed Learning and Grit among Doctoral Students.”
- Hope Smith (PhD, 2017, dissertation), Anthropology, University of Tennessee,

“Adorned Identities: An Archaeological Perspective on Race and Self-Presentation in 18th-Century Virginia.”

- Jeremy Smith (PhD, 2021, dissertation), Sociology, University of Tennessee, “The ‘Puppicide’ of Policing: How the Law Rationalizes the Police Killing of ‘Dangerous Dogs.’”
- Matthew Smith (PhD, 2017, dissertation), English, University of Tennessee, “Translating Chopin’s Parrot: Local Color Louisiana and the Limits of Literary Interpretation, 1865-1914.”
- Hannah Soblo (PhD, 2022, dissertation), Rhetoric, Writing, and Linguistics, University of Tennessee, “Layering Landscapes: Linguistic Commodification and Semiotic Layering in United States’ Recreational Spaces.”
- Brandon Story (PhD, 2019, dissertation) English, University of Tennessee. “Appalachian Modernism.”
- Mimi Thomas (MS, 2018, thesis), Geography, University of Tennessee, “The Ever-Changing Role of the East Side Gallery: The Relationship between Memorialization and Urban Redevelopment.”
- Lindy Westenhoff (PhD, dissertation, 2022), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Purpose in Place: Discerning and Forefronting Forgotten Landscapes using the Methodological Lens of Augmented Reality.”
- Melissa Wicks (MA, 2007, thesis), Geography, East Carolina University, “The Academic Aspirations of Foreign Born Latino Youth in Rural North Carolina.”
- Whit Winslow (MS, 2012, thesis), Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University, “How Do You Fly...Fish: Environmental Behavior, Travel, and Sport Involvement of Fly Fishers in North Carolina.”
- Yessler, Reagan (PhD, 2024, dissertation), Geography, University of Tennessee, “Cosplay, Community, and Queerness in Cosplay Spaces of Tennessee.”

In progress (4)

- Lauren Baghetti (MS), Geography, University of Tennessee
- Brian Boyce (PhD), Geography, University of Tennessee
- Tatianna Griffin (PhD), Anthropology, University of Tennessee
- Grace Martin-Young (MS), Geography, University of Tennessee

• **Other Advising/Mentoring Activities**

- Faculty sponsor/advisor for over 130 student presentations at academic meetings and conferences
- Faculty Advisor, GeoClub student organization, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2002-2009. The organization assisted in funding the travel of at least 100 students to professional academic conferences.
- Faculty Advisor/Sponsor, GTU (Gamma Theta Upsilon), National Geography Honor Society, 2002-2009.
- Assisted Steve Spina, PhD student in Political Science at the University of Florida, on dissertation research examining the impact of naming streets for MLK on property values in select southern cities, 2007-Present.
- Assisted Zanetta Starks, MA student in Florida Studies at USF-St. Petersburg, FL., on a project examining the naming of streets for MLK in Central Florida, February 2008.

- Assisted Veronica Medina, Senior Project, Baldwin Park High School, Baldwin Park, California. Project Title: ‘Naming Streets after Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez.’ April 2007.
- Assisted Jacob Robinson, AP Research Project, Los Angeles (CA) Center for Enriched Studies, “Analysis of Visit Responses to National Memorial for Peace and Justice,” October 2020-June 2021.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

National Associations

1. American Association of Geographers (1994-Present)
 - Member, AAG Awards Committee (2024-2027)
 - Member, Healthy Departments Committee (2023-Present)
 - Co-Chair, AAG Strategic Communications Editorial Board (2021-2023)
 - Past President & Member of AAG Council and Executive Committee (2018-2019)
 - President and Member of AAG Council and Executive Committee (2017-2018)
 - Vice President and Member of AAG Council and Executive Committee (2016-2017)
 - Regional Councilor (representing Southeast) and member of AAG Council (2011-2014)
 - Chair, Publications Committee (oversee editorial activities of Annals of the AAG and Professional Geographer) (2012-2014)
 - Chair, Award for Program Excellence Committee, Association of American Geographers (2015-2017).
 - Member, J. Warren Nystrom Dissertation Award Committee (2011-2012)
 - Member, Committee on College Geography and Careers (2011-2017)
 - Co-Founder, Study of the American South Specialty Group (2007)
 - Chair, Cultural Geography Specialty Group (2002-2004)
 - Awards Director, Cultural Geography Specialty Group, (1998-2001)
 - Web page developer and listserv moderator, Cultural Geography Specialty Group, AAG (1997-2001, 2002-2007)
2. American Geographical Society (2016-Present)
3. American Name Society (2001-2012)
4. American Studies Association (2005-2007, 2009-2012)
5. Memory Studies Association (2020-Present)
6. National Council for Geographic Education (1996-Present)
7. National Council for Social Studies (2016-2025)
8. North American Cartographic Information Society (2025-Present)

Regional Associations

1. Popular Culture Association in the South (2000-2003, 2009-2012)
2. Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (1995-Present)
 - Past President (2009-2011)
 - President (2007-2009)
 - Endowment Committee (2022-Present)
 - Chair (2002) and Chair-Elect (2001), Honors Committee
 - Member, Program Committee (2000, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2019)
 - Member, Southern Studies Committee (1998-Present)
 - Team Coordinator, Georgia World Geography Bowl Team (1995)

State Associations

1. North Carolina Geographical Society (2000-Present)
 - President (2002-2003)
 - Vice President (2001-2002)
 - Member, Steering Committee (2000-2001)
 - Co-Organizer, Annual Meeting (2007)
2. North Carolina Geographic Alliance
 - Co-Coordinator (2002-2004)
3. Tennessee Geographic Alliance
 - Member, Advisory Board (2012-2017, 2020-2023)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP

Organization of Special Conferences/Workshops/Meetings (3)

- 2023 Organizer with Kurt Butefish, Joshua Kenna, and Kayla Roulhac. “Geographic Mobility’s Role in African American Freedom Struggle.” A One-Day Pedagogical Clinic/Workshop for Secondary Educators at National Council for Social Studies, Nashville, TN. November 30, 2023.
- 2007 Organizer with Reuben Rose-Redwood & Maoz Azaryahu, “Naming Places/ Placing Names: An International Workshop.” A State of the Art Conference at East Carolina University. Sponsored by American Name Society, University of Alabama Place Name Research Center, Texas A&M University, & East Carolina University. Oct 13-16, 2007.
- Organizer with Bill Graves, Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Geographical Society, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 5-6, 2007.

Conference Leadership (3)

- 2027 Member, Scientific Committee, XXIX International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS): Names as Condensed Narratives, Vienna, Austria, August 2027.
- 2018 Board Member, Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference, Texas State University/University of Texas-Austin, 2018.
- 2017 Member, Scientific Committee, International Congress of Architecture (ICONARCH) III: Memory of Place in Architecture and Planning, Konya, Turkey, May 2017.

Organization of Special Sessions (131)

- 2026 Paper session organizer (with Katrina Stack and Jacque Micieli-Voutsinas). “Contested Heritage in the Era of Trumpism 2.0 I.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA. March 2026.
- Paper session organizer (with Katrina Stack and Jacque Micieli-Voutsinas). “Contested Heritage in the Era of Trumpism 2.0 II.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA. March 2026.
- 2025 Panel session organizer (with Katrina Stack). “Memory-Work in the Era of Trump 2.0.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of

Geographers, Lexington, KY. November 2025.

Paper session organizer (with Joshua Inwood, Reginald Archer, and Anthony Robinson). “Black Cartography I: Curating and Advancing The Living Black Atlas.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Detroit, MI. March 2025.

Paper session organizer (with Joshua Inwood and Reginald Archer). “Black Cartography II: Curating and Advancing The Living Black Atlas.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Detroit, MI. March 2025.

Panel session organizer (with Ken Foote and Sarah Bednarz). “Making the Case for Geography in Our Classrooms 1: Lightning Lessons for Transformative Learning.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Detroit, MI. March 2025.

Panel session organizer (with Ken Foote and Sarah Bednarz). “Making the Case for Geography in Our Classrooms 2: Lightning Lessons for Transformative Learning.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Detroit, MI. March 2025.

2024 Panel session organizer and moderator, “Writing for The Conversation: Opportunities, Challenges, and Advice.” Campus-wide faculty development event at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. September 2024.

2023 Paper session organizer. “Teaching to Make Interventions in America’s Place Name Wars.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Columbia, SC. October 2023.

Panel session organizer (with Katrina Stack). “‘The Unmarked and Unremarked:’ Interpreting the Neglected Spaces of the African American Freedom Struggle.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Public History, Atlanta, GA. April 2023.

Paper session organizer (with Seth Kannarr). “Place Naming Turn I.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 2023.

Paper session organizer (with Seth Kannarr). “Place Naming Turn II.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 2023.

2022 Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Sheehan). “Memory-Work I: The Politics and Implications of Truth-Telling.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Atlanta, GA, November 2022.

Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Sheehan). “Memory-Work II: Creative Knowledge Making and Community Engagement.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Atlanta, GA, November 2022.

Paper session organizer (with Joshua Inwood). “Counter Mapping and the Infrastructures of Visual Life 1: Race and the Politics of Mapping.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New York, NY, February 2022 (virtual)

- Paper session organizer (with Joshua Inwood). "Counter Mapping and the Infrastructures of Visual Life 2: Public Interventions." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New York, NY, February 2022 (virtual)
- 2021 Panel session organizer (with Alex Moulton). "Remembering and Honoring the Life and Work of Bobby Wilson." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Florence, AL, November 2021.
- Panel session organizer (with Jordan Brasher). "On Writing for *The Conversation*: Authors Discuss Benefits, Strategies, & Challenges." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Florence, AL, November 2021.
- Panel session organizer (with Mark Rhodes, Jordan Brasher, and Rebecca Sheehan). "Memory and Geography, Part 1: Narratives in Space and Time." Memory Studies Association Meeting, Warsaw, Poland (virtual), July 2021.
- Panel session organizer (with Mark Rhodes, Jordan Brasher, and Rebecca Sheehan). "Memory and Geography, Part 2: Ruins and Rights, Urban Memory Politics." Memory Studies Association Meeting, Warsaw, Poland (virtual), July 2021.
- Panel session organizer (with Mark Rhodes, Jordan Brasher, and Rebecca Sheehan). "Memory and Geography, Part 3: Racial Justice." Memory Studies Association Meeting, Warsaw, Poland (virtual), July 2021.
- Panel session organizer (with Mark Rhodes, Jordan Brasher, and Rebecca Sheehan). "Memory and Geography, Part 4: Innovations and Intersections." Memory Studies Association Meeting, Warsaw, Poland (virtual), July 2021.
- 2020 Panel session organizer (with Jordan Brasher). "Monumental Struggles: Removing and Renaming Public Symbols to White Supremacy." Race, Ethnicity, and Place Meeting (virtual), October 2020.
- 2019 Panel session organizer (with Jordan Brasher). "Public Writing and Media Engagement in Geography: Opportunities and Challenges for Engaging Broader Publics." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Wilmington, NC, November 2019.
- 2018 Panel session organizer (with Shaundra Cunningham), "Geographies of Aretha Franklin." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Johnson City, TN, November 2018.
- Plenary session organizer, "Presidential opening session: When the Big Easy Isn't So Easy: Learning from New Orleans' Geographies of Struggle." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.
- Paper session organizer, "50th Anniversary of the MLK Assassination: Revisiting the Memory and Continuing Urgency of the African American Freedom Struggle." Annual

Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer (with Reuben Rose-Redwood), “#TakeEmDown: Anti-Racist Struggles to Remove Symbols of White Supremacy from Public Spaces.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Paper session organizer (with Chris Post), “Public Engagement, and Memory Work, and Landscape as Pedagogy I.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Paper session organizer (with Chris Post), “Public Engagement, and Memory Work, and Landscape as Pedagogy II.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer (with Chris Post), “Public Engagement, and Memory Work, and Landscape as Pedagogy III.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Pop-Up Public Programming & Storytelling.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do It Yourself (DIY) Engagement: How to Communicate Science and Geographic Knowledge.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Organizing for Positive Change.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Bringing Students and Community Members Together in Shared Learning.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Effective Political Action, Evidence-based Advocacy.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Engaging Broader Publics via Op-eds and Opinion Pieces.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Entry Points for GIS in Public Pedagogy.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Film and Filmmaking.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

2018.

Panel session organizer, “Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Engagement: Teach-Ins.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

2017 Panel session organizer, “A Place-Based Approach to Teaching Civil Rights: Why Black Geographies Matter.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Albuquerque, NM July 2017.

Panel session organizer, “Need for Public Intellectuals in a Trump America: Strategies for Communication, Engagement, and Advocacy.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA April 2017.

2016 Paper session organizer, “Race, Gender, and Tourism Geographies.” Race, Ethnicity & Place VIII, Kent, Ohio, September 2016.

Panel session organizer (with Josh Inwood and Solange Munoz), “Teaching Civil Rights as a Geography Awareness Week Theme.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA April 2016.

Panel session organizer (with Josh Inwood) “The Politics of Renaming the North American University Campus: A Landscape Intervention.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA April 2016.

2015 Panel session organizer, “Managing the “Egosystem” of Departments: Best Practices in Academic Team-Building.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL April 2015.

2014 Paper session organizer (with Neil Conner), “Identity, Sport, and Race.” Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 2014.

Paper session organizer (with David Butler), “Memory, Slavery, and Tourism: The View from the Southern Plantation Museum.” Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 2014.

Panel session organizer (with David Butler), “Teaching Slavery.” Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 2014.

Paper session organizer, “Teaching Geographies of Race and Mobility through the Green Book.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Memphis, TN August 2014.

Paper session organizer (with Chris Post), “The Business of Naming: A Session in Honor of Wilbur Zelinsky.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

Panel session organizer, “Geographers Engage the Media: Triumphs, Travails, and Tips.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April

2014.

Panel session organizer (with Stephen Hanna), “Exploring Southern Landscapes of Memory with Digital Methods and Technologies.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

Paper session organizer (with Josh Inwood and Richard Wright), “Civil Rights Legacy I: Revisiting the Movement.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

Paper session organizer (with Josh Inwood and Richard Wright), “Civil Rights Legacy II: Everyday and Contemporary Struggles.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

Paper session organizer (with Josh Inwood and Richard Wright), “Civil Rights Legacy III: Expanding Boundaries and Identities.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

Paper session organizer (with David Butler), “The Southern Plantation Museum: The ‘Tough Stuff’ of Heritage Tourism Research I: The Power of Narrative.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

Paper session organizer (with David Butler), “The Southern Plantation Museum: The ‘Tough Stuff’ of Heritage Tourism Research II: The Museum Experience.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

Paper session organizer (with David Butler), “The Southern Plantation Museum: The ‘Tough Stuff’ of Heritage Tourism Research III: Recontextualizing the South.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL April 2014.

2013

Paper session organizer (with Tyrel Moore), “Southern Studies: Memory, Justice and Community.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Roanoke, VA, November 2013.

Paper session organizer (with David Butler), “The River Road Project: Memory, Slavery, and Plantation Museums.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Roanoke, VA, November 2013.

Panel session organizer, “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Manuscript Reviewing.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013.

Panel session organizer, “The New AAG Review of Books: An Editor & Audience Forum.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013.

Paper session organizer (with David Butler and Arnold Modlin, Jr.), “Methodologies in Social Memory and/or Heritage Tourism Research II.” Annual Meeting of the

Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013.

2012

Paper session organizer (with Heather Ward), “Defiant Geographies.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Asheville, NC, November 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin) “Race and Social Justice.” Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin) “Social Justice and Tourism.” Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2012.

Paper session organizer (with John Strait), “Media, Geography, and the Performance of Identity.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), “Slavery and Memory 1: War in the U.S. and Its Connection to Remembering Slavery.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), “Slavery and Memory 2: Southern Plantations.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), “Slavery and Memory 3: Beyond the U.S. South.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), “Slavery and Memory 4: From Enslaved Persons to Citizens.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), “Slavery and Memory 5: Tourism and Slavery.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 2012.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), “Slavery and Memory 6: Where Do We Go from Here? Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 2012.

2011

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin and Huili Hao), “Geographies of Tourism: Performances and Narratives.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Savannah, Georgia, November 2011.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin and Huili Hao), “Geographies of Tourism: Journeys and Transformations.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Savannah, Georgia, November 2011.

- Panel session organizer (with Chris Post), "Teaching Memory and Heritage." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle, Washington, April 2011.
- 2010
- Panel session organizer (with Joshua Inwood), "Critical Pedagogy and the Geography of the U.S. Civil Rights Struggle." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2010.
- Paper session organizer and chair, "Tourism/Race Issues I." Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, Binghamton, New York, October 2010.
- Paper session organizer and chair, "Tourism/Race Issues II." Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, Binghamton, New York, October 2010.
- Paper session organizer and chair, "Tourism/Race Issues III." Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, Binghamton, New York, October 2010.
- Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Dobbs), "Washington DC: Ambiguous Structure and Meaning." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010.
- Panel session organizer (with Rebecca Dobbs), "Washington DC: Competing Landscapes and Conceptions." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010.
- Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Dobbs), "Geographies of Slavery: Mobilities, Borders and Emancipations." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010.
- Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Dobbs), "Geographies of Slavery: Politics of Memory." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010.
- Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Dobbs), "Geographies of Slavery: Theoretical and Empirical Innovations." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010.
- 2009
- Paper session organizer, "New Voices in SEDAAG." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 2009.
- Paper session organizer, "Memory, Policy, and Economy in the Racialized South." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 2009.
- Panel organizer (with Doug Gamble), "Making the Best of a Bad Economy: Challenges and Survival Strategies for Geography Programs." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 2009.

Paper session organizer, "Paradox and Perception: Geographical Studies of the American South." Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association of the South, Wilmington, North Carolina, October 2009.

Panel organizer (with Jani Vuolteenaho), "Commodified Namescapes." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), "Race, Ethnicity and the Dynamic American South." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.

Panel organizer (with Chris Meindl), "The Inadequacy of Paradise." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Environmental History, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2009.

2008

Keynote address organizer, "The Balkans of Barbeque: Pit-Cooked Pork in the Carolinas" by John Shelton Reed. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Paper session organizer (with Tyrel Moore), "Presidential Session on Southern Studies in Geography." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Paper session organizer (with Bill Graves), "Newcomers, New Energy, New Jobs, and NASCAR in North Carolina." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Paper session organizer, "New Voices in SEDAAG I: Physical Geography." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Paper session organizer, "New Voices in SEDAAG II: Human Geography." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Panel organizer and chair/moderator, "The State of SEDAAG: A Forum on the Division and its Future." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Panel session organizer (with Rebecca Torres), "Latinos in the American South: New Southerners in a New South?" Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.

Paper session organizer (with Terri Moreau), "The Geography of Graffiti and Spatial Inscription." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin and Bill Graves), "Memory and Heritage

in the American South,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.

Paper session organizer (with Amy Sumpter and Bill Graves), “Critical Perspectives on the American South,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.

2007 Panel session organizer and moderator, “African American Commemorative Politics: The Confederate Battle Flag and Beyond,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Charleston, South Carolina, November 2007.

Paper session organizer and chair (with Arnold Modlin), “Tourist Sites as Spaces of Dialogue about Slavery,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2007.

Paper session organizer (with Arnold Modlin), “Museum-Building and the Politics of Remembering Slavery,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2007.

2006 Paper session organizer and chair, “Race, Memory, and Landscape in the American South,” Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, San Marcos, Texas, November 2006.

Paper session organizer and chair, “Cultural and Historical Geographies of African Americans,” Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, San Marcos, Texas, November 2006.

Panel session organizer with Rebecca Torres, “Minority Tourism: Challenges & Opportunities,” Making Tourism Work for You II Conference, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, October 2006.

Paper session organizer (with Rudi Hartmann), “Geographies of Contested Memory,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006.

Paper session organizer (with Joshua Inwood and Scott Whitlock), “Critical Perspectives on the Geography of the American South I: Identities and Boundaries,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006.

Paper session organizer (with Joshua Inwood and Scott Whitlock), “Critical Perspectives on the Geography of the American South II: The Politics of Development and Urban Space,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006.

2005 Panel organizer (with Joshua Inwood), “Southern Justice: Toward a Critical Understanding of Social Justice and Geography in the American South,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, West Palm Beach, Florida, November 2005.

- Panel organizer (with Ken Foote), “Erika Doss: Author Meets Audience,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, April 2005.
- 2004 Panel organizer (with Clifton Dixon and Scott Lecce), “Learning to Publish: The Rules, Risks, and Rewards,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 2004.
- Paper session organizer, “MLK Streets: Where Race, Place, and Memory Intersect,” Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, Organized by Binghamton University, Howard University, and Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, September 2004.
- Panel organizer (with Tim Anderson), “Cultural Geography Plenary Panel: Distinguished Scholarship on Race, Ethnicity, and Place,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2004.
- Lecture organizer (with Jeff Popke), “Convergence: A Plenary Lecture on Culture, Rights, and Justice” by Don Mitchell. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2004.
- 2003 Panel organizer (with Scott Lecce), “*Southeastern Geographer*: Looking Back, Looking Forward,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 2003.
- Paper session organizer (with Paul Robbins), “Empire of the Invasives I: Ecology, Culture, and Politics of Exotic Species,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2003.
- Paper session organizer (with Paul Robbins), “Empires of the Invasives II: Ecology, Culture, and Politics of Exotic Species,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2003.
- 2002 Paper session organizer (with Owen Dwyer and Steve Hoelscher), “Geographies of Memory and Commemoration I: American South,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, March 2002.
- Paper session organizer (with Owen Dwyer and Steve Hoelscher), “Geographies of Memory and Commemoration II: Race/Ethnicity,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, March 2002.
- Paper session organizer (with Owen Dwyer and Steve Hoelscher), “Geographies of Memory and Commemoration III: Nations and Nationalism,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, March 2002.
- Paper session organizer (with Owen Dwyer and Steve Hoelscher), “Geographies of Memory and Commemoration IV: Selling the Past,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, March 2002.

Paper session organizer (with Owen Dwyer and Steve Hoelscher), “Geographies of Memory and Commemoration V: Politics of Representation,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, March 2002.

Paper session organizer (with Owen Dwyer and Steve Hoelscher), “Geographies of Memory and Commemoration VI: Journeys,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, California, March 2002.

2001 Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Torres), “Geographies of Tourism I,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Lexington, Kentucky, November 2001.

Paper session organizer (with Rebecca Torres), “Geographies of Tourism II,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Lexington, Kentucky, November 2001.

2000 Panel co-organizer (with William Graves), “Human Geography in the 21st Century: New Identity or Identity Crisis?” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 2000.

1999 Paper session organizer, “New Approaches in Cultural Geography,” Southern Studies Plenary Session, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, Florida, November 1999.

1998 Paper session organizer, “Race, Memory, and Identity in the American South,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1998.

Panel co-organizer (with Eric Fournier), “New Directions in Geography of American South,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1998.

Conference Panelist/Paper Discussant/Invited Participant (56)

2026 Panelist, “The Need for Geographers as Public Intellectuals: Strategies for Effective Communication.” Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, California, March 2026.

Panelist, “Author-Meets-Critics: Violent and Verdant: Systemic Injustice in Public Parks in the U.S. by KangJae “Jerry” Lee.” Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, California, March 2026.

2025 Discussant, “SEDAAG Presidential Panel: The Status of Women in Geography Report.” Annual Meeting of Southeastern Division of American Association of Geographers, Lexington, KY, November 2025.

Panelist, “Strengthening Shared Governance.” SEC Faculty Senate Leadership Conference, Auburn, Alabama, May 2025.

- 2024 Panelist, “Departments in Peril: Tips and Tools for Saving University and College Geography.” Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2024.
- 2023 Participating Author, “Authors Meet Practitioners: *Remembering Enslavement, Reassembling the Southern Plantation Museum*.” Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 2023
- Panelist, “Writing for Journal of Geography in Higher Education.” Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 2023
- Session Chair (“Memory-Work”) and Introducer for Keynote Address, Geosym Conference, University of Tennessee, February 2023.
- 2022 Panelist. “Imposter Syndrome: Let’s Break the Stigma.” Annual Meeting of Southeastern Division of American Association of Geographers, Atlanta, GA, November 2022.
- Panelist. “Author Meet Critics: Jacque Micieli-Voutsinas, Affective Heritage and the Politics of Memory after 9/11.” Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers, New York, NY, February 2022 (virtual).
- 2021 Panelist. “Mentoring and Professional Development for Underrepresented Faculty and Students.” Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2021.
- Panelist, “Memory, Space, and Place Roundtable.” Memory Studies Association Conference, Warsaw, Poland (virtual), July 2021.
- Panelist, “Macmillan Publishers Coffee Hour: Developing a World Geography Learning Resource.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Seattle, Washington (virtual), April 2021.
- Discussant, “Inequality in Geography Education: What We’re Learning from NAEP Research” (by Michael Solem). Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Seattle, Washington (virtual), April 2021.
- 2019 Discussant, *Social & Cultural Geography* Plenary: “The Making of Residential Tourism Space: Land, Servitude and Embodied Histories in Panama” (by Sharlene Mollett). Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 2019.
- Panelist, “AAG and ‘The Conversation’” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 2019.
- 2018 Chair and Introducer, Past President's Address: “Climate, Capital, Conflict – Geographies of Failure or Success in the 21st Century.” Annual Meeting of the

American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Chair and Introducer, Honorary Geographer Dr. Robert Bullard: "The Quest for Environmental and Climate Justice: Why Race and Place Still Matter." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

Panelist, "Revolutionary Methodologies: Strategies and Implications of Challenging Hegemonic Knowledge Production." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

2017 Honoree and Panelist, "Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Honors Professor Derek Alderman." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA April 2017.

Chair and Introducer, "David Harvey Featured Lecture 'Marx, Capital and the Madness of Economic Reason'" Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA April 2017.

Panelist, "The 2016 U.S. Elections: Implications for Geography and Beyond." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA April 2017.

Panelist, "AAG Department Leadership Symposium I: Making the Case for Geography." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April 2017.

2016 Discussant, "Past President's Address: Genealogies of Race, Gender, and Place." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA April 2016.

2015 Panelist, "Public Geographies." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Pensacola, Florida, November 2015.

Panelist, "Towards More 'Critical' Geographies of Heritage and its Making: The Panel." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL April 2015.

2014 Discussant, "Southern Studies Plenary Session: From the US South to the Global South." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Athens, Georgia, November 2014.

Panelist, "Beyond the Magnolias and Duck Dynasties: New Perspectives on Southern Landscapes, Space and Southern Geographies." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 2014.

2013 Chair, "Methodologies in Social Memory and/or Heritage Tourism Research I." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013.

Discussant, "Critical Toponymies II: Naming, Symbolic Power, and the Production of Place." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA,

April 2013.

2012 Panelist, "Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Post Racial Urban America." Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2012. (Organized by Rickie Sanders and Lawrence Brown).

2010 Panelist, "Critical Pedagogy and the Geography of the U.S. Civil Rights Struggle." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2010.

Discussant, "Author Meets Critic: Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010.

2009 Panelist, "Community Engagement: Actively Learning Geography in the Community," Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 2009.

Panelist and Chair, "Commodified Namespaces." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.

Invited Chair of Special Paper Session, "Landscape Inscription and Place Identity." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.

2008 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Panelist, "New Perspectives on Critical Place-Name Studies," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.

Panelist, "Inside Journal Publishing II: Policies and Practices," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.

2007 Panelist, "Writing and Publishing for Early Career Faculty and Graduate Students," Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Charleston, South Carolina, November 2007.

Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Charleston, South Carolina, November 2007.

2006 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Morgantown, West Virginia, November 2006.

Panelist, "Opportunities and Challenges of Dealing with the Media," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, March 2006.

2005 Invited Paper Discussant, "The Politics of Community," Annual Meeting of the

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, West Palm Beach, Florida November 2005.

Panelist, "Erika Doss: Author Meets Audience," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, April 2005. (Organized by Ken Foote and Derek Alderman).

Invited Chair of Special Paper Session, "Identity Politics, Cultural Memory, and the Neo-Confederate Movement in the United States." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, April 2005. (Organized by Euan Hague).

2004 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 2004.

2003 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 2003.

Panelist, "Teaching the American South in Geography," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2003 (organized by David Jansson).

Panelist, "Post Cards from New Orleans," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2003 (organized by Blake Gumprecht and Brett Wallach).

2000 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 2000.

1999 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, Florida, November 1999.

1998 Panelist, "New Directions in Geography of American South," Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1998 (organized by Derek Alderman and Eric Fournier).

Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1998.

1997 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, Alabama, November 1997.

1996 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Athens, Georgia, November 1996.

1995 Paper Discussant, Annual Meeting of Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 1995.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (* indicates authorship with current or former student)

National/International Meetings (88 Total, 33 co-authored with students/former students)

- 2026 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Joshua Inwood. "The Difference a Stealth Sticker Makes: Guerrilla Education and the Counter-Mapping of Racialized History in an Age of Retrenchment." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, California, March 2026.
- 2025 **Alderman, Derek H.**, Joshua Inwood, and Jordan Brasher. "Renaming as Revanchism: The Heritage and Toponymic Implications of Trump's Geographical Imagination (virtual)." 31st International Seminar on Sea Names Geographical Naming at the Crossroads: Conflict, Cooperation and Cultural Identity, Yeongjong, Incheon, Republic of Korea, October 2025.
- Alderman, Derek H.**, and Joshua Inwood. "Where is the Living Black Atlas?" Annual Meeting of the North American Cartographic Information Society, Louisville KY, October 2025.
- Stack, Katrina, **Derek H. Alderman**, and Monique Wells. "Remapping Black Paris: Walking Tours as Embodied Archives and Cartographies." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Albuquerque, NM, October 2025.
- Inwood, Joshua, Reagan Yessler, and **Derek H. Alderman**. "SNCC Cartoons as Counter-Mapping Black Futures: On Creative Geographies of the Civil Rights Movement." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Detroit, MI, March 2025.
- 2024 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Promoting Your Work: A Professional Responsibility." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2024.
- 2023 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Foundational Concepts and Pedagogical Approaches in Teaching to Make Interventions in America's Place Name Wars." Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Columbia, SC, October 2023.
- Stack, Katrina* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Of Freedom Houses and Tent Cities: Recovering the Role of Resistance Homes in the Civil Rights Movement." Annual Meeting of the National Council for Public History, Atlanta, GA, April 2023.
- Stack, Katrina* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Making Ephemeral Space Permanent: Tent/Freedom City on Exhibit." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 2023.
- Alderman, Derek H.** "Finding a Name for Freedom: On the Onomastics of SNCC and Teaching Beyond the Canon of Popular Civil Rights Memory." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 2023.
- 2022 **Alderman, Derek H.**, Renee Kesler, and Michael Camponovo. "Mapping as Memory-Work: Auditing, Archiving, and Visualizing Knoxville Tennessee (USA) as a Wounded City." Urban Violence and Collective Memory in the Americas Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2022 (virtual).

Stack, Katrina and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Tent City/Freedom City Geographies: Teaching Beyond the "Canon" of the Civil Rights Movement." Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Minneapolis, MN, October 2022.

Inwood, Joshua and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Mapping for Justice: SNCC, Countermapping and the Effort to Understand Racial Capital in 1960s America." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New York City, NY, February 2022 (virtual).

Finkelstein, Katrina* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Commemorative Audits of Contested Space: The Challenges of Researching and Reforming Place Names at US Military Archives." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New York City, NY, February 2022 (virtual).

2021 Craig, Bethany* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "The 1964 Freedom Schools as a Neglected Chapter in Geography Education." Featured presentation for National Council for Geographic Education Annual Meeting/Super Saturday Professional Development Event, December 2021 (virtual).

Inwood, Joshua and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Animating the Struggle for Voting Rights: Cartoons, SNCC, and Lowndes County Freedom Party." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Baltimore, MD, October 2021.

Alderman, Derek H., Ethan Bottone*, and Joshua Inwood. "Racialized Mobility and Tourism Justice in Jim Crow America: The Negro Motorist Green Book as Archive, Map, and Memorial" in Critical Tourism Studies." Critical Tourism Studies—North America Conference, Montreal, Canada, June 2021 (virtual).

Alderman, Derek H. and Reuben Rose-Redwood. "Embattled Names, Wounded Places, and the Struggle for Racial Justice: Learning from and Reforming the University Commemorative Landscape." Memory Studies Association Conference, Warsaw, Poland, July 2021 (virtual).

2019 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Reuben Rose-Redwood. "Race, Memory, and Campus Place Name Reform: Strategies for Transforming the Classroom into a Toponymic Workspace." The 25th International Seminar on Sea Names: Educating For Diversity Through Geographical Names, Alexandria, Virginia, July 2019.

Alderman, Derek H. Past President's Address: "Keeping it REAL in a Post-Truth World: Geography as Reparative Storytelling." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 2019.

Inwood, Joshua and **Derek H. Alderman**, "Contested Memories of Race and White Supremacy in the South's "Capital of Cool": Interrogating Montgomery, Alabama's Urban Redevelopment in the Context of Memory Work." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 2019.

- Bottone, Ethan Bottone*, **Derek H. Alderman**, and Joshua Inwood, "The 'Unmarked and Unremarked' Memories of the National Mall: Resurrection City and the Unreconciled History of the Civil Rights Movement as Radical Place-Making." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 2019.
- 2018 **Alderman, Derek H** and Kortney Williams*. "Jim Crow Journey Stories: Exploring the Affective Politics of Racialized Car Travel through a University Community Partnership." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Austin, Texas, October 2018.
- Alderman, Derek H.**, Shaundra Cunningham*, and Joshua Inwood. "SNCC's Delta Curriculum as Radical Regional Pedagogy: A Neglected Chapter in Geographic Education." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Austin, Texas, October 2018.
- Walcott-Wilson, Emma*, and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Creating "The Memory Tree:" Visitor Interpretation of Aesthetics and Atmospheres of Racial Meaning at Plantation Museums in South Carolina." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Austin, Texas, October 2018.
- Alderman, Derek**. "The Tough Memory-Work of Rewriting the South's Place Name Landscape." Society for the Study of Southern Literature, Austin, Texas, February 2018.
- 2017 Walcott-Wilson, Emma* and **Derek H Alderman**. "Plantation Aesthetics and the Politics of Forgetting Slavery: Authenticity, Expectation, and Atmosphere at House Museums of Charleston, South Carolina." The Inclusive Museum Knowledge Community Conference on the Inclusive Museum, Manchester, UK, Sept. 2017.
- Alderman, Derek H.** and Joshua Inwood. "The Geospatial Intelligence of Challenging Racialized Violence: Calculating, Mapping and Remembering the Geography of Lynching in USA." RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, London UK, Aug-Sept. 2017.
- Brasher, Jordan* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "On the Violence that Place Naming and Renaming Does: The Unfinished Memory-Work of Anti-Racism in America's Commemorative Campus Landscape." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April 2017
- 2016 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Teaching Geographies of Race and Mobility Through The Green Book." National Council for Social Studies, Keynote to Geography Community, Washington DC, Dec 2016.
- Brasher, Jordan*, **Derek H. Alderman**, and Joshua Inwood. "Applying Critical Race and Memory Studies to University Place Naming Controversies: Toward a Policy of Landscape Fairness." Applied Geography Conference, Louisville, KY, October 2016.
- Alderman, Derek H.** and Joshua Inwood. "Civil Rights as Geospatial Work: Rethinking African American Resistance." Race, Ethnicity & Place VIII, Kent, Ohio, September 2016.

Alderman, Derek H. and Joshua Inwood. "Jim Crow Villainy and the Creation of the "Bad Negro": Reputational Politics, Transgressive Mobilities, and the Case of Heavy Weight Boxer Jack Johnson." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April 2016. Contribution to special session "Tracing Heroes and Villains in the negotiation of spatial relationships I."

Caspersen, Janna* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Crowdsourcing the Memory of the Southern Plantation: Twitter as a Heritage Tourism Research Tool." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April 2016.

Hanna, Stephen and **Derek H. Alderman**. "From Celebratory Landscapes to Dark Tourism Sites? Exploring the Design of Southern Plantation Museums." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April 2016.

2015 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Miracle, Menace, and Metaphor: Untangling the Place of Kudzu in the Historical Geography of the Southeastern USA." International Conference of Historical Geographers, London, U.K., July 2015. (part of special session, *The American Environment Revisited*)

Alderman, Derek H., Stephen Hanna, and David Butler. "Memory, Slavery, and Plantation Museums: The River Road Project." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, April 2015. Contribution to special session "Towards More 'Critical' Geographies of Heritage and its Making 2."

2014 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Naming Streets, Doing Justice? Politics of Remembering, Forgetting, and Finding Surrogates for African American Slave Heritage." Geographical names as Cultural Heritage: International Symposium on Toponymy, National Geographic Information Institute, Seoul, Korea, November 2014.

Alderman, Derek H. "Racism, African American Agency, and Counter-Mobility: The Hard Driving of NASCAR's Wendell Scott." Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 2014.

Modlin, E. Arnold Jr.* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "What Took Them So Long to Build the Cabins for the Slaves? Analyzing Tourists' Comments and Memories at Plantation Museums." Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October 2014.

Alderman, Derek H. "Toward a Pedagogy of Jim Crow: An Introduction to *The Green Book*." Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Memphis, TN, August 2014. Contribution to special session: "Using *The Green Book* to Teach Geographies of Race and Mobility."

Alderman, Derek H. and Janna Caspersen*. "Businesses on the Vine: "Kudzu" Naming Practices as Southern Symbolic Capital." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 2014. Contribution to special session "The Business of Naming: A Session in Honor of Wilbur Zelinsky."

- Benjamin, Stefanie*, and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Getting lost in Mayberry: The Pilgrimage of Tourists to the 50th Mayberry Days Festival." Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference, Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2014.
- 2013 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Doing Justice to the Enslaved? Street Names and the Politics of Remembering, Forgetting, and Finding Surrogates in the American South." Invited paper for International Directions in Critical Place-Name Research and the Vienna Case Study, Vienna, Austria, May 6-7 2013.
- Alderman, Derek H.**, Joshua Inwood, and Richard Kennedy*. "Tourism, White Supremacy, and African American Mobilities: The Green Book and Jim Crow Journey Stories." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013. Invited contribution to special session "Bargaining with Distant Places: Historical and Cultural Aspects of Real and Virtual Travel" (organized by Terrence Young).
- 2012 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Why Words Matter: Commemorative Justice and the Textual Politics of North Carolina's State Highway Historical Markers." Race, Ethnicity & Place VI Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2012. Invited contribution to special session "Race and Social Justice" (organized by James Tyner).
- Kline, Carol, **Derek H. Alderman**, Hui Bian, and Huili Hao. "A Spatial Analysis of Tourism Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Climate in Southeastern United States." Tourism Entrepreneurship Conference: Big Ideas in Rural Settings, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, September 2012.
- Benjamin, Stefanie* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "On Being Black in Mayberry: The Racial Politics of Tourism in Mount Airy, North Carolina." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, February, 2012. Contribution to special session "Film/TV/Media and Tourism."
- 2011 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Promoting African American Heritage Tourism: Toward a Digital Intervention." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, Virginia, October 2011.
- Alderman, Derek H.** "Street Naming as a Civil Rights Issue: Teaching Spatial Justice and the Politics of Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr." 17th International Seminar on Sea Names, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, August 2011.
- Harrison, Mike and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Developing a GIS-based Methodology to Assess Socio-Economic Characteristics of Martin Luther King Streets: The Case of Atlanta, Georgia (poster)." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle, Washington, April 2011.
- Benjamin, Stefanie K* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Lost in Mayberry: The Impact of the *Andy Griffith Show* on Sense of Place in Mount Airy, North Carolina (poster)." National Extension Tourism Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, March, 2011.

Antahades, Michaelina* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Images of Race and Gender in State Travel Guides from North and South Carolina: The Importance of Socially Responsible Tourism Marketing in the post-Civil Rights South (poster)." National Extension Tourism Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, March, 2011.

Hueber, Allison* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Analyzing Resident Place Satisfaction in a Tourist Destination through Auto-Photography: The Case of Southern Shores, North Carolina (poster)." National Extension Tourism Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, March, 2011.

Alderman, Derek H. and E. Arnold Modlin, Jr.* "Tour Guides as Creators of Empathy: The Role of Emotive Inequality in Marginalizing the Enslaved at Southern Plantation House Museums." Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History, Pensacola, Florida, April 2011. Invited contribution to special session on African American Heritage Tourism.

2010 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Southern Hospitality and the Politics of African American Belonging: An Analysis of Photographs in North Carolina Travel Brochures." Race, Ethnicity & Place V Conference, Binghamton, New York, October 2010

Alderman, Derek H. "Virtual Place Naming, Internet Domains, and the Politics of Misdirection: The Case of martinlutherking.org." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010. Contribution to special session "Place Name Geography & Historical Analysis II."

Hao, Huili, **Derek Alderman**, and Pat Long. "Identifying Sense of Place among property Owners in an Amenity-Rich Mountain County in North Carolina." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April 2010.

2009 Moreau, Terri* and **Derek Alderman**. "Graffiti Heritage: A Look at Civil War Memory in Virginia." Annual Meeting of the Royal Geographic Society-Institute of British Geographers, Manchester, UK, August 2009. Contribution to special session on "Geography and Memory."

Alderman, Derek H. "On the Importance of Being Seen: Politics of Regional Belonging and the (In)visibility of African Americans in North Carolina Tourism Brochure Photographs." Part of special session "Images of Regional Identity (Tribute to Pete Shortridge)." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.

Modlin, E. Arnold Jr.* and **Derek Alderman**. "(In)Visibility of the Enslaved in Online Plantation Tourism Marketing: A Textual Analysis of North Carolina Websites." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.

Moreau, Terri* and **Derek Alderman**. "Graffiti Lineage: A Look at Civil War Heritage at Brandy Station." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las

Vegas, Nevada, March 2009.

Alderman, Derek H. “‘The World Grows Round My Door:’ David Fairchild’s Tropical Paradise and the Peril of Exotic Plants in South Florida.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Environmental History, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2009.

2008 **Alderman, Derek H.** “From ‘I Have a Dream’ to ‘I Have a Bad Check’: Metaphors, Michael Eric Dyson, and Martin Luther King Jr. Streets.” Race, Ethnicity, and Place IV Conference, Miami, Florida, November 2008.

Alderman, Derek H. and Robert N. Brown. “When a New Deal is actually an Old Deal: The Role of TVA in Engineering a Jim Crow Southern Landscape.” Earth Engineering: An International and Interdisciplinary Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, July 2008.

Edwards, Michael B.*, Steve G. Estes, and **Derek H. Alderman.** “It got loose”: NASCAR’s expansion as flexible accumulation. Paper presented at North American Society of Sport Management, Toronto, Ontario, May 2008.

Alderman, Derek H. and Heather Ward*. “Writing on the Plywood: Toward an Analysis of Hurricane Graffiti,” Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2008.

2007 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Rachel Campbell*. “Symbolic Excavation and the Memory Work of Remembering Slavery in the American South: Observations from Walterboro, South Carolina,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2007.

Alderman, Derek H. and Anna Eskridge*. “Untangling Kudzu’s Place in Southern Culture: Of Biography and Biogeography,” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Environmental History, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2007.

Alderman, Derek H. “Toward a Positive Peace in Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Martin Luther King Street Renaming as a Conflict over Public Space,” Race, Ethnicity, and Place Meeting III, San Marcos, Texas, November 2006.

2006 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Difficult Memories, Monumental Words: The Politics of Remembering Slavery within Savannah’s Black Community,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, March 2006.

2005 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Martin Luther King, Street Naming, and the Scaling of Memory: Struggles within the African-American Community,” 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Washington DC, November 2005.

Alderman, Derek H. “Enslaved by Words: The Politics of Building a Memorial to African Americans in Savannah, Georgia,” Contesting Public Memories Conference, Syracuse, New York, October 2005. Paper presentations selected on a competitive basis from an international and interdisciplinary pool of submissions.

- Alderman, Derek H.** "Coastal Heritage as a Contested Landscape: The Politics of Remembering Slavery in Savannah, Georgia." Fourteenth Biennial Coastal Zone Conference, New Orleans, LA, July 2005.
- Alderman, Derek H.** "Kudzu as Panacea, Protest, and Product: Nature Workers and the Southern Environmental Geography," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Denver, Colorado, April 2005.
- 2004 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Martin Luther King, Street Naming, and the Scaling of Memory: Struggles within the African-American Community." Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, Organized by Binghamton University, Howard University, and Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, September 2004.
- Alderman, Derek H.** and Matthew L. Mitchelson.* "MLK Street versus Main Street: Observations from the Corner of Use and Exchange." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2004. Part of special organized session on "Developing a Sense of Place: Identities, Economies, and Values" (organized by Soren Larsen).
- 2003 **Alderman, Derek H.** "The Making of a Miracle Vine: Channing Cope and the Naturework of Promoting Kudzu." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2003. Part of a special organized session on "Empires of Invasives? Ecology, Culture, and the Politics of Exotic Species" (organized by Paul Robbins and Derek Alderman).
- Alderman, Derek H.** "Street Names as Memorial Arenas: The Politics of Martin Luther King, Jr. in a Georgia City," Third Savannah Symposium: Commemoration and the City, February 2003. Paper presentations selected on a competitive basis from an international and interdisciplinary pool of submissions.
- 2002 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Preserving the King's Court: Memorial Entrepreneurs and the Scale Politics of Commemorating Elvis Presley." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 2002. Part of a special organized session on "Geographies of Memory and Commemoration" (organized by Derek Alderman, Owen Dwyer, and Steve Hoelscher).
- 2001 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Naming the Web: Domain Names as a Contested Terrain in the Digital Divide." Digital Divide paper session (Organized by Jeremy Crampton). Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, February 2001.
- Meindl, Christopher and **Derek H. Alderman.** "Southerners and their Swamps: On Using the Internet to Survey Perceptions of Wetlands." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, February 2001.
- 2000 Wilson, Robert, **Derek H. Alderman**, Laura Lindenberger, and Joanna Lyons.

“Southern Cultures: The Academic Honors Seminar and the Community.” Annual Meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council, Washington, DC, October 21, 2000.

Alderman, Derek H. “A Street Fit for a King: Naming Places and Scaling Memory in the American South.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 2000 (winning presentation in J. Warren Nystrom dissertation award session).

1998 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Finding the Heart of Dixie in Cyberspace: The Internet as a New Laboratory for Cultural Geography.” Presentation made in “New Voices in Critical Geography” paper session, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, March 1998.

1997 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Mobility as a Symbolic Construct: Learning from the Montgomery Bus Boycott.” Annual Meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education, Orlando, Florida, October 1997.

Alderman, Derek H. “The Politics of MLK Street (Re) Naming in Georgia: The Influence of Struggles within the African-American Community.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, Texas, April 1997.

1996 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Is the City a Laughing Matter? Using Michael Moore's TV Nation in the Urban Geography Classroom.” Presentation made in “Innovations in Urban Geography Education” paper session (organized by Eric Fournier), Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, March, 1996.

1995 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Creating a New Geography of Memory in the South: The (Re) Naming of Streets in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, March 1995.

1993 **Alderman, Derek H.** “A Socio-Spatial Distance Analysis of State Mental Hospital Admission Patterns in Georgia, 1865-1870.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Atlanta, Georgia, April 1993.

Regional Meetings (63 Total, 26 co-authored with students/former students)

2025 Stack, Katrina*, **Derek H. Alderman**, and Dominique Wells. “Embodied Cartographies: Black Geographies of Memory in Parisian Walking Tours.” Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Lexington, KY, November 2025.

Towers, George, Pamela Morris, and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Tracing the Origins and Impacts of Neighborhood-Based Confederate Commemoration in the Southern United States.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, St. Pete Beach, Florida, November, 2025.

2024 Towers, George, Pamela Morris, and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Confederates in the Cul de

Sac: Naming White Spaces in the Southern United States.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Greenville, SC. November 2024.

Kannarr, Seth* and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Public Memory in Your Pocket: Learning About America Through Coins and Currency.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Greenville, SC. November 2024.

2023 **Alderman, Derek H.**, Joshua Inwood, and Katrina Stack*. “On the Longer View of Black Naming Activism: SNCC Freedom Houses as Revolutionary Place-Making.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Norfolk, VA. November 2023.

Walton, Margaret* and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Harmonizing Geographies: The Landscapes and Soundscapes of the SNCC Freedom Singers.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Norfolk, VA. November 2023.

Bottone, Ethan*, **Derek H. Alderman**, Stefanie Benjamin*, Sarah Frankel. “Atmospheric Instability in Dark Tourism: Spatial Construction of Conflicting Affective Atmospheres at the Titanic Museum & Attraction, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Norfolk, VA. November 2023.

2022 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Joshua Inwood. “Comic Books as Tools of Resistance: On the Creative Geographies of SNCC’s Research Department in Atlanta, Georgia.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Atlanta, GA, November 2022.

2021 **Alderman, Derek H.**, Joshua Inwood, and Katrina Finkelstein*. “Tent City Geographies of the Civil Rights Movement: On Teaching Black Fugitive Infrastructures.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Florence, Alabama, November 2021.

Finkelstein, Katrina* and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Researching and Reforming Commemorative Place Names on Marine Corps Bases: The Archive as Contested Terrain.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Florence, Alabama, November 2021.

2020 Inwood, Joshua and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Performing the Spadework of Civil Rights: SNCC’s Free Southern Theater as Radical Place-Making and Epistemic Justice.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers (virtual), November 2020.

2019 **Alderman, Derek H.**, Jordan Brasher*, and Joshua Inwood. “The Politics of Picturing Black Communities: On the Visual Activism of SNCC Photography.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Wilmington, NC, November 2019.

Hanna, Stephen, Amy Potter, **Derek Alderman**, Perry Carter, Candace Bright, David

Butler. "Limited Resources and Prioritizing Whiteness: Keeping Slavery on the Margins in the James River Plantation Museum Assemblage." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Wilmington, NC, November 2019.

Potter, Amy, **Derek Alderman**, Perry Carter, Candace Bright, David Butler, Stephen Hanna, and Arnold Modlin Jr.* "A Region of Contrasts: Centering the Enslaved in the Charleston Plantation Museum Assemblage." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Wilmington, NC, November 2019.

2018 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Joshua Inwood. "Contested Memories of Race and White Supremacy in the South's "Capital of Cool": Interrogating Montgomery, Alabama's Urban Redevelopment in the Context of Memory Work." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Geographers, Johnson City, TN, November 2018.

2017 Bright, Candace, Amy Potter, **Derek Alderman**, David Butler, Perry Carter, Stephen Hanna, Arnold Modlin, Jr.* "Assemblage of The Emergent Plantation Museum Experience." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Starkville, Mississippi, November 2017.

Alderman, Derek H. and Jordan Brasher*. "On the Violence that Place Naming and Renaming Does: The Unfinished Memory-Work of Anti-Racism in the Southern Commemorative Campus Landscape." Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC March 2017.

2016 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Janna Caspersen*. "Barbeque Tourism, Civil Rights, and the Cult of the Pig." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Columbia, South Carolina, November 2016.

2015 Inwood, Joshua and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Taking Down the Flag is Just a Start: Toward Memory Work of Racial Reconciliation in White Supremacist America." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Pensacola, Florida, November 2015.

2014 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Can a Street Name Do Justice to the History of the Enslaved? The Politics of Remembering, Forgetting, and Finding Surrogates for the Past." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Athens, Georgia, November 2014.

Alderman, Derek H., Heather Ward*, Glenn Gentry*. "Trauma Written in Plywood and Flesh: Hurricane Graffiti, Post-Katrina Tattoos, and the Value of Narratives to Hazards Research." Nexus Greenways: The Interconnected Pathways of Communication and the Environment, University of Tennessee, March 2014.

2013 **Alderman, Derek H.** "The Day Wendell Scott "Raced" NASCAR: Hard Driving, Counter Mobility, and the African American Civil Rights Struggle." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Roanoke, VA, November 2013.

- Bowling, Ruth* and **Derek H. Alderman**, "How Plantation Museum Visitors Talk about Slavery: Using Discourse Analysis to Identify Interpretive Communities." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Roanoke, VA, November 2013.
- 2012 **Alderman, Derek H.** "When an Exotic becomes Native: Untangling the Kudzu Vine and Paying Tribute to John Winberry." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Asheville, NC, November 2012.
- Alderman, Derek, H.** "A Whole Man Deserves a Whole Street: Spatial Justice and the Struggle for Urban Citizenship along Martin Luther King, Jr." Southern Studies: The AUM Liberal Arts Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, February 2012.
- 2011 Murray, Alison*, Richard Kennedy*, Cory Mullen*, and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Navigating the Terrain of Discrimination: Mapping *The Green Book*." (poster) Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Savannah, Georgia, November 2011.
- Alderman, Derek H.** and Michaelina Antahades*. "The Politics of Southern Hospitality and the Great "White" Outdoors: The Visibility of African Americans in State Travel Guide Photographs." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Savannah, Georgia, November 2011.
- Benjamin, Stefanie* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Remaking Mount Airy into Mayberry: Film-Induced Tourism and the Politics of Place Identity." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Savannah, Georgia, November 2011.
- Alderman, Derek H.** and Michaelina Antahades*. "Socially Responsible Marketing and the Visibility of African Americans in State Travel Guide Photographs: The Case of the Carolinas." Annual Meeting of the Southeast States Chapter of the Travel and Tourism Research Association (SETTRA), Destin, FL, March, 2011.
- Alderman, Derek H.** and Stefanie Benjamin*. "On Being Black in Mayberry: The Racial Politics of Tourism in Mount Airy, North Carolina." Biennial Meeting of the Southern American Studies Association, Atlanta, February, 2011.
- Spina, Steven F and **Derek H. Alderman**. "New South or Same Old South? Municipal Exclusion and the Politics of Renaming a Street for Martin Luther King, Jr. in Zephyrhills, Florida." Biennial Meeting of the Southern American Studies Association, Atlanta, February, 2011.
- 2010 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Remapping African American Mobility during the Montgomery Bus Boycott: Toward a Critical pedagogy of the Civil Rights Movement." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2010.

Modlin, E. Arnold, Jr.* and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Crying for the Master: Space, Historical Empathy, and the Marginalization of the Enslaved by Plantation Tour Guides." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2010.

Harrison, Mike and **Derek H. Alderman**. "Developing a GIS-based Methodology to Assess Socio-Economic Characteristics of Martin Luther King Streets: The Case of Atlanta, Georgia." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2010.

2009 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Robert N. Brown. "When a New Deal is Actually an Old Deal: TVA, Jim Crow and the Engineering of a Racialized Landscape in Norris, Tennessee." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 2009.

Alderman, Derek H. "Southern Hospitality? The (In)Visibility of African Americans in North Carolina Tourism Brochure Photographs." Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association of the South, Wilmington, North Carolina, October 2009.

2008 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Internet Domain Names and the Political Geography of Misdirection: The Case of www.martinlutherking.org." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Modlin, E. Arnold Jr.* and **Derek Alderman**. "(In)Visibility of the Enslaved in Online Plantation Tourism Marketing: A Textual Analysis of North Carolina Websites." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

Mitchelson, Ron and **Derek Alderman**. "The NASCAR Cluster in Charlotte: It's No Accident." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 2008.

2007 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Rachel Campbell*. "Symbolic Excavation and the Memory Work of Remembering Slavery in the American South: Observations from Walterboro, South Carolina," Annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Charleston, South Carolina, November 2007.

2006 **Alderman, Derek H.** "The Rules of the Road: Street Renaming Ordinances and the Scale Politics of Commemorating Martin Luther King Jr." (special session organized by Josh Hagen on "Culture, Politics, and Place Names") Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Morgantown, West Virginia, November 2006.

Alderman, Derek H. "'Difficult Memories, Monumental Words: The Politics of Remembering Slavery in Savannah," Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association in the South, Savannah, Georgia, October 2006.

- 2005 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Nicholson, Amy*. "The Writing on the Plywood: An Analysis of Hurricane Graffiti in the Southeastern United States." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, West Palm Beach, Florida, November 2005.
- 2004 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Rednecks, Bluenecks, and Hickphonics: The Internet as Electronic Folklore about the South." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 2004.
- 2003 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Metaphors to Grow By: Channing Cope and the Making of a Miracle Vine." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 2003.
- 2002 Meindl, Christopher and **Derek H. Alderman.** "Wetlands: Science, Politics, and Policy." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Richmond, Virginia, November 2002.
- Alderman, Derek H.,** Preston Mitchell*, and Jeffrey T. Webb*. "Carolina Thunder Revisited: Toward a Transcultural View of Winston Cup Racing." Annual Meeting of the Popular Cultural Association in the South, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2002.
- 2001 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Writing on the Graceland Wall: On the Importance of Authorship in Pilgrimage Landscapes." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Lexington, Kentucky, November 2001.
- Mitchell, Preston*, **Derek H. Alderman,** Derek Hanak*, and Harry Miller*. "Carolina Thunder Revisited: Transition and Tradition in the Geography of NASCAR." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Lexington, Kentucky, November 2001.
- Meindl, Christopher and **Derek H. Alderman.** "Southerners and their Swamps: On Using the Internet to Survey Perceptions of Wetlands." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Lexington, Kentucky, November 2001.
- Alderman, Derek H.** "Southern Humor on the Electronic Frontier." Annual Meeting of the Popular Cultural Association in the South, Jacksonville, Florida, October 2001.
- 2000 **Alderman, Derek H.** "School Names as Boundaries: The Case of Martin Luther King, Jr." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 2000.
- Alderman, Derek H.** "Miracle, Menace, and Metaphor: The Place of Kudzu in the Southern Culture." Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association in the South, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2000.
- 1999 **Alderman, Derek H.** "Beyond the Gates of Graceland: Memorial Entrepreneurs and the Scale Politics of Commemorating the King in Lauderdale Courts." Annual Meeting of

the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, Florida, November 1999.

1998 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Heart of Dixie Revisited: Re-Mapping the Geography of Naming and Identity in the South.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1998.

1997 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Which Street should be King? Toward a More Critical Place Name Study.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Birmingham, Alabama, November 1997.

1996 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Exploring the Virtual South: Representation of a Region on the Web.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Athens, Georgia, November 1996.

Alderman, Derek H. and Trevor Wheless*. “An Electronic Re-Examination of John Shelton Reed's Incredible Shrinking South Hypothesis.” Southeastern Meeting of Geography Students, Columbia, South Carolina, February 1996.

1995 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Looking through the O.J. Simpson TV News Window: What Geographical Images do we see? (And Do Not See?).” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 1995.

Alderman, Derek H. and John Strait. “The Politics of Promoting Place: The Selling of Atlanta's Image for the 1996 Olympic games.” Annual Georgia-Florida Regional Conference, Athens, Georgia, February 1995.

1994 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Humor and Geography in Michael Moore's TV Nation.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 1994.

Alderman, Derek H. “Using GIS to Predict Unreported Malaria Mortality in Georgia, 1923.” Annual Florida-Georgia Regional Conference, Tallahassee, Florida, February 1994.

1993 **Alderman, Derek H.**, “Developing a Social Control Framework for Study of State Insane Asylum Admission in the 19th Century. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 1993.

1992 **Alderman, Derek H.**, “Insanity in Reconstruction Georgia: Spatial Expressions of Social Upheaval?” Annual Georgia-Florida Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, February 1992.

Statewide, Local, and University Meetings (13 Total, 3 co-authored with students/former students)

2024 Roman-Rivera, Mayra, and **Derek H. Alderman.** “Mapping with Meaning:

- Significance Beyond Georeferencing.” Annual Meeting of Tennessee Geographic Information Council, April 2024.
- 2023 Stack, Katrina*, and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Tent/Freedom City on Exhibit: Making Ephemeral Space Permanent.” Geosym Conference, University of Tennessee, February 2023.
- 2017 Brasher, Jordan*, and **Derek H. Alderman**. “A Critical Race Perspective on the Renaming of University of Tennessee’s Senter Hall.” New Directions in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Conference, University of Tennessee, April 2017.
- 2016 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Joshua Inwood. “The Place of Diversity: Publications of Faculty in the Department of Geography at the University of Tennessee.” Gallery of Excellence and Reception, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Tennessee, February 2016.
- 2009 **Alderman, Derek H.**, Heather Ward*, Glenn Gentry*. “Trauma Written in Plywood and Flesh: Hurricane Graffiti, Post-Katrina Tattoos, and the Value of Narratives to Hazards Research.” Hurricane Floyd Symposium, East Carolina University, September 2009.
- 2003 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Racing and Arithmetic: Using NASCAR to Teach Geographic Statistics.” Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Geographic Alliance, Burlington, North Carolina, September 2003.
- 2002 **Alderman, Derek H.** “The Cultural Geography of Kudzu: Using Invasive Species in Teaching Environment-Society Interaction in the North Carolina Classroom.” Annual Meeting of the NC Geographic Alliance, Burlington, North Carolina, October 2002.
- 2001 Wilms, Douglas, and **Derek H. Alderman**. “Advanced Placement Geography.” Annual Meeting of North Carolina Council for the Social Studies, Greensboro, North Carolina, February 2001.
- 1997 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Daniel B. Good. “Merging Geographic and Computer Literacy: A Progress Report on Teaching Computer-Assisted World Geography.” University System Annual Computing Conference, Rock Eagle, Georgia, October 1997.
- 1996 **Alderman, Derek H.** and Daniel B. Good. “Exploring the Virtual South: Representation of a Region on the Internet.” Annual Meeting of Georgia Academy of Science, Albany, Georgia, April 1996.
- 1995 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Using Ken Burn’s Baseball to Teach the Geographical Imagination.” Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science, Augusta, Georgia, May 1995.
- 1993 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Keeping the Memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Alive in Savannah and Eatonton, Georgia: Comparing and Contrasting the Influence of Local Black Coalitions on the Renaming of Streets.” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of

the Georgia Academy of Science, Lawrenceville, Georgia, May 1993.

- 1992 **Alderman, Derek H.** “Exploring the Lasting Imprint of Mythology upon Georgia's Cultural Landscape: The Not So Still Confederate Monument.” Paper Presented at Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science, Statesboro, Georgia, May 1992

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department-Level Activities and Representation

- Member, Search Committee for Head of Department of Geography and Sustainability, University of Tennessee, 2025.
- Co-Organizer, Geography Awareness Week Distinguished Lecture, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2021-Present.
- Member, Awards Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2021-Present
- Chair, Special Events Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2021-2024
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2021-2023
- Department Review Chair, Institutional Review Board, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2018-2023.
- Interim Department Head, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2020-2021.
- Chair, Geography (Urban/Community/Qualitative) Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2019-2020.
- Coordinator, Strategic Underrepresented Faculty Hire Recruitment, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2019-2010. Co-authored nomination approved by Provost's Office (1 of 5 funded across the university)
- Member, Executive Advisory Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2018-2021.
- Member, Geography (Remote Sensing) Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2018-2019.
- Coordinator, Department Colloquium Series, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, spring 2019.
- Chair, Graduate Comprehensive Field Examination Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2015-2017.
- Chair, Academic Program Review Committee and Department Self-Study Writing Team, University of Tennessee, 2013-2014.
- Chair, Executive Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2012-Present
- Chair, SACS Assessment Ad-Hoc Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2013-2017.
- Member, Web Page and Social Media Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2012-2017
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2012-2017.
- Member, Stewart K. McCroskey Memorial Fund Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2012-2017.
- Member, Newsletter Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2012-2017
- Member (ex-officio), Climate Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2012-2013
- Lead Organizer, Department Annual Student Awards Ceremony, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2013. Also delivered remarks entitled “Student as Compass.”

- Department Head, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, 2012-2017.
- Member, Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2009-2010.
- Director, Undergraduate Studies and Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2009-2010.
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2000-2002, 2008-2012.
- Member, Merit Evaluation Advisory Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2006, 2008.
- Member, Unit Code Rewriting Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2007, 2008.
- Member, Personnel and Tenure/Promotion Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2005-2012.
- Coordinator, Colloquium and Lecture Series, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2006-2007.
- Chair, Planning Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2005-2006.
- Member, Departmental Advisory and Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2005-2006.
- Member, GIS Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2002-2003.
- Departmental Alumni Contact, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2002.
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2003-2005.
- Delivered Departmental Commencement Address, “Old Geographers Never Die, They Just Become Legends,” East Carolina University, spring 2002, fall 2007, spring 2008.
- Faculty Advisor for GeoClub student organization and GTU (Gamma Theta Upsilon), geography honor society, East Carolina University, 2002-2009.
- Web Master, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2001-2004.
- Member, Social Committee, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2000-2001.
- Recorder of Minutes, Faculty Meetings, Department of Geography, East Carolina University, 2000-2001.
- Designer and Maintainer of Department of Geography Online Alumni Survey, East Carolina University, 2000-2002.

College-Level Activities and Representation

- Chair, Social Science Division, College of Arts & Sciences, Big Orange Family Campaign Executive Team, 2026.
- Judge of Student Presentations, ASURs (Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium), College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2024 & 2025.
- Reviewer, Senior Research Award Nominations, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2023.
- Reviewer, Mid-Career Research Award Nominations, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2021.
- Member, sub-committee in charge of evaluating social science curriculum connections packages, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2018-2023.

- Member, Early Career Research Award Selection Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2016.
- Member, Search Committee for Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2016.
- Chair, Department Head Reappointment Review Committee (for Religious Studies), College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2015-2016.
- Member, Academic Planning and Budget Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2015-2017.
- Member, Ad-Hoc committee to develop college-level distinguished alumni awards, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, 2013-2014.
- Judge/Evaluator, College Convocation Awards (Junior & Collaborative Research Categories), College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, fall 2012.
- Member, Working Group, Thomas Harriot College Draft Policy on Endowed Appointments, 2009.
- Invited Reviewer, Thomas Harriot College Research Awards (category: Social Science), April 2007.
- Chair, Administrative Review Committee (for Ron Mitchelson), Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, East Carolina University, 2007.
- Chair, Administrative Review Committee (for Ron Mitchelson), College of Arts & Sciences, East Carolina University, 2003.

University-Level Activities and Representation

- Chair, Shared Governance Committee/Council for Collaborative Leadership, University of Tennessee Faculty Senate, 2025-2026
- Lead Developer of Emergency Needs Fund, University of Tennessee, 2024-2026. The fund provides donated, non-state dollars to assist faculty and staff facing life-altering emergencies.
- Originator of Heart and Soul Award, University of Tennessee Faculty Senate. This university-wide award, administered by the Senate President to honor faculty members whose work embodies and models inclusion, respect, compassion, and community.
- Member, President's Awards Selection Committee, University of Tennessee System, 2025.
- Member, Outstanding Doctoral Mentoring Award Selection Committee, Graduate School, University of Tennessee, 2025.
- Member, Committee on Integrating Community-Engaged Scholarship in University Bylaws (responds to institutional award from William T Grant Foundation), 2024-Present.
- Member, Engagement and Outreach Council, University of Tennessee, 2024-Present. Also serving on the Engagement and Outreach Council Promotion and Tenure Subcommittee.
- Member, University Leadership Council, University of Tennessee, 2024-25. Representing the Faculty Senate.
- Member, Alumni Board of Directors, University of Tennessee, 2024-2025. Representing the Faculty Senate.
- Member, Title IX Implementation Team, University of Tennessee, 2024.
- Member, Search Committee for Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs, University of Tennessee, 2024.
- President-Elect, Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee, 2023-24.
- Member, Executive Council, Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee, 2023-25.
- Chair, Faculty Communication Committee, Faculty Senate, University of Tennessee, 2023-24
- Member, Honorary Degree Nomination Committee, Advisory to Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, 2022-2024.
- Member, Commission for Black Communities, University of Tennessee, 2015-present. Service

- renewed annually by the Chancellor. Service includes Co-Chair, Commission's Membership, Sponsorship, and Awards Committee, 2023-24.
- Faculty Senator, University of Tennessee, 2021-2023. Represents the Social Sciences caucus and served on the Athletics Committee and Diversity Committee.
 - Member, Taskforce on (Re)Naming Campus Buildings and Spaces, University of Tennessee, 2020-Present. The Taskforce is advisory to the Chancellor on developing socially responsible policy on campus naming and recognizing historically marginalized groups through renaming.
 - Judge, Student Posters (Social Sciences), Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EURēCA), University of Tennessee, 2019 & 2023.
 - Invited Panelist, Film Screening and Moderated Discussion of "Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek," Univ. of Tennessee Graduate Students for Social Justice, April 13, 2016.
 - Invited Panelist, Department Head Forum on Service, Provost Office, University of Tennessee, March 9, 2016.
 - External Member, Summer Mini-Term Course Proposal Evaluation Committee, College of Architecture and Design, University of Tennessee, spring 2015.
 - Invited Replacement Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Architecture and Design, University of Tennessee, fall 2014.
 - Chair, Ad-Hoc Future Faculty Program Assessment and Recommendation Committee, Provost Office, University of Tennessee, spring 2015.
 - Member, McClure Scholarship Committee, Center for International Education, University of Tennessee, 2014-2016.
 - Member, Academic Council, University of Tennessee, 2012-2017.
 - Member, Carnegie Community Engagement Application Advisory Committee, University of Tennessee, 2013-2016.
 - Member, Student Convocation Committee, Office of Student Transitions and First Year programs, East Carolina University, 2010-2011.
 - Member, EC Scholars Advisory Board, Honors College, East Carolina University, 2010-2011. EC Scholars is the most prestigious student scholarship offered at the university.
 - Member, University Curriculum Committee, East Carolina University, 2010-2012. Selected to represent the Chancellor.
 - Member, Academic Awards Committee, East Carolina University, 2009-2010 & 2010-2011. Selected to represent the Chair of Faculty.
 - Member, University Mission Revision Sub-Committee, UNC Tomorrow Activities, East Carolina University, 2008.
 - Member, Engagement Planning Committee, East Carolina University, 2008.
 - Member, Sense of Place Symposium Planning Committee, Center for Sustainable Tourism, East Carolina University, 2008-2012.
 - Member, Carnegie Community Engagement Classification Application Committee, East Carolina University, 2008.
 - Member, Ad Hoc Writing Committee, "Your Place in ECU Tomorrow," East Carolina Univ., 2008.
 - Member, Coastal Resources Management PhD Curriculum Review Committee, East Carolina University, 2008.
 - Member, Faculty Committee for Oversight of Curriculum Development and Advisory to Ongoing MS Sustainable Tourism Program, East Carolina University, 2006-2012.
 - Member, Research & Creative Achievement Week Coordinating Committee, East Carolina University, 2007-2008.

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- Member, Search Committee for Director of Center for Sustainable Tourism, Division of Research and Graduate Studies, East Carolina University, 2007.
- Judge, Graduate Student Oral Presentations, Research and Creative Achievement Week, East Carolina University, March, 2007.
- Member, Planning Committee for Making Tourism Work for You II Conference, East Carolina University, 2006.
- Member, Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity Committee, Representative of Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, 2003-2010.
- Member, Sub-Committee in Charge of 2004 & 2005 ECU Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity Symposium, 2003-2005.
- Session Judge, “Social and Cultural Issues” Session, ECU Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity Symposium, 2004.
- Member, Rural Education Institute Advisory Council, 2002-2003.