ZANE FRENTRESS

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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

2025-Present Ph.D., Geography
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
Advisor: Dr. LaToya Eaves

2023-2025 M.A., Geography
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Advisor: Dr. Nik Heynen

2017-2021 B.A., Ad Hoc: Urban Sustainability
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Advisors: Dr. Keith Woodhouse (History) and Dr. Melissa Rosenzweig (Anthropology)

2016-2017 Tulane University Dual Enrollment Program
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

2026 McCroskey Fellow, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN

2025 Graduate Fellow, Institute for Climate and Community Resilience, University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN

2024 Monroe Fellow, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South
New Orleans, LA

2024 Climate and Culture Research Fellow, Imagine Water Works
New Orleans, LA

2020 Research Fellow, The Water Collaborative of New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

2020 Portuguese Language Fellow, Foreign Language and Area Studies Program, U.S. Dept. of Education
São Paulo, Brazil (remote due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

2019 Research Intern, Maharashtra Social Housing and Action League
Pune, Maharashtra, India

2019 Northwestern University Undergraduate Research Grant, "Bogotá's 'Urban Temples': Pedagogical Urbanism as a Framework for Understanding Sociospatial Change"
Bogotá, Colombia

PUBLICATIONS

2027 (Forthcoming). **Frentress, Z.** Map n' Yap as Queer Method. *Southeastern Geographer.*

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

2025 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia

2021 Honoree, Program in Environmental Policy & Culture Awards, Northwestern University

2021 Kaplan Humanities Scholar, Class of 2021, Alice Kaplan Institute, Northwestern University

2018-2021 Dean's List Honoree, Northwestern University

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026 McCroskey Memorial Fund, University of Tennessee **($700)**
2025 Graduate Fellowship Award, University of Tennessee **($2000)**
2024 Monroe Fellowship, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South **($3,125)**
2024 Departmental Summer Research Grant, University of Georgia **($1000)**
2020 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Award, U.S. Dept. of Education. **($7,500)**
2020 J. G. Nolan Scholarship, Northwestern University **($500)**
2020 Jean & Theron Locke Scholarship, Northwestern University **($300)**
2019 Summer Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University **($3,500)**
2019 International Research Award, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University **($1,000)**
2019 International Research Travel Grant, Northwestern University **($400)**
2019 J. G. Nolan Scholarship, Northwestern University **($500)**
2019 Jean & Theron Locke Scholarship, Northwestern University **($300)**
2018 Northwestern University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association Scholarship **($20,000)**
2018 J. G. Nolan Scholarship, Northwestern University **($500)**
2018 Jean & Theron Locke Scholarship, Northwestern University **($300)**
2019 Northwestern Equestrian Team Quarterly Merit Scholarship, four-time awardee **($1,000)**
2017 National Merit Scholarship **($2,000)**

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

2026 **Frentress, Z.** Panelist, *Capitalism and Catastrophe: A Critical Disaster Studies Manifesto (Swamy, 2026).* Center for Social Theory at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
2026 **Frentress, Z.** From Extraction to Restoration. *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.* San Francisco, CA.
2026 **Frentress, Z.** Pirates, Patriots, and Maroons. Invited lecture, *GEOG 200: Environmental Issues in National Parks.* University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
2025 **Frentress, Z.** Whose State is This Anyways?: Racial Capitalism, Social Memory, and Climate Futures in Louisiana. *Geosymposium.* Knoxville, TN.
2025 **Frentress, Z.** Map n' Yap as Queer Method. *Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.* Lexington, KY.
2024 **Frentress, Z.** Dolls and Queens: Making "Voodoo" in New Orleans. *Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.* Greenville, SC.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2027 Organizer, *Geosymposium,* Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee
2026-2027 Senator, Graduate Student Senate, University of Tennessee
2024-2025 Co-Chair at Large, Geography Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia
2019 Undergraduate Student Ambassador, Northwestern University
2018-2019 Student Representative, Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee, Northwestern University
2018-2019 Executive Board Member, Northwestern Equestrian Team, Northwestern University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instruction

2026 T.A., Introduction to Weather and Climate (GEOG 131), University of Tennessee
2026 T.A., Geography of Popular Culture (GEOG 423), University of Tennessee

2036 T.A., Environmental Issues in National Parks (GEOG 200), University of Tennessee
2025 T.A., Introduction to Weather and Climate (GEOG 131), University of Tennessee
2025 T.A., Introduction to Human Geography, Honors (GEOG 2010H), University of Georgia
2024 Instructor of Record, Intro. to Physical Geography Lab (GEOG 1111L), University of Georgia
2024 T.A. Introduction to Human Geography (GEOG 1101), University of Georgia
2023 T.A., Introduction to World Geography (GEOG 1130), University of Georgia
2023 Instructor: Environmental Education Program, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Athens, GA

Course Design

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

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

OTHER EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

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