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RESEARCH INTERESTS

General	Cultural Geography of the American South
Specific	Geography of Commemoration
	Geography of Memories and Place
	Geography of Religion
	Black Geographies

EDUCATION

Expected 2030	Ph.D. in Geography, University of Tennessee Department of Geography and Sustainability, Knoxville, TN Advisor: Dr. Derek H. Alderman, PhD
Expected 2028	Graduate Certificate, Africana Studies, University of Tennessee Department of Africana Studies
2026	B.A. in Geography and Religious Studies, University of Alabama Department of Geography and the Environment, Tuscaloosa, AL Department of Religious Studies, Tuscaloosa, AL G.P.A.: 4.00/4.00 (Graduated Summa cum Laude) Concentration in Regional, Urban, and Environmental Planning

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Department of Geography and Sustainability, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN Lab Instructor for GEOG 131: Weather, Climate, and Climate Change. Weekly two hour labs with hands-on experience.
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024-2025 **United States Geological Survey REU, Climate Adaptation Scientists of Tomorrow**, Auburn University, Department of Geosciences
- Conducted interdisciplinary research on hydrological and climatic change in upland watersheds of the northern Gulf of Mexico to understand long-term environmental and ecological shifts.
- 2025 **Independent Research With Dr. John Giggie**, The University of Alabama, Department of History
- Conducted archival research to identify and document underreported cases of Black women lynched in Mississippi.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Etta Putman, Dr. Stephanie Shepherd, Dr. Meghan Buchanan. (2025, December 15-19). *Creating a Temporal-Spatial Reference Map of Camp Watts: Aerial Imagery and GIS Applications in Historical Archaeology* [Poster Session]. 2025 American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, United States.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nsnajtWls_GbFP8ZhYyRs1LlhQrDH0tg/view?usp=sharing.
- 2026 Etta Putman, Dr. Michael Altman. (2026, March 31). *Traditions of Black Church Music in Popular Culture* [Panel Session]. 2026 University of Alabama REL Research Symposium, Tuscaloosa, AL, United States.
<https://emputman1.myportfolio.com/work>.

HONORS

- 2024- 2026 **President's Honor Roll**, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 2023- 2024 **Dean's List**, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2026 **Recipient of the Graduate School Fellowship**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 2025 **Recipient of the Joseph Silverstein Scholarship**, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 2024-2025 **Recipient of the Carl E. and Ann K. Jones Regions Endowed Scholarship**, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 2024 **Recipient of the Lange-Button Scholarship**, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- GIS & Spatial Analysis: ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, StoryMaps, LiDAR, georeferencing
- Field & Lab Methods: Sediment coring, wet sieving, particle size analysis, ground truthing
- Data & Research Tools: CharTool, Excel, Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, Python, RStudio

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

2025-Current	American Association of Geographers
2025-Current	Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers