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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, Geography, Syracuse University – Present

Dissertation title – *Malleable Territories: The Politics and Effects of Mining Governance in Post-Soviet Georgia*

Committee – Drs. Natalie Koch (Advisor), Tom Perreault, Jamie Winders, Matt Huber, Jessica Graybill, Brian Taylor

MA, Geography, University of Arizona May 2013

Thesis title – *Exceptional Forests: Forest governance, state structure, and territory in the Republic of Georgia*

Committee – Drs. Beth Mitchneck (Advisor), Paul Robbins, Tracey Osborne

BA, Geography, Colgate University May 2007

Summa Cum Laude, with Honors and High Distinction, Dean's List, Film & Media Studies minor

Thesis title – *A Drop in the Wave: Individual and Global Perceptions of Transformation in the Post-Socialist Albanian Diaspora*

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Swann-Quinn, J. (UNDER REVIEW). "Mining the Homeland: Imagining Resources, Nation, and Territory in Post-Soviet Georgia." Under review at: *Eurasian Geography and Economics*.

Swann-Quinn, J. (UNDER REVIEW). "Ambiguous Dispossession: In/visibly Violent Borders in the Post-Soviet Georgian Mining Industry." Under review at: *Territory, Politics, Governance*.

Swann-Quinn, J. (UNDER REVIEW). "Tigers, Tunnels, People, Lies: More-Than-Human Government and the Tbilisi Zoo Flood." Under review at: *Geoforum*.

Quinn, J. (2017). "*gatekhili* Mountains, *gatekhili* State: Fractured alpine forest governance and post-Soviet development in the Republic of Georgia." *Journal of Alpine Research | Revue de géographie alpine*, (105-1).

Book Chapters

Swann-Quinn, J. (In Progress, invited contribution). "Digging Deep: Crossing Scale in Environmental Geopolitics." In *Environmental Geopolitics: A Research Agenda*, O'Lear, S. (ed.), Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Reviews, Reports, and Edited Volumes

Quinn, J. (2017). "Review of Grimm, Dieter, 'Sovereignty: the origin and future of a political and legal concept'." *H-Citizenship, H-Net Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences*.

House-Peters, L, S. Kelly-Richards, L. Radonic, J. Minor, and **J. Quinn.** (2013). Public political ecology field course: Report on a two-day critical theory and mixed methods course. *Public Political Ecology Lab*, <http://ppel.arizona.edu/?p=352>.

Owen, G., & **J. Quinn. (Eds.)**. (2013). *making sense - a creative exploration of sensing the world. you are here: the journal of creative geography* (Vol. 16). Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona. Retrieved from <http://youareheregeography.com/wp-content/uploads/archive/2013.pdf>.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External:

- 2017 Field Research Travel Award, Eurasia Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers (\$250)
Graduate/Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (\$1500)
- 2016 Public Humanities Fellowship, New York Council for the Humanities (\$8000)
- 2013 *Emmy Award for Outstanding Cinematography - Documentary and Long Form*, Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; "Untamed Americas," National Geographic Television, Associate Producer
Graduate Fellowship, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (\$1500)
- 2011 *Emmy Awards for Outstanding Cinematography - Nature and Outstanding Music & Sound*, Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; "Great Migrations," National Geographic Television, Segment Producer and Associate Producer
- 2007 National Geographic Society Geography Internship

Internal:

- 2018 People's Choice Award, Syracuse University 3-Minute Thesis Competition
Geography Department Summer Research Fund (\$2335)
- 2017 Geography Department Summer Research Fund (\$4000)
- 2016 Roscoe-Martin Graduate Student Dissertation Research Support, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (\$1000)
Geography Department Summer Research Fund (\$3500)
- 2015 Syracuse University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
Moynihan Institute Center for European Studies Summer Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (\$1500)
- 2006 Colgate University Social Science Undergraduate Research Grant (\$2000)

PRESENTATIONS, INVITED LECTURES, AND ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS

- 2018 “Powerful Dispossessions: Power, Borders, and Environment in the Georgian Mining Industry.” Paper presented at Central Eurasian Studies Society’s (CESS) 19th Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. October 25.
- “Imagining the Mine, Imagining the Homeland: Resource Nationalisms in post-Soviet Georgia.” Paper presented at Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 23rd Annual World Convention, New York, NY. May 4.
- “Bordering the Mine: Mining governance, territory, and invisible violence in post-Soviet Georgia.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. April 13.
- “Extracting Eurasia: Power, nature, and space in regional context.” Session organizer at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. April 12.
- “Securing the Tiger: The Tbilisi Zoo tragedy and the post-Soviet bio-social.” Paper presented at Political Geography Specialty Group AAG Pre-Conference, New Orleans, LA. April 9.
- 2017 “Geopolitical Ecologies: The politics and effects of mining governance in post-Soviet Georgia.” Invited presentation for Works-in-Progress series hosted by the Caucasus Research Resource Center, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus, and American Councils, Tbilisi, Georgia. July 12.
- “Precious Earth: Stories of Mining and Political Change in the Adirondack Mountains.” Public Humanities Fellowship invited presentation, Syracuse University Humanities Center, Syracuse, NY. April 28.
- “‘The Russians Blew It Up!’: Environmental imaginaries and gold mining after the Rose Revolution.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. April 8.
- 2016 “Extractive Territories: Mining and Borders in the Republic of Georgia.” Invited paper presented at ‘Bordered: Conceptualizing Eurasia,’ a conference of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Program, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY. April 8.
- “Myth, Image, Territory: Visual Geopolitics in the Republic of Georgia.” Presented at AAG 2016 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. March 30.
- 2015 “Territorial Claims and Gold Mining in Georgia: A Videographic Geography.” Paper presented at Caucasus Research Resource Center ‘Regional Methods Conference’, Tbilisi, Georgia. June 26.
- 2014 “Feminist Geopolitics and Political Ecology: Reconsidering Post-Soviet Environmental Governance in the Republic of Georgia.” Paper presented at ‘Political Geography of the Environment’ conference of the International Geographical Union, hosted by the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. June 20.
- “Video Production as Engaged Method in Political Ecology.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting in conjoined session and roundtable ‘Engaged Scholarship in Critical Geography: Theory, Practice and Pedagogy’, Tampa, FL. April 12.

- 2013 “Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies Public Political Ecology Workshop.” Co-led workshop on public political ecology with Dr. Tracey Osborne, New Haven, CT. November 14.
- “Forest governance and state structure in the Republic of Georgia.” ARISC Georgia Graduate Fellow Presentation, at the Georgian Geographic Society, Tbilisi, Georgia. 7 August.
- “Exceptional Forests: Forest governance and state structure in the Republic of Georgia.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA. April 11.
- “Making Sense – A creative exploration of sensing the world.” Session organizer / discussant at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA. April 12.
- 2012 “Return to Sender: International Return Migration Between Russia and Georgia.” Presented research from NSF funded research project ‘People, Power, and Conflict in the Eurasian Migration System’ with Dr. Beth Mitchneck at the Kennan Institute at the Wilson Center conference titled *Labor Migration in Eurasia: Links to Global Migration and Human Security Trends*, Washington, DC. September 21.
- “you are here: The Cartographic Turn in Literary Studies.” Invited discussant for panel, American Association of Geographers annual meeting, New York, NY. February 26.
- “Media and the Academy Brown Bag.” Invited co-leader on panel for fellow graduate students at the University of Arizona, focus on methods and strategies for using media in geographic research and engaging with media outlets to help with research dissemination, Tucson, AZ. May 2.
- 2008 “A Drop in the Wave: Individual/Global Perceptions of Transformation in the post-socialist Albanian Diaspora.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Boston, MA. April 19.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University

AY 2018-2019	Teaching Associate	Global Community, MAX 132
Summer 2018	Instructor of Record	Mapping Today: Technology and Spatial Thinking, GEO 108
AY 2017-2018	Instructor of Record	World Cultures, GEO 272
AY 2016-2017	Teaching Associate	Global Community, MAX 132
Spring 2016	Teaching Assistant	Mapping 2.0: Understanding Spatial Thinking, GEO 100
Fall 2015	Teaching Assistant	Principles of GIS, GEO 683-383
Fall 2014	Instructor of Record	World Cultures, GEO 272
Spring 2014	Teaching Assistant	Cities of the World, GEO 200
Fall 2013	Teaching Assistant	World Cultures, GEO 272

University of Arizona

Spring 2012	Lead Teaching Assistant	Human Geography & Global Systems, GEOG 150
Falls 2011, 2012	Teaching Assistant	GIS for Natural and Social Sciences, GEOG 617-417

Colgate University

2006-2007	Teaching Assistant	Introduction to Photography, ARTS 241
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Summers 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 *Doctoral dissertation research*
Six months of preliminary and primary research on the Georgian mining sector; performing semi-structured interviews, collaborating with activists, and collecting additional data resources.

Summers 2012, 2013 *MA thesis research*
Four months of field research consisting of semi-structured interviews with key players in the Georgian forestry sector.

Fall 2011 – Spring 2013 Research assistant
Working under Dr. Beth Mitchneck at the University of Arizona with research team of four on NSF funded research project “People, Power, and Conflict in the Eurasian Migration System”.

Fall 2011 – present *Public Political Ecology Lab*
Film and edit video interviews with prominent political ecologists, assist with website creation, work with small team under Dr. Tracey Osborne at the University of Arizona.

Aug 2006 – May 2007 *Undergraduate senior research project in Geography*
Honors thesis on summer’s work in Albania. Perform conversational narrative analyses focused on theories of migration, development and cultural identity.

Spring 2007 *Upstate Institute Research, Colgate University*
Established a working database of functional job descriptions at the Madison County Social Services Department for state government research

Summer 2006 *Shala Valley Project / Balkans Peace Park Project, Albania*
Field GIS technician for archeological survey project while also collaboratively assisting with the development of a trans-boundary peace park in Albanian highlands.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of American Geographers (AAG)
- Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)
- Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

- *Demokratizatsiya*
- *Polar Geography*

SERVICE

AY 2017-2019

Student Board Member, American Association of Geographers Eurasian Specialty Group

AY 2016-2017

Future Professoriate Program Coordinator

Coordinator of the Geography Department's Future Professoriate Program branch, organizing annual GeoFest event and departmental FPP events for graduate students.

Spring 2015

Graduate Admissions Committee, Geography Department, Syracuse University

Graduate representative to department admissions committee, reviewing applications and contributing to admissions and funding decisions.

Fall 2013-Present

Future Professoriate Program Member

Member of student professional development association within the Syracuse University Geography Department

AY 2012-2013

Editor, *you are here: the journal of creative geography*

Co-Editor for issue titled "Making Sense – A creative exploration of sensing the world," <http://youareheregeography.com/wp-content/uploads/archive/2013.pdf>.

AY 2011-2012

Assistant Editor, *you are here: the journal of creative geography*

Editorial staff for issue titled "Suspensions: Spaces between illness and health," <http://youareheregeography.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2012.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2007 – August 2011

National Geographic Television, Natural History Unit – Washington, DC

Various positions including Segment Producer, Associate Producer, Lead Researcher, Media Manager, and Series Coordinator on high profile wildlife documentaries / series

- *Untamed Americas* (2012)
 - Winner of 2013 Emmy award for cinematography
 - Best Natural History Film award at 2012 Banff Mountain Film Festival
 - In this television series narrated by Josh Brolin and comprising four, hour-long episodes, we tell stories of wildlife survival and conservation throughout the Americas, from the most remote regions to our urban backyards.
 - For further information, see <http://www.natgeotv.com/int/untamed-americas>
- *Sea Strikers* (2011)
 - In this one hour special, we use high-speed photography to investigate the biomechanics of fish jaw structure and behavior in high-speed, pelagic predators.
 - For further information, see <http://natgeotv.com/asia/sea-strikers>
- *Great Migrations* (2010)
 - Winner of two Emmy awards in 2011 for cinematography and music/sound design

- The National Geographic Society’s largest project to date.
 - A cross-platform multimedia initiative with world-wide synchronous release, a paired cover story with the National Geographic Magazine, and multiple citizen science events.
 - Working alongside and in consultation with top animal migration scholars (including E.O. Wilson and scientists from the Max Planck Institute, WCS, WWF, and more), narrated by Alec Baldwin, and comprising seven diverse hours of programming, our team tells stories of animal migrations around the planet.
 - For further information, see <http://www.nationalgeographic.com.au/tv/great-migrations/>
- *Moose: Titans of the North* (2008)
- This one hour special documents the lives of moose populations, explaining basic ecology, biology, and interactions with human populations.
 - For further information, see <http://tvblogs.nationalgeographic.com/2010/07/22/moose-titans-of-the-north/>

LANGUAGE

Limited working proficiency in Georgian (reading, writing, speaking)

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

ESRI ArcGIS suite	NVIVO
SPSS	Apple Final Cut Pro
STATA	Adobe Premiere / Photoshop

REFERENCES

Dr. Natalie Koch: Associate Professor and Dissertation Advisor
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Dr. Jamie Winders: Professor, Department Chair and Committee Member
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Dr. Tom Perreault: Professor, Director of Graduate Studies and Committee Member
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Dr. Jessica Graybill: Associate Professor and Committee Member
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