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EDUCATION

PhD, Geography, Syracuse University May 2019

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 (Colgate University), Brian Taylor (Chair)

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 / Film & Media Studies, Colgate University May 2007

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

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political ecology
Environmental humanities
GIS and geospatial technology
Animal geography

Environmental history
Political geography
Eurasian area studies
Film and media studies

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Swann-Quinn, J. (2019). "Toward Extractive Archipelagos." *Territory, Politics, Governance* 0(0), 1-23.

Swann-Quinn, J. (2019). "Mining the Homeland: Imagining Resources, Nation, and Territory in Post-Soviet Georgia." *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 60(2), 119–151.

Swann-Quinn, J. (2019). "More-Than-Human Government and the Tbilisi Zoo Flood." *Geoforum* 102: 167-81.

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. (2020). “Digging Deep: Crossing Scale in the Georgian Mining Industry.” In *A Research Agenda for Environmental Geopolitics*, 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>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University

Instructor of Record

Global Community	AY 2019-2020 AY 2018-2019 AY 2016-2017
World Cultures	AY 2017-2018 Fall 2014
World Urban Geography	Summer 2019
Mapping Today	Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant

Mapping 2.0	Spring 2016
Principles of GIS (<i>Grad/Ugrad x-list</i>)	Fall 2015
Cities of the World	Spring 2014
World Cultures	Fall 2013

University of Arizona

Teaching Assistant

Human Geography & Global Systems	Spring 2012
GIS for Natural and Social Sciences (<i>Grad/Ugrad x-list</i>)	Falls 2011, 2012

Colgate University

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Photography	AY 2006-2007
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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

- 2019 “Post-Socialist Political Ecologies.” Session series organizer at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Washington, DC. April 6.
- “Assembling Benthic Power.” Session series organizer at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Washington, DC. April 3.
- “Imagining Extractive Archipelagos? Toward a Lived Geopolitics of Deep Seabed Mining.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Washington, DC. April 3.
- 2018 “Mining in the Anthropocene.” Invited lecture, GEO 215 Global Environmental Change, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. November 26.
- “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.

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 / Balkans Peace Park Projects, 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)

Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group

Energy and Environment Specialty Group

Political Geography Specialty Group

Eurasian Specialty Group

Geographic Information Science and Systems Specialty Group

Animal Geographies Specialty Group

Coastal and Marine Specialty Group

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Geoforum

Capitalism Nature Socialism

Demokratizatsiya

Polar Geography

SERVICE

Summer 2019

Accessibility Coordinator, Undergraduate MAX program, Maxwell School

Regularized two courses' content to meet accessibility standards and provided faculty colleagues guidance on adhering to concepts of universal design for learning

AY 2017-2019

American Association of Geographers Eurasian Specialty Group, Student Board Member

Organized conference sessions, attended business meetings, and focused on student member outreach

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-Spring 2019

Future Professoriate Program, Member

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

AY 2012-2013

you are here: the journal of creative geography, Editor

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

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

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

FILM PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

August 2007 – January 2012

National Geographic Television, Natural History Unit

Various positions including Segment Producer, Associate Producer, Field Producer, Lead Researcher, Media Manager, and Series Coordinator on high profile wildlife documentary films and 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

Adobe PDF Accessibility Tools

SPSS

Adobe Premiere / Photoshop

STATA

Apple Final Cut Pro

NVIVO

REFERENCES

Dr. Natalie Koch

Relation: Associate Professor and Dissertation Advisor, Syracuse University

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Dr. Jamie Winders

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