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EDUCATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2013 Ph.D. Rutgers University, Women’s and Gender Studies

Dissertation: “From Recognition to Regulation: Flood Fears, Gender Violence

and Asylum Law in the United States” Chair: Dr. Joanna Regulska

2006 M.A. Rutgers University, Women’s & Gender Studies

2003 B.A. Bates College, Political Science, Honors, Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2015 - Assistant Professor, Department of Geology and Geography and Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, West Virginia University

2014-15 Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of Geology and Geography and Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, West Virginia University

2010-13 Adjunct Instructor, Women’s and Gender Studies, Leadership Studies, West Virginia University

2006-13 Program Director, Community Leadership, Action and Service Program (CLASP),

Institute for Women’s Leadership, Rutgers University

2008-9 Advisor Leadership Scholars Program, Institute for Women’s Leadership, Rutgers

2007-8 Undergraduate Advisor / Internships Coordinator, Dept. of Women’s and Gender

Studies

2005-6 Project Coordinator, Gender and Policy Initiative, Institute for Women’s Leadership,

Rutgers University

2001-2 Director, Women’s Resource Center, Bates College

2001 Research Assistant, Tahirih Justice Center for Women Refugees, VA.

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gorman, C.S. Forthcoming. “Singled out: Scaling violence and social groups as legal borderwork in U.S. asylum law.” *The Geographical Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gere.12311>

Gorman, C.S. 2018. “Feminist Legal Archeology, Domestic Violence and the Raced-Gendered Juridical Boundaries of U.S. Asylum Law.” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X18757507>.

Gorman, C.S. 2017. “Redefining Refugees: Interpretive Control and the Bordering Work of Legal Categorization in U.S. Asylum Law.” *Political Geography* 58 (May): 36–45. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2016.12.006>.

Gorman, C.S. 2016. “Containing Kassindja: Detention, Gendered Threats and Border Control in the United States.” *Gender, Place & Culture* 23 (7): 955–68. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2015.1090412>.

SUBMITTED/UNDER REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gorman, C.S. Defined by the Flood: Alarmism, Crisis and Chaos at the Legal Thresholds of Political Asylum. *Geopolitics*

Gorman, C.S. "The ‘Invasion and Colonization’ of West Virginia: The Socio-spatial Dimensions of Anti-refugee Resettlement Narratives", Under Review, *Environment and Planning C.*

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2018 West Virginia Humanities Council Fellowship, $2,500

West Virginia University Humanities Center Summer Grant, $3,500

Russel Sage Foundation, “Rural Refuge?: The Spatial Dimensions of Syrian Muslim Resettlement

Politics in Appalachia” $174,650.50 [Not Funded]

2017 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, $6,000 submitted 7/13/17

not awarded 7/31/17

2016 Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Development Grant, $500

2014-15 Institute for Women’s Leadership, Research Fellow, $15,000

2011-13 Women’s Leadership Award, $6,000, Institute for Women’s Leadership and

Department of Women’s and Gender Studies

2010 Dissertation Preliminary Research Award, $1,000, Graduate School, Rutgers

University

2008 Mary S. Hartman Fellowship, $15,000, Rutgers University

2003 Phi Beta Kappa, Bates College 2003 Honors conferred on Undergraduate Thesis, Bates College

2002 Arthur Crafts Community Service Award, $500, Bates College

2002 Stangle Grant for Law and Economics, $3,000, Bates College

2002 Undergraduate Student Research Grant, $300, Bates College

2001 Community Leadership Study Fellowship, $3,500, Bates College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2017 - Feminist Theory (WGST 330/530)

2014 - World Regional Geography (GEOG 102) campus and online

2014 - Women and International Development (WGST 345)

2014 - Global Migration and Human Rights (GEOG 312)

2013 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST Honors 170)

2006-13 Community Leadership and Action Seminar, Rutgers University (WGS:422)

2011-13 Leadership for Social Change, West Virginia University (LDR/WMST: 493)

2010-12 Women and Leadership, West Virginia University (LDR/WMST: 393)

2008 Leadership Scholars Capstone Seminar, Rutgers University (WGS:430)

2008 Women’s and Gender Studies Capstone Seminar, Rutgers University (WGS:425)

2006 Shaping a Life: First-Year Writing Seminar, Rutgers University (WGS:130)

STUDENT ADVISING\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Committee member, Committee member, Arianna Hall-Reinhard, M.A. Student, Geography

Committee member, Christabel Devadoss Ph.D. Candidate, Geography

Committee member, Nerissa Aksamit, Ph.D. Candidate, History

Committee member, Amanda Marple, M.A. Student, Geography, Completed 12/2017

Research Supervisor, Ronald McNair Scholars Program, Samantha Shimer, International Studies major

Completed 8/2017

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“The Unholy Alliance”: BIG MEAT, the federal government and U.S. resettlement in anti-refugee narratives” Food Justice in Appalachia and the US South, WVU, August 3, 2018.

“[The ‘Invasion and Colonization’ of West Virginia: An Analysis of Anti Syrian-Refugee Discourses and Rural Resentment in the Mountain State](file:////AAG%20Annual%20Meeting%202018/abstracts-gallery/14528)” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. April 2018.

“The Invasion and Colonization of West Virginia”: Refugee Resettlement Politics & Rural Resentment,” Critical Geography Conference, Pennsylvania State University, October 28, 2017, with Karen Culcasi.

“Navigating the Floodgate: Creative Lawyering and Gender-Based Asylum,” Legal Geography and Social Justice, American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. Boston, MA, April 2017.

“Precarious Protection: Legal Precedents and the Unstable Foundations of U.S. Gender-Based Asylum,” Feminist Legal Geographies (3): Regulating Bodies, Borders and Boundaries session, Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, London, England, August 2016.

“Codified Precarity: Unaccompanied Minors and the Struggle for Political Asylum,” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Locating Humanitarian Violence session. San Francisco, CA, March 2016.

“Unexceptional Violence and Victims: Matter of R-A- and Floodgate-Keeping in U.S. Asylum Law” Developing the Field of Gender and Migration: Working Toward Innovative Methodologies and Analytical Techniques, University of California, Irvine, February 26-27 2016. (Invited Presentation).

“Unstable Grounds: Excavating the Exclusionary Foundations of U.S. Gender-Based Asylum,” National Women's Studies Association Annual National Conference, Devaluation and Border Violence session. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 14, 2015.

"Engaging Injustice: Linking Leadership Programs with ‘Justice Learning,’” National Women's Studies Association Annual National Conference, ‘Social Justice Education and the Neoliberal University’ session. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 13, 2015.

“Immobilizing Refugees,” Movements of Peoples: Past, Present and Future, WVU Law School, November 9, 2015.

“Making Sense of Refugee Crises” Campaign Panel, WVU Syrian Refugee Campaign, October 7, 2015.

“Asylum Law, Gender and the Problem of Scale,” American Association of Geographers Annual

Conference, “Law, Culture and Place: U.S. Perspectives on Borders and Civil Law” session. Tampa, Florida, April 2014.

“Female Asylees, Gender Violence and Flood Fears,” Law and Society Association Annual

Conference, “Power, Privilege, and the Pursuit of Justice: Legal Challenges in Precarious

Times.” Boston, Massachusetts, May 2013.

“Asylum Law, Gender and the Problem of Scale,” American Association of Geographers Annual

Conference, “(Re)Imagining Borders in an Era of Migration and Deportation III: Refugees and

the stateless” session. Los Angeles, California, April 2013.

“Crisis and the Making of U.S. Gender-Based Asylum,” National Women’s Studies Association

Annual Conference, “Feminist Transformations,” Atlanta, Georgia, November 2011.

“Transnational Feminist Challenges to U.S. Rescue Narratives in U.S. Refugee Asylum Law,”

National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, “Difficult Dialogues II,” Denver,

Colorado, November 2010.

“Finding the Abroad at Home: Local Service Learning Programs as Travel Study,” National

Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, “Continuing Dialogues on Resisting

Hegemonies: Race and Sexual Politics in Nation, Region and Empire,” Atlanta, Georgia.

November 2009.

“Shifting Hierarchies of Belonging: Refugees in the Era of Welfare Reform,”

National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, “Resisting Hegemonies: Race and

Sexual Politics in Nation, Region and Empire,” Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2008.

“Critical Engagement: A Feminist Interrogation of ‘Community’ in Service-Learning,”

Association of American College and Universities Annual Conference, “The Civic Engagement

Imperative: Student Learning and the Public Good,” Providence, Rhode Island November 2005

“Socks, Sex and Politics: Gendered Persecution and U.S. Asylum Law,” Women’s and Gender

Studies Graduate Student Association Annual Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick,

New Jersey April 2005

SERVICE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2017- Undergraduate Advisor, Women’s and Gender Studies, WVU

2014 - Member, Undergrad Committee, Department of Geology & Geography, WVU

2015-17 Faculty Mentor, WVU Syrian Refugee Campaign

2014 -2016 Advisor, Gender Equality Movement, student organization

2015 Member of Search Committee for Teaching Assistant Professor in Geography

2015 Member of Search Committee for Instructor in Women’s and Gender Studies

2015-6 Member, Women and Gender Studies Scholar in Residence Committee

2007-11Board of Directors, Leadership Scholars Certificate Program, Institute for Women’s

Leadership

2006-8 Leadership Scholars Certificate Program Selection Committee

2005-8 Colloquium Coordinator, Women, Policy and Leadership Speaker Series

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2016 Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity.

2015 Research Office, Applying for External Funding, Brown Bag Series.

2015 Geography Faculty Development Alliance, University of Connecticut.

2013 Participant, Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS) annual workshop, Immigration and Migration: Cultural, Social, and Economic Impacts

2006 Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership, Certificate in Ethical Leadership.

2005-6 Intensive Spanish Language Training, Matagalpa, Nicaragua.