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Academic Positions

- Professor of Geography, West Virginia University (WVU), August 2025-present
- Harriet E. Lyon Professor in Women and Gender Studies, WVU, August 2025-present
- Associate Professor of Geography, WVU, 2015–2025
 - Associate Chair of Geography, WVU, July 2017-June 2020
- Assistant Professor of Geography, WVU, 2009–15
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography, WVU, 2008-09

Education

PhD in Geography, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, May 2008

- Dissertation title: “Cartographically Constructing the Middle East”
- Comprehensive exams: Political Geography, History of Cartography, and Geography of the Middle East

Master of Arts in Geography, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, SU, May 2003

- Thesis title: “Cartographic Representations of Kurdistan in the Print Media”

Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Sociology, University of Vermont, December 1998

- Member of Gamma Theta Upsilon, International Geographic Honor Society

Publications

Peer Reviewed Book

- Culcasi, Karen (2023). “Displacing Territory: Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Jordan,” University of Chicago Press.
 - Winner of the 2023 Meridian Prize for Outstanding Scholarship, Association of American Geographers
 - Honorable Mention, 2023 Minghi Distinguished Book Award, Political Geography Specialty Group

Guest Edited Special Issues

- Skop, Emily and Culcasi, Karen (eds) (2019). “Bordering Practices, Local Resistance and the Global Refugee ‘Crisis’,” *Geographical Review*, 109.
- Culcasi, Karen (ed). (2016). “Engaging in the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Debate.” *Geographical Review*, 106.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters in Preparation, Under Review or Under Revision

- Culcasi, Karen (under review). “It’s Not So Bad:” Muslims’ Senses of Belonging to Rural, Southern West Virginia.” *Journal of Rural Studies*.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters Published, In Press, or Accepted

- Zoppoloto, Davide and Karen Culcasi (2025). “Social Media Geopolitics: The Informal Geopolitics of Chinese Vloggers in Pakistan.” *Geopolitics*.
- Culcasi, Karen (accepted). “Feminist Geographies of Refuge and Asylum.” *Handbook of Feminist Political Geography*. Sydney Calkin and Cordelia Freeman (eds). De Gruyter, Berlin.

- Culcasi, Karen (2025) "Global Dispatches: Cultural/Social Geography of the Middle East." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Cultural and Social Geography*, Jamie Winders and Ishan Ashutosh (eds), Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Culcasi, Karen (2025). "The Power of Maps." In *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Geography. Second Edition*. Virginie Mamadouh, Natalie Koch, Chih Yuan Woon and John Agnew (eds). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
- Culcasi, Karen (2024). "The Challenges and Potentials of Critical Muslim Geographies." *Dialogues in Human Geography*. DOI: 10.1177/20438206241278708.
- Culcasi, Karen (2024). "Gendered Orientalism and the Agency of Syrian Women Refugees." *Fennia: International Journal of Geography*, 202, 13-25.
- Culcasi, Karen (2023). "Decolonizing the 'Middle East.'" *The Arab World Geographer* 26, 108-118.
- Gorman, Cynthia and Karen Culcasi (2020). "The 'Invasion and Colonization' of West Virginia: The Socio-spatial Dimensions of Anti-refugee Resettlement Narratives." *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, 39, 168–183.
- Devadoss, Christabel and Culcasi, Karen (2020). "Postcolonial and Settler Colonial Exclusions: The Intersection of Tamil and Arab Diasporas in the US," in Natalie Koch, Andy Jonas, Sami Moisio, Juho Luukkonen, and Chris Lizotte (Eds), *Changing Geographies of the State: New Spaces of Geopolitics*, Edward Elgar, 119-131.
- Culcasi, Karen, Skop, Emily and Gorman, Cynthia (2019). "Contemporary Refugee-Border Dynamics and the Legacies of the 1919 Paris Peace Conference," *Geographical Review*, 109, 469-486.
- Culcasi, Karen (2019). "We Are Women and Men Now:" Intimate Spaces and Coping Labour for Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan." For *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 44, 463-478.
- Culcasi, Karen (2017). "Imagining the Arab Homeland and Palestine." In *Scaling Identities: Nationalism and Territoriality*, Guntram Herb and David Kaplan (eds), Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 137-155.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2017). "Multiscalar Nations: Cartography and Countercartography of the Egyptian Nation-State." In *Decolonizing the Map: Cartography and the Passage From Colony to the Nation*, James Ackerman (ed), Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 252-283.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2016). "Warm Nationalism: Mapping and Imagining the Jordanian Nation." *Political Geography*, 54, 7-20.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2016). "Engaging in the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Debate." *Geographical Review*, 106, 2, 258-263.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2016). "Images and Imaginings of Palestine: Territory and Everyday Geopolitics for Palestinian Jordanians." *Geopolitics*, 21, 1, 69-91.
- McNeil, Brenden and Culcasi, Karen. (2015). "Maps on Acid: Cartographic Constructions of the Acid Rain Environmental Issue, 1972-1980." *The Professional Geographer*, 67, 2, 242-254.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2014). "Disordered Ordering: Mapping the Division of the Ottoman Empire." *Cartographica*, 49, 1, 2-17.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2013). "Cartographies of Nation Building: Creating and Contesting the Egyptian Geobody." *Arab World Geographer*, 16, 1, 30-53.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2012). "Mapping the Middle East from Within: (Counter-)Cartographies of an Imperialist Construction." *Antipode*, 44, 4, 1099-1118.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2011). "Cartographies of Supranationalism: Creating and Silencing Territories in the 'Arab Homeland'." *Political Geography*, 30, 417-428.
- Culcasi, Karen and Mahmut Gokmen. (2011). "The Face of Danger: Beards in the U.S. Media's Representations of Arabs, Muslims, and Middle Easterners." *Aether: The Journal of Media Geography*, 8, B, 82-96.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2010). "Constructing and Naturalizing the Middle East." *Geographical Review*, 100, 4, 583-597.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2010). "Locating Kurdistan: Contextualizing Kurdistan's Ambiguous Boundaries." In *Borderlines and Borderlands: Political Oddities at the Edge of the Nation-State*, Alexander C. Diener and Joshua Hagen (eds), 107-120, Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2008). "Cartographic Constructions of the Middle East." *Imago Mundi*, 60, 120-121.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2006). "Cartographically Constructing Kurdistan within Geopolitical and Orientalist Discourses." *Political Geography*, 25, 680-706.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- Culcasi, Karen (2022). "Factsheets: Refugees & US Refugee Resettlement Policy," WVU Humanities Center.
- Nassif, Gabriella, Nagel, Caroline, Culcasi, Karen, Hamidi, Yalda, Ranjbar, Marie, and Cook, Brittany. (2021). "Feminist Geographies of the Middle East and North Africa: A Panel Discussion at the Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Conference 2020, *Al Raida*, 45, 52-60
- Culcasi, Karen (2017). "Displacing Territory: Refugees in the Middle East." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (invited article for roundtable on Geography within Middle East Studies).
- Culcasi, Karen. (2016). "Thinking it Through: Refugees." *WVU Alumni Magazine*, Summer, 12.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2015). "Nation-State Formation and Cartography." In *The History of Cartography Volume Six: Cartography in the Twentieth Century*, Mark Monmonier (ed), 1000-1009, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2015). "Counter Mapping." In *The History of Cartography Volume Six: Cartography in the Twentieth Century*, Mark Monmonier (ed), 185-185, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
- Culcasi, Karen and Claudia Sawyer. (2015). "The Ethnographic Map." In *The History of Cartography Volume Six: Cartography in the Twentieth Century*, Mark Monmonier (ed), 409-413, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2013). "Geography of Egypt." In *The Middle East in Focus: Egypt*, Mona Russell (ed), 1-15, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC CLIO.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2010). Encyclopedia Entry: "Mark Monmonier." In *The Encyclopedia of Geography*, Barney Warf (ed). 1938-1939, SAGE Press.

Published Book & Film Reviews

- Culcasi, Karen. (2023). Review of *Protesting Jordan: Geographies of Power and Dissent*, by Jillian Schwedler, *Political Science Quarterly*.
- Culcasi, Karen (2021), *Films for the Feminist Classroom*, Review of *Day One & Sonita*, Issue 10.2, Spring http://ffc.twu.edu/issue_10-2/rev_Culcasi_10-2.html
- Culcasi, Karen. (2020). Review of *Shakespearean Territories*, by Stuart Elden. *Journal of Historical Geography*, 67, 103-4.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2015). Review of *Tribal Modern: Branding New Nations in the Arab Gulf*, by miriam cooke. *The Geographical Review*, 105, 4, 622-625.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2013). Review of *Arab America: Gender, Cultural Politics, and Activism*, by Nadine Naber. *Antipode* <http://antipodefoundation.org/book-reviews>.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2013). Review of *Is There a Middle East: The Evolution of a Geopolitical Concept*, edited by Michael Bonine, Abbas Amanat, and Michael Gasper. *The Journal of World History*, 24, 3, 710-712.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2012). Review of *The Kurdish Quasi-State: Development and Dependency in Post-gulf War Iraq*, by Denise Natali. *The Review of Middle East Studies*, 46, 1, 132-134.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2010). Review of *The Natures of Maps*, by Denis Wood and John Fels. *Imago Mundi*, 62, 1, 117.
- Culcasi, Karen. (2006). Review of *From Squaw Tit to Whorehouse Meadow, How Maps Name, Claim, and Inflamm*, by Mark Monmonier. *Geography Department Newsletter*, Syracuse University.

Media

- *Taliban, ISIS, Al Qaeda: What's the difference?*, Dominion Post, 9/3/21
- *After America leaves Afghanistan*, Watch Dog - Upper Ohio Valley, 9/1/21
- *U.S. legally, morally obligated to 'clean up the mess' in Afghanistan*, WVU researcher says, WVU Today 8/23/21
- *2 million people asking Google: "Put Palestine On Your Maps!"*, Volant Media Iran international TV, 6/2/21
- *The Meaning of Home*, WVU Magazine, March 2021
- *Has Google already deleted Palestine from its maps?*, BBC Arabic, <https://www.bbc.com/arabic/media-53532058>, July 2020
- *Beyond Borders*, <https://wvutoday.wvu.edu/stories/2019/11/04/beyond-borders-geographers-link-formation-of-international-laws-to-refugee-crisis>
 - WVU Alumni Magazine, November 2019

- <https://phys.org/news/2019-11-borders-geographers-link-formation-international.html>
- https://www.eurasiareview.com/13112019-geographers-link-formation-of-international-laws-to-refugee-crisis/?mc_cid=15d7248f57&mc_eid=7c1fbc9d0
- *If Donald would meet Fatima*, <https://blog.geographydirections.com/2019/03/26/if-donald-would-met-fatima/>, *Geography Directions*, March 2019
- *Learning From Refugees*, <https://magazine.wvu.edu/stories/2016/08/08/refugees>, August 2016

Fellowships, Grants, and Stipends

- American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant, for research in the al-Salt Museum of Textbooks in Jordan, April 2023.
- West Virginia's Higher Education Policy Commission, Open Education Resources (OER) grant, March 2023.
- West Virginia University Humanities Center, Scholarship, for research in the al-Salt Museum of Textbooks in Jordan, May 2023.
- WVU Provost Office, Transform this!, for improving prayer spaces on campus and educating WVU community about the Muslim practice of prayer, May 2021-March 2023
- West Virginia University Humanities Center, Fellowship, for book project "Displacing Territory: Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Jordan," June 2020.
- West Virginia Humanities Council, Fellowship, for new project on "Muslim Men and Women's Experiences in West Virginia," May 2020.
- ECAS Faculty Development and Travel Grants, and WVU Faculty Senate Travel Grant for research in Jordan, March 2018.
- Awards for Research Team Scholarship (ARTS) for research on Syrian women refugees, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, 2014.
- AAG Research Grant for fieldwork in Dearborn, Michigan with Palestinian Americans, 2014.
- WVU Faculty Development Grant for fieldwork in Dearborn, Michigan with Palestinian Americans, 2014.
- National Science Foundation-WVU ADVANCE Grant for travel to Jordan for fieldwork, faculty development course at York University on refugee studies, and mentoring, 2011-2012.
- National Science Foundation Travel Award for International Geographical Union Conference, Tel Aviv, 2010.
- Summer Dean's Research Award for Arabic lessons, Syracuse University Graduate School, 2007
- University Fellow for dissertation writing, Syracuse University, 2006-2007
- Honorary Fellowship in Geography, University of Madison, 2006-2008
- Maxwell Dean's Dissertation Research Fellowship for dissertation research in Egypt, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2005-2006
- Research Fellow, American University of Cairo, 2005
- Graduate Dean's Summer Stipend for Arabic lessons, Syracuse University Graduate School, 2005
- Research and Creative Grant for dissertation research in London, Syracuse University Graduate School, 2005
- Goekjian Fellowship for dissertation research in London, Moynihan Global Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Summer 2004
- Research and Creative Grant for archival dissertation research, Syracuse University Graduate School, Summer 2004
- Maxwell School Summer Stipend for Arabic lessons in Morocco, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2003
- Roscoe Martin Research Grant for MA research in the Library of Congress, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2003

Awards and Honors

- Association of American Geographers, Winner of the 2023 Meridian Book Prize for Outstanding Scholarship.

- Political Geography Specialty Group Honorable Mention for the 2023 Minghi Distinguished 2023 Book Award.
- Nominated and awarded *Visiting Geographical Scientist Program* (VGSP), Association of American Geographers 2016-current.
- Selected participant in University training on General Education Foundations, \$1,000, 2015
- “Featured Geographer” in *Globalization and Diversity: Geography of a Changing World*, Pearson Press, 2015
- Nominated and selected for a biographical entry in *Marquis Who’s Who in America*, 2007
- Second place in Student Illustrated Paper Competition, Remote Sensing, Geographic Information Sciences, and Cartography Specialty Groups, Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2007
- Graduate Student Award, Cartography and Geographic Information Society Scholarship, American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, 2007, \$1000
- Tuition remission and teaching/research stipend, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse, NY, 2001–2005

Discipline & Board Memberships and Service

- Community Reviewer, *Frontiers in Human Dynamics* and *Frontiers in Political Science*, 2022-present
- Editorial Board Member, *Gender, Feminism and Geography*, Jennifer Fluri and Amy Trauger (eds), 2016-present
- Editorial Board Member, *The Geographical Review*, 2015-present
- Book Review Editor, *Arab World Geographer*, 2015-2018
- Chair, Political Geography Specialty Group, MA/PhD Student Paper Award committee, Spring 2014-Spring 2016
- Board Member, Political Geography Specialty Group, Spring 2013-Spring 2014
- Student Director, Cartography Specialty Group, March 2005–March 2006

Invited Research Presentations

- “Refugees in Southwest Asia and North Africa,” George Washington University and The National Council on Geographic Education, October 2024.
- “Experiences with anti-Muslim Discrimination in West Virginia,” Eberly Roundtable, September, 2024
- “Decolonizing Middle East Knowledge-Production,” George Washington University, April 2024.
- “Displacement and (Im)Mobility: Syrian and Palestinian Refugees in Jordan,” George Mason University, April 2024.
- “Displacing Territory: Syrian and Palestinian Refugees in Jordan,” WVU Humanities Center, February 2024.
- “Displacing Territory: Syrian and Palestinian Refugees in Jordan,” Geology and Geography Colloquium Series, December 2023.
- “Decolonizing the ‘Middle East,’” keynote speaker, Arab World Geographer conference, Salalah, Oman, May 2023
- “Displacing Territory: Syrian and Palestinian Refugees in Jordan,” WVU Humanities Center, April 2021
- “Crises in Jordan: State Responses & The Territorial/Humanitarian Nexus,” *Unsettling Borders: Encountering Difference, Embodying Boundaries*, online, University North Carolina, October 2020
- “The World Map in 2050,” AGS annual symposium, Columbia University, November 2019
- “Struggles and Resilience: Everyday Lives of Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan,” Central Washington University, May 2018
- “Intimate Geopolitics: Syrian Women Refugees,” Central Washington University, May 2018
- “Marginality and Refugees,” Central Washington University, May 2018
- “Refugees and the Middle East,” Yakima Community College, May 2018
- “Displacing Territory: Syrian & Palestinian Refugees in Jordan,” Kent State, April 2018
- “Critical Cartography of the Middle East,” Oberlin College, March 30, 2017 (created and lead this full day workshop)
- “Qualitative Methods for Research with People in Precarious Situations,” Aquinas College, March 2017.

- “The Syrian Refugee Crisis: A Micro-scaled Examination of Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan,” Grand Rapids Community College, March 2017
- “Challenges and Resilience: Humanizing Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan,” Cecilia Rollins Brown Lecture Series, WVU, February 2016
- “Challenges and Resilience: Gendered Norms and the Work of Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan,” University of South Carolina, December 2015
- “Humanizing Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan,” WVU Law School, November 2015
- “Making Sense of Refugee Crises,” WVU, Morgantown, WV, October 2015
- “Placing the Middle East,” Georgetown University, November 2012
- “Mapping the Middle East from Within: (Counter) Cartographies of an Imperialist Construction,” University of Akron, April 2011
- “Recent Uprisings in the Arab Middle East and Northern Africa,” WVU, March 2011
- “Multiple Identities of Egypt: Cartographic Construction of the Modern Egyptian Nation-State,” Seventeenth Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr., Lectures in the History of Cartography, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, November 2010
- “Cartographic Constructions of the Middle East,” Yi Fu Tuan Lecture, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 2007
- “British Imperialist Cartography and the Construction of the Middle East,” Middle Eastern Studies Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2007

Conference Presentations & Public Talks

- “Social Media Geopolitics: The Informal Geopolitics of Chinese Vloggers in Pakistan,” AAG, Detroit, March 2025
- “Jennifer Hyndman’s *Managing Displacement: Refugees and the Politics of Humanitarianism*,” AAG, Detroit, March 2025
- “Refugee Camp Territories in Jordan,” Political Geography Pre-Conference, Detroit, March 2025
- “Intimate Spaces & Coping Labor: Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan,” Middle East Studies Association, online, October 2020
- “Defining Borders, Displacing Lives,” session organizer, AAG, April 2019, Washington, DC
- “Geographies of Islamophobia,” discussant, AAG, April 2019, Washington, DC
- “Pre-colonial Connections in a Post-colonial present,” AAG, April 2019, Washington, DC
- “‘The Invasion and Colonization of West Virginia:’ Refugee Resettlement Politics & Rural Resentment,” Critical Geography Conference, Pennsylvania State University, October 28, 2017 (with Cynthia Gorman)
- “Displacing States: Imaginings and Experiences of “the State” for Syrian and Palestinian Refugees in Jordan,” AAG, Boston, MA April 9, 2017
- “The Middle East: New Directions in Pedagogy and Practice,” AAG, Boston, MA April 7, 2017
- “Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan: Intersections of Paid Work & the Household,” Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, University of Victoria, May 16, 2017
- “Palestinian-Americans’ Imaginings and Performance of Identity,” Race, Ethnicity and Place, Kent State University, OH, September 2016
- “Connecting Europe’s Crisis with Syrian Refugees in Jordan,” Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April 2016
- “Challenges and Resilience: Gendered Performances of Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2016
- “WVU Syrian Refugee Campaign Teach-in,” WVU, Morgantown, WV, November 2015
- “Images and Imaginings of Palestine: Everyday Resistance for Palestinian Jordanians,” Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, April 2015
- “Disordered Ordering: Mapping the Division of the Ottoman Empire,” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 2014
- “The ‘Warm’ Nationalism of Jordan: The Creation of a Multi-scalar and Contested National Identity,” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference, Tampa, FL, April 2014
- “Hybrid Territories: Intersections and Tensions between the Arab Homeland and Palestine,” Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 2014

- “Banal Nationalism,” discussant for special session, Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 2014
- “(Dis)Placing Palestine: Maps, Territory, and Imaginaries” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-conference, Los Angeles, April 2013
- “Cartographies of Nation Building: Creating and Contesting the Egyptian Geobody,” Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013
- “Placing Palestine: Maps, Territory, & Imaginaries,” Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2012
- “Geopolitics and Cartography in the ‘Arab Homeland,’” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 2011
- “Constructing and Naturalizing the Middle East,” National Council for Geographic Education, Savannah, GA, September–October 2010
- “Counter Cartographies of the ‘Middle East,’” International Geographical Union, Tel Aviv, Israel, July 2010
- “The Face of Danger: Beards in the U.S. Media’s Representations of Arabs, Muslims, and Middle Easterners,” Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC, April 2010
- “Locating and Contextualizing Kurdistan’s Ambiguous Borders,” Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, March 2008
- “Cartography and the Construction of the Middle East,” Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March 2007
- “Alternative Construction of the Middle East: Egyptian Cartography of Independence and the Pan-Arab Movement,” Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March 2006
- “Alternative Construction of the Middle East: Egyptian Cartography of Independence and the Pan-Arab Movement,” American University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, October 2005
- “Cartographic Constructions of the Middle East in Post-WWI Peace Negotiations,” Association of American Geographers, Denver, CO, April 2005
- “Geopolitics and Maps,” Syracuse University, September 2004
- “Stereotypes in Maps, A Case Study of the Journalistic Cartography of Kurdistan,” Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, PA, March 2004
- “Newsweekly Magazines’ Representations of Kurdistan,” Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA, March 2003

Teaching

- Instructor, Digital Cartography, Spring 2024
- Instructor, Global Sustainability, Fall 2023, Fall 2024 (2 sections)
- Instructor, The Power of Maps, Fall 2022
- Instructor, Geographic Thought, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- Co-instructor (with Dr. Hong), Orientation to Geography, Spring 2018
- Co-instructor (with Dr. McNeil), Geographic Traditions, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
- Leader and organizer, Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS) Summer Institute for WV Teachers, “The Middle East: Where to start? How to teach?” Blackwater Falls, WV, June 21-26, 2015 (with stipend).
- Faculty leader, Intensive Arabic at Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan, Summer 2014 (inaugural year of program).
- Instructor, Introduction to the Arab East, included 9-day trip to Jordan and the UAE, WVU, Spring 2011 and Spring 2013
- Instructor, Geography of the Middle East, WVU, Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2023
- Instructor, Geopolitical Perspectives, WVU, Fall 2010, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2020, Spring 2022
- Instructor, Politics of Identity, Spring 2015
- Instructor, World Regions, WVU, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, and Fall 2012

- Instructor, Political Geography, WVU, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2013, Spring 2015 (with Writing section), Spring 2016 (with Writing section), Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024
- Instructor, Introduction to the Middle East, WVU, Spring 2010 (included trip abroad)
- Instructor, Geopolitics and Development, WVU, Fall 2009
- Instructor, Introduction to the City, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 2008
- Instructor, World Geography, SU, Summer 2006
- Teaching Assistant, Arabic 101, SU, Summer 2005
- Teaching Associate, The Natural Environment, SU, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, and Spring 2004
- Teaching Associate, Map Design, SU, Fall 2002
- Teaching Assistant, World Regional Geography, SU, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002
- Geography Student Representative to the Future Professorate Program, SU, 2004–2005
- Member, Future Professorate Program, SU, Fall 2002–Spring 2006

Undergraduate Student Advising

- Gabriella Frazier, Honors add for Political Geography, Spring 2023
- Madison Crane, Honors add for Geography of the Middle East, Fall 2020
- Virag Martin, internships at River Fair Trade and Center for Resilient Communities, Fall 2019
- Cecily Flight, “A Gendered Experience: A Case Study of Syrian Women Refugees Challenging Gendered Performances,” Summer 2015, McNair Mentor
- Jenevieve Molenda, Honors add for Geography of the Middle East, Fall 2016
- Brycen Lanager, Honors add for Geography of the Middle East, Fall 2015
- Philadelphia Hewitt, Honors add for Geography of the Middle East, Spring 2014

Graduate Student Advising in Progress

- Chair, Zachary Gilpin, MA student in Geography
- Chair, Tyler Zeh, MA student in Geography
- Committee member, Dipak Biswas, PhD, Political Science
- Committee member, Kaitlin Stewart, PhD student in Geography
- Committee member, Visakha Turner, PhD Geography
- Committee member, Camila Velez Agosto

Graduate Student Advising, Completed

- Chair, Bryce Jobson, MA student in Geography, May 2025
- Chair, Davide Zoppolatto, PhD student in Geography, July 2025
- Committee member, Gabriella Pishotti, PhD in English
- Committee member, Sara Loftus, PhD in Geography, May 2023
- Committee member, Erica Stratton, MA in Geography, August 2023
- Committee member, Dave Knieter, PhD in Geography
- Committee member, Joshua Lohnes, PhD in Geography
- Committee member, Holly Smith, PhD in Geography, University of South Carolina
- Committee member Bethani Turley, MA in Geography
- Chair, Christabel Devadoss, PhD in Geography, September 2018
- Committee member, Luke Struckman, PhD in Geography, Carleton University, September 2016
- Internship director, Colleen Good, MA in School of Journalism, Spring 2016
- Committee member, Qiongyao Li, MA in Geography, May 2016
- Committee member, Paul O’Keefe, PhD in Geography, May 2015
- Committee member, Samantha Godbey, PhD in Political Science, April 2018
- Committee member, Neron Thomas, PhD in Political Science, April 2018
- Chair, Joshua Lohnes, MA in Geography, 2013

- Chair, Cathleen Johnson, MA in Geography, 2012
- Committee member, Jennifer Titanski, MA in Geography, 2010
- Committee member, Amy Reigner, MA in Geography, 2009

Professional Development

- ACUE Micro-credential course, Promoting Active Learning, Fall 2022
- ACUE Micro-credential course, Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment, Spring 2023
- ADVANCE Agent Change Courses, WVU Spring 2021
- WVU Women's Leadership Initiative, Fall 2020-present
- WVU Summer Remote Teaching Institute, Summer 2020
- Chairs' DEI Reading Group, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
- Mountain State Racial Justice Summit, CARE Coalition, Charleston, WV, November 2018
- Peer to Supervisor workshop, WVU, June 2018
- Palestine Center Annual Conference, November 2014 and October 2015
- York University, Centre for Refugee Studies 2012 Summer Course, May 6–May 13, 2012
- WVU Women's Leadership Initiative, Fall 2011
- Geography Faculty Development Alliance, week-long workshop, Boulder, CO, June 2010
- Participant, Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS) annual workshop, Fall 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2018
- Participant, Grant Writer's Seminars and Workshop at WVU, June 18, 2009
- Participant, Country Roads Scholars Tour, May 2009
- Participant, Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC, Fall 2008

Invited Peer-Review for Scholarly Publications

- *Contemporary Islam*, 2025
- *Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education*, 2025
- *Journal of Media and Religion*, 2025
- *Global Studies Quarterly*, 2025
- *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2024, 2025
- *Ethnography*, 2023, 2024
- *Geography Compass*, 2022
- *Digest of Middle East Studies*, 2022
- *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*, 2022
- *Race and Social Problems*, 2021
- *FENNIA*, 2020
- *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 2020
- *Environment and Planning C*, 2020
- *Space and Polity*, 2020
- *Third World Quarterly*, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021
- *Progress in Human Geography*, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2024
- *University of Chicago Press*, 2014, 2015, 2024
- *Antipode*, 2014, 2015, 2016
- *Southeastern Geographer*, 2014, 2015
- *Roman and Littlefield Press*, 2014
- *Geoforum*, 2014, 2015
- *Gender, Place and Culture*, 2013, 2014
- *Journal of Palestinian Studies*, 2013
- *Arab World Geographer*, 2013, 2022, 2024, 2025
- *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 2012, 2016
- *Geopolitics*, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2022 (3 articles), 2024
- *Area*, 2012
- *Imago Mundi*, 2012, 2018

- *Social and Cultural Geographies*, 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019
- *The Professional Geographer*, 2011
- *The Geographical Journal*, 2011, 2017
- *Cartographica*, 2010, 2011
- *Political Geography*, 2009, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 2010
- *Perthus World Atlas: Maps of the Middle East*, 2006
- *The Maxwell Review*, 2005–2006
- *National Identities*, 2006

Professional Organizations

- Appalachian Studies Association, 2017-present
- American Geographical Society, 2015-present
- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, 2013–present
- Middle East Women's Studies, 2013–present
- National Council for Geographic Education, 2010–present
- Palestinian American Research Center, 2010–present
- American Association of University Women, 2000 –present
- Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS), 2008–present
- International Cartographic Association, 2006–present
- Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 2006–present
- American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, 2006–present
- Association of American Geographers, 2001–present
- Gamma Theta Upsilon, 1998–present

Department and University Service

- Chair, Expedited Search Committee for assistant professor in Sustainability, Spring 2024
- Member, G&G undergraduate committee, August 2023-present
- Member, Eberly College of Arts and Science, faculty evaluation committee in Social Sciences, Spring 2021 - Spring 2024.
- Director, Geography Graduate Committee, August 2021-May 2023
- Co-director, Graduate Committee, January 2021-July 2021
- Member, Graduate Committee, September 2020-December 2020
- Co-director G&G colloquium, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
- Associate Chair of Geography, Department of Geology and Geography, Fall 2017- Spring 2020
- Advisory Committee, NEH Next Generation, WVU, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
- New Faculty Orientation, "Things I Wish I Had Known my First Year at WVU," Fall 2015
- Faculty Senator, nominated and elected, 2015-2018
- Member of the Faculty Evaluation Committee in the Department of Geology and Geography, Fall 2015-Spring 2016
- Member of Search Committee for Human Dimensions of Water, Spring 2015
- Member of Search Committee for Africa, Fall 2015
- Coordinator of the Geography Program's colloquium, Fall 2014-Fall 2016
- Member of Department of Geology and Geography's "Space Committee," Spring 2015
- Faculty leader, Intensive Arabic at Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan, Summer 2014 (inaugural year of program)
- Committee member, Department of Political Science, job search in Comparative Politics, 2013
- Member, Women and Gender Studies Residency Committee, 2012–2013
- Graduate Faculty member in Eberly College of Arts & Sciences, WVU, 2010–present
- Faculty Associate, Center for Women's Studies, WVU, 2009–present
- Advisor and co-founder, Oxfam America, WVU chapter, 2009–2010, 2014-present

- Advisor, Gamma Theta Upsilon, WVU chapter 2009–2010, 2012–present
- Member, Undergrad Committee, Department of Geology and Geography, WVU, Fall 2008–2014 and 2016–2017, and July 2020–September 2020
- Member, International Studies Undergrad Committee, International Studies Program, WVU, 2008–present
- Student Representative for the Future Professoriate Project, SU, Fall 2004–Spring 2005
- Elected Graduate Representative to faculty meetings, SU, Fall 2002–Spring 2003
- Member, Environmental Job Search Committee, SU, Fall 2002
- Chair of Graduate Sub-committee for “Graduate Guide to Geography” guidelines, SU, Fall 2002–Spring 2003

Research Assistantships and Employment

- Research Assistant, National Science Foundation, History of Cartography, Volume Six, “The Twentieth Century,” Summer 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005
- Research Assistant, National Science Foundation, History of Cartography, Exploratory Essays Initiative, Summer 2002
- Assistant to the Editor, *Cultural Geographies* (formerly *Ecumene*), May 2002–December 2003
- Map Department Assistant, Bailey-Howe Map Department, Burlington, VT, September 1997–December 1998

Community Service, Non-Academic

- WV Friends of Syrian Refugees, WV, August 2015–2017
- Big Sister, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County, Madison, WI, September 2006–May 2008
- ESL Teacher, American Red Cross, Framingham, MA, January 1999–May 1999
- Aid, Chittenden County, Burlington, VT, Food Kitchen, August 1998–December 1998

Language Development

- Moderate comprehension of Spanish, both spoken and written
- Advanced comprehension of Arabic, both spoken and written

Professional Experience, Non-Academic

Research Associate, Imagitas, Newton, MA, June 2000–June 2001

- Managed and designed quantitative and qualitative consumer research projects
- Developed questionnaires and discussion guides
- Conducted observational research and one-on-one interviews
- Organized and observed focus groups, in-depth interviews, and usability testing
- Managed data collection and analysis of quantitative research
- Wrote conclusive research presentations for internal use

Research Assistant, Research Communications Ltd., Westwood, MA, May 1999–May 2000

- Aided in development of standardized and open-ended questionnaires
- Performed quantitative data analysis using SPSS, Statcheck, and WinCross
- Analyzed qualitative interviews for trends in attitudes and opinions
- Created PowerPoint presentations used to present findings to firm’s clients
- Managed intern staff, including hiring, scheduling, academic evaluations, and training