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EDUCATION

- Present Ph.D. Student in Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill | Advisors: Dr. Banu Gökarıksel; Dr. Christian Lentz (*expected May 2023*)
- 2020 M.A. in Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill | Advisors: Dr. Banu Gökarıksel; Dr. Christian Lentz
- 2015 B.A. in Spanish, Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr, PA) | Undergraduate Thesis Advisors: Dr. Martín Gaspar; Dr. Rosi Song

CURRENT POSITION

2018-Present Graduate Student Researcher | UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Geography

RECENT HONORS AND FUNDING

- 2020 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship | \$138,000
- 2020 Professional Pathway Award, Humanities for the Public Good Initiative at UNC-Chapel Hill | \$5,000
- 2020 Center for the Study of the American South Summer Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill | \$3,000 (deferred)
- 2019 Horizon Award, UNC-Chapel Hill | \$500
- 2019 Stephen Birdsall Graduate Summer Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Geography | \$2,000
- 2019 Master's Research Award, Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the AAG | \$250
- 2016 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Fulbright Commission
- 2015 European Fellowship, Bryn Mawr College | \$3,000

PUBLICATIONS

Biggs, M. (2020). Re-designing historic space: Corrective landscape planning at Stagville State Historic Site. *History@Work*. <https://ncph.org/history-at-work/re-designing-historic-space-at-stagville-state-historic-site/>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 “Unsettling Authenticity, Queering Landscape: The Role of Nature at Three State Historic Sites in Durham, NC,” M.A. thesis for UNC-CH Department of Geography
- 2019 “Immersive Memory: Landscapes of Living History Museums in Durham, NC,” preliminary M.A. fieldwork for UNC-CH Department of Geography
- 2017 “Una herramienta eco-socio-política:” Performing Identity and Subverting the City through Madrid’s Urban Farms,” independent research for Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grant
- 2015 “La muerte fecunda del indígena: Las ventriloquias del teatro latinoamericano del siglo XIX / The Fertile Death of the Indigenous: Ventriloquisms of 19th-Century Latin American Theater,” undergraduate thesis for Bryn Mawr Department of Spanish

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & CONFERENCES

- 2021 “‘You Are Here’: Text, Landscape, and the Rebirth of the Confederacy at Fort Fisher State Historic Site,” presented to the Memory Studies Association Annual Conference during *Memory & Geography (III): Racial Justice* (virtual).
- 2020 “‘These trees are all new’: Unsettling Historicized Landscapes and Re-earthing Marginalized Histories at NC State Historic Sites,” presented to the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting during *Political Ecology* (virtual).
- 2020 Landscape management planning and public pedagogy | Stagville State Historic Site, UNC Humanities Professional Pathways summer fellowship (Durham, NC)
- 2019 Volunteer public interpreter | Stagville State Historic Site Fall Homeschool Day (Durham, NC)
- 2019 “Immersive Memory: Landscapes of Living History Museums in Durham, NC,” presented to The American Association of Geographers Annual Conference during *Normative & Exclusive Natures* (Washington, D.C.)

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Department Service

- 2020-Present Co-Chair | Geography Association of Graduate Students, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2020 Founder & Coordinator | Geography Graduate Writing Group, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2018-2020 Writer & Editor | Information Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill

Volunteer

2020 Outreach Coordinator and Volunteer Trainer | Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)

Formal Employment

2018-2020 Alumni Network Chair and Recruitment Specialist | MobilizeGreen (remote)

2016-2018 Resource Assistants Program Liaison | USDA Forest Service (Washington, D.C.)

2016-2017 English Teaching Assistant | Fulbright Commission (Madrid, Spain)

2016 Education and Development Intern | City Blossoms, Inc. (Washington, D.C.)

2014-2015 Education and Stewardship Liaison | The Nature Conservancy (Block Island, R.I.)

2014 Public Interpreter | Southeast Lighthouse Foundation (Block Island, R.I.)

TEACHING

Spring 2020 Geography 370: Introduction to Geographic Information | UNC-Chapel Hill

Fall 2019 Geography 110: Blue Planet | UNC-Chapel Hill

Spring 2019 Geography 232: Food, Agriculture, and Society | UNC-Chapel Hill

Fall 2018 Geography 110: Blue Planet | UNC-Chapel Hill

2016-2017 English Teaching Assistant and Instructor | Colegio Decroly (Madrid, Spain)

2012-2015 Peer Writing Tutor | Bryn Mawr College Writing Center

AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Geographers
- Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers
- Memory Studies Association
- Feminists Liberating Our Collective Knowledge (FLOCK) | UNC-Chapel Hill
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