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EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH KEYWORDS

Resource governance; cultural landscapes; public history; program evaluation; critical tourism studies; feminist political ecology; U.S. South

RECENT HONORS AND FUNDING

2020-2023 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship | \$138,000
2022 Best Paper Award, Southeastern Geographer
2022 American Association of Geographers Research Grant | \$500
2021 Landscape Research Group | £1,000
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. (2022). Sight lines and curb appeal: Landscape, race, and compromise at three North Carolina state historic sites. *Southeastern Geographer*, 62 (2), 92-110. <https://www.muse.jhu.edu/article/856165>.
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

2023 "Telling a More Complete History at Gov. Aycock Birthplace State Historic Site," Research & Writing Fellowship with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources & Carolina Public Humanities

- 2022 “Playing in a Painful Past: Public History, Outdoor Recreation, and Designing the Future in North Carolina,” Ph.D. fieldwork for UNC-CH Department of Geography
- 2021 “Playing in the Past: Public History, Outdoor Recreation, and Designing the Future in North Carolina,” preliminary Ph.D. fieldwork for UNC-CH Department of Geography
- 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 & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Telling a More Complete History at Gov. Aycock Birthplace State Historic Site,” Research & Writing Fellowship with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources & Carolina Public Humanities
- 2022 “Territorial Entanglements: Memory and Recreation at North Carolina’s Somerset Place State Historic Site,” presented to The American Association of Geographers annual conference during *Territorializing Memory* (virtual).
- 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).
- 2021 “Landscape management, landscape justice,” two class presentations (Fall 2020; Spring 2021) to an undergraduate geography seminar on landscape and 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

2021-2022 Department Representative | Graduate and Professional Student Government | UNC-Chapel Hill
2020-2021 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

2021-present North Carolina State Level Judge | National History Day
2020-present Outreach Coordinator and Volunteer Trainer | Showing Up for Racial Justice
2021 Session Lead | Creating Change Conference 2021

Formal Employment

2023 Research & Writing Fellow | North Carolina Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, Carolina Public Humanities | Raleigh, N.C.
2021-2022 Program Coordinator | UNC Office of Scholarships and Student Aid | Chapel Hill, N.C.
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 & MENTORSHIP

Summer 2022 Hired, trained, managed 3 research assistants for dissertation fieldwork
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) at UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Geography