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EDUCATION

Present	Ph.D. Candidate in Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill Advisors: Dr. Banu Gökariksel; Dr. Christian Lentz (<i>expected May 2023</i>)
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; critical tourism studies; feminist political ecology; U.S. South

RECENT HONORS AND FUNDING

2021	Landscape Research Group £1,000
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. (forthcoming, May 2022) Sight lines and curb appeal: Landscape, race, and compromise at three North Carolina state historic sites. *Southeastern Geographer*.

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

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
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- 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

- 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

2020-present Outreach Coordinator and Volunteer Trainer | Showing Up for Racial Justice
2021 Session Lead | Creating Change Conference 2021

Formal Employment

2021-present 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

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