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### EDUCATION

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| Present | Ph.D. Candidate in Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill   Advisors: Dr. Banu Gökarkırsel; Dr. Christian Lentz ( <i>expected May 2023</i> ) |
| 2020    | M.A. in Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill   Advisors: Dr. Banu Gökarkırsel; 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

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

### RECENT HONORS AND FUNDING

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| 2020-2023 | NSF Graduate Research Fellowship   \$138,000   |
| 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

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- 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

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| 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

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### **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.)

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### **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***

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 & MENTORSHIP**

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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**

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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