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## EDUCATION

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- M.A.                      Geography, University of Oregon, 2018–20  
Thesis: [\*Rebuilding Precarity: Dwellings & Demolitions in Jamestown Harbor, Accra, Ghana\*](#)  
Committee: Leigh Johnson, Alexandra Rempel, Leslie McLees
- B.A.                      Geography/Environmental Studies, University of California–Los Angeles, 2012–16  
Thesis: “*Desertification*” and the Complex Human-Environment Relationship: A Case Study  
Advisor: Gregory Okin  
*Cum Laude* with College Honors

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- 2018–20                      Graduate Researcher, University of Oregon, Geography Department
- Designed ethnographic research project among an informal beach community in Jamestown, Accra, Ghana facing repetitive demolitions to understand the dis/incremental design of their dwellings in response to uncertainty
  - Conducted two months of fieldwork in Accra, which consisted of participant observation, 25 in-person interviews, and a dwelling drawing exercise with translation assistance from an undergraduate research assistant from Ghana
  - Transcribed interviews, analyzed data using thematic coding, and summarized findings into written thesis
  - Publication in preparation
- 2018–20                      Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon, Geography Department
- Led weekly discussion sections and geospatial labs for groups of ~25 students for the following courses:
    - GEOG 475/575: Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
    - GEOG 391: Social Science Inquiry & Research
    - GEOG 343: Society, Culture, & Place
    - GEOG 342: Globalization & Development
    - GEOG 202: Geography of Europe
    - GEOG 199: Adventure Geography
    - GEOG 181: Our Digital Earth
- 2014–16                      Undergraduate Researcher, University of California–Los Angeles, Geography Department
- Conducted three weeks of fieldwork in Botswana, which consisted of collecting soil samples, recording vegetation coverage, and collecting drone aerial footage
  - Homogenized, processed, and analyzed soil samples for soil organic carbon and nitrogen content using Elemental Combustion System
  - Analyzed samples for spatial variance using cross correlation (co-kriging) and summarized findings into written honors thesis

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022– Academic Tutor, Study Hut Tutoring, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, USA
- Provided guidance for high school and middle school students with coursework in English, social studies, algebra 1 and 2, pre-calculus, chemistry, biology, and AP environmental science
- 2021–22 Art Instructor, Summer Studios Arts Academy, Lomita, CA, USA
- Developed curriculum for a ‘Beginning Art’ class and created art assignments for small groups of young students
- 2017–18 AmeriCorps Member, American Red Cross, Signal Hill, CA, USA
- Coordinated with city councils, public schools, and other organizations to connect American Red Cross disaster preparedness education services to under-resourced communities
  - Set up emergency shelters in Orlando and Jacksonville, Florida following Hurricane Irma

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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- 2020 AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Travel Award
- 2020 Rippey Geography Endowment, University of Oregon (and 2019) (US \$1,000)
- 2019 Global Oregon Graduate Research Award, University of Oregon (US \$2,000)
- 2019 African Studies Graduate Research Award, University of Oregon (US \$500)
- 2016 Departmental Highest Honors, University of California–Los Angeles

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 Presenter, AAG Annual Conference, Seattle, USA (virtual meeting), Rebuilding Precarity: Dwellings & Demolitions in Jamestown Harbor, Accra, Ghana
- 2019 Co-Organizer and Presenter, Critical Geographies 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini-Conference, University of Oregon, Rebuilding Precarity: Dwellings & Demolitions in Jamestown Harbor, Accra, Ghana
- 2016 Presenter, Undergraduate Research Poster Day, University of California–Los Angeles, “Desertification” and the Complex Human-Environment Relationship: A Case Study

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- 2018– American Association of Geographers (Specialty Groups: Urban Geography, Africa, Cultural & Political Ecology, Human Dimensions of Global Change, Development Geography, Coastal & Marine, Hazards, Risks and Disasters)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2018–20 Union Representative (2019–20) and Member (2018–20), University of Oregon Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation
- 2018–20 Member, University of Oregon Association of Graduate Students in Geography

## **LANGUAGE AND SKILLS**

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- Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian (proficiency in reading, writing, speaking)
- Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS, QGIS)
- Quantitative Research Software (R), Qualitative Research Software (Dedoose, nVivo)