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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC Ph.D., City and Regional Planning	Expected 2028
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX B.S., Environmental Science, Geographical Sciences B.A., Government	2019
BOOK CHAPTERS	
Collins, James P. Forthcoming. "Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing." In: Inspiring Disaster Scholarship: 100 ential Thinkers, edited by Ksenia Chutina and Jason von Meding.	o of the Most Influ-
REPORTS	
Collins, James P., Ryan McCune, Miyuki Hino, Katherine Anarde, and Max Cawley. 2024. "Chrotolerance in rural North Carolina." Digital report. Chapel Hill, NC: Sunny Day Flooding Project.	nic coastal flooding
Clamman, Andrew, Mateo Scoggins, James P. Collins , and Jeremy Walker. 2022. "Trash in Creek trash intensity and source types in Austin, Texas.". RR-22-01. Austin, TX: Watershed Protection of Austin.	
PROJECTS AND TEAMS	
Environmental Justice Action Research Clinic UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health	2024 -
NASA ROSES Flooding More Than We Know project NASA Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES) program	2024 -
Carolinas-Pacific Cross-CAP Community-Engaged Local Flood Risk and Mitigation project NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnerships (CAP) program	2024 -
Travis County, Texas, Concrete Batch Plant Particulate Matter Monitoring project AGU Thriving Earth Exchange Community Science program	2023 - 2024
TALKS, LECTURES, AND SEMINARS	
Operationalizing Social Equity in Austin's Watershed Protection Department (guest lecture) The Science of Environmental Justice undergraduate class, UT-Austin	2023
Planning for Agro-Ecosystem Services in Austin, Texas (presentation) Farmland Preservation Working Group meeting, Austin—Travis County Food Policy Board	2019
U.S. Biosphere Reserves: History, Challenges, and the Case of Congaree (presentation) National Parks and Protected Areas undergraduate class, UT-Austin	2018

2018

Congaree Biosphere Reserve: People and Place, in Partnership (presentation)

Connected Conservation webinar series, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tolerating the tide: chronic coastal flooding in rural North Carolina and implications for sea level rise driven migration (accepted presentation) American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting	2024
Near real-time survey analytics pipeline for adaptive community engagement (presentation) American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting	2023
Introduction to Feature Manipulation Engine (workshop) Austin GIS Day Conference	2022
Automating Spatial Analysis for Coordinating Municipal Utility Improvements (presentation) Texas GIS Day Conference	2021
Automating Web Mapping with FME and Leaflet (presentation) Texas GIS Day Conference	2020
Planning for Urban Agro-Ecosystem Services (poster) University of Texas at Austin Research Week	2019
Leading Impactful Environmental Change on College Campuses (workshop) Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability Annual Conference	2017
Poster: Campus Environmental Center: Student-Led Environmental Action at UT-Austin (poster) Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Annual Conference	2017
FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FUNDING	
Mellon Travel Subsidy UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas: \$1,138	2024
Conference Travel Award UNC Department of City and Regional Planning: \$1,000	2024
Population Science Predoctoral Trainee UNC Carolina Population Center: \$600	2024
Summer Professional Development Fellowship UNC Department of City and Regional Planning: \$3,000	2024
Summer Research Fellowship UNC Department of City and Regional Planning: \$7,000	2024
Graduate Research Fellowship United States National Science Foundation: \$111,000	2023
Terry Foundation Scholarship Terry Foundation, Texas, US: \$88,100	2015
SERVICE	
Open Rank Faculty Search Committee, UNC Department of City and Regional Planning	2024
Doctoral Program Admissions Committee, UNC Department of City and Regional Planning	2024
Editor, Carolina Planning Journal	2023
Organizer, Austin GIS Day Conference	2022
Grant Reviewer, University of Texas at Austin Green Fund	2018

MEMBERSHIPS

Population Association of America

American Geophysical Union

American Planning Association

American Association of Geographers, Natural Hazards and Disasters Specialty Group

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of Austin	Austin, TX
Watershed Protection Department	
Senior Research Analyst	2021 - 2023
Interim IT Supervisor	2021 - 2022
IT Geospatial (GIS) Analyst	2020 - 2021
IT Geospatial (GIS) Technician	2019 - 2020
The Nature Conservancy	Austin, TX
Waller Creek Ecosystem & Monitoring Project	
Field Technician	2019
National Parks Service	Hopkins, SC
Congaree National Park	
GIS Specialist/Geoscientists-in-the-Parks Intern	2018
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin, TX
Campus Environmental Center	
Student Director	2016 - 2018
Microfarm Project Lead	2016

SKILLS

Programming R, Python, LaTeX, SQL, HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript, Cypher

Software ESRI ArcGIS, QGIS, Feature Manipulation Engine, Jupyter, R Studio, Git, REST APIs

Databases MySQL, Oracle SDE, Neo4j

Languages English (native), Spanish (intermediate)