

Christopher Strunk

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2012, Geography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dissertation: Circulating citizenship practices: Bolivian routes of migration, hometown associations and development

Advisor: Dr. Helga Leitner

Minors: Human Rights, and Development Studies and Social Change

M.A., 2008, Geography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Research Topics: Social Movements; Indigenous Politics in Bolivia; International Human Rights

B.A., 2003, Government and Latin American Studies, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Human geographer with research and teaching interests in cultural and urban geography, immigration and refugee resettlement, migrant advocacy and the politics of citizenship, and urban planning. Regional interest in Latin America and U.S. Midwest.

PUBLICATIONS

Sattar, Fatima and Strunk, Christopher. 2024. Showing Up and Opening Up: Conducting Research With and About Refugee Resettlement Agencies. *Geographical Review*. Special Issue: Navigating Institutions in Immigrant Research.

Leech, Brian and Strunk, Christopher. 2021. Making Locals through Local Agriculture: Citizenship and Urban Gardens in Rock Island, IL, 1913-2018. *Food, Culture & Society* 24 (5): 639-662.

Masterson-Algar, Araceli and Strunk, Christopher, with Bradley Dodge, Lizandra Gómez-Ramírez, Irene Mekus, and Cindy Morales. 2021. Rethinking Migration and Human Mobility in Moline's 'West End': Pedagogies of Urban Cultural Studies. In *Language, Image, Power*, ed. Susan Larson. New York: Routledge.

Strunk, Christopher and Lang, Ursula. 2019. Gardening as more-than-urban-agriculture: Perspectives from smaller cities on urban gardening policies and practices. *Case Studies in the Environment*. <https://doi.org/10.1525/cse.2018.001545>

Strunk, Christopher and Richardson, Margaret. 2017. Cultivating Belonging: Refugees, urban gardening, and placemaking in the Midwest. *Social and Cultural Geography* 20 (6): 826-848.

- Strunk, Christopher. 2016. Practicing citizenship: Bolivian migrant identities and spaces of belonging in Washington D.C. In *National Identity in an Age of Migration*, ed. Peter Kivisto. Oxford and New York: Taylor and Francis.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2015. Practicing citizenship: Bolivian migrant identities and spaces of belonging in Washington D.C. *Journal of Intercultural Studies* 36 (5): 620-39.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2014. "We are always thinking of our community": Bolivian hometown associations, networks of reciprocity, and indigeneity in Washington D.C. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 40 (11): 1697-1715.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2014. Ligas de pertenencia: Fútbol boliviano, practicas de ciudadanía, y espacios comunitarios en Washington D.C. [Leagues of belonging: Bolivian fútbol, citizenship practices, and community spaces in Washington D.C.] In: *Otro fútbol. Ritualidad, organización institucional y competencia en un siglo de fútbol popular en Bolivia (1896-2014)* [The Other Soccer: Ritual, Institutions and Competition in a Century of Bolivian Popular Soccer (1896-2014)], eds. Juliane Muller and Mario Murillo. La Paz: Plural Editores.
- Leitner, Helga and Strunk, Christopher. 2014. Assembling Insurgent Citizenship: Immigrant advocacy struggles in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. *Urban Geography* 35 (7): 943-964.
- Leitner, Helga and Strunk, Christopher. 2014. Spaces of immigrant advocacy and democratic citizenship. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 104 (2): 348-356.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2013. Circulating practices: Migration and translocal development in Washington D.C. and Cochabamba, Bolivia. *Sustainability* 5 (10): 4106-4123. Part of the Special Issue "International Migration and Sustainable Development: Globalization, Move-In Move-Out Migration and Translocal Development."
- Strunk, Christopher and Leitner, Helga. 2013. Resisting federal-local immigration partnerships: Redefining 'Secure Communities' and public safety. *Territory, Politics, Governance* 1 (1): 62-85.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Strunk, Christopher. Forthcoming. Imagining Welcoming Communities: Rural Landscapes, Whiteness, and Migrant Advocacy in in the Midwest. *Race & Racism in Rural America*. Rural Studies Series.
- Strunk, Chris and Lizandra Gómez-Ramírez. Forthcoming. Contested Counterspaces: A History of Latinx Unidos at Augustana College. *Called to Reckon: Re-Placing History and Reclaiming Mission at a Midwestern College*. ed Jane Simonsen.
- Strunk, Chris. Forthcoming. Community Gardens. *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Refugee Studies*, ed. Yen Espiritu.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Strunk, Chris. 2024. Invited Presentation. Learning from our queer elders: Intergenerational connections in community geography and LGBTQ oral history research. Illinois State University Geography Colloquium.
- Strunk, Chris. 2024. Refugee resettlement, migrant institutions, and reciprocity in community geography. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, 2024. Hawai'i (virtual)
- Strunk, Chris. 2023. Learning from our queer elders: Teaching oral history and queer theory with community geography. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Strunk, Christopher and Sattar, Fatima. 2022. Refugee and immigrant youth civic engagement and placemaking in the Midwest. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (virtual)
- Strunk, Christopher. 2019. Bolivian fútbol: Spaces of belonging in Washington D.C. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Boston, MA.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2019. Refugee resettlement, integration, and community gardens in a small Rust Belt city. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2018. Refugee settlement, migrant civil society, and scale in the Midwest. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2017. Cultivating belonging: Vacant lot gardening, refugees, and food politics in the Midwest. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- Strunk, Christopher and Leech, Brian. 2016. Urban gardening, migrant incorporation and civic agriculture in the West End of Rock Island. Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2016. Urban gardening, migration and belonging in the Rust Belt. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2015. Rootedness and mobility: Urban gardens and migration in Rock Island. West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Eau Claire, WI.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2015. Pathways of migrant incorporation in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- Strunk, Christopher. 2014. Incorporación migrante y políticas locales de inmigración en los Quad Cities de Iowa e Illinois [Migrant incorporation and local immigration policies in the

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Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois]. Primer Congreso Internacional de la Red Acciones Locales en Materia Migratoria. Puebla, Mexico.

Strunk, Christopher. 2014. Bolivian migrant organizations, networks of reciprocity, and the construction of indigeneity in Washington D.C. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Chicago, IL.

Strunk, Christopher and de la Torre Ávila, Leonardo. 2013. Living, not (just) leaving: Bolivian migrant survival strategies and adaptations in the United States and Spain. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Washington, D.C.

Strunk, Christopher. 2013. Practicing citizenship in restrictive contexts: Bolivian strategies of mobility and networks of belonging in Washington D.C. and Cochabamba. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.

Strunk, Christopher and Leitner, Helga. 2012. Resisting federal-local immigration partnerships: Redefining 'Secure Communities' and public safety. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New York City, NY.

Strunk, Christopher. 2011. Migration, livelihood sustainability and development in a time of recession: Bolivian transnational communities in Washington D.C. and Cochabamba. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.

Leitner, Helga and Strunk, Christopher. 2011. Insurgent Citizenship: Challenging exclusionary local immigration policies in the Washington DC metro area. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.

Strunk, Christopher. 2009. Restructuring Territory and Citizenship: Indigenous Autonomy and the Nation in Bolivia. Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

Strunk, Christopher. 2009. Bringing the State Back In: Domestic Mobilization and Indigenous Rights Reform in Bolivia. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Strunk, Christopher. 2008. Neoliberal Political Spaces: Contestation and Contradiction in Bolivia. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.

Strunk, Christopher. 2008. Invited Presentation, Is Latin America Turning Left? Panel Discussion. Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

Other Academic Presentations

Strunk, Christopher. 2012. Belonging "without colors": Restricted mobilities and quiet citizenship practices in Washington D.C. and Cochabamba, Bolivia. ICGC Brown Bag. University of Minnesota.

Strunk, Christopher. 2011. Resisting federal-local immigration partnerships: Redefining 'Secure Communities' and public safety. Human Rights Colloquium. University of Minnesota.

Strunk, Christopher. 2008. Restructuring Territory: Indigenous Autonomy and Constitutional Reform in Bolivia. ICGC Brown Bag. University of Minnesota.

BOOK REVIEWS

Strunk, Chris. 2020. Book Review: Megan Ryburn, Uncertain Citizenship: Everyday Practices of Bolivian Migrants in Chile. *Journal of Latin American Geography* 19 (4): 291-294.

Strunk, Christopher. 2012. Book Review: Benjamin Dangl, Dancing with Dynamite: Social Movements and the State in Latin America. *Antipode* 44 (1): 272-4.

Sheppard, Eric, Bernini, Brook, Bialostosky, Ivan, Paudel, Dinesh and **Strunk, Christopher**. 2009. Book Review: Richard Peet, 'Geography of Power: The Making of Global Economic Policy.' *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 99 (2): 423-5.

EDITORIALS, TV, PRINT, NON-REFEERED ARTICLES

TV interview about the regional economic impact of immigration and refugee resettlement. *KWQC*, April 2022.

Strunk, Chris. 2017. Make the QC more welcoming. *The Rock Island Argus*, March.

Radio interview about Dewitt sustainable zoning student project, *WVIK*, October 3, 2016.

TV interview about Greenbush Neighborhood Plan student project. *WBHF Channel 4*. February 15, 2016.

Newspaper interview about Greenbush Neighborhood Plan student project. *The Rock Island Argus*. January 30, 2016.

TV interview about the Syrian refugee crisis. *KWQC Channel 6*. November 18, 2015

Strunk, Chris. 2014. The roots of the child migration crisis. *The Rock Island Argus*. August 27.

Midwest Coalition on Human Rights. 2013. Always Working Beyond the Capacity of Our Bodies: Meat and Poultry Processing Work Conditions and Human Rights in the Midwest. Minneapolis: Midwest Coalition on Human Rights (*member of research team cited in the acknowledgements of the report).

Strunk, Christopher. 2011. Los espacios y practicas asociativas de la colectividad boliviana en la área metropolitana de Washington D.C. [The spaces and organizational practices of the Bolivian community in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area]. *Miradas sobre la Migración Boliviana* [Views of Bolivian Migration], 1 (2). La Paz: Capítulo Boliviano de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo.

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Strunk, Christopher, and Helga Leitner. 2011. Redefining “Secure Communities.” *The Nation*. December.

Frey, Barbara, Strunk, Christopher and Erickson, Alyssa. 2009. Meatpacking in Minnesota: An Assessment of the Packinghouse Bill of Rights. *Workday Minnesota*. December.

RESEARCH

Research conducted in collaboration with the Grand Caillou/Dulac band of the Biloxi, Chitimacha, and Choctaw, 2024: *Mapping Coastal Louisiana*

Research conducted in the Quad Cities, 2022-current: *LGBTQ+ identities and queer spaces in the Quad Cities*

Research conducted in the Quad Cities, 2021-current: *Immigrant and refugee youth civic engagement and belonging*

Research conducted in the Quad Cities, 2021-22: *A history of Latinx Unidos at Augustana College*

Research conducted in the Quad Cities, 2015-18: *Agrodiversity in immigrant and refugee gardens.*

Research conducted in eastern Iowa, 2014-18: *Migrant incorporation and local immigration policies in eastern Iowa.*

Dissertation Research, conducted in Washington D.C. and Cochabamba, 2010-11: *Routes of migration, transnational development and networks of belonging in Washington D.C. and Cochabamba, Bolivia.*

Research for virtual exhibit at the Smithsonian National American Indian Museum, conducted in Washington D.C. and Cochabamba in Spring 2011 (with Dr. Robert Albro): *Ancient Peoples/ Modern Migrations: The Bolivian Community in the D.C.-Metro Area.*

Graduate Research Partnership Program, conducted in Washington D.C. in Summer and Fall 2010 (with Dr. Helga Leitner): *Challenging Exclusion: Local immigration policies and Latino immigrant and immigrant-serving organizations in the Washington DC metro area.*

Survey research of meatpacking workers in southern Minnesota, conducted during Summer 2009 with the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota: *Meatpacking in Minnesota: An Assessment of the Packinghouse Bill of Rights.*

Predissertation Research, conducted in Cochabamba, Bolivia during Summer 2008: *Restructuring Territory and Citizenship: Constitutional Change and Indigenous Autonomy in Bolivia.*

Master’s research papers:

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- *Bringing the State Back in: Domestic Mobilization and Indigenous Rights Reform in Bolivia*
- *Modernity and the Politics of Nationalism in Bolivia*
- *Neoliberal Political Spaces: Contestation and Contradiction in Bolivia*

High Honors Baccalaureate thesis in Government at Wesleyan University (2003): *Overcoming Powerlessness: Farm Workers and the Struggle for Union Contracts.*

COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH

Quad Cities Pride in Memory Project. Supervise and train student researchers conducting audio and video oral history interviews with elderly LGBTQ+ community members and allies. 2021-Current.

Mapping Bike Safety in the Quad Cities. Collaborative Geographic Information Systems (GIS) project with bike safety advocates to map bike safety in QC metro area. 2021-2023.

The Economic Impact of New Americans in the Quad Cities. Report prepared for World Relief Quad Cities. October 2021.

Quad Cities Food Resource Guide. Map and database prepared for All Our Kids Network. March 2021.

Impact of Refugees in Rock Island County, Illinois. Report prepared for World Relief Quad Cities. August 2020.

Refugee experiences in the Quad Cities. Report prepared for the Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees. November 2016.

Immigrant and refugee organizations in the Quad Cities. Report prepared for the Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees. July 2015.

Video interviews of urban gardeners, prepared for the Rock Island Urban Gardeners. December 2015.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Larry P. Jones Faculty Fellowship Grant, *Mapping Sea Level Rise and Land Loss in Coastal Louisiana*, Augustana College, 2024-25
- Student-Faculty Research Partnership Grant, *Mapping Sea Level Rise and Land Loss in Coastal Louisiana*, 2024-25, Augustana College (with Gracie Benstine, Maggie Berger, Ian Empen, Alicia Felker, Ally Magsombol)
- Violet M. Jaeke Family Life grant, *Quad Cities Pride in Memory Project*, 2022-23, 2023-24 Augustana College
- Student-Faculty Research Partnership Grant, *Immigrant and refugee youth civic engagement and spaces of belonging in the Quad Cities*, Spring 2022, Augustana College (with Claire Bess)

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- Larry P. Jones Faculty Fellowship Grant, *Climate Change and Geographies of Vulnerability and Resilience in the Upper Midwest*, 2020-21, Augustana College
- Student-Faculty Research Partnership Grant, *Climate Change and Geographies of Vulnerability and Resilience in the Upper Midwest*, Summer 2020, Augustana College (with Ben Castro)
- Presidential Research Fellowship, *Migration, multiculturalism, and belonging in the rural Midwest: Assessing the aftermath of the Postville immigration raid ten years later*, Summer 2018, Augustana College
- Student-Faculty Research Partnership Grant, *Agrodiversity in the City: Cultural Identity, Migration and Gardening in Rock Island*, Summer 2017, Augustana College (with Clayton Wassilak)
- Augustana Research Foundation Student Assistantship Award, *Foodways in the City: Cultural Identity, Migration and Urban Gardening in the Quad Cities*, 2016-17 academic year (with Dr. Brian Leech and Irene Mekus)
- Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center Faculty Research Stipend, Summer 2015, Augustana College
- Student-Faculty Research Partnership Grant, *Immigrant advocacy networks in the Quad Cities*, Summer 2015, Augustana College (with Lizandra Gomez-Ramirez)
- New Faculty Research Grant, 2014, Augustana College
- Student-Faculty Research Partnership Grant, *Refugee community gardens in West Rock Island*, Summer 2014, Augustana College (with Maggie Richardson and Anissa Pemberton)
- New Faculty Research Grant, 2013, Augustana College
- New Faculty Research Grant, 2012, Augustana College
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-12, University of Minnesota
- MacArthur/Interdisciplinary Center for Study of Global Change (ICGC) Scholar, 2006-2012, University of Minnesota
- ICGC/Geography Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2010-2011, University of Minnesota
- International Thesis Grant, Spring 2011, University of Minnesota
- College of Liberal Arts Research Grant, 2010, 2011, 2012, University of Minnesota
- Graduate Research Partnership Program (GRPP) Fellowship with Professor Helga Leitner, Summer 2010, University of Minnesota
- ICGC Predissertation Fieldwork Grant, Summer 2008, University of Minnesota
- Summer Fellowship, Department of Geography, 2007, University of Minnesota
- MacArthur Scholar Fellowship, 2006-7, University of Minnesota
- High Honors Thesis in Government 2003, Wesleyan University
- Davenport Prize 2003, Government Department, Wesleyan University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

Courses taught:

GEOG 120, Human Geography of Global Issues

GEOG 121, Geography of the Global Economy

GEOG 123, Introduction to Urban Studies

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GEOG 220, Migration and Global Population Change (part of “Latino Spaces in the Quad Cities” Learning Community, with LTAM 320, taught by Dr. Araceli Masterson-Algar)
GEOG 230, Water and Environmental Justice on the Louisiana Gulf Coast
GEOG 270, Geographic Perspectives
GEOG 274, Introduction to Geographic Information Systems for the Social Sciences
GEOG 323, Urban Planning
GEOG 325, Urban Design and Environmental Justice
GEOG 331, Geography of Latin America
GEOG 473, Seminar on Geographic Research II
GEOG 472, Seminar on Geographic Research I
FYI 101, Rhetoric and the Liberal Arts
FYI 101, What Should I Eat?
FYH 102, The Ethics of Eating
FYI 103, Think Globally, Eat Locally?
LTAM 130, Climate Change and Ecology in the Andes
LTAM 330, Health and Environment in Central America

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- Instructor, Department of Geography, June to August 2011
GEOG 1372/GLOS 1672, Geography of Global Cities
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, September 2007 to May 2010
GEOG 3381, Population Geography
GEOG 1301W, Our Globalizing World
GEOG 4121W, Latin American Geography
- Teaching Assistant, Institute for Global Studies, September to December 2009
GLOS 3401, International Human Rights Law
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, September to December 2009
POL 3479, Latin American Politics

Guest Lectures and Presentations

- “Indigenous peoples and Augustana,” panel discussion for the Center for Faculty Enrichment, May 9, 2022
- “Mapping Swedish Migration in the Quad Cities: Teaching Cultural Geography with the Swenson Immigration Research Center,” invited presentation for the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center Lunchtime Lecture Series, March 30, 2021
- “The global food system and food sovereignty”, Gather film panel, Augustana College, February 15, 2021
- “Environmental conservation and ecotourism in Costa Rica” in Service Learning in Central America (ISS 340, Augustana College), April 28, 2019
- “Health citizenship in Nicaragua” in Service Learning in Nicaragua (BIOL 390, Augustana College), April 30, 2017
- “Geography and the U.S.-Mexico border”, Immigration Uncertainty: History, Law, and Politics of Immigration panel, Augustana College, March 14, 2017
- “Guatemalan migration and immigration policies” in Childhood in the Developing World (PSYC 306, Augustana College), April 1, 2015

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- “Research with Latino communities” in Oral History and Testimony (HIST 369, Augustana College), January 17, 2014
- “Migrant transnationalism” in the Geography of Latin America (Macalester College), March 21, 2012
- “Indigenous Movements and Development in the Andes” in The Geography of Development and Underdevelopment (GEOG 294, Macalester College), April 20, 2010
- “Latin American Development” in Introduction to Human Geography (GEOG 111, Macalester College), March 29, 2010
- “Ethnic Economies” in Introduction to Human Geography (GEOG 111, Macalester College), February 10, 2010
- “Indigenous Movements in Latin America” in POL 3479, November 20, 2009
- “Immigrants in Minnesota” in GLOS 1905, October 15, 2009
- “The Roots of the Economic Crisis” in GEOG 1301, April 7, 2009
- “Indigenous Movements and Neoliberalism in Bolivia” in WRIT 1301, October 31, 2007

TEACHING GRANTS

- Innovations in Pedagogy Connection Grant, 2014, Augustana College (Augustana College and the KeyStone Neighborhood: Practicing Civic Engagement for Community Betterment and Student Growth, with a team of nine faculty members)
- Innovations in Pedagogy Connection Grant, 2013, Augustana College (Latin America in the Quad Cities Learning Community, with Dr. Araceli Masterson-Algar)

ADVISING

Undergraduate senior inquiry projects supervised, Augustana College

- Claire Bess (Geography and Sociology, 2022): Food Security Barriers during Refugee Resettlement in the Quad Cities
- Mercedes Hantz (Geography, 2022): Drivers of Chemical Use in Lawn Management: A Rock Island County Case Study
- Ryan Harrington (Geography, 2022): Historical Land Use in Davenport, Iowa
- Caroline Sorenson (Geography, 2022): Location-Based Perspectives Renewable Energy in Suburban Areas
- Claudia Vallejo (Geography, 2022): Urban Sprawl, Transportation, and Accessibility in León, Mexico
- Muntari Whabyely (Geography, 2022): Should I Stay or Should I Leave? An Examination of the Perceptions of International Students at Augustana College
- Hannah Weber (Geography, 2022): “Pride in Memory”: A Geographic Analysis of LGBTQ+ Oral Histories in the Quad Cities
- Mark Tscheke (Geography, 2021): Greenspace and Inequality: Mapping Urban Heat Islands
- Bailey Aasen (Geography and Biology, 2019): Peregrine Falcons in the Arctic: A Look into Long Distance Migration Patterns
- Sarah Blount (Geography and Business Administration, 2019): Perception versus Reality: Farmers’ Perceptions of the Conservation Reserve Program
- Forrest Hisey (Geography and Political Science, 2019): Understanding Place and Policy: Exploring the Ecological Connectivity of Beaver Hills Moraine

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- Alyssa Wojcik (Geography and Environmental Studies, 2019): Climate Action Plan vs. Corporate Sustainability Approach: A Cross-sector Collaboration
- Irene Mekus (Geography and Public Health, 2017): Farmers' Market Accessibility in Rock Island County, Illinois
- Melisa Ribikawskis (Geography and Environmental Studies, 2017): A Garden on the Roof: Study and Design of a Potential Green Roof at Augustana College
- Zoe Robb (Geography, 2017): Campus Composting: A Study of Student Willingness to Participate in Composting Food Waste
- Robert Rosene (Geography and Economics, 2017): Location Theory in Agriculture: A Spatial Assessment
- Erin Runde (Geography, 2017): The Lost City of Kilbourn: An Evolution of Tourism in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- Rebecca van Deventer (Geography, 2017): Consumer Analysis: Japanese Perceptions of the Seafood Industry and Sustainability
- Alex Mahaffey (Geography, 2016): Halfway Home: A Historical Geography of Swedish Immigration and Settlement in Moline, IL, 1870-1930
- Emily Haskins (Geography, 2015): Fishing for Sustainable Development: The Introduction of Invasive Trout in Cajas National Park
- Margaret Richardson (Anthropology and Geography, 2015): Growing a Sense of Place: Community Gardening by Burmese Refugees in Rock Island, IL
- Erek Bell (Geography, 2014): Fishing Out an Invasive: Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Commercial Asian Carp Fishing Industry
- Luke Clayton (Geography, 2014): Downtown Redevelopment in Galesburg, IL
- Kelly Farina (Geography, 2014): An Analysis of Hunger Services in Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, IL
- Kristina Raasch (Geography, 2014): Urban and Suburban Farmers' Markets: A Study of Regional Variation in Consumer Diversity and Accessibility
- Alan Sabat (Geography, 2014): Sidewalk Geography of Moline, IL

Honors Capstone projects supervised, Augustana College

- Irene Mekus (2017): Greek Identity Past and Present in the Quad Cities
- Alyssa Clarida (2016): Public Participation in Greenbush: A Reflection on the Planning Process

Summer Research Fellowship student projects supervised, Augustana College

- Carter Thompson (Geography, 2024): An Exploration of How the Complete Street Model Has Influenced Safety and Bikeability in Moline
- Claire Bess (Geography and Sociology, 2022): Barriers to Refugee Food Security in the Quad Cities
- Natalia Czachorowski (Geography and Anthropology, 2019): Second Generation Polish-American Identity in Norridge, Illinois
- Katie Evans (Geography 2019): Resiliency and Regrowth in the Rust Belt: A Case Study of Rock Island

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- Lizandra Gomez-Ramirez (Political Science and Latin American Studies, 2016): The Impact of Mexican Migration on Sending Communities: A Case Study of Two Villages in Guanajuato, Mexico
- Irene Mekus (Geography and Public Health, 2016): Farmers Market Accessibility in Rock Island County, Illinois
- Alex Mahaffey (Geography, 2015): Halfway Home: A Historical Geography of Swedish Immigration and Settlement in Moline, IL, 1870-1930
- Hiba Ansari (Business Administration, 2014): Geographical Analysis of the Quad City's Increasing Muslim Population

Formal internships supervised:

- Augie Acres, Rock Island, IL
- City of Moline planning department
- City of Davenport planning department
- Casa Guanajuato, Moline, IL
- Flenker Land Architecture Consultants, Long Grove, IA
- Global Communities, Moline, IL
- Longfellow Elementary School, Rock Island, IL
- Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees, Rock Island, IL

SERVICE

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

- Vice-Chair, Community Geographies Collaborative, June 2023 to Present
- Geography Department Chair, July 2022 to Present
- Coordinator, Latin American and Latinx Studies program, September 2013 to Present
- International Programs Committee member, 2023 to Present
- Interim director, International Programs, September to November 2023
- Faculty co-adviser for Latinx Unidos, August 2017 to Present
- Faculty co-adviser for the Augustana Local Agriculture Society, August 2013 to Present
- Center for the Study of Judaism and Jewish Culture board member, August 2014 to Present
- Geography Department Interim Chair, August 2020 to February 2021
- General Education Committee Chair, August 2018 to May 2019
- General Education Committee member, August 2016 to May 2018
- Public Health advisory board member, August 2017 to May 2019
- Internal Advisory Committee member for the Upper Mississippi Center, November 2013 to May 2018
- Center for the Study of Ethics board member, September 2017 to May 2019
- Faculty diversity training committee, 2016
- Jaeke Awards Committee member, August 2013 to May 2016
- Sustainability Committee member, August 2014 to May 2016
- International Programs Committee member, Spring Term 2015
- Faculty adviser for Students for Ethical Global Awareness, August 2015 to May 2016
- Member of faculty search committee in Geography, 2013, 2016, 2021, 2022

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- Member of search committee for Community Service Coordinator, 2014
- Symposium Day presentations:
 - “Urban gardens, migrant incorporation and civic agriculture in the West End of Rock Island”, May 3, 2017
 - “The Geography of Language,” presentation on the panel “Perspectives on Language,” September 17, 2015
 - “The Geography of Migrant Incorporation in eastern Iowa and western Illinois,” May 6, 2015
 - “Identity across Generations: Being Bolivian, American, and Cochabambino/a in Washington D.C.,” presentation on the panel “Identity among Immigrants to the United States: Three Case Studies,” September 24, 2014
- Co-organized seven Symposium Day sessions:
 - “Refugees and Social Justice: Global and Local Perspectives,” January 20, 2016 (organized with Dr. Carrie Hough)
 - “Social and Environmental Justice in Central America,” January 20, 2016 (organized with students from Geography of Latin America and the Guatemala study away program)
 - “Consumerism, Worker Exploitation and Modern Slavery”, January 20, 2016 (organized with the Students for Ethical Global Awareness)
 - “Where Can I Go? Reflecting on the Ties between Human Mobility and Social Justice,” January 20, 2014 (organized with Dr. Araceli Masterson-Algar and Dr. Umme Al-Wazedi)
 - “Locavores at Augustana and the Quad Cities,” September 26, 2013 (organized with Dr. Brian Leech)
 - Community garden volunteer activity, April 9, 2013 (organized with Activate Rock Island and the Rock Island Urban Garden Consortium)
 - “Who is an American? Rethinking the place of immigrants in our society,” Symposium Day Concurrent Session, Augustana College, September 27, 2013 (organized with Dr. Umme Al-Wazedi)

Peer Review – Academic Journals

- *Urban Geography*, 2024
- *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 2023
- *Culture, Agriculture, Food, and Environment*, 2022
- *Space and Polity*, 2022
- *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 2021
- *Social and Cultural Geography*, 2021
- *Journal of Urban Cultural Studies*, 2021
- *Case Studies in the Environment*, 2021
- *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, 2020
- *Latino Studies*, 2020
- *Food, Culture & Society*, 2019
- *Local Environment*, 2019, 2023
- *Journal of Cultural Geography*, 2019
- *Migration Studies*, 2019
- *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2016, 2018, 2019

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- *Geographical Review*, 2018, 2019
- *The New Americanist*, 2018
- *Violence Against Women*, 2018
- *Urban Studies*, 2016
- *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, 2016
- *Geoforum*, 2016, 2017, 2019
- *Territory, Politics, Governance*, 2015
- *Antipode*, 2012

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- Graduate Student Representative, Undergraduate Education Policy Committee, September 2009 to May 2010
- TA/Pedagogy Committee, Department of Geography
- Coffee Hour Committee, Department of Geography

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- Develop master plan for Longview Park in Rock Island, IL (Urban Planning, Spring 2023)
- Community presentation about the economic impact of refugees in Rock Island County at the Open Door Welcome Center in Rock Island, IL, October 28, 2021
- Public space and urban design plan for Renew Moline (Urban Planning and Environmental Justice, Spring 2020 and Fall 2020)
- Moderator and presenter for The Refugee Journey at The Two Rivers YMCA in Moline, IL, September 16, 2019
- Kids on Campus summer program at Augustana College (summers 2018 and 2019)
- Moderator for *Becoming American: Our Immigration Experience Past and Present* film series, Spring 2019 (collaboration with Moline Public Library)
- Develop framework for a regional welcoming plan for the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce (Urban and Regional Planning, Winter 2018-19)
- Community garden research for the City of Rock Island (Urban Design and Environmental Justice, Fall 2018, part of the Sustainable Working Landscapes Initiative)
- Smart Growth design plan for the City of DeWitt, Iowa, (Urban and Regional Planning, Spring 2017, part of Sustainable Working Landscapes Initiative)
- Community presentation about urban agriculture at the Putnam Science Museum in Davenport, Iowa (for the opening of the Hungry Planet exhibit), October 4, 2016
- Leadership Team member, Activate Rock Island, Rock Island, IL, February 2013 to present
- Member of the Rock Island Urban Garden Consortium, 2014-2016
- Children's Garden program at Augie Acres (summer gardening program for Rock Island elementary school children through the One Step Community Garden program with the Rock Island Hy-Vee), Summers 2014-2018

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- Interactive map of the Floreciente neighborhood in Moline (Migration and Global Population Change, Spring 2016, part of the Latino Spaces in the Quad Cities Learning Community)
- Led Women, Food and Ag Network tour of urban agriculture sites in the Quad Cities, November 2015
- Alternative transportation in Clinton, Iowa (Urban Design and Sustainable Cities, Fall 2015, part of Sustainable Working Landscapes Initiative with Clinton)
- GIS regional trail system project in Clinton, Iowa (Introduction to Geographic Information Systems with Social Science and Business Applications, Fall 2015, part of Sustainable Working Landscapes Initiative with Clinton)
- Greenbush Neighborhood Plan (Urban and Regional Planning, Spring 2015)
- Interactive map of food accessibility in the Quad Cities (Introduction to Geographic Information Systems with Social Science and Business Applications, Spring 2015, part of Augustana's collaboration with the Scott County Health Department and the Food Rescue Partnership)
- KeyStone pedestrian and bike accessibility mapping project (Urban and Transportation Systems, Fall 2014, part of the Augustana-KeyStone community engagement partnership)
- MetroLINK bus survey in Rock Island, Moline and Augustana's campus (Urban and Transportation Systems, Fall 2013)
- KeyStone neighborhood urban tree inventory (Urban and Transportation Systems, Fall 2013)
- Student Community Vision workshop, organized with the City of Rock Island and held at Augustana College (Urban and Transportation Systems, Fall 2013)
- Monarch butterfly migration research project with Casa Guanajuato, Moline IL (Geography of Latin America class, Winter 2012-13)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Associated Colleges of Illinois New Faculty Institute, July 2014

- Participated in three-day workshop led by Dr. Pamela Pinahs-Schultz on course design and strategies to promote student engagement and deep learning

Vocation of a Lutheran College Conference, July 2014

- Participated in a three-day conference at Augsburg College on leadership at Lutheran colleges

Teaching Observation Group, Spring 2014

- Participated in an informal teaching observation group with three Augustana College faculty members from natural and social science disciplines

Preparing Future Faculty Mentor Program (GRAD 8102), January to May 2010

- Mentored with Dr. William Moseley, Associate Professor of Geography at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Observed and participated in Introduction to Human Geography and The Geography of Development and Underdevelopment courses.

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- Guest lectured and led discussion in three classes during the semester.

GRAD 8101 “Teaching in Higher Education” (GRAD 8101), January to May 2009

- Course on pedagogy and active learning techniques.
- Co-facilitated one graduate class.

“Commenting on and Grading Student Writing” Workshop, January 2008

- Two-day workshop presented by the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Minnesota on techniques for providing feedback to students.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Augustana College, August 2018-Present

- Associate Professor, Department of Geography

Augustana College, August 2012-2018

- Assistant Professor, Department of Geography

University of Minnesota, September 2006 to May 2012

- Instructor, Department of Geography, June to August 2011
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, September 2007 to May 2010
- Teaching Assistant, Institute for Global Studies, September to December 2009

Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House, January 2005 to August 2006

- After-School Coordinator, Long Island City, NY, September 2005 to August 2006
- Immigrant Family Advocate, Long Island City, NY January to August 2005

Council on Hemispheric Affairs, June 2003 to February 2004

- Research Associate, Washington, D.C.

Farm Labor Organizing Committee, Summers 2001 and 2002

- Field Organizer, Toledo, OH

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)

Spanish (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of American Geographers