

CAITLIN ALCORN

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EDUCATION

- 2015-present **Ph.D. Geography**
Certificate in Feminist Studies
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Committee: Kim England (Chair), Michael Brown, Victoria Lawson, and Jonathan Warren (GSR)
- 2014 **M.A. International Development and Social Change**
Clark University, Worcester, MA
Master's Paper: *Dependent on Domésticas: Challenges of Extending Labor Rights to Brazil's Domestic Workers*
Committee: Jude Fernando (Chair), Denise Bebbington
- 2010 **B.S. Food and Resource Economics**
Minor: International Development and Humanitarian Assistance
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminist geography | Labor studies | Paid care work | Brazil | Urban inequality |
Intersections of race, gender, and class | Critical social policy | Feminist epistemologies

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2020 **Soden-Trueblood Graduate Publishing Fellowship**
University of Washington Press
- 2020 **Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award**
Department of Geography, University of Washington
- 2019 **Martha H. Duggan Fellowship in Caring Labor**
Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, \$10,000
- 2019 **Dennis and Diana Durden Doctoral Fellowship in Geography**
Department of Geography, University of Washington, \$8,274
- 2019 **Susan Hanson Dissertation Proposal Award**
Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, \$150
- 2018 **Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award**, "New Urban Geographies of Domestic Work"
National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences Program, \$15,240
- 2018 **Dr. Clyde Snow Fund for Latin American and Caribbean Studies**
Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, \$1,000

- 2018 **Howard Martin Research Grant**
Department of Geography, University of Washington, \$1,200
- 2018 **Labor Studies Research Grant**
Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, \$4,300
- 2017 **Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research**
The Graduate School, University of Washington, \$7,550
- 2017 **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship and Travel Grant for Portuguese**
Global Studies Center, University of Washington, \$7,500
- 2017 **Graduate Research Cluster**, “Interdisciplinary and Transnational Feminist Approaches to ‘the Private’” working group involving participants from Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, Geography, Comparative Literature, Cinema & Media Studies, the Jackson School of International Studies, and the School of Social Work
The Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, \$1,000
- 2017 **Research Grant**
Washington Institute for Study of Inequality and Race, University of Washington, \$1,000
- 2012 – 2014 **IDCE Social Change Fellowship**, merit scholarship for graduate studies
Department of International Development, Community and Environment, Clark University
- 2010 **US-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Stipend**, scholarship for exchange program
Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- 2006 – 2010 **Florida Academic Scholars Award**, merit scholarship for undergraduate studies
Florida Department of Education
- 2009 **J.R. Greenman Memorial Scholarship**, merit scholarship for undergraduate studies
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Florida, \$1,200
- 2009 **Presidential Service Award**, recognition for exceptional community service
University of Florida

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **Alcorn, Caitlin**. “Essential for Whom? Paid Domestic Work During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Society for the Anthropology of Work*.
<https://doi.org/10.21428/1d6be30e.52d1fd78>
- 2019 **Alcorn, Caitlin**. “Intersectional Organizing as an Approach to Social Justice: Lessons from Brazil’s Domestic Workers’ Movement.” In *Society, Space and Social Justice: Geographies of Intersectionality*, edited by Jennifer Pomeroy and Vandana Wadhwa. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- 2018 England, Kim and **Caitlin Alcorn**. “Growing Care Gaps, Shrinking State? Home Care Workers and the Fair Labor Standards Act.” *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 11(3): 443-457.

- 2014 Ockene, Ira, Christina Economos, Barbara Goldoftas, Denise Hines, **Caitlin Alcorn**, Jacqueline Daigneault, Jordan Daley, Maura Flanagan, Carsten-Hendrik Rasche, Heather Rios, Julia Tran, and Liam Kelly Fleming. "2014 Massachusetts Family Impact Seminar: A Lot on Our Plate; Chronic Health Threats in Massachusetts." *Mosakowski Institute for Public Enterprise*. Paper 30.
- 2013 **Alcorn, Caitlin**, Jane Henrici, and Mallory Mpare. "Job Protections for Domestic Workers." *Institute for Women's Policy Research Quarterly Newsletter*. Fall 2013–Winter 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – 2020 **Instructor**
 University of Washington, Department of Geography
 GEOG 478: Social Justice and the City (enrollment: 27) Summer 2020
 GEOG 271: Geography of Food and Eating (enrollment: 29) Summer 2019
 GEOG 277: Geography of Cities (enrollment: 74; 120) Spring 2019, 2020
 GEOG 271: Geography of Food and Eating (enrollment: 76) Spring 2018
- 2015 – 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
 University of Washington, Department of Geography
 GEOG 208: Geography of the World Economy Fall 2017, 2019
 GEOG 276: Political Geography Winter 2017
 GEOG 271: Geography of Food and Eating Spring 2017, Winter 2016
 GEOG 277: Geography of Cities Fall 2016
 GEOG/JSIS 123: Introduction to Globalization Spring 2016, Fall 2015

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2018 – 2019 Research Assistant
Domestic Workers' Labor Rights in Seattle, PI: Kim England, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 Funded by Washington State Research Grant through the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies
- 2016 – 2018 Research Assistant
A Digital Atlas of Employment and Working Families in Washington State, PI: Kim England, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 Funded by Washington State Research Grant through the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies
- 2014 – 2015 Research Associate/ Library Assistant
Jeanne X. Kasperson Research Library, Clark University, Worcester, MA
- 2013 Research Intern
Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, DC

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Paper and Panel Presentations

- 2019 “Labor Rights and More: Lessons from Brazil’s Domestic Workers’ Movement.” Paper presented at the *National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA, November 16.
- 2019 “Growing Care Gaps, Shrinking State? Home Care Workers and the Fair Labor Standards Act.” Paper presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC, April 6.
- 2018 “How Day Work Arrangements Are Reshaping Paid Domestic Service in São Paulo, Brazil.” Paper presented at the *Association of Washington Geographers Spring Meeting*. Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, May 19.
- 2018 “Day Work Arrangements and the Shifting Geographies of Paid Domestic Service in Urban Brazil.” Lightning Talk presented at *Saberes sin Fronteras / Knowledge Without Borders Symposium*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, April 27.
- 2018 “The Shifting Geographies of Paid Domestic Work in Urban Brazil.” Interactive Short Paper presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, April 12.
- 2016 “Regulating Care: Precarious Labor, Homecare Workers, and the Revised FLSA.” Paper presented at the *11th Annual Critical Geographies Conference*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, October 22.
- 2016 “Uncaring Labor: Home, Care Work, and the Revised FLSA.” Paper presented at the *Association of Washington Geographers Spring Meeting*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, April 21.
- 2014 “Dependent on Domésticas: Challenges of Extending Labor Rights to Brazil’s Domestic Workers.” Paper presented at the *12th Annual Graduate Student Multidisciplinary Conference*. Clark University, Worcester, MA, March 31.
- 2014 “Global Precarity.” Panelist at *Navigating Precarity: Geography, Gender, and Development Conference*. Clark University, Worcester, MA, March 22.

Invited Guest Lectures and Presentations

- 2020 “Interviewing as a Research Method.” *GEOG 315: Explanation and Understanding in Geography*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 11.
- 2020 “From Live-in to Day Work: Life and Work Across Labor Arrangements Within Brazil’s Paid Domestic Service Sector.” *Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Workshare Series*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, February 28.
- 2019 “Reflections on Fieldwork.” *GEOG 425: Qualitative Methodology in Geography*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 21.
- 2018 “Qualitative Interviewing in International Research.” *GEOG 315: Explanation and Understanding in Geography*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 16.

- 2017 “Social Divisions of Labor, Inequality, and Paid Domestic Work.” *GEOG 123: Introduction to Globalization*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, October 25.

SERVICE

Academic and University Service

- 2019 – 2020 Secretary, Association of Washington Geographers
- 2019 Member of organizing committee for *Taking Care: A Conference for Engaging the Politics, Processes, and Ethics of Care Work* conference, Department of Geography and Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington
- 2019 Graduate Editor for *Plenum: A Journal of Undergraduate Geography*, Department of Geography, University of Washington
- 2016 – 2017 Member, Colloquium Committee, Department of Geography, University of Washington
- 2015 – 2016 Member, Colloquium Reception Committee, Department of Geography, University of Washington
- 2014 Member of organizing committee for *Navigating Precarity: Geography, Gender, and Development* conference, IDCE Department, Clark University
- 2013 – 2014 Co-President, Graduate Student Association, IDCE Department, Clark University
- 2010 Study Abroad Peer Advisor, International Center, University of Florida

Professional and Community Service

- 2014 Grant Writer (Volunteer), Brazilian Immigrant Center (now Brazilian Worker Center), Boston, MA
- 2013 Intern, City of Worcester Office of Human Rights and Disabilities, Worcester, MA
- 2011 English as a Second Language Instructor (Volunteer), Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity, Wheaton, MD
- 2010 – 2011 AmeriCorps Member, Volunteer Maryland, Rockville, MD

LANGUAGE

English (native proficiency)

Portuguese (professional working proficiency)

Spanish (elementary proficiency)