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## EDUCATION

2025 (expected). *University of Washington*, Ph.D. in Geography. Committee: Larry Knopp (chair), Kim England, Sarah Elwood, and Anna Lauren Hoffmann (Graduate Student Representative).

My dissertation draws from archival data and interviews to explore how trans people have enacted care practices in digital spaces throughout the history of the Internet and how such digital care practices might provide potential to build critical trans politics.

2020. *University of Washington*: M.A. in Geography. “Historical geographies of trans care practices in the United States.” Committee: Larry Knopp (chair) and Kim England.

My master’s research drew from 25 oral history interviews from the New York City Trans Oral History Project to evaluate the relationship between trans subjectivities and spaces of care.

2017. *University of Georgia*: B.A. in Geography, Minor in History, Certificate in Geographic Information Science.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

critical trans politics, care ethics, digital geographies, queer and trans geographies

## PUBLICATIONS

### Published Manuscripts

2020. **Davenport, Theodore**. “Becoming Theodore: Spatial Legal Consciousness and Transgender Name Changes” in E. Wood, ed. *Gender Justice and the Law: Theoretical Practices of Intersectional Identity*. Lanham, MD: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press.

### Manuscripts in Submission

2024 (Revise and Resubmit). **Davenport, Theodore**. “Uncomfortable Trans Care Politics: Normativity, Institutional Abandonment, and the Obligation to Care.” *Gender, Place & Culture*.

2024. (Minor Revisions). **Davenport, Theodore**. “Commentary: Glitching the Transgender Computer Virus through Care.” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

2024. (Under Review). Knittle, Davy; Rose, Gillian; Eaves, LaToya E.; **Davenport, Theodore**; Moussawi, Ghassan; Anderson, Christian; Giesecking, Jack Jen. “Book Review Forum: Jack Jen Giesecking’s *A Queer New York: Geographies of Lesbians, Dykes, and Queers*.” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

### Manuscripts in Preparation

2024. **Davenport, Theodore**. “Feeding Generative AI Stolen Content: Large Language Models and Alternative Political Economies of Fanfiction.”

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2024. Susan Hanson Dissertation Proposal Award. *Feminist Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers*. \$300.

2021. Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship. *Department of Geography, University of Washington*. \$200.
2017. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Graduation Distinction. *Honors College, University of Georgia*.
2017. First Place Paper in Undergraduate Geography Conference. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.
2016. Excellence of Scholarship Award. *National Council of Geographic Education; American Association of Geographers; and Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.
2016. Runner-Up Poster in Undergraduate Geography Conference. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.
2015. Runner-Up Poster in Undergraduate Geography Conference. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023. Howard Martin Dissertation Research Award. *Department of Geography, University of Washington*. \$3,000.
- 2020-2025. Graduate Research Fellowship Program. *National Science Foundation*. Five-year fellowship includes three years of financial support including an annual stipend of \$34,000 and a cost of education allowance of \$12,000 to the institution (approx. \$138,000 total).
- 2019-2020. *Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington*. Trans Representations in Media and Popular Culture Graduate Research Cluster. PIs: Julian Barr and Theodore Davenport. \$1,000.
- 2019-2020. Geography Diversity Recruitment Fellowship. *Department of Geography, University of Washington*. \$5,000.
2016. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Assistantship. *Honors College, University of Georgia*. \$1,000.
2015. Honors International Scholarship Program. *Honors College, University of Georgia*. \$3,500.
2014. Merle C. Prunty Scholarship. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*. \$2,000.
- 2013-2017 (annual). Charter Scholarship. *Office of Admissions, University of Georgia*. \$1,000.
- 2013-2017 (annual). Zell Miller Scholarship. *Department of Education, State of Georgia*. Full tuition.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Sessions Organized

2023. “Data, Privacy, and Justice: Examining the Role of the State.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Panel Session. Co-organized with Avery Everhart and Aída Guhlincozzi. Participants: Jeremy Crampton, Avery Everhart, Arrianna Planey, and Nina Medvedeva.
2023. “Intersectional Queer Geographies.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session.
2023. “Theoretical Interventions in Trans Geography: Bodies Space, and Politics.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session. Co-organized with Ivy Monroe.
2022. “Reworking feminist care ethics in geography.” *International Feminist Geography Conference: Pushing Boundaries*. Virtual (hosted by University of Colorado at Boulder). Panel. Participants: Annie Bartos, Parvati Raghuram, Tish Lopez, and Eden Kinkaid. Co-organized with Eden Kinkaid. Moderated by Theodore Davenport.

2022. “Feminist Digital Geographies” (two sessions). *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session: Co-organized with Khyree Davis.
2021. “Trans and Gender-Expansive Geographies” (two sessions). *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session. Co-organized with Julian Barr. \*Rescheduled from 2020
2020. “Trans and Gender-Expansive Geographies” (two paper sessions). *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session. Co-organized with Julian Barr.

## Oral Presentations

2024. (upcoming) “Theorizing the Political Potential of Care through Digital Spaces of Trans Belonging.” *2<sup>nd</sup> International Trans Studies Conference, Center for Applied Transgender Studies*. Evanston, IL.
2023. “Glitching the Digital Transgender Virus through Care.” *Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Annual Conference*. Virtual.
2023. “Glitching the Digital Transgender Virus through Care.” *Digital Geographic Movements and Methods Workshop, University of Calgary*. Virtual.
2023. “Agenda for Spatial Trans Politics in Geography.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual.
2022. “Towards a critical trans politics of code/space.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual.
2021. “Normativity and contradictions in trans care ethics.” *Transgender Professional Association for Transgender Health (TPATH) Conference: Converging Crises*. Virtual.
2021. “Historical geographies of trans care practices in the United States.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. \*Rescheduled from 2020
2020. “Historical geographies of trans care practices in the United States.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO. \*Canceled due to COVID
2019. “Vegan Bros: Hybrid Masculinities and Vegan Activism in Digital Spaces.” *Association of Washington Geographers: Annual Meeting*. Ellensburg, WA.
2019. “Tech Talk: Qualitative GIS and ESRI Story Maps.” *University of Washington Libraries: GIS Symposium*. Seattle, WA.
2019. “Reclaiming social contagion: Historical geographies of trans care networks.” *Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies and Department of Geography, University of Washington: Taking Care Conference*. Seattle, WA.
2018. “Workshop: Using Digital Humanities for Queer History.” *University of Georgia LGBT Resource Center: Connect Conference*. Athens, GA.
2017. “‘A threat to the bars but a gold mine to nonprofits’: Addressing Systemic Exclusion by Queering the Gayborhood.” *Department of Geography, University of Georgia: Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, GA.
2016. “Fracking Governance and Resistance in Western North Carolina.” *Honors College, University of Georgia: Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Symposium*. Athens, GA.

## Panel Participation

2023. “Crippling Geographical Research.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Panel Session. Full Panelist List: Mollie Homberg, Corin Parsons, Audra Mitchell, William Carter, Theodore Davenport, Michael Fabris.

2022. “Author Meets Readers: Jen Jack Giesecking’s ‘A Queer New York.’” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Full Panelist List: Jack Giesecking, Theodore Davenport, LaToya Eaves, Natalie Oswin, Ghassan Moussawi, and Gillian Rose.

## **Poster Presentations**

2016. “Fracking Governance and Resistance in Western North Carolina.” *Department of Geography, University of Georgia: Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, GA.

2016. “Fracking Governance and Resistance in Western North Carolina.” *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA.

2015. “Visibility in Food Chains: The Geography of Nutella.” *Department of Geography, University of Georgia: Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, GA.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Note: \* indicates a course that I designed.*

### **University of Washington**

#### *Instructor of Record*

2024, Summer. GEOG 445: Geography of Housing.\*

2023, Summer. GEOG 445: Geography of Housing.\* Syllabus available for download [online](#).

#### *Teaching Associate*

2021, Summer. GEOG 258: Digital Geographies.

2021, Spring. GEOG 465: GIS Database and Programming.

2021, Winter. GEOG 482: GIS Data Management.

2020, Autumn. GEOG 360: GIS and Mapping.

2019, Winter. GEOG 461: Urban Geographic Information Science.

2018, Autumn. GEOG 123: Introduction to Globalization.

#### *Reader-Grader*

2022, Winter. GEOG 302: Geographies of the Pacific Northwest.

2021, Winter. GEOG 482: GIS Data Management.

## **GUEST LECTURES**

2024, Spring. “Disability, Geography, and Immigration.” Prepared for: University of Missouri, GEOG 4450/7450: Health, Healthcare Access, and Geography. Instructor: Dr. Aída Guhlincozzi.

2020, Summer. “The Role of the Digital in Trans Sex Work.” Prepared for: University of Washington, GEOG 258: Digital Geographies. Instructor: Isaac Rivera.

2020, Spring. “Literature Reviews.” Prepared for: University of Washington, GEOG 316: Explanation and Understanding in Geography. Instructor: Julian Barr.

## RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

### University of Washington

2023. *Digital Redlining in Washington State (The Information School)*. Graduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Stacey Wedlake.

This project evaluates racial inequities in urban broadband access in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane, Washington. During the summer I was on this project, I wrote R scripts to create GIS files from American Community Survey (ACS) data on broadband, demographic makeup, and other relevant metrics. I also ran spatial statistics on data from the ACS, broadband speed data from the Federal Communications Commission, and broadband survey data from the Washington Department of Commerce. I created 27 maps visualizing these analyses and a detailed metadata document. Finally, I conducted qualitative coding of area descriptions from 1930s redlining maps of the study areas and reviewed relevant literature.

2022-2023. *Examining Shifting Geographies of Historically Underrepresented Groups (National Science Foundation)*, Department of Geography. Research Assistant. Supervisors: Dr. Larry Knopp, Dr. Michael Brown, and Dr. Bo Zhao.

This NSF-funded project is a longitudinal study of gay and lesbian urban spaces drawing from the [Damron Gay Guides](#). Published annually beginning in 1964, the Damron Guides list gay-friendly business venues and resources for many cities in North America. I assisted with data entry, consulted on development of the geospatial platform, and created R programming scripts to assess change in LGBT bars over time.

2019-2020. *Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies*. Research Assistant. Supervisor: Dr. Kim England. In this position, I assisted with creating GIS data of labor policies in the United States and provided consulting for the ESRI Story Map platform to the project's lead. The final product was an ESRI Story Map titled [Mapping US Labor Policy \(2015 and 2020\)](#).

2019-2020. *Suzzallo and Allen Libraries*. GIS Staff Assistant. Supervisor: Matthew Parsons.

As GIS Graduate Staff Assistant, I assisted library users and staff with GIS software, geospatial data discovery, and geographic data manipulation. I also developed and presented workshops for digital geographic scholarship, including ESRI Story Maps and Intro to QGIS. Finally, I helped organize special projects, such as the annual UW Libraries GIS Symposium.

### University of Georgia

2015-2017. *Community Mapping Lab, Department of Geography*. Undergraduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Dr. Jerry Shannon.

I developed dynamic housing quality assessments in OpenDataKit and open-source GIS visualizations using R and LeafletJS for municipal governments enrolled in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing.

2015-2016. *Coweeta Listening Project, Department of Geography*. Undergraduate Research Assistant. Supervisors: Dr. Jennifer Rice and Dr. Nik Heynen.

I researched an anti-fracking movement in Southern Appalachia, North Carolina, by conducting a discourse analysis of local newspaper letters to the editor, local government resolutions, and public hearing outcomes. I also conducted literature reviews on Appalachian cultural

geographies, feminist political ecology, and the role of neoliberalism in shaping modern democracy.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024. Geography Faculty Development Alliance Early Career Workshop. *American Association of Geographers*.
2021. Advancing Trans, Nonbinary, and Intersex Scholarship Writing Symposium. *Sociologists for Trans Justice*.
2020. Teaching Online 101. *Information Technologies, University of Washington Bothell*.
2020. UndocuAlly Training. *Leadership without Borders, University of Washington*.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Journal Peer Review

Antipode  
Journal of Digital Social Research  
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

### Service to the Profession

- 2021-present. Junior Fellow. *Center for Applied Transgender Studies*.
- 2021-2023. Sponsored Sessions Coordinator, *Queer and Trans Geographies Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers*.

### Departmental/University Service

- 2023-2024. Colloquium Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Washington*.
- 2022-2023. Diversity Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Washington*.
- 2020-2021. Colloquium Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Washington*.
- 2018-2020. Diversity Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Washington*.
2017. Diversity Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

*GIS Software:* ArcGIS Desktop 10.x, ArcGIS Pro, QGIS, LeafletJS  
*Qualitative Skills and Software:* ATLAS.ti, Qualitative GIS, Archival Research  
*Quantitative Methods:* R, Python, Spatial Analysis, Qualtrics  
*Digital Scholarship:* ESRI Story Map, StoryMapJS, TimelineJS, HTML/CSS

## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present. Independent GIS Consultant.  
I occasionally take on freelance GIS projects. My most recent project was a GIS proximity analysis with local union UFCW 3000 to evaluate which grocery stores in Washington state were at risk of closing during the proposed Kroger-Albertsons merger.
2018. *Department of Public Works, City of Sumner*. Sumner, WA. GIS Intern.  
Collected and analyzed stormwater data using Trimble GPS collector and ArcMap 10.3; Assisted with general GIS troubleshooting throughout the Public Works Department.

2017-2018. *Athens Land Trust*, Athens, GA. Development Assistant (AmeriCorps VISTA).

During my year as an AmeriCorps VISTA with land-justice organization Athens Land Trust, I worked with a team to secure over \$1 million in grant funding, ranging from \$1,500-\$750K and sourced from federal agencies, local government, and private foundations. I secured \$121,500 of this total without direction supervision or collaboration. Finally, I assisted with fundraising events, donor management (GiftWorks), and other nonprofit development tasks.

2014-2017. *Woodard & Curran*, Duluth, GA. Water Resources (GIS) Intern.

In this role, I created geographic data, static maps, and webGIS sites for Water Resources Line and Ecology Team with an emphasis on geospatial data manipulation for local government water systems. I also developed company-wide training on ArcGIS automation tool Data Driven Pages, improving map design and efficiency.