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EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D. Geography** Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota, defended May 26th, 2020.
 Dissertation Title: “Wasted Lands: Zionist Development and Settler Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev.”
 Committee: Vinay Gidwani (Advisor), Qadri Ismail, Abigail Neely, and Bruce Braun.
- 2014 **M.A. Geography**, Department of Geography, Environment, and Society, University of Minnesota.
- 2006 **B.A. Religion and English**, Concentration in Creative Writing, High Honors, Magna Cum Laude, 2006, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2026 - • **Part-Time Temporary Lecturer**, Department of Geography, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- 2022-2025 • **Assistant Professor of the Practice**, International Studies Program, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.
- 2020-22 • **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2020-21 • **Program Administrator**, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2020 • **Research Assistant for Dr. Kathryn Grace**, Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota.
 Development of a Health Geographies online course for Fall 2020.
- 2019-20 • **Human Geography Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Earth, Environment and Physics, Worcester State University.
- 2018-19 • **Visiting Scholar**, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.

Research Interests: Critical and postcolonial approaches to development, environmental history, political ecology of arid zones, nature-society geographies, comparative settler colonial studies, global and transnational colonial networks, Israel and Palestine, Middle East, North America.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

- Getzoff, Joseph F. “Masters of the Wasteland: Zionist Territoriality and Arid Zone Sciences.” *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* (2025).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/25148486251348119>.
- Getzoff, Joseph F. "Zionist Frontiers: David ben-Gurion, labor Zionism, and transnational circulations of settler development." *Settler Colonial Studies* 10, no. 1 (2020): 74-93. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2201473X.2019.1646849>.
- Getzoff, Joseph F. "Start-up nationalism: The rationalities of neoliberal Zionism." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 58, no. 5 (2020): 811-828.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/02F0263775820911949>.

Non-Peer Reviewed

- Getzoff, Joseph F. “Settler Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev.” *Why Palestine Matters*. Israel/Palestine Mission Network, Presbyterian Church, USA. 2018.
- Getzoff, Joseph F. “Planning Dominance in Israel/Palestine.” *Why Palestine Matters*. Israel/Palestine Mission Network, Presbyterian Church, USA. 2018.

Selected Editing

- Ishtoshina, Assia, Kremer, Elianne, and Abu Kwider, Intizar. *Environmental Justice, Climate change and Bedouin women in the Naqab-Negev*. Joseph Getzoff, Haia Noach, and Marc Marcus, English Editors. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality and the Women’s Security Index Coalition. (Forthcoming)
- Kremer, Elianne. *Violations of Human Rights of the Arab Bedouin Community in the Negev/Naqab*. *International Human Rights Day 2022*. Haia Noach and Joseph Getzoff, English editors. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality. Beersheva, Israel. December 2022. <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/NCFs-Human-Rights-Report-International-Day-of-Human-Rights-2022.pdf>.
- Kremer, Elianne and Thomas, Carson. *Enforcing the Invisible Barrier: Police Violence during the January 2022 protests of KKL-JNF Afforestation Projects*. Haia Noach, Joseph Getzoff, and Carson Thomas, English editors. The Negev Co-existence Forum for Civil Equality (et al.). Beersheva, Israel. July 2022. https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Violence-Report_2022_ENG_01-1.pdf.
- Kremer, Elianne. *Position Paper: Uncounted: Indigenous Bedouin citizens neglected by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics*. Haia Noach and Joseph Getzoff, English editors. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality. Beersheva, Israel. August 2021. <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Indigenous-Bedouin-citizens-neglected-by-the-Israeli-CBS.pdf>.
- Kremer, Elianne. *No Shelter in Place: State Demolitions in the Naqab Arab Bedouin Communities and its Impact on Children*. Haia Noach and Joseph Getzoff, English editors. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality. Beersheva, Israel. July 2021. <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HDR-2021-Data-on-2020-Eng-5.pdf>.
- Rotam, Michal and Fargeon, Ben. *‘Negotiation’ Under Fire: House Demolitions as a central tool of dispossession and concentration of the Bedouin community in the Negev/Naqab*. Joseph Getzoff, English editor. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for

Civil Equality. Beersheva, Israel. August 2017. <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/HDR2017Eng.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2026- • **Member of Editorial Collective, *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies***

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Interests: Geographic thought and practice, political and cultural geography, qualitative research methods, human-environment geographies, environmental politics, development studies, postcolonial theory, settler colonialism, political ecology, environmental histories and studies.

Courses Taught

Introductory

- **Global Inequality**
 - Department of Geography, University of Washington
 - Winter quarter, 2026
- **Where on Earth: Foundations in Global Cultures and Political Geography**
 - International Studies Program, Boston College, Introductory Core Course
 - Fall semesters 2022-25.
- **Introduction to Environment and Society**
 - Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Introductory lecture.
 - Fall semesters, 2020-2021. Spring semester, 2022.
- **Geographies of Israel and Palestine**
 - Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, First year seminar.
 - Fall semester, 2021.
- **Introduction to Human Geography**
 - Worcester State University, Department of Earth, Environment, and Physics, introductory required course.
 - Three sections, Fall and Spring semesters 2019-2020.

Intermediate

- **Geographies of Nature and the Environment.**
 - International Studies Program, Boston College, Intermediate Elective.
 - Spring semesters 2023-25.
- **Environment and Development in the Global South**
 - Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Intermediate undergraduate/graduate seminar.
 - Spring semester, 2021.
 - Department of Geography, Environment, and Society, University of Minnesota, Intermediate undergraduate/graduate lecture.
 - Spring semester, 2018.

Advanced

- **Research Methods in International Studies.**
 - International Studies Program, Boston College, Required Methods Course.
 - Spring semester 2023, Fall semesters 2023-25.
- **Environmental Politics in the Middle East.**
 - International Studies Program, Boston College, Advanced Elective.
 - Spring semesters, 2023-25.
 - Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Advanced undergraduate/graduate seminar.
 - Fall semesters, 2020-2021.
- **Critical Approaches to Development.**
 - International Studies Program, Boston College, Senior Seminar.
 - Spring semesters, 2025.
- **Critical Environmental Histories of the United States: Race, Indigeneity, and Nature**
 - Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Advanced undergraduate/graduate seminar.
 - Spring semesters, 2021-2022.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Senior Theses

2024-2025

- Marissa Gorog (Boston College): “Where do Bleeding Bodies Belong? A Feminist Geopolitics of Menstruation.”
- Caroline Fritz (Boston College): “Between Settler and Postcolonial Worlds: Sugar, Sovereignty, and Environmental Futures in Hawai’i, Cuba, and Puerto Rico.”
- Julia Carpenter (Boston College): “Beyond the Line: Understanding the Diffuse Flow of Power Through Borders in the Context of Moroccan and Algerian Colonial Pasts and Presents.”

2023-2024

- Thalia Chaves (Boston College): “Green Hydrogen and the Just Energy Transition: Is Equitable Development of Green Hydrogen Feasible?”

2022-2023

- Sarah Brouillard (Boston College): “Saving the World From the Ground Up: How Grassroots Community Action in the Sahel Becomes a Powerful Actor in Fighting Global Security Issues”
- Maria Burnett (Fitchburg State University): “Cattle, Weaponized: How Colonists and Capitalists Dispossessed Their Land and Our Health”

MA Thesis

2025

- Christina Vagnoni (Sociology, Boston College): “The Making of Infrastructural Nature: A Case Study of Cranberry Bog Restoration in Massachusetts.” Second Reader.

Capstone Advising

2020-2022

- Clark University: Oversaw 14 Senior Capstone Projects

Undergraduate Advising

2022-

- Undergraduate academic advisor in the International Studies Program at Boston College

- 2021-2022 • Undergraduate academic advisor in the Graduate School of Geography at Clark University

EVENT ORGANIZING

- Oct 2024 • **Back from the Brink- How to Address the Growing Danger of Nuclear War: Efforts to Change International and US policy** with Dr. Ira Helfand

SERVICE

- 2024, 2025 • **Boston College McCarthy Prize Review Committee for the Social Sciences**
 2023— • **Environmental Sociology Working Group**
 2023— • **India Global Engagement Special Interest Group**
 2023 – • **Boston College Fulbright Interviewer for Undergrad Applications**
 2023 • **Volunteer English Editor.** Women’s Security Index Coalition. Haifa, Israel.
 2023 • **International Studies Program – Senior Thesis Prize Committee**
 2015 – 2024 • **Volunteer English Editor.** Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality, Beersheva, Israel.
 2013 • **Graduate Education Programming Committee.** Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota.
 2011 – 13 • **Coffee Hour Committee.** Department of Geography, Environment and Society, 2013 University of Minnesota.

ACADEMIC JOURNAL PEER REVIEWS

- Geoforum, Settler Colonial Studies, ACME, Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, Geographical Research, Environment and Planning D, Environment and Planning E

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- 2022 • Undergraduate Teacher of the Year – Clark University

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018 • Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship with Vinay Gidwani
 • Ralph Brown Thesis Writing Fellowship (UMN)
 2017 • College of Liberal Arts Travel Funding (UMN)
 2016 • Thesis Research Travel Grant (UMN)
 2015 • Council of Graduate Students Travel Award (UMN) (declined)
 • Departmental Summer Funding, Geography (UMN)
 2015 • U.S.-Israel Fulbright Student Fellowship
 • Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship for Hebrew Language
 2014 • College of Liberal Arts Travel Funding (UMN)
 • Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship for Hebrew Language
 • Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship for Hebrew Language
 2013 • Departmental Summer Funding, Geography (UMN)

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

- 2025 • **“Environmental Racism Panel” CJBC Faces.** Boston College, Climate Justice and Faces Event.
- 2024 • **“Scientific Settlers: Territoriality, Development, and Arid Zones.”** English and Foreign Language University, Department of Indian and World Literatures, Hyderabad, Telangana, India.
- 2024 • **“Environmental Racism Panel” CJBC Faces.** Boston College, Climate Justice and Faces Event.
- 2022 • **“Masters of the Wasteland: Zionist Sciences, Bedouin Cultivation, and Arid Zone Development.”** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. GSG Colloquium Series 2021-22
- 2018 • **“The Challenge of the Wasteland: Settler-Colonial Sciences in the Naqab/Negev.”** Geography Department Coffee Hour, University of Minnesota
- 2015 • **“Conquering the Wasteland: Sustainable Zionism in the Negev/Naqab.”** Department of Geography, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN
- 2015 • **“Conquering the Wasteland: Sustainable Zionism in the Negev/Naqab.”** Department of Geography, University of Minnesota
- 2013 • **“Human Material: The Production of the Modern Jewish Subject.”** Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Organized Panels & Workshops

- 2018 • **“Political Ecologies of Landscape and Subject Formation.”** Co-Chair. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. University of Kentucky, Louisville.
- 2013 • University of Minnesota organizer. Upper Midwest Nature-Society Workshop. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Presentations

- 2018 • **“‘Afforest the Waste’: Settler-Colonial Sciences in the Naqab/Negev.”** Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Louisville.
- 2015 • **“Sustainable Zionism: Nationalism as Environmentalism in the Negev/Naqab.”** International Critical Conference of Geography. Ramallah, Palestine.
- **“Conquering the Wasteland: Sustainable Zionism in the Negev/Naqab.”** American Association of Geographers, Annual Conference. Chicago.
- **“Sustainable Zionism: Nationalism as Environmentalism in Israel/Palestine.”** Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. University of Kentucky, Louisville.
- 2014 • **“Civilization Succeeds Barbarism: Race and Forestry in the Allotment Era.”** Upper Midwest Nature-Society Workshop. University of Minnesota.

INVITED NON-ACADEMIC TALKS

- 2020 • **“Joseph F. Getzoff on Neoliberal Zionism.”** [Podcast: A Correction.](#)
- 2019 • **“Settler-Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev.”** St. Peter’s Church. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 • **“Settler-Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev.”** First United Methodist Church of Germantown. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 • **“Umm al-Hiran and Chiran: Israeli Land Law, Bedouin Land Claims and the New Settlers.”** Jewish Voice for Peace. Mishkan Shalom, Philadelphia, PA.

- **“Umm al-Hiran and Chiran: Israeli Land Law, Bedouin Land Claims and the New Settlers.”** Christian-Jewish Allies, St. Paul’s Church, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA.
- **“Umm al-Hiran: Bedouin Unrecognized Villages, State Planning, and NGO Influence.”** U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel.

- 2012 • **“Memory and History in Israel and Palestine: A Personal Reflection.”** Interfaith Peace Builders. Eau Claire, WI.

GUEST LECTURES (Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota)

- 2018 • **“Occupation, Control, and Settlements.”** Populations in an Interacting World.
- 2017 • **“Environment and Urbanization.”** Environment and Development in the Third World.
- **“Space, Population, and Power in Israel/Palestine.”** Populations in an Interacting World.
- 2015 • **“Space, Population, and Power in Israel/Palestine.”** Populations in an Interacting World.
- 2011 • **“Geopolitics: Israel and Palestine.”** Introduction to Human Geography: Our Globalizing World.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021-22 • **Antiracist Pedagogy Praxis Group.** Clark University.
- 2015-16 • **BGU Overseas Student Program Internship.** Department of Geography and Environmental Development. Beersheva, Israel.
- 2015 • **Hebrew Immersion Course.** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Beersheva, Israel.
- 2014 • **Hebrew Immersion Course.** San Francisco University.
- 2014 • **Independent Hebrew Studies.** With Renana Schneller. Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota.
- 2013 • **Hebrew Immersion Course.** University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel.