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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Boston College

2024 Associate Professor of the Practice, Environmental Studies Program

Allegheny College

2020-2024 Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science & Sustainability

2022-2024 Affiliated Faculty, Department of Community & Justice Studies

Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

2019-2020 Adjunct Professor

### EDUCATION

PhD Syracuse University, Geography

2019 Dissertation – *Malleable Territories: The Politics and Effects of Mining Governance in Post-Soviet Georgia*

MA University of Arizona, Geography

2013 Thesis – *Exceptional Forests: Forest governance, state structure, and territory in the Republic of Georgia*

BA Colgate University, Geography / Film & Media Studies

2007 Honors Thesis – *A Drop in the Wave: Individual and Global Perceptions of Transformation in the Post-Socialist Albanian Diaspora*

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *IN PREPARATION*

"Counter-ecologies: Storytelling, Place, and Interrogating Environmental Infrastructure in the Classroom"

"Critical Geopolitics of the Nascent Deep Sea Mining Industry" [with L. Mendoza '22].

"Uncertain Ecologies: Emotional Geographies and Extractive Politics in Post-Soviet Space" [with A. Otruba, Moravian University, and A. Clifford '25].

"Fostering Environmental Citizenship Through International Study in Germany" [with J. Ludewig, Allegheny College, and several students from Germany Experiential Learning seminar].

#### *JOURNAL ARTICLES*

**Swann-Quinn, J.**, E. Pallant, K. Boulton, J. Michael, S. McRae, and R. D. Bowden. (2022) "Growing a resilient campus forest: Opportunities, barriers, solutions." In W. Leal Filho, A. Lange Salvia, B. Choate, E. Pallant, & K. Pearce (Eds.), *Educating the Sustainability Leaders of the Future*. Springer.

Bowden, R. D., K. Ams, T. Bense, M. Bethurem, K. Boulton, L. Branby, C. Bradshaw-Wilson, D. Byrnes, I. Carbone, B. Choate, L. Demi, W. Kedzierski, E. Pallant, K. Pearce, C. Shaffer, **J. Swann-Quinn**.

(2022) “College-Community Environmental Collaborations: Guidance for successful community-based projects and research.” In W. Leal Filho, A. Lange Salvia, B. Choate, E. Pallant, & K. Pearce (Eds.), *Educating the Sustainability Leaders of the Future*. Springer.

**Swann-Quinn, J.** (2021). “Toward Extractive Archipelagos.” *Territory, Politics, Governance* 9(2), 180-202.

**Swann-Quinn, J.** (2019). “Mining the Homeland: Imagining Resources, Nation, and Territory in Post-Soviet Georgia.” *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 60(2), 119–151.

**Swann-Quinn, J.** (2019). “More-Than-Human Government and the Tbilisi Zoo Flood.” *Geoforum* 102: 167-81.

**Quinn, J.** (2017). “*gatekhili* Mountains, *gatekhili* State: Fractured alpine forest governance and post-Soviet development in the Republic of Georgia.” *Journal of Alpine Research | Revue de géographie alpine*: 105-1.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

**Swann-Quinn, J.** (2020). “Digging Deep: Crossing Scale in the Georgian Mining Industry.” In *A Research Agenda for Environmental Geopolitics*, O’Lear, S. (ed.), Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

#### REVIEWS, REPORTS, AND EDITED VOLUMES

**Swann-Quinn, J.** (2020). “ექსტრაქტივიზმის ეკოლოგიური გეოპოლიტიკა საქართველოს ოქროსა და სპილენძის მომპოვებელ ინდუსტრიაში / Environmental Geopolitics and Extractivism in the Georgian Gold and Copper Mining Industry.” In *ექსტრაქტივისტული გადაკვეთები: პოლიტიკა, ეკოლოგია და სოციალური სამართლიანობა / Extractive Encounters: Politics, Ecology, and Social Justice*, Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC) (ed.), Tbilisi, Georgia.  
[https://socialjustice.org.ge/uploads/products/pdf/ექსტრაქტივისტული\\_გადაკვეთები\\_1607776840.pdf](https://socialjustice.org.ge/uploads/products/pdf/ექსტრაქტივისტული_გადაკვეთები_1607776840.pdf).

**Swann-Quinn, J.** (2020). “Review of Tynkkynen, Veli-Pekka, ‘The Energy of Russia: Hydrocarbon Culture and Climate Change.’” *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 0(0).

**Quinn, J.** (2017). “Review of Grimm, Dieter, ‘Sovereignty: the origin and future of a political and legal concept.’” *H-Citizenship, H-Net Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences*.

House-Peters, L, S. Kelly-Richards, L. Radonic, J. Minor, and **J. Quinn.** (2013). Public political ecology field course: Report on a two-day critical theory and mixed methods course. *Public Political Ecology Lab*, <http://ppel.arizona.edu/?p=352>.

Owen, G., & **J. Quinn. (Eds.).** (2013). *making sense - a creative exploration of sensing the world*. you are here: the journal of creative geography (Vol. 16). Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona. Retrieved from <http://youareheregeography.com/wp-content/uploads/archive/2013.pdf>.

#### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

##### EXTERNAL:

2022 PA Department of Environmental Protection, Environmental Education Mini-Grant “Allegheny College Food Forest: Campus and Community Permaculture Education” (\$3000 + \$1093 match, developed in collaboration with ENVSC 585 students)

2017 Field Research Travel Award, Eurasia Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers (\$250)

Graduate/Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (\$1500)

- 2016 Public Humanities Fellowship, New York Council for the Humanities (\$8000)
- 2013 *Emmy Award for Outstanding Cinematography - Documentary and Long Form*, Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; “Untamed Americas,” National Geographic Television, Associate Producer
- Graduate Fellowship, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (\$1500)
- 2011 *Emmy Awards for Outstanding Cinematography - Nature and Outstanding Music & Sound*, Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; “Great Migrations,” National Geographic Television, Segment Producer and Associate Producer
- 2007 National Geographic Society Geography Internship

*INTERNAL:*

- 2023 Demmler Award, Christine Scott Nelson Faculty Support Fund – Developing a Digital Storytelling Internship for Allegheny Students (\$1875, submitted by Prof. Jesse Swann-Quinn)
- 2022 Allegheny College Watershed Conservation Research Center Partner Grant, *Exploring French Creek: A digital storytelling project* (\$3600 to support Sylvan Rachel student work)
- Demmler Award, Christine Scott Nelson Faculty Support Fund – Syllabus revision to better align special topics course with new departmental arrangements, student interests, and DEI considerations (\$625, submitted by Prof. Jesse Swann-Quinn)
- Demmler Award, Christine Scott Nelson Faculty Support Fund – ESS Summer Work (\$4644, submitted by Prof. Beth Choate)
- Demmler Award, Christine Scott Nelson Faculty Support Fund – COMJ Summer Work (\$4326, submitted by Dean Heather Moore Roberson)
- 2018 People’s Choice Award, Syracuse University 3-Minute Thesis Competition
- Syracuse University Geography Department Summer Research Fund (\$2335)
- 2017 Syracuse University Geography Department Summer Research Fund (\$4000)
- 2016 Roscoe Martin Graduate Student Dissertation Research Support, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (\$1000)
- Syracuse University Geography Department Summer Research Fund (\$3500)
- 2015 Syracuse University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
- Moynihan Institute Center for European Studies Summer Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (\$1500)
- 2006 Colgate University Social Science Undergraduate Research Grant (\$2000)

**COURSES TAUGHT**

*ALLEGHENY COLLEGE (Assistant Professor)*

- Academic Discourse I: Environmental Storytelling (FS 101\*15)
- Introduction to Environmental Science (ENVSC 110)

Environmental Problem Analysis (FSENV 201)  
Environmental Research Methods (ENVSC 210, including co-taught)  
Economic Growth and the Environment (ENVSC 390, co-taught)  
Extractive Environments (ENVSC 393)  
Political Ecologies (ENVSC 490)  
ESS Junior Seminar (ENVSC 585)  
ESS Senior Seminar (ENVSC 600/610)  
Experiential Learning Seminar: Sustainability in Germany (EXL 594, co-taught)

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY (*Adjunct Professor and Graduate Instructor of Record*)

Global Community (MAX 132, interdisciplinary team taught)  
World Urban Geography (GEO 105)  
Mapping Today (GEO 108)  
World Cultures (GEO 272)

## **CONFERENCE PANELS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INVITED LECTURES**

- 2024 “Counter-Ecologies: Storytelling, Place, and Interrogating Environmental Infrastructure in the Classroom.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Honolulu, HI. April 16-20.
- “Geographies of Stories and Storytelling Multiple Lifeworlds.” **Invited Discussant** at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Honolulu, HI. April 16-20.
- 2023 “Decoloniality, Temporality, and Storytelling in Georgian Environments.” **Invited Discussant**, “Rivers, Forests, and Cities: Balancing Environmental Protection, Local and National Identities, and Urban Development in Soviet and Independent Georgia.” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA. December 2.
- AGS Fall Symposium, *Geography 2050: The Changing Map of Risk, Hazards, & Finance*. **Invited Participant**, American Geographical Society, Columbia University, New York City, NY. November 16-17.
- 2022 “Growing a resilient campus forest: Opportunities, barriers, solutions.” Paper presented at 5th World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities (WSSD-U-2022) Educating the Sustainability Leaders of the Future, Meadville, PA. June 16.
- 2021 “Toward Extractive Archipelagos: Mining, Territory, and Sovereignty in FSU Georgia.” **Invited Political Science Guest Lecture**, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS (virtual). March 16.
- 2020 “Environmental Geopolitics and Extractivism in the Georgian Gold and Copper Mining Industry.” Paper presented at ექსტრაქტივისტული გადაწყვეტები / Extractive Encounters conference hosted by EMC Social Justice Center, Tbilisi, Georgia (virtual). December 5.
- “Anxious Post-Socialist Political Ecologies.” Session organizer at Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies annual convention, Virtual Convention. November 14.
- “Extraction, Roads, Resistance: Ecological Infrastructure in the South Caucasus.” Paper presented at Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies annual convention, Virtual Convention. November 14.

- 2019 “Post-Socialist Political Ecologies.” Session series organizer at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Washington, DC. April 6.
- “Assembling Benthic Power.” Session series organizer at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Washington, DC. April 3.
- “Imagining Extractive Archipelagos? Toward a Lived Geopolitics of Deep Seabed Mining.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Washington, DC. April 3.
- 2018 “Mining in the Anthropocene.” Invited lecture, GEO 215 Global Environmental Change, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. November 26.
- “Powerful Disposessions: Power, Borders, and Environment in the Georgian Mining Industry.” Paper presented at Central Eurasian Studies Society’s (CESS) 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. October 25.
- “Imagining the Mine, Imagining the Homeland: Resource Nationalisms in post-Soviet Georgia.” Paper presented at Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Convention, New York, NY. May 4.
- “Bordering the Mine: Mining governance, territory, and invisible violence in post-Soviet Georgia.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. April 13.
- “Extracting Eurasia: Power, nature, and space in regional context.” Session organizer at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. April 12.
- “Securing the Tiger: The Tbilisi Zoo tragedy and the post-Soviet bio-social.” Paper presented at Political Geography Specialty Group AAG Pre-Conference, New Orleans, LA. April 9.
- 2017 “Geopolitical Ecologies: The politics and effects of mining governance in post-Soviet Georgia.” Invited presentation for Works-in-Progress series hosted by the Caucasus Research Resource Center, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus, and American Councils, Tbilisi, Georgia. July 12.
- “Precious Earth: Stories of Mining and Political Change in the Adirondack Mountains.” Public Humanities Fellowship invited presentation, Syracuse University Humanities Center, Syracuse, NY. April 28.
- “‘The Russians Blew It Up!’: Environmental imaginaries and gold mining after the Rose Revolution.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. April 8.
- 2016 “Extractive Territories: Mining and Borders in the Republic of Georgia.” Invited paper presented at ‘Bordered: Conceptualizing Eurasia,’ a conference of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Program, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY. April 8.
- “Myth, Image, Territory: Visual Geopolitics in the Republic of Georgia.” Presented at AAG 2016 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. March 30.
- 2015 “Territorial Claims and Gold Mining in Georgia: A Videographic Geography.” Paper presented at Caucasus Research Resource Center ‘Regional Methods Conference’, Tbilisi, Georgia. June 26.
- 2014 “Feminist Geopolitics and Political Ecology: Reconsidering Post-Soviet Environmental Governance in the Republic of Georgia.” Paper presented at ‘Political Geography of the Environment’ conference of the International Geographical Union, hosted by the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. June 20.
- “Video Production as Engaged Method in Political Ecology.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting in conjoined session and roundtable ‘Engaged Scholarship in Critical Geography: Theory, Practice and Pedagogy’, Tampa, FL. April 12.

- 2013 “Forest governance and state structure in the Republic of Georgia.” ARISC Georgia Graduate Fellow Presentation, at the Georgian Geographic Society, Tbilisi, Georgia. 7 August.
- “Exceptional Forests: Forest governance and state structure in the Republic of Georgia.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA. April 11.
- “Making Sense – A creative exploration of sensing the world.” Session organizer / discussant at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA. April 12.
- “Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies Public Political Ecology Workshop.” Co-led workshop on public political ecology with Dr. Tracey Osborne, New Haven, CT.
- 2012 “Return to Sender: International Return Migration Between Russia and Georgia.” Presented research from NSF funded research project ‘People, Power, and Conflict in the Eurasian Migration System’ with Dr. Beth Mitchneck at the Kennan Institute at the Wilson Center conference titled *Labor Migration in Eurasia: Links to Global Migration and Human Security Trends*, Washington, DC. Sept 21.
- “you are here: The Cartographic Turn in Literary Studies.” Invited discussant for panel, American Association of Geographers annual meeting, New York, NY. February 26.
- “Media and the Academy Brown Bag.” Invited workshop co-organizer, Tucson, AZ.
- 2008 “A Drop in the Wave: Individual/Global Perceptions of Transformation in the post-socialist Albanian Diaspora.” Paper presented at American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Boston, MA. April 19.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of American Geographers (AAG)

- Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group
- Energy and Environment Specialty Group
- Political Geography Specialty Group
- Eurasian Specialty Group
- Geographic Information Science and Systems Specialty Group
- Animal Geographies Specialty Group

Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS)

American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC)

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- 2023 Technical Editor, [FOCUS on Geography](#) (American Geographical Society)
- 2022 Allegheny College Community and Justice Studies steering committee member
- 2021 Developed Indigenous Land Acknowledgement statement for Allegheny College with

Prof. Delia Byrnes and Sustainability Coordinator Kelly Boulton (developed from collaborative student history project in ENVSC 210, Fall 2020)

Allegheny Lab for Innovation & Creativity (ALIC) Co-op – Advisory Group Member

2020 Allegheny College Indigenous People's Day Panel Contributor

2019 *Accessibility Coordinator*, Undergraduate MAX program, Maxwell School

2017-2019 *American Association of Geographers Eurasian Specialty Group*, Student Board Member

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER**

*Political Geography*

*Geoforum*

*Capitalism Nature Socialism*

*Sustainability*

*Demokratizatsiya*

*Springer Nature: Geography and Sustainability  
Research Book Series*

*Polar Geography*

*Eurasian Geography & Economics*

*Ambio*

*Intl. Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*

*Intl. Journal of Environmental Research  
and Public Health*

## **REFERENCES**

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