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Education

PhD., Geography, University of Georgia. Athens, GA. Expected Spring 2027.

M.A., Anthropology, New School for Social Research. New York, NY. Spring 2012.

B.A., Anthropology, Georgia State University. Atlanta, GA. Spring 2010.

Teaching

University of Georgia (Athens, GA)

2025-2026	Instructor, Department of Geography
2022-2024	Teaching assistant, Department of Geography
2021-2022	Research assistant, Department of Geography

Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)

2015-2018	Instructor (adjunct), Department of Social Sciences

Georgia Perimeter College (Clarkston, GA)

2012-2015	Instructor (adjunct), Department of Cultural and Behavioral Sciences

New School for Social Research (New York City, NY)

2011-2012	Research assistant, Department of Anthropology

Courses Taught

GEOG 1101, Introduction to Human Geography, University of Georgia
GEOG 1111L, Introduction to Physical Geography Lab, University of Georgia
PLAN 8430, Urban Infrastructure Seminar, University of Georgia (invited course co-facilitator)
ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology, Georgia State University
ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology, Georgia Perimeter College

Publications

Peer reviewed journal articles:

2026 **Atkins, J.** *At the Confluence of River and City: Urbanization, Modernity, and the Political Ecology of Urban Rivers.* Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Water 13, no. 1: e70050. https://doi.org/10.1002/wat2.70050.

2026 **Atkins, J.** *Convict leasing and streetcar suburbs: unfree labor, New South urbanism, and the making of modern Atlanta.* Planning Perspectives, 1–22. https://doi.org/10.1080/02665433.2026.2658695

Presentations, Panels, and Invited Lectures

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

2026 *Foundations of Exclusion: Convict Leasing and the Planning of Modern Atlanta.* 21st Biennial International Planning History Society Conference: Atlanta Crossroads. Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, July 2026.

2026 *"A Great Industry on the Chattahoochee": Chattahoochee Brick Company, West Atlanta Waterways, and the Political Ecologies of Convict Leasing.* 13th Annual Atlanta Studies Symposium. Atlanta, GA, May 2006.

2026 *New South, New Natures: Chattahoochee Brick and the Political Ecology of Convict Leasing in Atlanta, 1868-1908.* American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. March 2026.

2026 *Political Ecologies of Convict Leasing: Race, Labor, and the Transformation of Nature in the New South.* Integrative Conservation Conference. University of Georgia, February 2026.

2025 *Convict Leasing and Streetcar Suburbs: Unfree Labor, New South Urbanism, and the Making of Modern Atlanta*. Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Lexington, KY. Paper. (November 23-24).

2014 *Never Legal/Always Free: The Political Economy of Unpermitted Building Occupation.* Paper presented at "Queering the Quotidian: Differential and Contested Spaces Within Neoliberalism" 2nd annual symposium of the Society for Radical Geography, Spatial Theory, & Everyday Life. Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, March 2014.

2012 *Out of the Shelters and into Homes: Direct Action Housing Movements in New York City.* Panel discussion at Annual Suburban Studies Conference at Kennesaw State University. April 2012.

Sessions Chaired at Professional Meetings:

2026 *City Building and Oppression.* 21st Biennial International Planning History Society Conference: Atlanta Crossroads. Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, July 2026.

Invited Lectures:

2025 *Chattahoochee River as Racial Infrastructure: Expendable Geographies, Expendable Bodies along Atlanta's Chattahoochee Industrial Corridor.* Invited Lecture given to PLAN 8430, Urban Infrastructure Seminar, University of Georgia. February 2025.

2009 *Dignity, Rage, and Antibiotics in La Clinica Guadalupe*: *An Ethnographic Account of the Zapatista Autonomous Healthcare System in Chiapas, Mexico*. Invited lecture given to ANTH 4460 *Health and Culture*. Georgia State University. May 2009.

Honors and Awards

2026 Dissertation Research Grant, American Association of Geographers. $1,000
2026 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia.
2026 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Georgia. $800
2025 Summer Research Grant, University of Georgia. $1,500
2024 Summer Research Grant, University of Georgia. $1,000
2010 University Scholarship, New School for Social Research. $10,000

Service

2023-2026 Peer Reviewer, *Urban Studies*; *Frontiers in Human Dynamics, section Environment, Politics and Society*

2025 Research and report writing, Master of Urban Design and Planning Accreditation Report, University of Georgia College of Environment and Design

Affiliations

American Association of Geographers
Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers
American Planning Association