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Research Interests

Globalization; territorial integrity; territorial disputes; political geography.

Appointments

- 2009-present** Lecturer, School of Politics and Global Studies, ASU.
2008-09 Visiting lecturer, Department of Geography, UCLA.

Education:

- 2008** Ph.D., Department of Geography, University of California – Los Angeles.
Dissertation title: *Law, Territory, and the Legal Geography of French Rule in Algeria: The Forestry Domain, 1830-1903.*
- 2002** MA, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University.
- 1996** BA, Department of English, McGill University (honors).

Scholarships and Academic Honors

- 2007-08** Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA.
- 2005** Institute of European Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant (21-I-7/05), UC Berkeley.
- 2005** UCLA Department of Geography grant.
- 2001-04** UCLA Non-resident tuition fee stipend.
- 2001-04** Chancellor's Fellowship, UCLA.

Courses designed and taught at ASU

- 2009-17:** Global Trends (SGS 303)
This course focuses on the laws, politics, and cultures of surveillance. It requires extensive group work, and the students complete mid-term and final tests.

Global Geopolitics (SGS 394)
This course provides students with a unique set of theoretical and practical tools to better understand global conflicts over territories, borders, and power. It culminates in a research paper and presentation.

Mechanisms of Governance (SGS 320)

This course is organized around five themes—Individuals, hierarchies, markets, networks, and groups—to explore how social order persists, or falls apart, in different contexts. Depending on enrolment numbers, students are evaluated through ongoing written work, presentations, and final projects.

Principles of Global Studies (SGS 301)

This course provides transfer students with an upper-division introduction to the study of globalization. I place special emphasis on helping students develop their writing and presentation skills.

Contemporary Global Trends (SGS 203/103)

Taking the global economy as its theme, this course explores how economic activity is organized spatially around the world. Evaluation methods include presentations, exams, and poster projects.

Thinking Globally: The Individual and Authority (SGS 101)

Online class: Thinking Globally: The Individual and Authority (SGS 101x)

These courses are designed for freshman students curious about the study of globalization, and about the social sciences more broadly. Evaluation methods include tests and regular homework assignments.

Online class: Geopolitics and Cinema (POS 305)

This course, which I offered for the first time in Summer 2015, helps students use film in order to better understand and analyze the organization of political, economic, and cultural power at a global scale.

Honors' thesis committees

Current students

Dina Aouad (supervisor, spring '17), Christopher Dendy (supervisor, spring '17), Megan Kelly (supervisor, spring '17), Claire Davis (supervisor, spring '17), Chloe Rutledge (supervisor, fall '17).

Completed theses:

Emily Gunderson (supervisor, 2016), Gabrielle Cristelli (second reader, 2016), Nicholas Petrussek (second reader, 2015), Rebecca Simpson (supervisor, 2014), Levi Wolf (second reader, 2013), Hilary Carneal (third reader, 2013), Claire Impehoven (third reader, 2013).

Honors contracts supervised

2016 Chase Houser (Surveillance at the US/Mexico border).

2015 Jacob Zarate (The Political Economy of professional sports team relocation.)

Jacob Zarate & Natalie Hochhaus (The geopolitics of US military base relocation).

- 2014** Alexander Dunning, Emily Gough, Selma Ismail, Natalie Kilker, Mary Leister, Wyatt Miller, Jacob Zarate (Media and globalization reading group), Nathalie Hochhaus, Darby Jones, Jaylia Yan (International Criminal Court reading group), Claire Davis, Stephanie Hoyt (individual projects).
- 2013** Anika Larsen, Abbey Pellino, Emily Ray (reading group).
- 2012** Megan Kennedy (individual project), Melissa Stein (individual project), Emily Gunderson, Adam Silow, Sophia McGovern, Matthew Fidler, Victoria Miluch, Victoria Gutierrez (reading group).
- 2009-11** I supervised a number of individual and group contracts for students enrolled in SGS 101, including Galen Lamphere-Englund and Kalyn Olehausen (Private Military Contractors), and Rebecca Simpson and Alexa Magee (the International Criminal Court).

Junior Fellows

- 2017** Brenley Markowitz
2016 Nicholas Gerard
2015 Natalie Hochhaus

Undergraduate Graders Supervised

- 2016** Natalie Hochhaus, Brooklyn Hodge.
2015 Rie Hinze

Peer-reviewed publications

- 2013** Henry Sivak, "Legal Geographies of Catastrophe: Forests, Fires, and Law in Colonial Algeria," *The Geographical Review* 103 (4): 556-573.

Conference Presentations

- 2012** "Forests as Risk Systems: Laws, Fire, and Recurring Catastrophes in Algeria under colonial rule," paper presented at the Association of American Geographers' Annual Conference, New York, NY, February 26th, 2012.
- 2011** Co-organizer of "Catastrophic Geographies: Natural Disasters and More-than-Human Worlds," paper session at the Association of American Geographers' Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.