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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PhD, Geography. 2022. Dissertation: “Queering Modern Agriculture: Enduring Crises and Optimistic Futures in Rural America”

MA, Geography. 2017. Thesis: “Manure Politics: Making Space for Modern Agriculture in the Landscapes of Everyday Life”

Grinnell College

BA with honors, Sociology and Global Development Studies. 2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Washington, D.C.

Legislative Director

May 2025 – Present

United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Washington, D.C.

Professional Staff and Budget Analyst for Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar

January 2025 – May 2025

United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Washington, D.C.

Professional Staff and Budget Analyst for Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow

January 2023 – January 2025

United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Washington, D.C.

Policy Advisor for Chairman Bernie Sanders

January 2023

United States Senate Committee on the Budget, Washington, D.C.

Policy Advisor for Chairman Bernie Sanders

April 2021 – December 2022

Bernie 2020, Des Moines, IA

Rural Political Coordinator

November 2019 – February 2020

National People’s Action, Washington, D.C.

Policy and Campaigns Associate

August 2013 – August 2014

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, Des Moines, IA

Community Organizer

June 2008 – September 2012

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$18,000 stipend)

The Graduate School, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2020-2021

Cecile Daniel Osment Graduate Teaching Award (\$8,850 stipend)

Department of Geography, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2018

Food Policy Leadership Fellow

Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University, 2017-2018

Graduate Research Fellowship (\$97,500 stipend)

National Science Foundation, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2015-2019

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (\$2,500 stipend)

American Institute for Indian Studies (Tamil), Madurai, India, Summer 2016

South Asia Summer Language Institute (Tamil), UW-Madison, Summer 2015

Doctoral Merit Assistantship (\$18,000 stipend)

The Graduate School, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2014 –2015

Fulbright Research Fellowship (\$9,000 stipend)

University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 2012 – 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Eaves, LaToya, Banu Gökariksel, Michael Hawkins, Christopher Neubert, Sara Smith. 2023. "[Political Geographies of Discomfort Feminism](#): Introduction to the Themed Intervention." *Gender, Place & Culture* 30(4): 517-527.

Curley, Andrew, Pallavi Gupta, Lara Lookabaugh, Christopher Neubert, and Sara Smith. 2022. "[Decolonisation is a Political Project](#): Overcoming Impasses between Indigenous Sovereignty and Abolition." *Antipode* 54(4): 1043-1062.

Neubert, Christopher. 2020. "[The Anthropocene Stinks!](#) Odor, Affect, and the Entangled Politics of Livestock Waste in a Rural Iowa Watershed." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 38(4): 736-752.

Gökariksel, Banu, Christopher Neubert, and Sara Smith. 2019. "[Demographic Fever Dreams](#): Fragile Virility and its Population Politics in the Rise of the Global Right." *Signs* 44(3): 1-27.

Neubert, Christopher. 2016. "[Power, Everyday Control, and Emerging Resistance in Sri Lanka's Plantations](#)." *Contemporary South Asia* 24(4): 360-373.

Edited Volumes

Gökariksel, Banu, Michael Hawkins, Christopher Neubert, and Sara Smith. 2021. [Feminist Geography Unbound: Intimacy, Territory, and Embodied Power](#). West Virginia University Press.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Neubert, Christopher. 2020. "[Slaughterhouse Politics](#): Struggling for the Future in the Age of Trump." In *The Immigrant-Food Nexus: Borders, Labor, and Identity in North America*, 41–58.

Neubert, Christopher, Sara Smith, and Pavithra Vasudevan. 2020. "[The Intimate Geopolitics of Race and Gender in the United States](#)." In *the Routledge International Handbook of Gender and Feminist Geographies*, 153-163.

Refereed Journal Articles in Progress

Revise and resubmit. Neubert, Christopher. "Recognition and the Politics of Belonging in Rural

Iowa.” *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*.

Revise and resubmit. Neubert, Christopher. “The Cruel Optimism of Agricultural Discourse.” *The Journal of Rural Studies*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, UNC-Chapel Hill, Department of Geography

Geography 232: *Agriculture, Food, and Society*, Spring 2018

Geography 121: *Geographies of Globalization*, Fall 2017

Graduate Research Consultant, UNC-Chapel Hill, Department of Geography

Geography 67: *The Politics of Everyday Life*, Fall 2017

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

April 2021. “Life, Death, Queerness, and Fieldwork in ‘the Armpit of Iowa.’” *AAG Annual Meeting*.

April 2019. “Farming, Sexuality, and the Production of the State in the Corn Belt: Rural Means (Not) Queer.” *AAG Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC.

April 2018. “Pork Politics and the Struggle for the Future in Rural Iowa: A Case Study of Emotions, Intimacy, and Authoritarian Populism.” *AAG Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA.

April 2018. “‘So God Made a Farmer’: Masculinity and the Hog Economy.” *Symposium on Religion and Public Health*. East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

May 2017. “‘They are constantly on the march’: Lesbian Farmers, Rural America, and the Fearful Fever Dreams of the American Right.” *Feminist Geography Conference*. Chapel Hill, NC.

April 2017. Panelist and Organizer: “Demographic Fantasies, Fever Dreams, and the Unbearable Whiteness of Contemporary Politics.” *AAG Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA.

April 2017. “Manure Politics: Messy Interventions in a Landscape of Order.” *Political Geography Pre-Conference of the AAG Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA.

April 2016. “‘Not Your Grandfather’s Shit’ – How Hog Waste Transforms Life in an Iowa Watershed.” *AAG Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA.

February 2016. “‘On our minds and in our noses’ – Hog manure and the everyday politics of a changing Iowa landscape.” *Dimensions of Political Ecology*. University of Kentucky.

April 2015. “Intersections of Labor, Citizenship, Gender and Ethnicity in Sri Lanka’s Tea Plantations.” *AAG Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL.

May 2013. “Biopower, Social Control, and Resistance in Sri Lanka’s Plantations.” *Ethical Futures Conference*. International Center for Ethnic Studies: Colombo, Sri Lanka.

February 2013. “Exploring the Political Ecology of Sri Lanka’s Plantations.” *Fulbright South Asia Conference*. Kochi, Kerala.

GUEST LECTURES

April 2024. “Agriculture, Climate Change, and Sustainable Policy.” *Practicing Sustainability*,

advanced undergraduate course. Professor Eranga Galappaththi, Department of Geography, Virginia Tech.

April 2023. "Perspectives on the 2023 Farm Bill." Agricultural Policy and Agrarian Justice, graduate capstone practicum. Professor Garrett Graddy-Lovelace. School of International Service, American University.

April 2018. "Gender and Agency in Contemporary Sri Lanka." World Regional Geography, introductory undergraduate course. Professor Clark Gray, Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill.

April 2016. "Landscapes of Waste: The Politics of Space and Everyday Life along Iowa's Raccoon River." Introduction to Watershed Systems, intermediate undergraduate course. Professor Diego Riveros-Iregui, Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill.

February 2016. "Hog manure and the everyday politics of a changing Iowa landscape." Political Geography, intermediate undergraduate course. Professor Sara H. Smith, Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill.

October 2015. "Sri Lanka: Changes, contrasts and contestations." South Asia, introductory undergraduate course. Professor Mabel Gergan, Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill.

October 2014. "The Political Ecology of Sri Lanka's Plantations." South Asia, introductory undergraduate course. Professor Sara H. Smith, Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill.

August 2012: "Community Organizations and Social Movements." Social Movements, intermediate undergraduate course. Professor Kesho Scott, Department of Sociology, Grinnell College.

February 2012: "Community Organizing and the Social Contract." Introduction to Ethics. Professor Julia Rendon, Des Moines Area Community College.

October 2010: "Making Activism Work." NGOs: Organizing to Do Good, senior seminar. Professor Chris Hunter, Department of Sociology, Grinnell College.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

Environment and Planning D: Society and Space; Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space; Emotion, Space and Society; Journal of Agrarian Change

SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Board of Directors

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, Des Moines, IA, 2021-Present

Feminists Liberating Our Collective Knowledge

Feminist Geography Collective, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2016-Present

Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW) Board Member

Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers, 2017-2019

Feminist Geography Conference Planning Committee

Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2016-2017

Diversity Committee

Department of Geography, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2015-2017