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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Geography, *University of Washington*. Dissertation Successfully Defended on May 27, 2025.

[Dissertation](#): “Theorizing the Political Potential of Care through Digital Spaces of Trans Belonging.”

Committee: Lawrence Knopp, Jr. (chair), Sarah Elwood, Kim England, and Anna Lauren Hoffmann

M.A. in Geography, *University of Washington*. 2020.

[Thesis](#): “Historical geographies of trans care practices in the United States”

Committee: Lawrence Knopp, Jr. (chair) and Kim England

B.A. in Geography, *University of Georgia*. 2017.

Minor in History, Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS)

Honors Thesis: “‘A threat to the bars but a gold mine to nonprofits’: Addressing Systemic Exclusion by Queering the Gayborhood.”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

queer/trans placemaking, feminist science and technology studies, disability studies, racial justice, spatial storytelling, community geography, critical data studies, feminist methodologies

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2025. **Davenport, Theodore**. “Uncomfortable Trans Care Politics: Normativity, Institutional Abandonment, and the Obligation to Care in New York City.” *Gender, Place & Culture*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0966369X.2025.2477578>
2025. (Accepted with Minor Revisions). **Davenport, Theodore**. “Commentary: Glitching the Transgender Computer Virus through Care.” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.
2025. (Accepted with Minor Revisions). Kammeyer, Sarah; Guhlincozzi, Aída; **Davenport, Theodore**; Larsen, Soren. “Queering CoMO: An exploratory case study of queer socioscapes in Columbia, Missouri, between 1991-2021.” *Journal of Cultural Geography*.
2025. (Under Initial Review). Burns, Ryan; Thatcher, Jim; Walker, Blake; Winata, Fikriyah; Payne, Will; Deitz, Shiloh; Huntley, Eric; Mahmoudi, Dillon; Alvarez Leon, Luis; Barbosa, Jr., Ricardo; Coca, Estevan; Dalton, Craig; Dammann, Finn; **Davenport, Theodore**; Ghose, Rina; Kushari, Triparnee; Percel, Joyce; Quesnel, Alex; Tseng, Yu-Shan; Virata, Nasha; Zhao, Bo; Zook, Matthew. “Emerging Dialogues, Debates, and Directions in Digital Geographies.” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.
2025. (Proposal Accepted; Writing in Progress). Everhart, Avery; **Davenport, Theodore**. “How To Lose a Culture War: Social Media, Trans Disinformation, and the Authoritarian Right.” *Dialogues on Digital Society*, Special Issue: Authoritarianism in the Digital Age.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

2020. **Davenport, Theodore**. “Becoming Theodore: Spatial Legal Consciousness and Transgender Name Changes” in E. Wood, ed. *Gender Justice and the Law: Theoretical Practices of Intersectional Identity*. Lanham, MD: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press. ([Preprint PDF](#)).

Public Scholarship

2025. **Davenport, Theodore.** “This Trans Couple Bought a House in the '90s. It Became a Home for Unhoused Youth.” Overlooked History Series. *Teen Vogue*.
<https://www.teenvogue.com/story/transy-house-overlooked-history>

Book Reviews

2025. (Under Initial Review). Knittle, Davy; Rose, Gillian; Eaves, LaToya E.; **Davenport, Theodore**; Moussawi, Ghassan; Anderson, Christian; Giesecking, Jack Jen. “Book Review Forum: Jack Jen Giesecking’s *A Queer New York: Geographies of Lesbians, Dykes, and Queers*.” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

University of Washington

2023. *Digital Redlining in Washington State (The Information School)*. Graduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Stacey Wedlake.

This project evaluates racial inequities in urban broadband access in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane, Washington. I wrote R scripts to clean American Community Survey data, ran spatial statistics on broadband and demographic data, and created 27 maps visualizing these analyses.

- 2022-2023. *Examining Shifting Geographies of Historically Underrepresented Groups (National Science Foundation)*, Department of Geography. Research Assistant. Supervisors: Dr. Larry Knopp, Dr. Michael Brown, and Dr. Bo Zhao.

This NSF-funded project is a longitudinal study of gay and lesbian urban spaces creating an [online mapping platform](#) of the Damron Gay Guides, which lists gay-friendly business venues and resources for North American cities starting from 1964. I assisted with data entry, consulted on geospatial platform development, and created R programming scripts to assess historical change in LGBT bars.

- 2019-2020. *Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies*. Research Assistant. Supervisor: Dr. Kim England. In this position, I assisted with creating GIS data of labor policies in the United States and provided consulting for the ESRI Story Map platform to the project's lead. The final product was an ESRI Story Map titled [Mapping US Labor Policy \(2015 and 2020\)](#).

- 2019-2020. *Suzzallo and Allen Libraries*. GIS Graduate Staff Assistant. Supervisor: Matthew Parsons. I assisted library users and staff with GIS software, geospatial data discovery, and data analysis. I also developed and presented workshops for digital geographic scholarship, including ESRI Story Maps and Intro to QGIS. Finally, I helped organize the UW Libraries GIS Symposium.

University of Georgia

- 2015-2017. *Community Mapping Lab, Department of Geography*. Undergraduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Dr. Jerry Shannon.

I developed dynamic housing quality assessments in OpenDataKit and open-source GIS visualizations using R and LeafletJS for municipal governments enrolled in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing.

2015-2016. *Coweeta Listening Project, Department of Geography*. Undergraduate Research Assistant. Supervisors: Dr. Jennifer Rice and Dr. Nik Heynen.

I researched an anti-fracking movement in Southern Appalachia by conducting a discourse analysis of local newspaper letters to the editor, local government resolutions, and public hearings. I also conducted literature reviews on cultural geographies of Appalachia, feminist political ecology, and the role of neoliberalism in shaping modern democracy.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-present. Spatial Analyst Consultant.

I occasionally take on freelance work as a spatial analyst. Most recently, I conducted a spatial analysis with union chapter UFCW 3000 to evaluate which grocery stores in Washington were at highest risk of closing due to the proposed Kroger-Albertsons merger.

2017-2018. *Athens Land Trust, Athens, GA*. Development Assistant/AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA).

During my year as an AmeriCorps VISTA with land-justice organization Athens Land Trust, I worked with a team to secure over \$1 million in grant funding, ranging from \$1,500-\$750K and sourced from federal agencies, local government, and private foundations. I secured \$121,500 of this total without direction supervision or collaboration. Finally, I assisted with fundraising events, donor management (GiftWorks), and other nonprofit development tasks.

2014-2017. *Woodard & Curran, Duluth, GA*. Water Resources (GIS) Intern.

In this role, I created geographic data, static maps, and webGIS sites for Water Resources Line and Ecology Team, emphasizing geospatial data manipulation for local government water systems. I also developed company-wide training on ArcGIS automation tool Data Driven Pages, improving map design and efficiency.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Note: * indicates a course that I designed.*

University of Washington

Instructor of Record

2024, Summer. GEOG 445: Geography of Housing.* [Syllabus](#) and [example lab](#) available for download.

2023. Summer. GEOG 445: Geography of Housing.*

Teaching Associate (Assistant)

2021, Summer. GEOG 258: Digital Geographies.

2021, Spring. GEOG 465: GIS Database and Programming.

2021, Winter. GEOG 482: GIS Data Management.

2020, Autumn. GEOG 360: GIS and Mapping.

2019, Winter. GEOG 461: Urban Geographic Information Science.

2018, Autumn. GEOG 123: Introduction to Globalization.

Reader-Grader

2022, Winter. GEOG 302: Geographies of the Pacific Northwest.

2021, Winter. GEOG 482: GIS Data Management.

Selected Workshops Developed

2019. "Tech Talk: Qualitative GIS and ESRI Story Maps." *University of Washington Libraries: GIS Symposium*. Seattle, WA.
- 2019-2020. "ArcGIS Story Maps Classic Workshop." *University of Washington Libraries*. Seattle, WA. (presentation materials available [online](#)).
2018. "Workshop: Using Digital Humanities for Queer History." *University of Georgia LGBT Resource Center: Connect Conference*. Athens, GA. (presentation materials available [online](#)).

Guest Lectures

- 2024, Fall. "Feeding Generative Artificial Intelligence: The Theft of Fanfiction as Anticapitalist Labor." Food for Thought Talk at the University of Washington Department of Geography (lecture available to view [online](#)).
- 2024, Spring. "Disability, Geography, and Immigration." Prepared for: University of Missouri, GEOG 4450/7450: Health, Healthcare Access, and Geography. Instructor: Dr. Aída Guhlincozzi. (lecture available to view [online](#)).
- 2020, Summer. "The Role of the Digital in Trans Sex Work." Prepared for: University of Washington, GEOG 258: Digital Geographies. Instructor: Dr. Isaac Rivera.
- 2020, Spring. "Literature Reviews." Prepared for: University of Washington, GEOG 316: Explanation and Understanding in Geography. Instructor: Julian Barr.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025. Edward L. Ullman Doctoral Award for Excellence in Scholarship. *Department of Geography, University of Washington*. \$200.
2024. Susan Hanson Dissertation Proposal Award. *Feminist Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers*. \$300.
2021. Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship. *Department of Geography, University of Washington*. \$200.
2017. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Graduation Distinction. *Honors College, University of Georgia*.
2017. First Place Paper in Undergraduate Geography Conference. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.
2016. Excellence of Scholarship Award. *National Council of Geographic Education; American Association of Geographers; and Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.
2016. Runner-Up Poster in Undergraduate Geography Conference. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.
2015. Runner-Up Poster in Undergraduate Geography Conference. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023. Howard Martin Dissertation Research Award. *Department of Geography, University of Washington*. \$3,000.
- 2020-2025. Graduate Research Fellowship Program. *National Science Foundation*. Five-year fellowship includes three years of financial support including an annual stipend of \$34,000 and a cost of education allowance of \$12,000 to the institution (approx. \$138,000 total).
- 2019-2020. *Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington*. Trans Representations in Media and Popular Culture Graduate Research Cluster. PIs: Julian Barr and Theodore Davenport. \$1,000.

- 2019-2020. Geography Diversity Recruitment Fellowship. *Department of Geography, University of Washington*. \$5,000.
2016. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Assistantship. *Honors College, University of Georgia*. \$1,000.
2015. Honors International Scholarship Program. *Honors College, University of Georgia*. \$3,500.
2014. Merle C. Prunty Scholarship. *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*. \$2,000.
- 2013-2017 (annual). Charter Scholarship. *Office of Admissions, University of Georgia*. \$1,000.
- 2013-2017 (annual). Zell Miller Scholarship. *Department of Education, State of Georgia*. Full tuition.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Sessions Organized

2025. "Thinking with Fandom: Digital Geographies, Cultural Production, and Community Politics." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Detroit, MI. Paper Session. Co-organized with Reagan Yessler and Bethany Craig.
2023. "Data, Privacy, and Justice: Examining the Role of the State." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Panel Session. Co-organized with Avery Everhart and Aida Guhlincozzi. Participants: Jeremy Crampton, Avery Everhart, Arrianna Planey, and Nina Medvedeva. Moderated by **Theodore Davenport**.
2023. "Intersectional Queer Geographies." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session.
2023. "Theoretical Interventions in Trans Geography: Bodies, Space, and Politics." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session. Co-organized with Ivy Monroe.
2022. "Reworking feminist care ethics in geography." *International Feminist Geography Conference: Pushing Boundaries*. Virtual (hosted by University of Colorado at Boulder). Panel. Participants: Annie Bartos, Parvati Raghuram, Tish Lopez, and Eden Kinkaid. Co-organized with Eden Kinkaid. Moderated by **Theodore Davenport**.
2022. "Feminist Digital Geographies" (two sessions). *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session: Co-organized with Khyree Davis.
2021. "Trans and Gender-Expansive Geographies" (two sessions). *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Paper Session. Co-organized with Julian Barr.
*Rescheduled from 2020
2020. "Trans and Gender-Expansive Geographies" (two paper sessions). *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO. Paper Session. Co-organized with Julian Barr. *Cancelled due to COVID-19.

Oral Presentations

2025. "The Insatiable Technocapitalist Machine: On Feeding Fanfiction to Generative AI." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Detroit, MI.
2024. "Theorizing the Political Potential of Care through Digital Spaces of Trans Belonging." *2nd International Trans Studies Conference, Center for Applied Transgender Studies*. Evanston, IL.
2023. "Glitching the Digital Transgender Virus through Care." *Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Annual Conference*. Virtual.
2023. "Glitching the Digital Transgender Virus through Care." *Digital Geographic Movements and Methods Workshop, University of Calgary*. Virtual.
2023. "Agenda for Spatial Trans Politics in Geography." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual.

2022. "Towards a critical trans politics of code/space." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual.
2021. "Normativity and contradictions in trans care ethics." *Transgender Professional Association for Transgender Health (TPATH) Conference: Converging Crises*. Virtual.
2021. "Historical geographies of trans care practices in the United States." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. *Rescheduled from 2020
2020. "Historical geographies of trans care practices in the United States." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO. *Canceled due to COVID
2019. "Vegan Bros: Hybrid Masculinities and Vegan Activism in Digital Spaces." *Association of Washington Geographers: Annual Meeting*. Ellensburg, WA.
2019. "Reclaiming social contagion: Historical geographies of trans care networks." *Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies and Department of Geography, University of Washington: Taking Care Conference*. Seattle, WA.
2017. "'A threat to the bars but a gold mine to nonprofits': Addressing Systemic Exclusion by Queering the Gayborhood." *Department of Geography, University of Georgia: Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, GA.
2016. "Fracking Governance and Resistance in Western North Carolina." *Honors College, University of Georgia: Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Symposium*. Athens, GA.

Invited Panel Participation

2023. "Crippling Geographical Research." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Panel Session. Full Panelist List: Mollie Homberg, Corin Parsons, Audra Mitchell, William Carter, **Theodore Davenport**, Michael Fabris.
2022. "Author Meets Readers: Jen Jack Giesecking's 'A Queer New York.'" *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Full Panelist List: Jack Giesecking, **Theodore Davenport**, LaToya Eaves, Natalie Oswin, Ghassan Moussawi, and Gillian Rose.

Poster Presentations

2016. "Fracking Governance and Resistance in Western North Carolina." *Department of Geography, University of Georgia: Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, GA.
2016. "Fracking Governance and Resistance in Western North Carolina." *American Association of Geographers (AAG), Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA.
2015. "Visibility in Food Chains: The Geography of Nutella." *Department of Geography, University of Georgia: Undergraduate Geography Conference*. Athens, GA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024. Geography Faculty Development Alliance: Early Career Workshop. *American Association of Geographers*.
2024. Going Public: OpEd Writing Workshop. *Open Scholarship Commons, University of Washington Libraries*.
2021. Advancing Trans, Nonbinary, and Intersex Scholarship Writing Symposium. *Sociologists for Trans Justice*.
2020. Graduate Student Research Institute. *University of Washington Libraries*.
2020. Research Data Management Planning Workshop. *University of Washington Libraries*.
2020. Teaching Online 101. *Information Technologies, University of Washington Bothell*.
2020. UndocuAlly Training. *Leadership without Borders, University of Washington*.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal Peer Review

Antipode
Bulletin for Applied Transgender Studies
Journal of Digital Social Research
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

Service to the Profession

2021-present. Junior Fellow. *Center for Applied Transgender Studies*.
2021-2023. Sponsored Sessions Coordinator, *Queer and Trans Geographies Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers*.

Departmental/University Service

2020-2021; 2023-2024. Colloquium Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Washington*.
2018-2020; 2022-2023. Diversity Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Washington*.
2017. Diversity Committee, *Department of Geography, University of Georgia*.

SKILLS

Research Methodology: Archival Research, Ethnography, Interviews, Oral History, Autoethnography, Geographic Information Science (GIS)/Spatial Analysis, Survey Design

Research Software: ArcGIS, QGIS, NVivo, ATLAS.ti, Taguette, ESRI Story Maps, StoryMapJS, TimelineJS, Qualtrics, Zotero, Microsoft Office Suite

Programming Languages: Python, R (packages: tidyverse, tidycensus, ggplot2) HTML/CSS