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Associate Editor, *The History of Cartography Project*, University of Wisconsin, Madison
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Past Positions, Selected

2018 Co-Director, with James R. Akerman, Reading Material Maps in the Digital Age: A National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for Teachers, The Newberry Library
2012- 2016 Assistant Director, Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography, The Newberry Library
2010- 2012 Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Philosophy, Pratt Institute
2004- 2010 Instructor, History and Philosophy, Pratt Institute
2006- 2009 Dean's Teaching Fellow, History, Philosophy, and Environmental Studies The New School for Public Engagement
2004- 2006 Dean's and University Teaching Fellow, Philosophy, Eugene Lang College
2003- 2006 Research Analyst, Historical Geography, Parsons Institute for Information Mapping
2003- 2004 Lecturer, History, Empire State College, State University of New York

Education

PhD, Dual, Philosophy and History, New School for Social Research, New York, 2015
MA, Philosophy, New School for Social Research, 2003
BA, Philosophy and History, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, 1998

Selected Teaching

The Idea of Nature	Aesthetics	History of Work
The Idea of Sustainability	Existentialism	Modern Europe
Nature, Self, World	Phenomenology	Early Modern Europe
Epistemology/	Ethics	European Intellectual History
Theory of Knowledge	Environmental Ethics	World Civilizations Core
Visual Epistemology	Ethics and Social Issues	Western Civilization Core
Philosophy of Science	Ethics, War, and Peace	Introduction to the Humanities
Philosophy of History	Ethics and Nuclear Weapons	Critical and Visual Studies
History of Philosophy	Ethics and Sustainability	Romanticism
World Philosophy	Environmental History	Landscape Studies
Modern Philosophy	History of Science	Commodities in World History
Early Modern Philosophy	Science and Empire	US History
Ancient Philosophy	World History	Sustainability & Development
Problems in Philosophy	Maps and History	What Makes us Human?
Introduction to Philosophy	Atlantic History	What Connects & Divides Us?

Selected Scholarship

- “What Can Aviation Maps Teach Us about Ethics?” *Ethical Issues in Aviation, Second Edition*, ed. Elizabeth A. Hoppe, London: Routledge, 2018.
- “The Colonization of the Black Hills in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, in Historic Maps and Documents,” *Digital Collections for the Classroom*, Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2017.
http://dcc.newberry.org/collections/colonization_of_the_black_hills
- “Thinking about World History: Historic Maps as Sources,” *Digital Collections for the Classroom*, Forthcoming: Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2017.
http://dcc.newberry.org/collections/thinking_about_world_history
- Coedited with James R. Akerman, *Mapping Movement in American History and Culture: An Online Archive and Companion to the Cartography of Movement*. Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2016, supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.
<http://mappingmovement.newberry.org/>
- “A New Kind of Map for a New Kind of World: 1919, the Peace, and the Rise of Geographical Cartography,” in *Cartography in Times of War and Peace: International Symposium of the ICA Commission, 2014*, ed. Elri Liebenberg, Imre Josef Demhardt, and Soektin Vervust. Berlin and Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag, 2016.
- With multiple contributors, *Make Big Plans: Daniel Burnham’s Vision of an American Metropolis*, ed. James R. Akerman and Diane Dillon. Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2016, supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. <http://publications.newberry.org/makebigplans/>
- Entries on: Wladimir Köppen; Alexander von Humboldt; Heinrich Berghaus; Karl von Czoernig; Matthew Fontaine Maury; Ioway Nation; William Smith; US Army Signal Service; William C. Woodbridge; Harold N. Fisk; Rand McNally and Co., Sanborn Map Co, in *Map: Exploring Our World*, (Topics: Weather and Climate, Indigenous Thought, Botany, Oceanography, Economics, Ethnography) London: Phaidon Press, 2015.
- With Neal Dugre, “Commodities and the Transformation of the American Landscape,” *Digital Collections for the Classroom*, Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2014.
<http://dcc.newberry.org/collections/commodities-and-the-transformation-of-the-american-landscape>
- “Looking Back at the International Map of the World,” *Environment, Space, Place*, Vol. 5 No. 1, Spring 2013.
- Review of Katie Lloyd Thomas, *Material Matters: Architecture and Material Practice*, (Routledge, 2007) *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology* Vol. 14 No. 2, 2010.
- “The Semantics of Globalization and the Question of Agency,” *Dangers in the Incommensurability of Globalization: Socio-Political Volatilities*, ed. Gary Backhaus and John Murungi. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008.
- With Michael Hanagan, Review Essay: “Better than Barraclough? Putting Global Labor History on the Map,” *International Labor and Working-Class History* Vol. 70 No. 1, Fall 2006.

Recent Talks, Seminars, and Conference Papers

- “Space, Place, and the Aesthetics of the Sublime,” *International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place (IASESP)*, San Diego, April 29, 2017.
- “Longue-Durée Environmental History and the ‘Chicago School of Geography, 1903-1957,’” *American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)*, Chicago, March 30, 2017.

- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Interpretive Field Trip, *ASEH*, Chicago, March 31, 2017.
- "The Atlas as a Way of Thinking," *Nineteenth Kenneth Nebenzahl Jr. Memorial Lectures in the History of Cartography*, The Newberry Library, October 22, 2016.
- "'Borrowing the Prestige of Science and Violating Its Spirit': Hans Speier and the Social Science Critique of 'Magic Geography,'" *International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place (IASESP)*, New Haven, May 1, 2016.
- "The Role of Maps and Images in the Early Theorizing of Ecological Succession" *ASEH*, Seattle, March 31, 2016.
- "Varieties of Geographical Reasoning in Indigenous North American Cartography," *Newberry American Indian Studies Seminar*, Chicago, March 2, 2016.
- "Reading the Visual Language of Chicago's Human Landscape: An Introduction to its Urban Geography of Migration, Settlement, and Change in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," *Newberry Library Teachers' Seminar*, October 15, 2015.
- "On the 'Geological Agency' of Winds and Tides: Philosophical Implications of Language Use in the Nineteenth-Century Earth Sciences," *IASESP*, Newport News, April 18, 2015.
- "A New Kind of Map for a New Kind of World: 1919, the Peace, and the Rise of Geographical Cartography," Symposium on Cartography in Times of War and Peace, *International Cartographic Association Commission on the History of Cartography*, Ghent University, December 5, 2014.
- "Government Mapping and Natural Resource Management," Workshop, *Mapping Nature across the Americas, A National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for College and University Faculty*, August 11, 2014.
- "Reading the Indiana Lakeshore," Field Workshop, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for College Faculty: *Mapping Nature across the Americas*, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, July 26, 2014.
- "Negotiating Indigenous Concepts of Space" Workshop, Newberry Consortium for American Indian Studies Summer Institute for Graduate Students: *Recording the Native Americas: Indigenous Speech, Representation, and the Politics of Writing*, July 24, 2014.
- "Allen Sekula on the Fate of Ports and the Philosophy of History," *IASESP*, California Institute of Arts, April 26, 2014.
- "Commodities and the Transformation of the American Landscape," *History Channel Seminar for Chicago Area Teachers*, The Newberry Library, March 7, 2014.
- "Rethinking the Geographical Atlas after 1919," *International Conference on the History of Cartography*, Helsinki, July 4, 2013.
- "The Great Lakes as a Region in the History of Cartography," *North American Society for Oceanic History*, US National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Alpena, MI, May 18, 2013.
- "Cartographic Mediation and the Status of the Metropolis," *IASESP*, University of Florida, April 26, 2013.
- "On the Possible Philosophical Lessons of *Andrees Allgemeiner Handatlas*, 1881-1937," *Chicago Map Society*, February 21, 2013.