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CONTACT

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EDUCATION

2013. Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs, University of Louisville with *Dean's Citation*.

Dissertation: *Land Use Controls, Equine Landscapes, and the Role of Political Culture in Managing Sprawl Development*. Committee: C.A. Tony Arnold, Margath Walker, Sumei Zhang, H.V. Savitch (chair).

1985. M.A. (Geography and Planning), East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

1981. B.A. in Geography and Planning, East Carolina University.

TEACHING

TEACHING AWARDS

2025, 2023, 2021, 2018, 2017, 2009, 2008, 2005 and 2002. *Outstanding Geography Teacher Award (Faculty)*, Department of Geography, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky.

2019. *"A Teacher Who Made a Difference" Award*, University of Kentucky College of Education, AY 2018–19. Nominated by student Mitchell Jorstadt.

2018. *Excellence in Teaching Award*, the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.

2018. *University of Kentucky Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award*, Regular and Special Title Series Faculty.

2017. *College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award*, Social Sciences. University of Kentucky.

AWARDS FOR PROJECTS COMPLETED IN CLASSES TAUGHT

2023. *Outstanding Student Project Award*, presented to Spring 2022 GEO 485G (Urban Planning and Sustainability). Kentucky Chapter, American Planning Association. Paper: *Predicting Gentrification in the Castlewood and East End Neighborhoods, Lexington, KY*.

2014. *Outstanding Student Project Award*, presented to Spring 2013 GEO 485G (Urban Planning and Sustainability). Kentucky Chapter, American Planning Association. Paper: *Small Area Plan for the South Nicholasville Road Corridor*.

2013. *Outstanding Student Project Award*, presented to Spring 2012 GEO 485G. Kentucky Chapter, American Planning Association. Paper: *Small Area Plan for the Georgetown Road Triangle*.

TEACHING RECORD

Course	Course Description	Times Taught
Globalization and Social Justice (GEO160)	Students examine how global integration shapes social justice, political participation, and material well-being within and between nation-states	~50
Global Inequalities (GEO161)	Focuses on spatial patterns of wealth, poverty, and human rights at global scales, comparing places and regions.	16+
Cities of the World (GEO222)	Examines the historical development, contemporary character, and alternative futures of cities in developing and developed regions.	20+
Environmental Management and Policy (GEO235)	Introduces environmental systems and examines how human use modifies environmental quality.	15+
Introduction to Urban Planning (GEO285)	Introduces the history, purpose, and objectives of planning, emphasizing urban and regional planning, planning processes, techniques, and legislation.	23
Field Studies in Geography (GEO406)	Field-based, regionally specific study of selected topics in cultural, economic, environmental, physical, political, social, or urban geography.	3
Field Course in Germany (GEO406)	International field course conducted in Germany.	1
Urban Planning and Sustainability (GEO485G)	Analyzes urban and regional planning with emphasis on contemporary planning activities and sustainability.	6
Graduate Teaching Practicum (GEO741)	Introduces teaching with a focus on pedagogical issues in geography instruction.	2
Community 101: Learning Lexington (A&S 100-021)	Part-of-term course that introduces students to history and geography of Lexington	4
World Regional Geography (GEO 152)	Broad brush survey of world geography	3

RESEARCH

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

2024. Phillips, Lynn and Lynne Rieske-Kinney. *Berea, Kentucky Community Tree Report* (November 2024). Urban Forest Initiative at the University of Kentucky.

- 2023.** Phillips, Lynn and Lynne Rieske-Kinney. *Paducah, Kentucky Community Tree Report* (December 2023). Urban Forest Initiative at the University of Kentucky.
- 2023.** Rieske-Kinney, Lynne and Lynn Roche Phillips. *Hazard, Kentucky Community Tree Report* (August 2023). Urban Forest Initiative at the University of Kentucky.
- 2017.** Phillips, Lynn R. and Priyanka Ghosh. 2017. “Rural Land Use Inventory: Fayette County, Kentucky.” Technical report prepared for The Center for Economic Development in Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, University of Kentucky. doi:10.13140/RG.2.2.35757.38882.
- 2016.** Phillips, Lynn R. “A Comparative Study of Growth Management Effectiveness and Urban Sprawl in Two Thoroughbred Landscapes.” *Applied Geography*. doi:10.1016/j.apgeog.2015.09.002.
- 1993.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Military Operations and Wetland Protection: Resolving Local Conflicts.” In *Wetlands: Proceedings of the 13th Annual Conference, Society of Wetland Scientists*. Utica, MS: Society of Wetland Scientists. Mary C. Landing, editor. P. 990.
- 1988.** Phillips, Lynn R. and Jonathan D. Phillips. “Land Use Planning Techniques for Estuarine Shoreline Buffer Zone Establishment.” *Coastal Water Resources*. American Water Resources Association, Bethesda, MD. W. Lyke and T. Hobin, editors. Pp. 351–358.
- 1988.** Phillips, Jonathan D. and Lynn R. Phillips. “Delineation of Shoreline Buffer Zone Establishment.” *Coastal Water Resources*. American Water Resources Association, Bethesda, MD. W. Lyke and T. Hobin, editors. Pp. 344–350.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2025.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Tree Week across Kentucky: The Urban Forest Initiative celebrates trees from October 10-19.” Radio broadcast *Eastern Standard*, HOSTED BY Tom Martin, WEKU 88.9 FM, October 9, 2025. https://esweku.org/track/4581561/october-9-2025_lynn-roche-phillips2024.
- 2024.** Phillips, Lynn R. (October 30, 2024). “Preserving rural land in Fayette County does not affect affordable housing efforts.” *Lexington, KY Herald-Leader*. <https://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article294788209.html>
- 2023.** Phillips, Lynn R. (May 23, 2023) “Don’t Listen to Herald-Leader about Growth in Fayette County.” *Lexington Herald-Leader*. <https://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article275693156.html>

EXTERNAL FUNDING (\$1,556,338 total)

- 2026-2028** (pending). U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky Division of Forestry Inflation Reduction Act. “Branching Out: Creating Urban and Community Forestry Hubs in Rural Kentucky. The Urban Forest Initiative is targeted to receive funding to continue collaboration with small communities (less than 10,000 population) to fortify opportunities for urban and community forestry information sharing and possible career paths. **Award: \$180,000.**
- 2023-2026.** USDA Forest Service Southern Region and Kentucky Division of Forestry. The Urban Forest Initiative received funding to assist small crossroads communities (<6,500 population) impacted by

tornadoes in December 2021 and flooding in July 2022 to leverage urban forest canopies to grow climate resiliency. The grant involves mapping, identifying, and connecting each community to its trees and their ecological benefits, and developing long term enhancement and stewardship of the urban canopy. **Award: \$970,000.**

2020-2023. USDA Forest Service Southern Region and Kentucky Division of Forestry. Part of a research consortium with Urban Forest Initiative, University of Kentucky Research Foundation and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service to assist small municipalities in identifying and mapping community trees, developing landscape plans to create resilient and diverse forests, and create a shared stewardship of local trees through adoption of local standards. “Conservation, protection, and enhancement of forest canopies in rural communities and small municipalities” is part of the State and Private Forestry FY2020 Southern Region LSR Competitive Grant Program. **Award: \$406,338.**

UNSUCCESSFUL EXTERNAL FUNDING

2023. USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act. “Workforce development to expand capacity in urban and community forestry in Kentucky.” Proposal requested establishing training centers for urban and community forestry in connection with Berea College and Hazard Community and Technical College. **Funding request: \$6,901,352.00.**

INTERNAL FUNDING (\$75,203 and €5,000 total)

2026. UK Student Sustainability Council grant. In collaboration with Dr. Lynne Rieske-Kinney and Dr. Matthew John. “Tree Corps: A student-led volunteer tree stewardship team.” **Award: \$7,409.**

2025, December. UK Student Sustainability Council grant. In collaboration with the Urban Forest Initiative, received small grant to bring a visiting scholar to campus. “How Trees Save Lives: Bringing Geoffrey Donovan, Ph.D. to UK’s campus.” **Award: \$4,630.**

2025, November. UK Student Sustainability Council grant to fund “TreeCATs: Collegiate and Citizen Arboriculture Training,” a 15-hour, five-week intensive tree training curriculum held March/April 2026. **Award: \$9,614.**

2025. Gaines Cooperatives Enrichment Grant. In collaboration with Dr. Emily Bergeron (UK College of Design Historic Preservation), evaluated tools available to Kentucky local governments to protect trees by granting them the rights of sovereignty. Co-collaborators: Lynn Rieske-Kinney (Entomology) and Andrew Wood (Geography). **Award: \$1,500.**

2025. Lex Grow Trees. As co-lead of the Urban Forest Initiative, received a grant to host “Canopy Con 25: Leading by Example,” the second annual urban and community forestry conference in Kentucky, held 24 April 2025. Co-PIs: Lynne Rieske-Kinney and Ignazio Graziosi. **Award: \$12,000.**

2023. University of Kentucky Sustainability Challenge Grant. As co-lead of the Urban Forest Initiative, received a grant to host “Canopy Con: An Urban and Community Forestry Conference,” held 25 April 2024 on the University of Kentucky campus. Approximately 100 attendees participated

in scholarly talks on citizen science and everyday approaches to urban tree canopy stewardship. **Award: \$16,000.**

- 2022.** Commonwealth Institute for Black Studies, University of Kentucky. “Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky,” an interdisciplinary project partnered with Drs. Nikki Brown and Melanie Goan (History). Funds used to hire undergraduate interns to map, document, and create story maps of persons killed by lynching across Kentucky, 1880–1955. **Award: \$5,000.**
- 2021.** Gaines Center for the Humanities mini grant to pay speaker honorarium in support of the Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky project. **Award: \$500.**
- 2021.** Office of Vice President for Institutional Diversity, University of Kentucky. “Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky,” an interdisciplinary project partnered with Drs. Nikki Brown and Melanie Goan (History). Funds used to hire undergraduate interns to document, map, and create story maps of persons killed by lynching across Kentucky, 1880–1955. **Award: \$5,000.**
- 2019–2021.** University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean for Research. Field work and mapping of former plantations and historical land use in Horry County, SC. **Award: \$1,950.**
- 2017.** Office of Vice President for Research, University of Kentucky. Procurement of proprietary data critical to archival research. **Award: \$500.**
- 2016–2017.** Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Fayette County, Kentucky rural land use inventory using GIS, tax records, and aerial imagery. **Award: \$5,100.**
- 2014.** Office of Provost, Analytics and Technologies, University of Kentucky. eLearning Innovation Initiative Grant to develop technology-rich pedagogy and learning strategies addressing the changing learning environment. **Award: \$4,000.**
- 2011.** College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grant, University of Kentucky. **Award: \$2,000.**
- 2011.** German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst). Travel scholarships for ten students and two faculty to visit Germany during Spring Break 2011. University of Kentucky–University of Louisville joint grant. **Award: €5,000.**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (★ = *accepted into special session*)

Urban Forestry & Planning

- 2025.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Tree Trails as Connectors.” American Planning Association – Kentucky Chapter Spring Meeting, Campbell House, Lexington, Kentucky, August 21–23.
- 2024.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Trees in Urban Planning.” American Planning Association – Kentucky Chapter Spring Meeting, Dale Hollow Lake State Resort, Burkesville, Kentucky, May 16.
- 2024, 2025 and 2026.** Phillips, Lynn R. “The Role of Trees in Urban Planning.” Presented to 2024 cohort of TreeCATS (five-week Tree Citizen Arborist Training program), Urban Forest Initiative, University of Kentucky, April.

- 2023.** Phillips, Lynn R. and Grace Coy. “Meet Your Community Trees: Growing Sustainability and Resiliency through Urban and Community Forestry.” American Planning Association – Kentucky Chapter Spring Meeting, Barren River State Resort Park, Glasgow, Kentucky, May 18.
- 2023.** Phillips, Lynn R. and Melanie Reason. “Trees and Social Justice: A Look at Paducah’s Progress.” American Planning Association – Kentucky Chapter Spring Meeting, Barren River State Resort Park, Glasgow, Kentucky, May 19.
- 2021.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Tree Hugging: Measuring Trees and Their Benefits.” American Planning Association – Kentucky Chapter Fall Meeting, Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Kentucky, September 23.

Racial Violence & Social Justice

- 2021.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1860–1955.” Poster presentation, First Annual Research and Creative Experience Expo, University of Kentucky, September 13.
- 2018. ★** Phillips, Lynn R. “Experiential Education: Exploring Fluviokarst Systems and Racial Violence in Kentucky.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 10–14.
- 2017.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Project-Based Learning and Alternate Pedagogies: The Case of African American Jockeys in the East End of Lexington, Kentucky.” Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, April 5–9.

Land Use, Growth Management & Equine Landscapes

- 2019.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Golf Courses, Condos, Conservation Easements, and Capitalism: A Preliminary Investigation into Contemporary Land Use Patterns on Former Lowcountry Plantation Lands in Horry County, SC.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, Wilmington, NC, November 25.
- 2019.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Shifting Geographies of the Lexington, Kentucky (USA) Urban Services Boundary: Growth Management Program and Increasing Densification.” Poster presentation, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC, April 2–6.
- 2018. ★** Phillips, Lynn R. “When Horses Fly: Emerging Geographies of Entrepreneurship within the Thoroughbred Industry.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 10–14.
- 2017. ★** Phillips, Lynn R. “Farmers as Elites and Use Value: The Case of Lexington, Kentucky.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, April 5–9.
- 2014.** Phillips, Lynn R. “Land Use Controls, Farmland Preservation, and Sprawl Management in Two Horse Capitals.” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 8–13.

Pedagogy & Service Learning

- 2016. ★** Phillips, Lynn R. and N. Rose Moosnick. “Leveraging Local History in Service Work: The Experiences of LEXengaged Students.” Gulf South Summit on Service Learning in Higher Education, Savannah, GA, April 13–16.

SERVICE

University and Department

- 2023-present.** Co-director of the *Urban Forest Initiative*, a collaborative group of University of Kentucky and Kentucky community stakeholders whose purpose is to promote urban and community forestry across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 2021 – 2023.** Co-lead, *Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky* (DRVK) project. Co-created by History Department faculty Drs. Nikki Brown and Melanie Goan, DRVK documents the lived experiences of persons killed by legal and illegal lynching in Kentucky from 1865-1955. DRVK funding hired undergraduate student interns to research and map victims' stories.
- 2019-present.** Affiliated faculty, Department of Historic Preservation, College of Design at the University of Kentucky.
- 2012-present.** Member of the UK College of Agriculture, Food, and the Environment Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Steering Committee. Steering Committee coordinates decisions affecting a large enrollment, interdisciplinary undergraduate major that sits outside of a department.
- 2005-present.** Faculty advisor to University of Kentucky *Sigma* chapter of *Gamma Theta Upsilon*, the International Geographic Honor Society.
- 2005-present.** Internship coordinator, Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky.

Tenure and Program Reviews

- 2025. Tenure and Promotion review,** Department of Environment & Society, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Utah State University.
- 2024. Tenure and Promotion review,** Department of Soil and Plant Sciences, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, University of Kentucky.
- 2022. Tenure and Promotion review,** Department of Historic Preservation, College of Design, University of Kentucky.
- 2022. Tenure and Promotion review,** Department of Historic Preservation, College of Design, University of Kentucky.
- 2014.** Member of the External Review Committee for periodic review of the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences program in the College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, University of Kentucky.

Performance Reviews

- 2025.** Annual performance review of Professor in Department of Historic Preservation, College of Design at the University of Kentucky.
- 2022, 2023, 2024.** Annual performance review of Senior Lecturer, Department of Historic Preservation, College of Design at the University of Kentucky.

2024, 2025. Co-chair of the Faculty Merit Evaluation Review committee for the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky. Internal review of faculty performance evaluation resulting in recommended scores to Chair and Dean of college.

Faculty Learning Communities and Professional Development

2021 – 2023. Co-lead, Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky (DRVK) project. Created by History Department faculty Drs. Nikki Brown and Melanie Goan, DRVK seeks to document the lived experiences of persons killed by legal and illegal lynching in Kentucky from 1865-1955. DRVK funding used to hire undergraduate student interns who research each victim and map their locations and history. <http://drnikkibrown.createuky.net/drvk/>

2017-2020. Member, *Veterans Faculty Learning Community*, University of Kentucky. Organized by Center for Enhanced Learning and Teaching. Mission of the FLC was to identify obstacles to success by student veterans. Met for one academic year with administrative recommendations to Provost.

2009-2010, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016. Member, Provost's Service Learning Community, University of Kentucky. Committee created protocol for university classes that incorporate service learning into the curriculum; troubleshoot issues associated with service learning.

2014. Member, Provost's Community Engagement Faculty Learning Community, University of Kentucky.

2014. Community Engagement and Service-Learning Definitions Workshop, September 2014.

2014. First cohort member, eLearning Innovation Initiative (eLii) for hybrid course redesign.

Graduate Service

2026. Doctoral Dissertation committee member for Aleksandra Craine, Department of Geography. "SPATIAL MARGINALIZATION OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT: UNDERSTANDING THE ANIMAL-HUMAN DYNAMICS OF CARE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES." Chair: J.A. Tony Stallins.

2026. Master's of Arts degree committee member for Kavid Sumud, Department of Geography. "NEUROTRAUMA TERRORISM." Chair: Matthew Wilson. (In progress).

2025. Master's of Science in Digital Mapping committee member for Michael Ammerman. "KENTUCKY LOGGING BRIDGE PROJECT." Chair: Boyd Shearer.

2025. Master's of Science in Digital Mapping committee member for Charles Altendorf. "CINCY RIVERFRONT RENAISSANCE." Chair: Boyd Shearer.

2025. Doctoral Dissertation committee member (*Graduate School representative*) for Cassandra Werking, Department of History. "REFUGE, RAIDS, AND CONFEDERATES ON SLEIGHS: HOW THE CONFEDERACY EXPLOITED CANADA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER AND SHAPED THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR." Chair: Professor Amy Taylor.

2024. Master's of Science in Digital Mapping committee member for Kevin Dohner, Department of Geography. "STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AT UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY." Chair: Boyd Shearer.

- 2024.** Master's of Science in Digital Mapping committee member for Phillip Ashford, Department of Geography. "UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY EQUITY MAP." Chair: Matthew Wilson.
- 2022.** Master's of Arts **Chair** for Piotr Wojcik, Department of Geography. "TRACKS/TRACES: THE NEW DEAL TRANSFORMATION OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY'S LANDSCAPES OF HORSERACING AND HOUSING. Successful completion 4/2022.
- 2022.** Doctoral Dissertation Committee member (Graduate School representative) for Melissa Kapitan, Department of History. "'The Contours of the Sonic Regime: Making Sense of the Voluminous Monastic Soundscape.'" Chair: Abigail Firey.
- 2020.** Doctoral Dissertation Committee member (***Graduate School representative***) for Asa James Swan, Department of History. "TWILIGHT OF NEWHAVEN: THE TRANSFORMATION OF AN ANCIENT FISHING VILLAGE INTO A MODERN NEIGHBORHOOD." Chair: Karen Petrone.
- 2019.** Doctoral Dissertation Committee member (***Graduate School representative***) for Barry Kidder, Department of Anthropology. "NEGOTIATING HOUSEHOLD QUALITY OF LIFE AND SOCIAL COHESION AT UCANHA, YUCATAN, MEXICO, DURING THE LATE PRECLASSIC TO EARLY CLASSIC TRANSITION." Chair: Scott Hutson.
- 2016.** Doctoral Dissertation Committee member (***Graduate School representative***) for Evelyn Ashley Sorrell, Department of History. "PATIENT PRISONERS: VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL AND THE POLICING OF FEMALE SEXUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES, 1890–1945." Chair: Kathi Kern.
- 2016.** Doctoral Dissertation Committee member (***Graduate School representative***) for Jenna L. Goldsmith, Department of English. "LIFE MATTER: WOMEN SUBJECTS AND WOMEN'S OBJECTS IN INNOVATIVE AMERICAN POETRY." Chair: Julia Johnson.
- 2015.** Master of Historic Preservation committee member for Lauren Poole. "EXPLORING THE LOCAL: STUDY OF URBAN RENEWAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY." Chair: Doug Appler.
- 2014.** Master's of Arts in Geography Committee Member for William Jordan Miller, Department of Geography. "A MODEL FOR IDENTIFYING GENTRIFICATION IN EAST NASHVILLE, TN." Chair: Andrew Wood.
- 2014.** Master of Historic Preservation committee member for Heather Lamplough. "DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE WESLEYAN GROVE COMMUNITY, MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASSACHUSETTS." Chair: Julie Reisenweber.

Undergraduate Service

Gaines Center for the Humanities

- 2021-2022.** Gaines Center for the Humanities Thesis Chair for Olivia Morris-Bush. "WALTER TEVIS' BLUEGRASS LANDSCAPES REPRESENTED IN HIS WRITINGS AND SCREEN ADAPTATIONS."

- 2016-2017.** Gaines Center for the Humanities Thesis Committee Member, Boone Proffitt. “A CRITIQUE OF THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND *PARKSCORE* INDEX IN THE CONTEXT OF OLMSTED PARK NETWORKS IN URBAN AND SUBURBAN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.”
- 2015-2016.** Gaines Center for the Humanities Thesis Committee Member, Kevin Bloomfield. “IMPACT OF BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE ON BICYCLING SAFETY IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, 2000-2015.”
- 2012.** Juror, Capstone Project Gaines Center for the Humanities Scholar Jon Finnie. “A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR THE LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD.”
- 2010.** Juror, Capstone Project Gaines Center for the Humanities Scholar Raven Newberry. “SHOWCASING DOWNTOWN PADUCAH THROUGH AN ART EXHIBIT.”

Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence

- 2024-2025.** Research Mentor for Charles Petty, III, Chellgren Fellow, The Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence. “INDICATORS OF SUSTAINABILITY IN METRO ATLANTA COMPREHENSIVE PLANS: A 13-COUNTY INVESTIGATION.” Presented at University of Kentucky Undergraduate Research Symposium in April 2025.

Student Sustainability Internship Program

- 2026.** Research Co-Mentor for Ezra R. A. Anderson, Violin Performance major. SIP intern for the Urban Forest Initiative. “AN UFI POP-UP SHOP: GROWING THE MERCHANDISE AND BRAND OF THE URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE”
- 2025.** Research Mentor for Gabrielle Martinez, Environmental & Sustainability Studies major. Summer Sustainability Research Project award. “LAND USE CHANGE AND TREE CANOPY COVERAGE DIFFERENCE ON UK’S CAMPUS”
- 2024.** Research Co-Mentor for Clair Rose, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences major. SIP intern for the Urban Forest Initiative “MAPPING AND IDENTIFYING TREES IN THE LEWIS HONORS COLLEGE QUAD”
- 2023.** Research Co-Mentor for Callie Dickson, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences major. SIP intern for the Urban Forest Initiative “DEVELOPING A 4-H MODULE FOR THE URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE’S ‘ADOPT-A-TREE.’ PROGRAM”

Lexington Mayor’s Internship Program

- 2022.** Research Mentor for Kyle Thorne, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences major. “LEXINGTON’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS NEEDS AND THE ROLE OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Community service

Community Outreach with the Urban Forest Initiative

- 2024-2026.** Creation of “Tree Trails” to enhance local engagement with urban forestry and enhance connectivity in Kentucky communities of Eddyville, Wayland, Hyndman Settlement School, Cowan Community Center, Princeton, and Kentucky Dam State Park.
- 2025-2026.** Facilitated establishment of “Tree Corps,” a volunteer work crew that conducts clean-ups semi-monthly and monthly (season-dependent) at four sites across Lexington, including the UK campus and historic Ashland Estate and African Cemetery #2.
- 2025.** Identified and mapped trees at the Biodiversity Trail at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky auto manufacturing campus in Georgetown, Kentucky.
- 2024-2025.** In coordination with Team Kentucky and Appalachia Service Project, worked with new homeowners displaced by 2022 eastern Kentucky floods to plant trees as tools for climate resiliency. Sites in Perry and Floyd Counties, Kentucky.
- 2023-present.** Help lead semi-monthly Zoom meetings of the Urban Forest Initiative Working Group, a large network of urban and community forestry enthusiasts in communities across Kentucky.
- 2023 – present.** Tabling in support of Arbor Day, Fayette County Schools, Reforest the Bluegrass, student-centered events at the University of Kentucky, and other requests
- 2022-2024.** Two site visits to Paducah, Kentucky, to identify and map trees in public parks, and city-controlled public housing sites. Collaborated with local planning staff and volunteer stakeholders.
- 2022 – present.** Tree Week, a week-long October celebration of trees in our communities, was started by the Urban Forest Initiative in 2018. It is a volunteer-led series of activities, including, for example, tree identification walks, yoga under the trees, scientific talks about tree ecology, arts and crafts, and multiple kids’ activities. At its start in 2018, target locations were Lexington and the University of Kentucky. Since 2021, Tree Week has broadened across Kentucky into 25 counties influenced by Urban Forest Initiative efforts. Individual efforts have included tree planting and mulching activities, leading a tree walk, creating and hosting “Tree Trivia” at a local pub, and ribbon cutting ceremonies at Tree Trails in Wayland, Eddyville, Princeton, and Gilbertsville, Kentucky

Civic Appointments & Boards

- 2026-present.** Committee member, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Rural Settlement Study. Appointed by Councilmember Shayla Lynch.
- 2025-present.** Board member, *Fayette Alliance*, a nonprofit land use advocacy and public engagement organization, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2025-present.** Secretary, Kentucky Urban and Community Forest Council. Commonwealth of Kentucky Division of Forestry.
- 2023-2025.** District Supervisor (elected), Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District. Initially appointed by Governor, then elected November 2024 for a four-year term; resigned March 2025.
- 2019-2022.** Member, Mayor’s Sustainable Growth Task Force, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. Appointed by Mayor Linda Gorton to serve on an *ad hoc* committee examining the long-term integrity of Lexington’s urban growth boundary and managing development pressures associated with population growth forecasts.

- 2018.** Community expert on growth management and the rural/urban interface. Provided guidance to an *ad hoc* planning committee preparing long-term policy for Lexington’s Urban Services Boundary. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Planning.
- 2003–2013.** Appointed member, *Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission*. Elected Secretary, 2011–2013.

Public Education & Outreach

- 2015, 2017, 2018, 2023.** Panel speaker and curriculum instructor, Fayette Alliance Citizen’s Planning Academy, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2023.** Invited speaker, *Grow Smart Academy 2.0*. Talk title: “The Environmental Impacts of Land Use: Carbon, Water, and Air.”
- 2019–2020.** Advisor on proposed site selection for relocating the Lexington Children’s Museum. Assisted Board of Directors in identifying and ranking available land parcels in Fayette County. Project suspended due to COVID-19.
- 2019.** Participant, Kentucky Division of Forestry grant to study tree canopy management in small Kentucky cities and develop preservation standards and ordinances. Co-investigators: Lynne Rieske-Kinney (Entomology) and Mary Arthur (Forestry), University of Kentucky.
- 2013.** “The Impact of the I-75 Connector between Jessamine County and Southern Fayette County, Kentucky.” Interview on WRFL Radio, September 19.

Volunteer Service

- 2009–2020.** Department of Geography volunteer coordinator, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church community meal soup kitchen, Lexington, Kentucky. Organized Geography faculty and students to serve monthly community dinners once and sometimes twice per month. Service discontinued due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Co-Director, University of Kentucky Urban Forest Initiative
 Member, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP #021507)
 Member, American Planning Association
 Member, Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association
 Graduate Faculty, University of Kentucky
 Affiliated Faculty, Department of Historic Preservation, University of Kentucky

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

- 2019-present.** Associate Professor, Special Title Series (Teaching), Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2013-2019.** Assistant Professor, Special Title Series (Teaching), Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2010–2013.** Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.

- 2009–2010.** Part-Time Instructor, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2007–2009.** Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2006–2007.** Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2001–2006.** Adjunct Part-Time Instructor, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2002–2004.** Adjunct Part-Time Instructor, Lexington Community College (Bluegrass Community and Technical College), Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2000.** Part-Time Instructor, Blinn College, Bryan, Texas.
- 1991–1997.** Community Planner, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Cherry Point, North Carolina.
- 1987–1991.** Planning Director, Carteret County, Beaufort, North Carolina.
- 1986–1987.** Environmental/Land Use Planner, Carter Associates, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona.
- 1985–1986.** Planning Specialist, Mid-East Commission, Washington, North Carolina.
- 1985–1986.** Instructor, Beaufort County Community College, Washington, North Carolina.
- 1984–1985.** Environmental/Land Use Planner, Aquasystems, Inc., Greenville, North Carolina.
- 1982–1983.** Graduate Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, Department of Geography and Planning, East Carolina University.