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Academic Appointments

- 2018- **Visiting Assistant Professor of Urban-Economic Geography**
Graduate School of Geography
Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA
- 2016-18 **Adjunct Faculty in Geography**
Division of Behavioral, Social Sciences & Global Learning
Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Education

- 2013-18 **Ph.D. Geography, University of Kentucky**
Dissertation: Financial Inclusion in the City: Examining the Democratization of Finance in Boston, Massachusetts
Committee: Dr. Sue Roberts (Chair), Dr. Michael Samers, Dr. Anna Secor, Dr. Karen Tice
Graduate Certificate: Gender and Women's Studies
- 2011-13 **M.A. Geography, University of Kentucky**
Thesis: Moveable Feasts: Locating Food Trucks in the Cultural Economy
Committee: Dr. Anna Secor (Chair), Dr. Rich Schein, Dr. Matt Zook
Graduate Certificate: Social Theory
- 2005-06 **M.A. Teaching, Clark University**
Advisor: Dr. James McDermott
- 2002-06 **B.A. Geography, Clark University**
Advisor: Dr. Susan Hanson

Publications

- 2019 Rosenman, E., J. Loomis & K. Kay. "Diversity, representation and the limits of engaged pluralism in (economic) geography" *Progress in Human Geography*
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132519833453>
- 2018 Loomis, J. "Rescaling and reframing poverty: Financial coaching and the pedagogical spaces of financial inclusion in Boston, Massachusetts" *Geoforum*, 95, 143-152
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.06.014>
- 2018 Cockayne, D., A. Horton, K. Kay, J. Loomis & E. Rosenman. "On economic geography's 'movers' to business and management schools: A response from outside 'the project'" *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, 50(7), 1510–1518.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X18796506>
- 2017 Loomis, J. Review of Rebecca Kinney's Beautiful Wasteland: The Rise of Detroit as America's Postindustrial Frontier. *Antipode*. Available at:
https://radicalantipode.files.wordpress.com/2017/06/beautiful-wasteland-symposium_loomis.pdf

- 2015 Murphy, M., M. Jacobsen, A. Crane, **J. Loomis**, M. Bolduc & C. Mott “Making space for critical pedagogy in the neoliberal university: Struggles and possibilities.” *ACME* 14(4): 1260-1282. <https://www.acme-journal.org/index.php/acme/article/view/1296>

under review and in preparation

Loomis, J. and A. Oberhauser “Feminist engagements with the economy: spaces of resistance and transformation” *Routledge International Handbook of Gender and Feminist Geographies*, Eds. A. Datta, P. Hopkins, L. Johnston, E. Olson and J. M. Silva. [Invited and accepted June 2018]

Loomis, J. “Holding Hope: Aspirational Economic Subjects and the Temporalities of Hardship” for *Social and Cultural Geography*

Loomis, J. “Interest in the House, Interest in the Homeowner: Asset-based Welfare and the Financialization of Housing in the United States” for *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*

Awards, Grants & Honors

- 2018 Best Paper Award, Economic Geography Specialty Group for “Rescaling and Reframing Poverty: Financial Coaching and the Pedagogical Spaces of Financial Inclusion in Boston, Massachusetts”
- 2018 Terry G. Jordan-Bychkov Best Paper Award, Cultural Geography Specialty Group for “Holding Hope: Aspirational Economic Subjects and the Temporalities of Hardship”
- 2018 Travel Grant, Urban Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2017-18 Participant. Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women and Sexuality 2017-2018 Dissertation Writing Workshop, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 2017 International Travel Grant, University of Kentucky Graduate School
- 2016 Dissertation Enhancement Award, University of Kentucky Graduate School
- 2016 Delegate, International Summer Institute in Economic Geography (SIEG)
- 2015 Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Kentucky Department of Geography
- 2015 Travel Grant, Urban Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2015 Barnhart-Withington Grant, University of Kentucky Department of Geography
- 2014 Workshop Funding (with P. Ehrkamp and M. Jacobsen) Anti-Racism and Critical Pedagogy Workshop. University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences
- 2012-18 Teaching Assistantship, University of Kentucky Graduate School
- 2011-12 Academic Year Fellowship, University of Kentucky Graduate School

Conference Organizing

- 2019 Co-Convener (with Tom Baker, Dan Cohen and Emily Rosenman). *Bringing Life’s Work to Market: A symposium on the practices and spaces of marketised social reproduction*. University of Auckland, New Zealand. December 16-17.

- 2018 Paper Session Organizer (with Jane Pollard and Emily Rosenman). *Financial Geographies of Inequality: Tracing the Circuits, Scales, Sites and Relations of Financialization*. Global Conference on Economic Geography. Cologne, Germany
- 2018 Panel Organizer (with Jane Pollard and Emily Rosenman). *The Financial Life of Social Reproduction*. (Cindi Katz, Beverley Mullings, Jane Pollard, Sage Ponder, Kendra Strauss). The American Association of Geographers Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 Paper Session Organizer (with Jane Pollard and Emily Rosenman). *The Financial Life of Social Reproduction I, II, III*. The American Association of Geographers Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Paper Session Organizer (with Daniel Cockayne). *Challenging Embodied Authority and Academic Privilege in Geographical Thought*. Feminist Geography Conference. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2016 Panel Organizer. Author Meets Critics: Wendy Brown's *Undoing the Demos*. (Wendy Brown, Punam Khosla, Andrew Leyshon, Beverley Mullings, Sue Roberts, Richard Walker), The American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 Panel Organizer (with Mark Kear). *Becoming Financial: Everyday Spaces, Practices and Actors*. (Desiree Fields, Miranda Joseph, Bill Kutz, Karen Lai, Carolina Reid). The American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 Paper Session Organizer (with Mark Kear). *Becoming Financial: Everyday Spaces, Practices and Actors I, II*. The American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 Panel Organizer (with Rebecca Lane and Sarah Watson). *Feminist Research Practice*. (Heidi Hausermann, Shiloh Krupar, Rebecca Lave and Juno Salazar Parreñas), Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2014 Plenary Organizer. *Engaging Difference: Displacing the Subject of Political Ecology*. (Melanie DuPuis, Carolyn Finney, Rebecca Lave, Sharlene Mollett, Laura Ogden, Dianne Rocheleau). Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY
- 2014 Paper Session Organizer (with Sarah Watson). *Working Political Ecology: Affective Accounts of Socio-Environmental Encounters*. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2013-14 Organizer. *Undergraduate Research Symposium*. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY

Research Presentations

- 2019 De-Risk and Decrease Dependence: Examining the Role of Nonprofit Organizations in Shifting Financial Responsibility From State to Household, *Post-Crisis Fiscal Geographies: A Retrospective on the 10th Anniversary of the Global Financial Crisis*, Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 Interest in the House, Interest in the Homeowner: Asset-based Welfare and the Financialization of Housing in the United States, *Post-Crisis Fiscal Geographies: A Retrospective on the 10th Anniversary of the Global Financial Crisis*, American Association of Geographers Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2018 Moving from Housing Assistance to Home Ownership: Examining the Asset-Building Approach of the Family Self Sufficiency Program. *What About the Welfare State?* The American Association of Geographers Conference. New Orleans, LA.

- 2017 Holding Hope: Aspirational Economic Subjects and the Temporalities and Geographies of Financial Inclusion. *Geographies of Inequality, Time and Hardship: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*. Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2017 Locating the Absent Center of Economic Geography (presenting author, with Emily Rosenman and Kelly Kay). *Challenging Embodied Authority and Academic Privilege in Geographical Thought* Feminist Geography Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2017 Facing your FICO: The Democratization of Finance and the Persistence of Poverty. *Feminist Economic Geography-Encountering the Subject*. The American Association of Geographers Conference, Boston, MA.
- 2016 Spaces of Empowerment or Dispossession?: The Promises and Impossibilities of Financial Education. *Becoming Financial: Everyday Spaces, Practices and Actors*. The American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 Financial Inclusion at the Site of the Financial Literacy Program: Bringing the Unbanked and Underbanked into the Financial Mainstream. *The Politics of Social Policy and Community Development under Financialization*, The American Association of Geographers Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Ethic, even after the Crash Has Passed. *Theorizing Neoliberalism from the Inside Out*, The American Association of Geographers Conference, Tampa, FL.
- 2013 Moveable Feasts: Food Trucks and Urban Policy Mobilities. *The Multiple Geographies of Policy Mobility*, American Association of Geographers Conference, Los Angeles, CA

Invited Presentations

- 2019 Speaker. *Bringing Life's Work to Market: A symposium on the practices and spaces of marketised social reproduction*. University of Auckland, New Zealand. December 16-17.
- 2018 Panelist. *Querying the Future of Work: Feminist Economic Geography Interventions*. Organized by Emily Reid-Musson, Daniel Cockayne, Lia Frederiksen, Nancy Worth. Feminist Geography Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2017 Panelist. Author Meets Critics: Rebecca Kinney's *Beautiful Wasteland: The Rise of Detroit as America's Postindustrial Frontier*. Organized by Josh Akers (with Katherine Hankins, Sara Safransky, Patrick Vitale). The American Association of Geographers Conference, Boston, MA.
- 2017 Visiting Lecture. "Financial Inclusion in the City: Examining the Implementation of Financial Literacy and Capability Initiatives in Boston, Massachusetts." Alan Wiig's Global Community Economic Development course, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Teaching Experience

- 2018- **Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts**
 Discover Worcester (Fall '19)
 Geographies of Poverty and Inequality (Fall '18, Spring '19)
 Global Change, Regional Challenges (Spring '19)
 Introduction to Economic Geography (Fall '18; '19)
 Writer's Workshop Seminar (Spring '19)

- 2016-18 **Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, Massachusetts**
World Regional Geography (Spring '16, '17, '18; Fall '17)
- 2012-18 **University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky**
Course Development Assistant. Review of geography online courses (Spring '18)
Instructor. Human Geography online (Summer '15, '16, '17; Winter '15, '16)
Instructor. Human Geography (Fall '14; Spring '15)
Teaching Assistant. Geography of the Global Economy (Fall '13; Spring '14)
Course Development Assistant. Online GIS certificate program (Spring '13)
Teaching Assistant. World Regional Geography (Fall '12)

Teaching Professional Development

- 2018 Participant. Teaching Poverty Faculty Workshop, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. June 12-15.
- 2017 Participant. Faculty Summer Institute: Black Protest and the Question of Place, Bunker Hill Community College and the Museum of African American History, Boston MA. August 16-18.
- 2017 Participant. Anti-Racism Collaborative Course: Systemic Racism and the Legacy of Education, The Democracy Center, Cambridge, MA. July-August
- 2015 Participant. United for a Fair Economy Popular Education Workshop: Economics for Everyone, Newton, MA. May 28-31.

Professional Service

- 2019 Reviewer. Student Paper Competition, Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers
- 2017-19 Co-Organizer (with Kelly Kay, Emily Rosenman, Renee Tapp and Wanjing Chen). Women in Economic Geography Social Hour, American Association of Geographers conference
- 2017- Reviewer. *Antipode* and *Geoforum*
- 2016 Elected Student Board Member, Economic Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers
- 2015 Organizer. University of Kentucky Department of Geography Graduate Student Invited Lecture, Dr. Melissa Wright
- 2013-14 Editorial Board. "Mapping" issue of *disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory*
- 2013-14 Graduate Student Representative. Graduate Committee, University of Kentucky Department of Geography
- 2012-13 President. Geography Graduate Student Union, University of Kentucky Department of Geography
- 2011-12 Graduate Student Representative. Undergraduate Committee, University of Kentucky Department of Geography
- 2011-15 Co-Founder. University of Kentucky Critical Pedagogy Working Group

Related Skills

Software: Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, NVivo 11, Qualtrics, BlackBoard, Canvas, Moodle Google collaboration tools, Microsoft Suite

Languages: Conversational Spanish, Beginner Portuguese

Professional Memberships

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Economic Geography Specialty Group (of the AAG)

Urban Geography Specialty Group (of the AAG)

Geographic Perspectives on Women (of the AAG)

Cultural Geography Specialty Group (of the AAG)

Regional Studies Association (RSA)

Relational Poverty Network (RPN)

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)