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EDUCATION

- 2023– **Ph.D. Student in Geography, University of South Carolina**
Interests: political ecology, critical geopolitics, infrastructure, sub-Saharan Africa
- 2020 **M.A. in Geography, University of Oregon**
Thesis: *Rebuilding Precarity: Dwellings & Demolitions in Jamestown, Accra, Ghana*
- 2016 **B.A. in Geography/Environmental Studies, University of California, Los Angeles**
Minors in GIS and Central & Eastern European Studies
Honors Thesis: *“Desertification” and the Complex Human-Environment Relationship: A Case Study*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023–2027 Presidential Fellowship, University of South Carolina (\$40,000)
- 2024 AAG Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group Research Award (\$750)
- 2020 AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Travel Award (\$250)
- 2020 Rippey Geography Endowment, University of Oregon (\$1,000)
- 2019 Rippey Geography Endowment, University of Oregon (\$1,000)
- 2019 Global Oregon Graduate Research Award, University of Oregon (\$2,000)
- 2019 African Studies Graduate Research Award, University of Oregon (\$500)
- 2016 Departmental Highest Honors, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2012–2016 Honors College, University of California, Los Angeles

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024– Graduate Research Assistant – University of South Carolina
- 2024 Instructor of Record – University of South Carolina
- 2023–2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of South Carolina
- 2022–2023 Highschool Tutor (All Subjects) – Study Hut, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 2021–2022 Art Instructor – Summer Studios Arts Academy, Lomita, CA
- 2018–2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Oregon
- 2017–2018 AmeriCorps Member – American Red Cross, Long Beach, CA
- 2014–2016 Undergraduate Research Assistant – University of California, Los Angeles

PUBLICATIONS

Malkoc, B. and Johnson, L. (submitted) Dis/incremental dwelling and the right to the beach in Jamestown, Accra, Ghana. *Antipode*.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Presentations:

- 2024 Co-Opting Environmental Justice? Preliminary Analysis of the U.S Army Corps' Yazoo Backwater Area Water Management Project. Southeast Regional Meeting of American Association of Geographers. Greenville, SC. November 23–26.
- 2021 “Rebuilding Precarity: Dwellings & Demolitions in Jamestown Harbor, Accra, Ghana.” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. Seattle, WA (virtual). April 7–11.
- 2019 “Rebuilding Precarity: Dwellings & Demolitions in Jamestown Harbor, Accra, Ghana.” Critical Geographies Annual Mini-Conference. Eugene, OR. October 18–19.

Posters:

- 2024 “Advancing Tourism Research: Collaborative Insights from the Presidential Fellowship Program.” Discover USC. Columbia, SC. April 25.
- 2016 “‘Desertification’ and the Complex Human-Environment Relationship: A Case Study.” University of California, Los Angeles. Undergraduate Research Week. Los Angeles, CA. May 23–27.

SERVICE

- 2024– Student Board Member – AAG Legal Geography Specialty Group
- 2023– Member – United Campus Workers of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- 2023–2024 Co-Organizer – Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY
- 2019–2020 Union Representative – Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, Eugene, OR
- 2019 Co-Organizer – Critical Geographies Annual Mini-Conference, Eugene, OR
- 2018– Member – American Association of Geographers (AAG)

SKILLS

Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian (advanced proficiency)	ArcGIS and QGIS Microsoft Office Suite	NVivo and AtlasTI Adobe Suite
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