

BRITTANY COOK

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EDUCATION

PhD student in Geography, August 2012 to present

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Advisor: Dr. Anna Secor, GPA 4.0/4.0

Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Certificate, 2015

M.A. in Geography, August 2012

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Thesis: "Negotiating belonging in a divided city: Palestinian experiences in Nicosia, Cyprus"

Advisor: Dr. Amy Mills, GPA 4.0/4.0

B.A. Anthropology and Geography (cum laude), May 2009

University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA

Study Abroad: University of Nicosia 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminist political geography, global capitalism, political ecology and agriculture, standards, globalization, resistance, development, ethnographic methods, Jordan, Mediterranean, and the Middle East.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Article

2015. Barrineau, Brittany Cook. Decentering state categories: diaspora within a Palestinian geopolitical assemblage in Nicosia, Cyprus. *Space and Polity* 19(3): 244-255.

Commentaries and Conversations in Refereed Journals

2013 Crampton, Jeremy W., Jay Bowen, Daniel Cockayne, Brittany Cook, Malene Jacobson, Eric Nost, Lindsay Shade and Laura Sharp. Whose Geography? Which Publics?. *Dialogues in Human Geography* 3 (1): 73-76.

Book Review

2013 Cook, Brittany. Review of *The Ashgate Research Companion to Critical Geopolitics*, edited by Klaus Dodds, Merje Kuus, and Joanne Sharp. In *Tijdschrift Voor Economische En Sociale Geografie*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2017 Socio-natures and Capacity Building in the Olive Oil Sector of Jordan. Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Boston, Ma.

2017 The Politics of (non) Certified Organic Olive Oil Production in Jordan. Paper presented at the Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference in Boston, MA.

- 2017 Producing Taste and Quality: Extra Virgin Olive Oil in Jordan. Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology conference in Lexington, KY.
- 2016 Producing Taste and Quality: The Politics of Extra Virgin Olive Oil Production in Jordan. Paper presented at the CAORC ACOR Fellow's Symposium in Amman, Jordan.
- 2015 Mapping 'Facts on the Ground': The Paradox of Democracy and Open Source Volunteered Geographic Information (VGI) in Jerusalem. Paper presented at the International Conference for Critical Geography in Ramallah, Palestine.
- 2015 Fair Trade *Sumud*: Heritage, Resistance, and Olive Oil in Palestine-Israel. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Facts on the Ground: Open Source, Mapping and InfoActivism in Jerusalem. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL.
- 2013 Sexual relations in a post/colonial context: Trinidad and the female body in *The Dragon Can't Dance*. Paper presented at the Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Symposium: Gender Play in the Americas: From Sexual Politics to Body Politics in Lexington, KY.
- 2013 Between Europe and the Middle East: The Power of Words in Palestinians' Lives in Cyprus. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA.
- 2013 Somewhere between law and implementation: the discourse of "Palestinian" between occupied territories. Paper presented at the Political Geography Specialty Group Preconference in Los Angeles, CA.
- 2012 Between Occupations: A Spectrum of Resistance by Palestinians in Nicosia, Cyprus. Paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference on Critical Geography in Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2012 Negotiating Regional Location and EU Membership: Cyprus and Palestinian Migration. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in New York.
- 2011 CouchSurfing: Negotiating Ideas of Space, Risk, and Community. Poster presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.
- 2009 Hookahs in the United States: Globalization and transnational commodities. Paper presented at the University of Mary Washington Geography Department Spring 2009 Symposium in Fredericksburg, VA.

INVITED EVENTS

- 2017 Workshop Participant: Environment and Society in the Middle East: A Collaborative Workshop at Middlebury College. Workshop for my paper "The Re-Aestheticization of Taste: Producing Extra Virgin Olive Oil in Jordan" and two other invited papers.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2017 Panelist: Society of Women Geographers Fellows 1 at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Boston, MA.
- 2017 Co-Organizer, Session: Geographies that Matter: The Middle East beyond the State at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Boston, MA.
- 2015 Conference Organizer, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference in Lexington, KY
- 2015 Co-organizer, Session: Settler Colonialism and Occupation: Political Ecologies of Israel/Palestine and Beyond at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference on Nature/Society in Lexington, KY.
- 2013 Chair, Session: Feminist Political Ecologies: Expansive Natures and Embodied Intersections at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference on Nature/Society in Lexington, KY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor, University of Kentucky

2017, GEO 172: Human Geography

2013-2014, GEO/AAS 328: Geography of the Middle East

Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky

2015, GEO 109: Digital Mapping (lab sections)

2013, GEO 160: Lands and People of the Non-Western World

2012, GEO 162: Global and Environmental Issues (discussion sections)

Teaching Assistant, University of South Carolina

2010-2012, GEO121: Lands and Peoples of the World and GEO103: Introduction to Geography

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Research, December 2015-December 2016 and May 2017-August 2017

Qualitative fieldwork including participant observation, focus groups, and interviews regarding olive oil production in Jordan.

Preliminary Dissertation Research, June 2013-December 2013

Master's Thesis, July 2011-December 2011

Qualitative fieldwork including interviews, participant observation, and discourse analysis of newspapers, pamphlets, and cultural media on Palestinians' experiences of belonging and identity in Cyprus.

Undergraduate Thesis, 2008-2009, "Hookahs in the United States: An examination of the local through a global commodity"

Qualitative research including interviews, participant observation, and discourse analysis of online media at two Middle Eastern restaurants. Requirement for the BA in Anthropology.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Society of Women Geographers, July 2016 – August 2017, \$9,915

CAORC Fellowship, American Center of Oriental Research, September-December 2016, \$15,915 (and an additional \$610.50 from the Graduate Student Incentive Program at the University of Kentucky).

Barnhart-Withington Research Award. University of Kentucky. May 2015, \$1,105.

Fulbright US Student Award and Critical Language Scholarship, Jordan, September 2015-September 2016, \$31,100 (and an additional \$1,500 from the Graduate Student Incentive Program at the University of Kentucky).
Graduate School Travel Award. University of Kentucky. March 2014, \$400.
Barnhart-Withington Research Award. University of Kentucky. May 2013, \$1,395.
Graduate School Travel Award. University of Kentucky. April 2013, \$400.
University of Kentucky Graduate Assistantship. 2012-present.
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship to study Arabic at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Summer 2012, \$7,000.
Walker Institute Ceny Walker Graduate Research Fellowship (matched 150% by the Department of Geography). May 2011, \$1,000 (\$2,500 total).
University of South Carolina Graduate Assistantship. 2010-2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2012-present

Geography Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

- Designed and implemented GEO 328: Geography of the Middle East as primary instructor
- Design and implement lectures and activities for weekly discussion sections (GEO 162: Global and Environmental Issues and GEO 109: Digital Mapping).
- Assist instructors in proctoring, grading, preparing tests, and lectures (GEO 160: Lands and People of the Non-Western World).

Community Mapping Specialist, 2013

Grassroots Jerusalem (AlQuds), Jerusalem, Israel/Palestine

- Design maps for reports and newsletters using open source software.
- Redesign mapping workshops with community members.
- Maintain data collected from mapping workshops and obtained from local organizations.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2010-2012

Geography Department, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

- Assist instructors in proctoring, grading, preparing tests, and lectures (GEO121: Lands and Peoples of the World and GEO103: Introduction to Geography).

GIS Specialist, 2010

Fort Lee Environmental Management Office, Fort Lee, VA

- Design maps using ArcGIS for projects to determine environmental compliance.
- Collect field data with a portable Trimble GPS unit.
- Organize GIS database for Fort Lee Garrison.
- Update data by uploading data, editing shapefiles and digitizing,

GIS Intern, 2009-2010

Student Conservation Association, Petersburg National Battlefield, Petersburg, VA

- Design map projects using ArcGIS for displays within the park.
- Collect and upload field data with a portable Trimble GIS unit.
- Update and create GIS data by digitizing from aerial imagery and historic maps.

Technical and Computer Skills

ArcGIS Desktop10, QGIS, PostGIS, MapBox Studio, Ruby, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Flash CS3, Adobe Photoshop CS3, Microsoft Office

Language Competencies

Arabic (MSA): Advanced

Arabic (Levantine): Advanced

German: Beginner

Greek: Beginner

Professional Associations and Service

University of Jordan, Center for Strategic Studies, Affiliate 2017

Geography Graduate Student Union, Undergraduate Committee Representative, 2014-2015.

Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Social Chair, 2014-2015.

Geography Graduate Student Union, Personnel Committee, 2012-2013.

Participant in Smithsonian and NSF Workshop “Developing a Research Community and Capacity for the Study of Cultural Heritage in Conflict,” 2015

Association of American Geographers

Including the Cultural Geography, Political Geography, Middle East, Agriculture and Food, and Graduate Student Specialty Groups

Critical Pedagogy Working Group

Political Ecology Working Group

Gamma Theta Upsilon (International Geographic) Honor Society, Delta Mu Chapter