

**Malene H. Jacobsen, PhD**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

Department of Geography  
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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2019-2021 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
Department of Geography  
Maynooth University, Ireland

**EDUCATION**

2013-2019 **Ph.D. Geography, University of Kentucky**  
Dissertation: Unsettling Refuge: Syrian Refugees' Account of Life in Denmark  
Committee: Dr. Ehrkamp (Chair), Dr. Secor, Dr. Roberts, Dr. Monroe

2011-2013 **M.A. Geography, University of Kentucky**  
Thesis: The Everyday Space of Humanitarian Migrants in Denmark  
Committee: Dr. Ehrkamp (Chair), Dr. Secor, Dr. Roberts

2013 Graduate Certificate in Social Theory, University of Kentucky

2012 London Critical Theory Summer School, Birkbeck University of London

2007-2010 **B.Sc. Geography and Education Studies, Roskilde University**  
Thesis: 'The Latinos are coming' – The Public Debate of the Demographic Transformation of Georgia  
Adviser: Kristine Juul

2009 Exchange Student, Georgia Southern University

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/EMPLOYMENT**

2017-18 Research Assistantship, Dr. Ehrkamp (PI), NSF funded Research Project: *The Geopolitics of Trauma* (BCS-1461615), University of Kentucky, Department of Geography

2016-17 Visiting PhD, University of Copenhagen, Center for Advance Migration Studies, Denmark

2011-18 Teaching Assistantship, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 2015 Murphy, M., M. Jacobsen, A. Crane, J. Loomis, M. F. Bolduc, C. Mott, S. Zupan, A.M. Debbane, R.L. “Making Space for Critical Pedagogy in the Neoliberal University: Struggles and Possibilities.” *ACME* 14(4): 1260-1282.

### **Commentaries and Conversations in Refereed Journals**

- 2013 Crampton, J., J. Bowen, D. Cockayne, B. Cook, E. Nost, L. Shade, L. Sharp, and M. Jacobsen. “Whose Geography? Which Publics?” *Dialogues in Human Geography* 3(1): 73-76.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2016 Jacobsen, M. “Pocket Money: Everyday Precarities in the Danish Asylum System”. In *Intimate Economies of Immigration Detention: Critical Perspectives*. Ed. Conlon D. and N. Hiemstra. Routledge: 155-170.
- 2015 Ehrkamp, P. and M. Jacobsen. “Citizenship” in *Companion to Political Geography*. Ed. Agnew, J., and V. Mamadouh, A. Secor, J. Sharp. Wiley-Blackwell: 152-164.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2015 Jacobsen, M. “On Linda McDowell’s Working Lives: Gender, Migration and Employment in Britain, 1945-2007.” *International Migration Review* 49(2): e13-e14.
- 2013 Jacobsen, M. “On Gregory Feldman’s The Migration Apparatus: Security, Labor, and Policymaking in the European Union”, AntipodeFoundation.org

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2019 Irish Research Council, Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship P, (GOIPD/2019/773): Precarious Protection: Syrian and Somali Struggles for Refuge in Denmark
- 2016 Social Science Research Council, The Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$20,100)
- 2016 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (BCS-1558400): Forced Migrants Encountering the Refugee Regime (\$15,955)
- 2016 The Danish Institute in Damascus Research Award (\$13,200)
- 2016 University of Kentucky Graduate Studies Dissertation Enhancement Award (\$2,000)
- 2014 Barnhart-Withington Fund Research Grant, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography (\$2,000)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **National and International**

- 2017 Social Science Research Council, Doing Digital Scholarship (\$1,000)

- 2017 Social Science Research Council, IDRF Photo Competition, Best Self Portrait (\$100)
- 2011 Knud Højgaards Fond (\$3,000)
- 2011 Nordea Fonden (\$1,500)
- 2011 Oticon Fond (\$2,800)

**Paper Awards**

- 2014 European Geography Specialty Group, PhD Student Paper Award (\$300)
- 2013 Political Geography Specialty Group, M.A. Student Paper Award (\$250)

**Internal Awards**

- 2016 Graduate Student Incentive Program Award, University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$455)
- 2016 Graduate Student Incentive Program Award, University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$633)
- 2016 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award (\$500)
- 2014 Workshop Funding (with Dr. Ehrkamp and J. Loomis). Anti-Racism and Critical Pedagogy Workshop. University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences (\$1,500)
- 2012 Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography

**Travel Grants**

- 2019 Political Geography Specialty Group, Student Travel Award (\$225)
- 2018 Graduate Student Congress Travel Grant, University of Kentucky (\$300)
- 2015 International Travel Grant, University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$800)
- 2015 National Travel Grant, University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$400)
- 2014 Education Abroad at UKY Scholarship (\$750)
- 2014 National Travel Grant, University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$400)
- 2013 University of Kentucky, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Excellence Fund, financial assistance for the Nordic Geography Meeting (\$1000)
- 2013 National Travel Grant, University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$400)

**INVITED TALKS**

- 2018 “Fragmented Families: Syrians’ Struggles for Family Reunification in Denmark”, Workshop: Digesting Difference: Modes of Social Incorporation in Europe, The Program in Contemporary European Politics and Society, Princeton University, NJ.
- 2017 “Taking the bus: a journey into friendship and language”, Middle Eastern Night, organized by Fuad Younes, Ascent Associations, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2016 “Twists, Turns, and Mutations: Tracing Transnational Connections between Jordan and Denmark”, Organized by Dr. Fogelman. Research Seminar, Roskilde University, Denmark.

2016 “Tracing Transnational Connections: The Geopolitical Landscape of Migration Management”, The French Institute for the Near East (Ifpo), Amman, Jordan.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Papers Presented

- 2019 “Practical Engagements: Collaborative Feminist Approaches to Immigration Advocacy in Denmark”. Presented with Kirstine Nordentoft Mose. RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, London, United Kingdom.
- 2019 “A Psychological War: Syrian refugees’ accounts of violence, refuge, and peace”. 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Critical Geography, Athens, Greece.
- 2019 “Affective Politics of Refuge: Syrian forced migrants’ narratives of state violence and war in Denmark”. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2019 “The Geopolitical Legalities of Refugee Protection in Denmark” The Political Geography Specialty Group Annual Preconference, Washington, DC.
- 2018 “Reversing the gaze: Syrian forced migrants’ perceptions of ‘becoming’ an asylum seeker, a refugee, a guest in Denmark.” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Intervening in the ‘neighboring area’: a postcolonial perspective”. Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2016 “The Refugee Regime: Studying a Transnational Space”, PhD Workshop: Ethnography of Connections, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2016 “A transnational Refugee Regime: the production of the ‘neighboring area’”, The Academic Association for contemporary European Studies (UACES) 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Queen Mary University of London, London, United Kingdom.
- 2016 “Transnational Topographies: Re-thinking the spatiality of migration management”, Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2015 “A wolf in sheep's clothing: deportation as ‘development’”, the Nordic Conference on Development Research (Nordev15), Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 2015 “Will I know it when I see it? Emergence of political subjectivity in everyday life”, Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Chicago.

- 2014 “Pocket Money: Discipline and Control Through the Cash Allowance System”, Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Tampa.
- 2013 “Humanitarian Migrants, Political Subjectivities, and Post-political Activities”, 5<sup>th</sup> Nordic Geography Meeting, Reykjavik.
- 2013 “The Danish Asylum System”, Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.
- 2012 “The Danish Asylum System – What Happened to Humanism?”, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Critical Geography, UNC Chapel Hill.

### **Panels Organized**

- 2019 Paper Session Organizer (with Dr. Pascucci). *Geographies of Refuge: Displacing Violence and Locating Protection*, American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2018 Panel Organizer (with Austin Crane). *Feminist Methodologies: Researching the Politics and Spaces of Migration Management*, American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 Paper Session Organizer (with Austin Crane). *Geographies of Return and Removal*, American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Paper Session Organizer. *Transnationalizing Migration Management*, American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 Paper Session Organizer (with Austin Crane). *Migration, Governance, and Resistance*, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Critical Geography, UNC Chapel Hill, NC.

### **GUEST LECTURES**

- 2019 Guest Lecture. “Geography of Refuge: War, Violence, Security”, Dr. Loomis’s Global Change, Regional Challenges course, Clark University, Worcester, MA.
- 2018 Guest Lecture. “Forced Migration”, Dr. Snider’s Immigrant America course, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- 2018 Guest Lecture. “Geopolitics of Migration”, Laçin Tutalar’s Introduction Human Geography course, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- 2017 Guest Lecture. “Europe and Migration: The Geography of Migration Management”. Jessa Loomis’ Regional Geography course, Bunker Hill Community College, Boston MA.
- 2016 Guest Lecture. “A Neighboring Country: Jordan”, Dr. Smith’s International Relations of the Middle East course, Bucknell University, Lewisburg PA.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 Primary Instructor, Geography of Europe, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2014 Primary Instructor, Introduction to Human Geography, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Immigrant America, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2013 Course Development Assistant, Online GIS, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Global Environmental Issues, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Geographic Research, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.
- 2011 Teaching Assistant, Cities of the World, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, PROFESSION AND DISCIPLINE**

- 2018 Graduate Student Member of Colloquium Committee, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography
- 2018- Peer-reviewer for *Geographical Review*.
- 2017-18 Treasurer. Geography Graduate Student Union, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography
- 2017- Peer-reviewer for *Social and Cultural Geography*.
- 2017- Advisory Board Member, *The Red Thread*. Jobcreation, Independence, and Commitment for Refugee Women – a New Model, University of Copenhagen.
- 2015 Co-organizer with Dr. Ehrkamp and Jessa Loomis of a workshop on Anti-Racism and Critical Pedagogy, funded by University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences.
- 2013-15 Graduate Student Member of Graduate Program Committee, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography
- 2012-13 Correspondence Editor, *disClosure: a journal of social theory*, volume 22: Security
- 2012-13 Graduate Student Member of Diversity Committee, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 2016-17 Volunteer, Danish language teacher and socio-legal counseling at Welcome House, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 Volunteer, socio-legal counseling at Bornholms Flygtningevenner (Bornholm's Refugee Friends), Bornholm, Denmark
- 2016-17 Volunteer, Socio-legal counseling and Women's Club at Trampoline House, Copenhagen, Denmark

2012 Volunteer, Trampoline House, Copenhagen, Denmark

### **LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES**

Danish: First Language

English: Reading (Fluent), Speaking (Fluent), Writing (Fluent)

Arabic (Levantine): Reading (Basic), Speaking (Good), Writing (Basic)

German: Reading (Basic), Speaking (Good), Writing (Basic)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Critical Pedagogy Working Group, University of Kentucky