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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D., Geography & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Penn State University
Dissertation: *Making a Military: Race, Citizenship, and a School-to-Military Pipeline in Houston, Texas*
- 2012 M.S., Geography & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Penn State University
Thesis: *Postwar Transformations: Women and the Work of Peace in Postwar Liberia.*
- 2010 B.S., Geography, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI

EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-Present Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Bucknell University
- 2022-2023 Lecturer, Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Vanderbilt University
- 2018-2022 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Bucknell University
- 2010-2018 Graduate Assistant/Graduate Instructor, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2016 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Geography, Houston Community College

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Papers

- 2019 **Christian, Jenna** and Lorraine Dowler. The Gendered Binary: A Feminist Critique of Slow/Fast Violence. *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*.
- 2019 Dowler, Lorraine and **Jenna Christian**. Landscapes of Impunity and the Deaths of LaVena Johnson and Sandra Bland. *Gender, Place and Culture*. 26(6): 813-829.
- 2019 Dowler, Lorraine, Dana Cuomo, Azita Ranjbar, Nicole Laliberte, and **Jenna Christian**. Radical Care. *Keywords in Radical Geography: Antipode at 50*. Wiley Blackwell.
- 2018 **Christian, Jenna**. A Comic Essay: Military Patriotism and the JROTC. *Bank Street Occasional Paper Series*. [For Special Issue "Education and Patriotism"]
- 2016 **Christian, Jenna**, Lorraine Dowler, and Dana Cuomo. Learning to Fear: Feminist Geopolitics and the Hot and Banal. *Political Geography*. 54: 64-72.

- 2014 Dowler, Lorraine, **Jenna Christian**, and Azita Ranjbar. A feminist visualisation of the intimate spaces of security. *Area*. 46(4): 347-349.
- 2008/2009 **Christian, Jenna**, Ingolf Vogeler, Pa Sia Moua. The Cultural Landscape of the Hmong in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, *The Wisconsin Geographer*. 23. 1-16.

In Revision

Christian, Jenna. Creative geopolitics: art and solidarity as feminist geographic praxis. *Environment and Planning C*.

In Preparation

Christian, Jenna. Everyday militarization, race, and the making of good youth citizens in the JROTC. *Geopolitics*.

Christian, Jenna. “You do what you gotta do”: Latinx military recruitment, the JROTC, and the everyday production of soldiers in Houston, Texas. *Social & Cultural Geography*.

Christian, Jenna. Teaching zine making as feminist praxis for undergraduates. *Feminist Pedagogy*.

Christian, Jenna. The militarization of citizenship: Race, and the Politics of Conditional Inclusion. *Antipode*.

RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Bucknell High Impact Teaching Grant (\$1000)
- 2019 Supervisor/Mentor on student grant through Bucknell Program for Undergraduate Research (paid student housing/research costs; \$500 to faculty mentor)
- 2015 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DDRI) Grant, Award #1536298 (\$14,800)
- 2014 Penn State Africana Research Center Research Grant (\$2,000)
- 2011 National Science Foundation (GRFP) Graduate Research Fellowship (3 years tuition & stipend)
- 2011 Penn State Africana Research Center Research Grant (\$2,000)
- 2010 Earth and Environmental Systems Institute Fellowship, Penn State University
- 2010 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Language Fellowship (Hausa), from the University of Kansas (\$6,500)
- 2008 Undergraduate Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire “Post-conflict land tenure in Liberia” (\$2,800)

AWARDS

- 2018 Sara Woods Graduate Student Teaching Award, Penn State University, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (\$1000)

- 2017 Miller PhD Paper Award, Penn State Geography, “Creative geopolitics: art and solidarity as feminist geographic praxis” (\$600)
Nominated by the Department of Geography for the Penn State University’s college-wide 2017 Alumni Association Dissertation Award
- 2016 Sara Woods Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Penn State University, Department Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (\$1,500)

TEACHING & PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Vanderbilt University

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| Sex & Society (100 Level) | 2022 (3x) |
| Race & Citizenship (300 level) | 2023 (2x) |

Bucknell University

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| Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (100 level) | 2018-2022 (taught over 15x) |
| Race and Sexuality (200 level) | 2018 |
| Race, Citizenship, and the Politics of Belonging in the US (300 level) | 2019-2021 (3x) |
| Violence, War and Feminist Thought (200 level) | 2019-2021 (4x) |
| Geographies of Justice (200 level) | 2019 |
| Feminist Care, Joy, and Transformation (200 level) | 2022 |
| Globalization, People and Place (100 level) | 2019, 2023 |
| Violence, War, and Feminist Geography (200 level) | 2023 |

Penn State University

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| Introduction to Women’s Studies WEB | 2015-2018 (5x) |
| Geography of International Relations WEB | 2016 |
| Geographic Perspectives on Sustainability WEB | 2015 |
| Introduction to Human Geography | 2013 |

Houston Community College

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| World Regional Geography | 2016 (2x) |
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Teaching Assistant (Penn State)

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| Geographic Perspectives on Sustainability WEB | 2015, 2016 |
| Introduction to Human Geography | 2011, 2013 |
| Human Use of the Environment WEB | 2014 |

Curriculum Design (Penn State)

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| Apocalyptic Geographies (hired to design video media content for new freshman mega-course) | 2017 |
| Cultural Geography (hired to design new lectures) | 2013 |

Mentoring/Advising

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| (Bucknell) Program for Undergraduate Research Advisor (2 students) | 2019, 2021 |
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Duties included: working with undergrads to write a research grant (which both received) and then mentoring them throughout their qualitative research projects, both of which related to immigrant experience.

(Penna State) Undergraduate Research Opportunities Advisor (4 students) 2013-2017

Duties included: supervising and mentoring Penn State undergraduate research assistants for 1-3 credit hours of work in which they analyzed qualitative, quantitative, and spatial data.

Pedagogical Trainings

Pedagogical workshop on Online Teaching during the pandemic (1 day), Teaching and Learning Center, Bucknell University 2020

The Teaching of Writing Intensive Workshop (7 days), Teaching and Learning Center, Bucknell University 2019

Course Design and Pedagogy Workshop (3 days), Teaching and Learning Center, Bucknell University 2018

OL 2000 (Faculty Development Course): Essentials of Online Teaching, Penn State University 2017

Teaching Awards

Sara Woods Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Penn State 2018

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 *December 6, 2018:* University of Maynooth, Ireland, Department of Geography, Public Lecture, "Warrior Patriotism: Criminalization, Militarization, and the Making of the U.S. Military."
- December 7, 2018:* Trinity University, Ireland, Department of Geography. Workshop on "Creative Geographic Research Methods."
- January 2019:* Bucknell University, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Gender, "Race, Citizenship, and the Contemporary Politics of Military Service in the U.S."
- 2018 Clark University, Department of Geography and Department of Visual Arts, "Creative Research Methodologies for Anti-Racist Solidarity."
- Bucknell University, Department of Geography, "Feminist Geographic Research: Case study from research in Houston, Texas." Lecture was given to two courses, Gender and Geography and Cultural Geographies.
- Penn State University, Coffee Hour Lecture (with Lorraine Dowler), Department of Geography, "Landscapes of Impunity and the Deaths of LaVena Johnson and Sandra Bland."
- 2017 Penn State University, Coffee Hour Lecture, Penn State Africana Research Center. "Geopolitical Youth: Race, Citizenship, and Military Enlistment in Houston, Texas."

- 2016 University of Houston, Department of Philosophy and Department of Women Studies, “Gender and Militarization” for course PHIL 3356: Feminist Philosophy.
- University of Houston, Department of Mexican American Studies, “Race and theories of citizenship” for SOC 3324: Hispanic Identity.
- 2015 Rice University, Panel Moderator, International Day of Peace Houston, “Community & activism for the future: A student panel on peace and solidarity.”
- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Department of Women’s Studies, Eau Claire, WI. Invited public research talk “Feminist geopolitics and the intimately global dimensions of war and peace in Liberia and Houston.”
- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Annual Keynote Speaker, Department of Geography, “Geography as Social Justice.”
- 2014 Penn State University, Department of Geography, “Geographies of Mass Incarceration” for GEOG 20: Introduction to Human Geography.
- 2012 Penn State University, Coffee Hour Lecture, Africana Research Center, “Postwar Transformations: Women and the Work of Peace in Liberia.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 (Paper) “The military specter: life, death, and militarized respectability in the United States,” Association of American Geographers (AAG), Washington DC.
- (Panelist) “Storytelling in Critical Geography,” AAG, Washington DC.
- (Panelist) “Geographies of Resistance and Social Movements: Past Approaches, Future Directions,” AAG, Washington DC.
- 2018 “Warrior patriotism: Criminalization, militarization, and making a military in a white supremacist United States,” AAG, New Orleans, LA.
- (Panelist) “Anti-racism politics in the city: a graduate student round table,” AAG, New Orleans, LA.
- (Panelist) “Troubling, extending and expanding care,” AAG, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Creative Geopolitics: Art and Solidarity as Feminist Geopolitical Praxis,” Critical Geography Conference, State College, PA.
- “Lavena Johnson, Sandra Bland, and the geographies of slow and fast violence,” (Co-authored with Lorraine Dowler), Feminist Geography Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.
- “Feminist geopolitical visualizations: seeing and drawing state violence,” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference to the AAG, Boston, MA.

“Race, citizenship, and state violence: weaving together militarized education and social movements in Houston, Texas,” AAG, Boston, MA.

(Panelist) “Feminist, Queer and Critical Race Tool Kits 1: Arts-based and Visual Methods,” AAG, Boston, MA.

“Militarized Youth: The JROTC, the School-to-Military Pipeline, and Student Experience in Houston, Texas,” American Educational Research Association (AERA), San Antonio, TX.

2016 (Panelist) “Scholar-Activism: Questioning Practices,” Conference on Critical Geography, Lexington, KY.

“Civilian/military as subjects of empathy/critique: Moving beyond “the military” monolith in work with U.S. military recruiters, JROTC instructors, and potential enlistees,” AAG, San Francisco, CA.

2015 “Militarized Youth: Connecting the school-to-prison pipeline with a school-to-military pipeline,” AERA, Chicago, IL.

“Frontlines of citizenship education: Military recruiting, citizenship and peace in the lives of Houston youth,” AAG, Chicago, IL.

2014 “Militarized Youth: Connecting the school-to-prison pipeline with a school-to-military pipeline,” AAG, Tampa, FL.

2013 “Militarized Youth: Connecting the school-to-prison pipeline with a school-to-military pipeline,” Geographies of Mass Incarceration Conference, State College, PA.

“Women and the work of peace in postwar Liberia,” AAG, Los Angeles, CA.

2012 “Complicating the feminist success story: women and postwar transformation in Liberia,” AAG, New York, NY.

2011 “Locating peace through the women’s peace movement in Liberia,” AAG, Seattle, WA.

2010 “Disaggregating conflict in Liberia: evaluating the role of news media in coded conflict data,” AAG, Washington D.C.

2009 “The Cultural Landscape of the Hmong in Eau Claire, Wisconsin” (poster), AAG West Lakes, Minneapolis, MN

“Post-Conflict Land Tenure in Liberia” (poster), National Conference on Undergraduate Research, La Crosse, WI.

“Post-conflict land tenure in Liberia” (poster), AAG, Las Vegas, NV.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Co-Organizing special issue (with Dr. Geoff Boyce, University of Arizona and Dr. Vanessa Massaro, Bucknell University) “New Directions in Geographies of Policing, Detention, and Mass Incarceration” for a Special Issue of *ACME*. In preparation.
- 2018 Co-Organized paper sessions (with Dr. Geoff Boyce, University of Arizona and Dr. Vanessa Massaro, Bucknell University) “New Directions in Geographies of Policing, Detention, and Mass Incarceration” for AAG Annual Meeting and the Critical Geography Conference.
- 2017 Peer Reviewed articles for: *Geopolitics, Area, Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*
- 2013 Pennsylvania Educational Equity Project: Collaborative research with Penn State Education PhD students and faculty on immigration policing and bordering practices in Hazleton, Pennsylvania
- 2011 Graduate Research Assistant, interdisciplinary NSF research project on buruli ulcer and environmental disturbance in Ghana, Supervisor: Dr. Petra Tschakert, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2010 Summer Cooperative African Language Institute (SCALI) 2010 at Michigan State University’s African Studies Center: 8 credits of Hausa language
- 2009 Student-Faculty research collaboration on Hmong cultural landscapes in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- 2008 Funded undergraduate research on refugee resettlement and post-conflict land tenure in Liberia, in collaboration with the Pan-African Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Monrovia, Liberia
- Volunteer Refugee Resettlement and Family Reunification Case Worker, Lutheran Social Services, Minneapolis, MN

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 2013 Lead Organizer, Geographies of Mass Incarceration Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2012-2013 Secretary, Supporting Women in Geography (SWIG), Penn State University
- Graduate Representative, Department of Geography, Penn State University
- 2011 Planning Committee for Supporting Young Women In Geography Event for girls, Department of Geography, Penn State University
- Planning Committee for Professional Development Panels, Department of Geography, Penn State University
- Planning Committee for “No)Boundaries” Graduate Research Conference, Department of Geography, Penn State University

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2022 Guest lecture. "Immigration and Enforcement at the Mexican Border." Elderwise Adult Education program.
- 2020 Guest lecture. "Feminism & Pop Culture." Elderwise Adult Education Program.
- 2016 Guest lecture. "Preparing, applying, and paying for college." Presentation for high school students in Houston School District, at the request of high school teachers at study site.
- Created and donated original art as awards for Black Queer Magic Awards Banquet, Houston, TX
- Contributed original art for anti-deportation fundraising auction, Houston Beyond ICE, Houston, TX
- 2015 Organizer/Instructor for the Radical Minds Reading Teen Reading Group (a youth discussion group covering topics of postcolonialism, race, class, and feminism), Project Row Houses, Houston, TX.
- Houston International Day of Peace Series 2015, Planner and Panel Moderator, Rice University, Houston, TX
- 2008 Pan-African Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Research and Community Programming Collaboration, Monrovia, Liberia
- Lutheran Social Services Volunteer, Refugee Resettlement and Family Reunification Services, Minneapolis, MN

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- 2009- Association of American Geographers (AAG)
2010- AAG Specialty Groups: Political Geography, Cultural Geography, and Geographic Perspectives on Women, Urban Geography, Qualitative Geography
- 2015-2018 American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- 2010-2018 Supporting Women in Geography (SWIG), Penn State University