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### **PRIMARY APPOINTMENT**

- 2024-Present **Associate Teaching Professor, Undergraduate Advisor, and Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty**, Department of Geography, Rutgers University
- 2018-2024 **Assistant Teaching Professor, Undergraduate Advisor, and Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty**, Department of Geography, Rutgers University
- 2016-2018 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Geosciences, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.
- 2015-16 **Teaching Instructor and Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty**, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

### **OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

- 2025-present **Editorial Board**, Middle States Geographer Journal
- 2024-2026 **Regional Counselor**, Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers
- 2021 **President**, Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers
- 2020 **Vice-President**, Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers
- 2019 **Secretary**, Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers
- 2017-2018 **Faculty Affiliate**, African American Studies Program, Mississippi State University
- 2014-16 **Teaching Instructor**, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2012-16 **Adjunct Instructor**, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ.

### **EDUCATION**

- 2012 **Ph.D., Geography**. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Dissertation: *The Work that Parks Do: Urban Environmental Management and its Alternatives in Philadelphia*.
- 2006 **M.A., Urban Studies**. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Thesis: *Determination of the Uses of Urban Nontimber Forest Products in Philadelphia*.
- 2002 **B. A., Liberal Arts (Anthropology)**. Prescott College, Prescott, AZ.

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020        **Gabriel, N.** and Sarmiento, E. "Troubling Power: An Introduction to a Special Issue on Power in Community Economies," *Rethinking Marxism*. Part of a special issue edited by Sarmiento, E., Gabriel, N., and Shear, B.
- 2020        Sarimento, E. and **Gabriel, N.** "Becoming-genealogical: Power and Diverse Economies," *Rethinking Marxism*. Part of a special issue edited by Sarmiento, E., Gabriel, N., and Shear, B.
- 2020        **Gabriel, N.** and Sarmiento, E. "On power and the uses of genealogy for building community economies," for Dombrowski, K. and Gibson, K. *The Handbook of Diverse Economies*. Edward Elgar Press.
- 2019        Community Economies Collective, Morrow, O., St. Martin, K., **Gabriel, N.**, Heras Monner Sans, A. (2018). "Community Economies." In *Keywords in Radical Geographic Thought*.
- 2018        **Gabriel, N.** "Paradox and Possibility: Voluntarism and the Urban Environment in a Post-Political Era," *Social and Cultural Geography*.  
DOI:10.1080/14649365.2018.1474376
- 2016        **Gabriel, N.** "Visualizing Urban Nature in Fairmount Park: Discipline, Economic Diversity, and Photography in Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia," in Braddock, A. (ed.), *A Greene Country Towne: Art, Culture, and Ecology in Philadelphia*. Penn State University Press.
- 2016        **Gabriel, N.** "Mending Fences: Constituting the Urban Through Environmental Stewardship," in Bezdecny, K. and Archer, K. (eds.) *The Handbook of Cities and the Environment*. Edward Elgar Press.
- 2016        **Gabriel, N.** and Campbell, L. (2016). "Editorial: Power in Urban Social-Ecological Systems: Processes and Practices of Governance and Marginalization." *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening*, 19:253-254.
- 2016        **Gabriel, N.** (2016). "No Place for Wilderness: Urban Parks and the Assembling of Neoliberal Urban Environmental Governance," *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening*, 19:278-284.
- 2014        **Gabriel, N.** (2014). "Urban Political Ecology: Environmental Imaginary, Governance, and the Non-human," *Geography Compass* 8(1):38-48.
- 2013        **Gabriel, N.** (2013). "Mapping Urban Space: the Production, Division, and Reconfiguration of Natures and Economies," *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action* 17(3): 325-342.
- 2012        Mclain, R.J., **Gabriel, N.**, et al. (2012). "Gathering in the City: An Annotated Bibliography and Review of the Literature About Human-plant Interactions in Urban Ecosystems," *Pacific Northwest Research Station General Technical Report*, PNW-GTR-849.

2011           **Gabriel, N.** (2011). "The Work That Parks Do: Towards an Urban  
Environmentalism," *Social and Cultural Geography* 12(2): 123-141.

## **BOOK REVIEWS and OTHER NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**Gabriel, N.** (2018). "The Brutal Energy of the Capitalist City: a response to *Carving Out the Commons*," *Environment and Planning C*.

**Gabriel, N.** (2015). "Book Review: *The Architecture of Pleasure*, by Josephine Kane". *Emotion, Space, and Society* 16:28-29.

**Gabriel, N.** (2014). "How Have Different Ways of Knowing Influenced the Management of Urban Ecosystems?" Roundtable blog post for The Nature of Cities blog ([thenatureofcities.com](http://thenatureofcities.com)).

**Gabriel, N.** (2014). "Throwback Thursday". Inaugural post for the *Revise and Resubmit* blog. Proquest, LLC. (<http://rr.proquest.com/2014/05/tt/>)

## **AWARDS**

### *External Awards*

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|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2019 | Writing Fellowship, Julie Graham Community Economies Research Fund. |
| 2017 | Writing Fellowship, Julie Graham Community Economies Research Fund. |
| 2015 | Writing Fellowship, Julie Graham Community Economies Research Fund. |
| 2014 | Totten Fellowship, USDA Forest Service, NYC Urban Field Station.    |
| 2013 | Writing Fellowship, Julie Graham Community Economies Research Fund. |

### *Internal Awards*

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| 2024-25 | Interdisciplinary Research Team, SAS Office of Undergraduate Education, Rutgers University                                |
| 2011-12 | Graduate Fellowship, Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University.                                                    |
| 2010-12 | Teaching Assistantship, Plangere Writing Center and the Department of English, Rutgers University (second year declined). |
| 2010    | Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Geography, Rutgers University.                                                |
| 2006-10 | University Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University.                                                                     |
| 2009    | Conference Travel Award, Graduate School, Rutgers University.                                                             |
| 2008    | Conference Travel Award, Graduate School, Rutgers University.                                                             |
| 2007    | Conference Travel Award, Graduate School, Rutgers University.                                                             |
| 2005-06 | Teaching Assistantship, Temple University.                                                                                |

## **TEACHING**

### ***Rutgers University (current appointment)***

Pandemics (previously entitled “Understanding COVID-19: An Interdisciplinary Approach”)

Medical Geography

Geographic Research Methods

Maps, Power, and the Digital World

Cultural and Political Ecology

Space, Place, and Location

Introduction to Environmental Studies

### ***Mississippi State University***

Qualitative Research Methods

Philosophy and Ethics in the Geosciences

Urban Geography

Political and Cultural Ecology

Geography of Latin America

### ***Rutgers University (previous appointment)***

Cultural and Political Ecology

Transforming the Global Environment

Space, Place, and Location

Conservation and Use of Natural Resources

History and Theory of Geography

Expository Writing

### ***Rowan University***

Geographic Perspectives on Culture, Society, and Environment

History and Methods in Modern Geography

## **STUDENTS SUPERVISED**

### **Rutgers University**

*Undergraduate Honors*

- 2025 Abby Cohen. "Reimagining Connectivity: How Peer-to-Peer Networks Support Community Values." Department of Geography
- 2022 Madison Roveda. "Indoor Urban Farms." Department of Geography
- 2021 Francis Caceres. "The Economic and Social Impacts of COVID-19 on Paterson's Undocumented Latino Working Class". Department of Geography.

Masters Thesis, Committee Member (Rutgers University)

- 2020 Samuel Ferrara. "The Sublime in the 21st Century". Department of Landscape Architecture.
- 2019 Elizabeth (Zoe) Alexander. "Imaginaries and Contradictions of Agriculture as Rehab in the Carceral State: A Critical Evaluation". Department of Geography.

**Mississippi State University**

Ph.D. Dissertation, Committee Member (Mississippi State University)

- 2019 Christopher Nunley (Geosciences). Title: Analysis of Daily Weather Consumption Of 18-24 Year Olds. (Mississippi State University)
- 2019 Aynaz Loftata (Geosciences). Title: Impacts of Sea-level Rise Scenarios on Coastal Communities: Effects of Sea-Level Rise on Increase Ground water level on Coastal Regions. (Mississippi State University)

Masters Thesis, Committee Member (Mississippi State University)

- 2018 Sherif Abdallah. Title: Urban landscape assessment of the Mississippi and Alabama Gulf Coast region using Landsat imagery 1973-2015. (Mississippi State University)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis (Mississippi State University)

- 2019 Reagan Belk (Geography), Committee Member.

**INVITED TALKS**

- 2017 Discussant, "Reading Sustainability for Difference: Place, community and development", *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*. Lexington, KY. Organizers: Elizabeth Barron and Frederik Aagaard Hagemann.
- 2016 "Metropolitan Myopia: the Neglect of the American South in Urban Political Ecology", *Brownbag Series*, Department of Geosciences, Mississippi State University. Starkville, MS. Organizer: Brenda Kirkland.

- 2016 “What is Human Geography, Anyway?” *Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society*, Department of Geosciences, Mississippi State University. Starkville, MS. Organizer: Kathy Sherman-Morris.
- 2016 “Interactive Teaching Techniques and Radical Pedagogy.” *Graduate Geographers Project*, Department of Geography, Rutgers University.
- 2015 Panelist, “Beyond Marxist Urban Political Ecology: Exploring diverse theoretical approaches to UPE.” *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Chicago, IL. Organizers: Alida Cantor, Jessica Miller, and Gwendolin Beth McCrea.
- 2014 Panelist, “Powerful Objects: Theory-making Through Objects, Bodies, and Feelings I”. *Annual Critical Geography Conference*, Philadelphia, PA. Organizers: Oona Morrow, Leslie Kern, and Roberta Hawkins.
- 2013 “Water, Parks, and Economic Development,” *National Geography Bee*, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ.
- 2012 “Governance, Subjectivity, Volunteerism,” *Urban Natures Workshop*, Rutgers University, NJ.
- 2012 “Science, Technology, and Medicine (STM) in Geography,” for *An Interdisciplinary Conference on Science and Technology Studies*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2011 “Strategies for Tackling Qualifying Exams,” for *Graduate Student Professional Development Forum*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2010 “That Feeling of Inevitability: Urban Development, Environmental Management, and the Nature/Society Binary,” for the course *Transforming the Global Environment*. Instructor: Eric Sarmiento, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2009 “Getting Things Done: GTD in Academia,” for the *Graduate Student Professional Development Forum*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2008 “Political Ecology of Urban Parks,” for the course *Political Ecology*. Instructor: Patrick Hurley, Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA.
- 2005 “Political Ecology and the Social Construction of Nature,” for the course *Political Ecology*. Instructor: Alec Brownlow, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “An Experiment in Teaching Critical Digital Geographies,” *Annual Meeting of the Middle States Associate of American Geographers*, West Chester, PA.
- 2018 “The Brutal Energy of the Capitalist City: a response to *Carving Out the Commons*,” *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 “Climate Change, Artistic Representation, and a Post-Carbon Future”, *Interdisciplinary Workshop Series*, Mississippi State University.

- 2017 “Green Space and Urban Environmental Governance in the American South”, *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Boston, MA.
- 2017 “Green Space, Commons and the Environmentalization of the City”, *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*, Lexington, KY.
- 2016 “Green Space, Commons and the Environmentalization of the City”, *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Marginal Publics: the Environmentalization of the City in a Postpolitical Era”, *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Tampa, FL.
- 2012 “Mending Fences: Constituting the Urban Through Environmental Stewardship,” *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, New York, NY.
- 2011 “Will to Power, Food Networks, and the Body: Methodological Reflections,” (with Eric Sarmiento) *Annual Meeting of the Royal Geographical Society*, London.
- 2011 “Food, Actor-networks and ‘The Transatlantic Destiny of Michel Foucault,’” (with Eric Sarmiento) *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 “Envisioning the Urban Economy: Visual Representations and the Production of Urban Subjects,” *Annual Critical Geography Conference*, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2010 “Dividing and Binding: Cartography and the Production of Urban Nature,” *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Washington, DC.
- 2009 “Constructing Urban Nature: Environmentality and the Industrial Revolution,” *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
- 2008 “Constructing the Urban Forest,” *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Boston, MA.
- 2007 “Non-Timber Forest Products, Restoration, and the Urban Forest,” *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, San Francisco, CA.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### ***Other Committee Service***

- 2018 Brown Bag Committee, *Department of Geosciences*, Mississippi State University
- 2016-17 Job Search Committee, *Department of Geosciences*, Mississippi State University
- 2016-present Coordinating Committee, *Community Economies Collective*
- 2013-14 Steering Committee, *Community Economies Collective*

### ***Conferences Organized***

- 2022 Organizer. *Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers*. Rutgers University.
- 2017-18 Series Co-Organizer. *Interdisciplinary Forum Workshop Series: "The environments of injustice: power, nature, and society."* Mississippi State University.
- 2017 Series Co-Organizer. *Community Economies Research Network Colloquium Series*.
- 2010 Series Co-director. *Graduate Student Professional Development Forum*, Department of Geography, Rutgers University.
- 2008 Co-Organizer. *Geography Speaker Series*, Rutgers University.

### ***Conference Sessions Organized***

- 2019 Session Co-Organizer. "Emerging Topics in Critical Geography", *Annual Meeting of the Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers*, Kutztown, PA.
- 2017 Session Co-Organizer. "Gazing at Power in Alternative Economies Research", *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Boston, MA.
- 2017 Session Co-Organizer. "The Environmental City: Troubling the Subjects and Objects of Urban Environmental Governance". *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*, Lexington, KY.
- 2016 Session Co-Organizer. "Critique, praxis, and power in urban social-ecological systems". *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 Session Co-Organizer. "Assembling Power: Connections and Disjunctures in the Works of Foucault and Latour", *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 Session Co-organizer. "Posthumanism, Materiality, and Method", *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2010 Session Co-organizer. "Rethinking Nature/Economy in the City", *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Washington, DC.
- 2010 Session Organizer. "Rethinking Economies: Rethinking Ecologies", *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
- 2009 Session Chair. "Vulnerability, Adaptation and Complex Historical Socioecologies", *5th MaGrann Conference: Climate Change in South Asia*, Rutgers University.

### ***Invited Peer Review***

*Annals of the American Association of Geographers*

*Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*  
*Cities and the Environment (CITES)*  
*Cultural Geographies*  
*Edward Elgar Publishing (book chapters)*  
*Environment and Planning A*  
*Geography Compass*  
*Geoforum*  
*Humanities*  
*International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*  
*Journal of Political Ecology*  
*Maritime Studies*  
*Social and Cultural Geography*  
*Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*  
*Urban Geography*

***Other Service***

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| 2017-2018 | Affiliate member of the <i>African American Studies Program</i> (Mississippi State University)                                                         |
| 2015-     | Membership Administrator, <i>Community Economies Research Network and Community Economies Collective</i>                                               |
| 2007-08   | Secretary, <i>Graduate Geographers Project</i> , Rutgers University (elected position)                                                                 |
| 2004-06   | Student-Faculty Liaison, <i>Graduate Student Association</i> , Department of <i>Geography and Urban Studies</i> , Temple University (elected position) |