

BRITTANY COOK

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 - present Assistant Professor, Department of Geography & Anthropology, Louisiana State University

2018 – 2021 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Geography and Philosophy, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Geography, May 2018

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Certificate, 2015

Dissertation Title: Producing Tradition: International Standards and Development in Jordanian Olive Oil

Advisors: Drs. Anna Secor and Tad Mutersbaugh

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

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, development, ethnographic methods, Jordan, Mediterranean, and the Middle East.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2021 Cook, Brittany. The Problem with Empowerment: Social Reproduction and Women's Food Projects in Jordan. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. 111(1): 52-67.

2019 Cook, Brittany. Organic Rural Development: Barriers to Value in the Quest for Qualities in Jordanian Olive Oil. *The Journal of Rural Studies*. 69: 106-116.

2018 Cook, Brittany. The Re-Aestheticization of Taste: Producing Extra Virgin Olive Oil in Jordan. *Geoforum*. 92: 36-44.

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

Manuscripts in Progress

In Preparation. Timur Hammond and Brittany Cook. Cultivating a Geography of Translation. For *Progress in Human Geography*.

In Preparation. Brittany Cook. Thinking through Feminisms from the Region. For *Gender, Place, and Culture*.

Book Reviews

- 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* 104(5): 633-634.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 University of Louisiana at Lafayette Educational Grant, \$350
- 2020 University of Louisiana at Lafayette Faculty Travel Award, \$1000 (returned due to COVID)
- 2020 Friends of the Humanities Grant, \$500 (returned due to COVID)
- 2020 Friends of the Humanities Grant, \$750 (returned due to COVID)
- 2019-2020 University of Louisiana at Lafayette Sustainability Faculty Fellow, \$1000
- 2019 University of Louisiana at Lafayette Faculty Travel Award, \$1000
- 2017-2018 Department of Geography Research Fellowship, University of Kentucky.
- 2017 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Kentucky, \$400.
- 2016-2017 Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Society of Women Geographers, \$9,915.
- 2016 CAORC Fellowship, American Center of Oriental Research, \$15,915.
- 2016 Graduate Student Incentive Program, University of Kentucky, \$610.50.
- 2015-2016 Fulbright US Student Award and Critical Language Scholarship, Jordan, \$31,100.
- 2015 Graduate Student Incentive Program, University of Kentucky, \$1,500.
- 2015 Barnhart-Withington Research Award, University of Kentucky, \$1,105.
- 2014 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Kentucky, \$400.
- 2013 Barnhart-Withington Research Award, University of Kentucky, \$1,395.
- 2013 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Kentucky, \$400.
- 2012-2017 University of Kentucky Graduate Assistantship.
- 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$7,000.
- 2011 Walker Institute Ceny Walker Graduate Research Fellowship, University of South Carolina, \$1,000.

- 2011 Matching grant, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, \$1,500.
2010-2012 University of South Carolina Graduate Assistantship.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Workshop Participant: Political Economy Summer Institute at the Arab Studies Institute at George Mason in Fairfax, Virginia, June 7-10.
- 2017 Invited Lecture. “We’re Already Doing Organic: Olive Oil Production in Jordan”. Sijal Institute for Arabic Language and Culture. Amman, Jordan.
- 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

Conferences Organized

- 2017 Conference Organizer, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference in Lexington, KY.
- 2015 Conference Organizer and Social Chair, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference in Lexington, KY.

Panels Organized

- 2019 Co-Organizer, Panel: Socio-natures of development and extractive capitalism at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 Co-Organizer, Panel: Rethinking Feminism(s) in the Middle East at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Washington, DC.
- 2018 Co-Organizer, Session: The (Un)Intended Consequences of Neoliberal Development in Jordan at the 2018 Middle East Studies Association’s Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.
- 2018 Co-Organizer, Session: Add ‘Women’ and Stir: Critiques of Gender Mainstreaming in Environmental Conservation and Rural Development at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference in Lexington, KY.
- 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 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.

Papers Presented

- 2021 Thinking through Feminisms from the Region. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers online.

- 2020 Feminist Geographies of the Middle East and North Africa. Paper included at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association online.
- 2019 From Wheat to Olives: Development and the Rural Landscape of Jordan. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 Rural development, commodifying women's labor, and the impacts on Jordanian agrarian spaces. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Washington, DC, April 2019.
- 2019 Panelist: Becoming Researchers: Negotiating Emotional/Affective Entanglements during the Early Stage of Fieldwork at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Washington, DC, April 2019.
- 2018 Just Like Before: Tradition and Rural Women as Entrepreneurial Agents of Rural Development. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in San Antonio, TX, November 2018.
- 2018 Packaging Women's Labor: Producing the Jordanian Rural for a Global Market. Paper will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in New Orleans, April 2018.
- 2018 Panelist: Where is the Middle East? Connections, Translations, Convergences at the American Association of Geographers in New Orleans, April 2018.
- 2018 Upcoming. Is it a Success: Organic Certification in the Jordanian Olive Oil Industry. Paper will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Philadelphia, PA, April 2018.
- 2017 The re-aestheticisation of taste: producing extra virgin olive oil in Jordan. Paper presented at Conference on Global Production in Singapore, December 2017.
- 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 Panelist: Society of Women Geographers Fellows 1 at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers 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 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) American Center of Oriental Research (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 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.

Other Participation

- 2013 Chair, Session: Feminist Political Ecologies: Expansive Natures and Embodied Intersections at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference on Nature/Society in Lexington, KY.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2017 How Speaking Arabic Has Shaped My Career. Panel discussion at undergraduate Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies event, University of Kentucky.
- 2017 We're Already Doing Organic: Olive Oil Production in Jordan. Paper presented at the Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University, 2021-

Human Geography: Africa and Asia, GEOG 1003 (Fall 2021)
Assistant Professor, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2018-2021
ULearn Certified Online Teacher, 2020-2021

Model Arab League, GEOG 371 and POLS 390 (Spring 2020 & 2021)
Geography of US & Canada, Online, GEOG 310 (Spring 2021)
Introduction to GIS, GEOG 380 and GEOG 440 (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)
World Regional Geography, GEOG 103 (Fall 2018 - present)
Geography of the Middle East, GEOG 315 and GEOG 407 (Spring 2019)

Primary Instructor, University of Kentucky

Human Geography, GEO 172 (Spring 2017)
Geography of the Middle East, GEO/AAS 328 (Spring 2014 and Fall 2014)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Public History Committee, 2020-2021
Faculty Advisor for the Model Arab League Student Organization, 2019-2021
Liaison for the proposed interdisciplinary GIS Undergraduate Certificate, 2019-2021
Arabic Studies Scholarship Committee, 2019-2021
Member of the History Department's Working Group on the Global South Cluster Hire, 2018-2021
Interim Faculty Advisor for the International Studies Society, 2019
UKY Geography Graduate Student Union, Representative to the Graduate Student Congress, 2017
UKY Geography Graduate Student Union, Undergraduate Committee Representative, 2014-2015
UKY Geography Graduate Student Union, Personnel Committee, 2012-2013 and 2017-2018
Member of UKY Political Ecology Working Group, 2014-2018
Member of UKY Critical Pedagogy Working Group, 2012-2015

RELATED NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

2014-2020	AP Human Geography Exam Reader Educational Testing Services, Cincinnati, OH
2013	Community Mapping Specialist Grassroots Jerusalem (AlQuds), Jerusalem, Israel/Palestine
2009-2010	GIS Specialist Fort Lee Environmental Management Office, Fort Lee, VA
2009-2010	GIS Intern Student Conservation Association, Petersburg National Battlefield, Petersburg, VA

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Levantine and MSA): Advanced
German: Beginner
Greek: Beginner

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Middle East Pedagogy Initiative, Arab Studies Institute, module co-editor, 2020-present

Jadaliyya, Arab Studies Institute, co-editor, 2020-present

Association of American Geographers, 2010-present

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

Awards Chair for the AAG Middle East Specialty Group, 2018-present

Middle East Studies Association, 2017-present

Society for Applied Anthropology, 2017-2018

University of Jordan, Center for Strategic Studies, Affiliate 2017

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

Political Ecology Working Group, 2014-2018

Critical Pedagogy Working Group, 2012-2015

Gamma Theta Upsilon (International Geographic) Honor Society, Delta Mu Chapter, 2009-present