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Introduction

My research is located at the intersection of several different theoretical frameworks that challenge common understandings of militarization.

I am currently examining the role of militarization in two distinct research projects. The first is a book project titled *Women Under Fire*. This project evaluates the discounting of women's bodies as substandard to those of men as a way of disallowing women the benefits of absolute citizenship. In this book I demonstrate how the discounting of women's contributions to the U.S. space program, to the U.S. military and to municipal fire-fighting have not only excluded women from the nationalist portrayals of heroism, but also the rewards of democratic citizenship. By examining these compelling experiences in concert we see how the counting/discounting of women is a political issue dependent on global forces such as the Cold War and the War on Terror.

My second project was sparked during my initial research stay (1991) in Belfast, Northern Ireland when I was conducting research, which was focused on issues of gender and nationalism. At that time tourism was more on an informal basis, consisting of the occasional tourist walking up the Falls Road (IRA stronghold) to photograph resistance landmarks such as Divis Flats, the site of many violent outbreaks, the peace line and political murals. Since then, due to international interest in the peace process, formal tourism has been on the rise, leading to the



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Research Interests:

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development of rival tourism initiatives by both the government and local communities. The research questions if it is possible to have a meaningful peace if communities maintain a conflict in the symbolic landscape. The work also evaluates the changing identity of the tourist as a possible positive force for social change.

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Education

- Ph.D. Geography, Syracuse University
- MLA Landscape Architecture, SUNY - Environmental Science and Forestry
- B.S. Marketing, Business Administration, Manhattan College

Advisees

- Jenna Marie Christian, Ph.D. (current)
- Dana Cuomo, Ph.D. (current)
- Andre Israel, Ph.D. (current)
- Nicola Laliberte, Ph.D. (current)
- Crista Livecchi, Ph.D. (current)
- Greg Lankenau, Ph.D. (2012) "Awaken 101: Student Experiences in Transformative Environmental Education"
- Jennifer Fluri, Ph.D. (2005): Beyond the Burqa: The Spatial Politics of Afghanistan's Revolutionary Women.
Current position: Associate Professor of Geography and Women's Studies, Dartmouth
- Risa Whitson, Ph.D. (2004): "Reworking Place, Gender, and Power: Informal Work in Urban Argentina"
Current position: Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Women's Studies, Ohio University
- Jeffrey Davis, Ph.D. (2003): Producing Place and Indigenous Tourism Development: Re-Creating Bikini Atoll.
Current position: Associate Professor of Geography, University of Hawaii, Milo
- Beth Zeleny, Ph.D. (2000): Gendered Space in Afghan Refugee Camps. Current position: security analyst, Northrop Grunman
- Margaret Farrar, Ph.D. (2000): Building the Body Politic: Subjectivity and Urban Space.
Current position: Associate Professor of Political Science, Augustana College.
- Jenna Marie Christian, M.A. (2012)
- Marina Viola, M.S. (2009)
- Morgan Windram, M.A. (2005)
- Amy Trauger, M.A. (2001)

Courses Taught

- GEOG 426Y
- GEOG 124
- GEOG 293H
- GEOG 520

Publications

Journals

" Banal Militarization: Gender, Fear and Space" , under review

‘ Reading Gerry Keans’ Geopolitics and Empire: The Legacy of Halford Mackinder’ co-authors, John Agnew, Matthew Hannah, Joanne Sharp, Peter Hugill and Gerry Kearns in *Political Geography*, in press.

“ Wee Women No More: Gender, Resistance and the Post-Imprisonment Experience in Belfast” co-author, Peter Shirlow, University Of Ulster, *Environment and Planning A* 2010, volume 42, pages 384 - 399 .

“ Advancements in Feminist Thought: Geography’ s Contribution to International Studies” co-authors, Nicole Laliberté and Kate Driscoll-Derickson, in Denmark, Robert A. The International Studies Encyclopedia. Blackwell Publishing, 2010. Blackwell Reference Online. 23 August 2010 http://www.isacompendium.com/public/book?id=g9781444336597_9781444336597

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“ Host women perceptions of ethnic tourism impacts: A comparison between patriarchal Bai and matriarchal Mosuo.” co-authors Morais, D. B., Yarnal, C., Dong, E., 2005 *Asia Pacific Journal of Tourism Research*, 10(3),2005.

“ If the Bastards See You Sweat the Enemy Wins the War Masculinity and Domesticity in the Volunteer Firehouse” co-authors Careen Yarnal and Susan Hutchinson Penn State Leisure Studies, in *Environment and Planning A*, vol36(8) pgs 685-694. 2004

“ Who Will Answer the Call? Volunteer firefighting as serious leisure,” co-author Careen Yarnal, Penn State Leisure Studies, in *Leisure/Loisir, Journal for the Canadian Association of Leisure Studies*, 27 (3/4), 2004

“ In Motion, Out of Place: The Public Spaces of Tourette Syndrome” , co-authors, Kat Kleman Davis, Jeffrey Sasha Davis and Lorraine Dowler *Social Sciences and Medicine* vol 59(1), 103-12, 2004.

“ Women on the Frontlines: Rethinking Narratives of Heroism post 9/11” , GeoJournal, *An International Journal of Human Geography and Environmental Science*, 58 159-165, 2002.

“ Till Death Due Us Part.: Masculinity, Friendship and Nationalism in Belfast Northern Ireland”, in *Environment and Planning D, Society and Space*, 20 (1) 53-71, 2002.

“ The Uncomfortable Classroom: Incorporating Feminist Pedagogy and Political Practice into World Regional Geography” , *Journal of Geography* (100) 2, 2002

“ Klanbake: Gender, Etiquette and Racilized Space” *Historical Geography*, co-author , Jennifer Fluri, (30) , 2002.

“ A Feminist GeoPolitics” *Space and Polity* co-author Joann Sharp, University of Glasgow, *Geography* (5) 3 165-176, 2001.

“ No Man’ s Land: Transgressing the Boundaries of West Belfast, Northern Ireland” *Geopolitics* 6 (3), 2001.

“ The Four Square Laundry: Participant Observation in a War Zone” *Geographical Review* 91(1-2): 414-422, 2001.

“ Preserving the Peace and Maintaining Order, Irish Catholic Perceptions of Urban Renewal in West Belfast, Northern Ireland” in *Urban Geography*, (22) 2 pp 100-105, 2001.

“And They Think I’m Just a Nice Old Lady”: Gender Identities and War, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, *Gender Place and Culture* (5) 2, 1998.

Books

Edited Volume: Gender and Landscape: *(Re)negotiating the Moral Landscape* (eds) Dowler, Carubia, and Szczygiel, Women and Place series, eds J. Monk and J. Momsen (eds) Routledge, London, 2005

Book Chapters

“ The Hidden War: The “ Risk” to female soldiers in the U.S. Military” in Kirsch S. and Flint C. *Reconstructing Conflict: The Hidden War: The “ Risk” to Female Soldiers in the U.S. Military*, Ashgate, at press.

“ Framing the Field” co-author Joann Sharp in V. Del Casino, M. Thomas, P. Cloke (eds) *A Companion to Social Geography* for Blackwell, at press.

" Amazonian Landscapes: Gender, War and Historical Repetition" in *The Geography of War and Peace*, Colin Flint (ed), Oxford University Press, 2004.

" Housebound: Women and the Reproduction of White Separatism, co-author Jennifer Fluri, Penn State Geography, in *Spaces of Hate* C. Flint (ed), Routledge, 2003.

" Fieldwork in the Trenches: Participant Observation in a Conflict Area" in *Qualitative Methods for Geographers* Claire Dwyer and Melanie Limb (eds), Arnold, London, 2001.

"The Mother of All Warriors, Women in Belfast, Northern Ireland", in *Gender and Catastrophe*, Ronit Lentin (ed) Zed Publications, 1997.

Reprints

" A Feminist GeoPolitics" *Space and Polity* co-author Joanne Sharp, University of Glasgow, *Geography* (5) 3 165-176, 2001 Reprint : *Geopolitics*, (ed) K. Dodds, Sage, London, 2009

" Housebound, Women and the Reproduction of White Separatism, co-author Jennifer Fluri, in *Spaces of Hate* C. Flint (ed), Routledge, 2003, Reprint: *Readings for Sociology* 6th edition, (ed)G. Massey, W.W. Norton, 2008.

Other Publications

Book Review: Subjectivities, Knowledges, and Feminist Geographies: The Subjects and Ethics of Social Research, eds Bondi et al., *Social and Cultural Geography*, 5(2),2004.

Conference Proceedings: " Towering Heroes: The Masulization of New York City Post 9/11" Rights to the City Conference, Sponsored by the International Geographical Union Commissions on Political Geography and Public Policy, Rome, 2004.

Book Review: Textures of Place: exploring humanist geographies, eds, P. Adams, S Hoelscher and K. Till, *Gender, Place and Culture*, (9,) 2 20-223, 2002.

Conference Proceedings: *Gendered Landscapes, An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Past Place and Space* (eds) Szczygiel, Carubia and Dowler, August 2000.

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Think Locally, Act Globally! Linking Local and Global Communities Through Democracy and Environment, teaching module published by Association of American Geographers, 1996.

Awards

2003: The College of EMS, College Mentoring Award

2001: The College of EMS Wilson Award for Outstanding Teaching

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