

## Autumn C. James, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D. Geography, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.  
2016 Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.  
2015 Certificate of Graduate Study in Geographic Information Analysis, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.  
2015 Graduate Teaching Certificate, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.  
2013 M.S. Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.  
2012 M.A. Geography, University of NC at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.  
2009 B.S. Geography, University of NC at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Lecturer III, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, The University of Texas at San Antonio.  
2018-2019 Instructor, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.  
2018-2019 Advisor of Online Geographic Information Systems/Geographic Information Analysis Certificates, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.  
2017-2019 Adjunct Instructor, History, Politics, and International Studies, Rockford University.  
2014-2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor of Record, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.  
2013-2019 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Division of Math, Science, and Business, Kishwaukee College.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Refereed Journal Articles

- James, A.C.**, Al-Yasiri, E., Howe, M., James, R.D., Jin, Y., Lwanga, K., McClain, B.D., Moore, A., Shao, Y., Valdez, F.M. (Under Revision). A Tale of Two Geographies: Broadening Participation, Creating Community, and Learning That It Never Goes As Planned. *GeoJournal: Special Issue on Community Geography*.
- James, A.C.** (2020) Don't stand so close to me: Public spaces, behavioral geography, and COVID-19. *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 10(2), 187-190. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2043820620935672>
- James, A.C.**, Gallaher, C.M., and Krmeneč, A.J. (2020). Individual Experience and Associated Perceptions: How Crime Victimization Influences the Construction of Safety. *Papers in Applied Geography*, 6(2), 119-131.
- James, R.D. and **James, A.C.** (2019). Transfer Payments in Appalachia: Understanding Changes in Per Capita Transfer Payments in an Integrating Region. *Southeastern Geographer*, 59(3), 213-247.
- James, A.C.** and James, R.D. (2016). Economic Integration and the Appalachian Experience in the Rust Belt-Sun Belt Transition. *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, 22(2), 160-186.

- James, A.C.** (2015). Socio-economic Demographic Factors and Domestic Violence: A Study of Illinois 2000-2010. *Illinois Geographer*, 57(1), 1-17.
- James, R. D. and **James, A.C.** (2015). Regional Income Convergence in Appalachia: Exploring the Factors of Regional Economic Growth in a Transitioning Economy. *Southeastern Geographer* 55(2), 164-192.

### **Government Documents and Research Reports**

- Al-Yasiri, E., Gill, H., Howe, M., **James, A.C.**, James, R.D., Jin, Y., Lwanga, K., McClain, B.D., Moore, A., Shao, Y., Valdez, F.M. (2019). Understanding Disconnect in A College Town: Examining Perception and Engagement of Space. DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation.
- Al-Yasiri, E., Cooper, B., Dahlgren, S., **James, A.C.**, James, R. D., Miller, R., Rafter, A., Seijas-Clark, C. (2017). Planning for Accessibility and Usage of Welsh Park, DeKalb: DeKalb Park District.
- James, A.C.**, Moore, A., Bushon, N., and Bishal, T. (2011). Peachtree Hills: Improving the Physical, Social, and Economic Health of a Neighborhood in Charlotte, NC. City of Charlotte.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

#### **Research**

- 2018 Outstanding Graduate Student – Geography. Graduate School, Northern Illinois University.
- 2018 Outstanding Doctoral Student Award. Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.
- 2017 AAG Council Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation, West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers.
- 2017 Ph.D. Student Research Paper Award, 1st Place, West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers.
- 2017 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Northern Illinois University.
- 2016 Ph.D. Student Research Paper Award, 1st Place, East Lakes/West Lakes Division of American Association of Geographers.
- 2016 National Sexual Assault Conference Attendance Scholarship. Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.
- 2016 Mothers Memorial Scholarship, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, Northern Illinois University.
- 2015 Ph.D. Student Research Paper Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers.
- 2014 Graduate Student Poster Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, East Lakes/West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers.

#### **Teaching**

- 2017 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. Faculty Development and Instructional Design Center, Northern Illinois University.
- 2017 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.
- 2015 Most Valuable Professor/Instructor, Northern Illinois University Athletics. October.
- 2015 Most Valuable Professor/Instructor, Northern Illinois University Athletics. February.

### **FUNDED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2019 James, A.C., Perception, Access, and Building Community: The UTSA Downtown Campus and Westside Area, Rutgers Center on Public Security (\$1450 in kind)
- 2019 James, R.D., James, A.C., DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation Applied Research and Graduate Internship Partnership, DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation (\$10381.00)

- 2018 Graduate Student Travel Grant. Northern Illinois University. (\$600.00)
- 2018 AAG Council Award Travel Grant. (\$1000.00)
- 2017 Graduate Student Travel Grant. Northern Illinois University. (\$450.00)
- 2017 Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Northern Illinois University. (\$7000.00)
- 2016 National Sexual Assault Conference Travel Grant. Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. (\$345.00)
- 2016 William Morris Davis Research Grant. Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University. (\$2020.00)
- 2016 Graduate Student Travel Grant. Northern Illinois University. (\$450.00)
- 2015 William Morris Davis Research Grant. Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University. (\$500.00)
- 2014 Graduate Student Travel Grant. Northern Illinois University. (\$600.00)

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2020 American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO (COVID cancellation).
- 2019 Southwestern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Ft. Worth, TX.
- 2019 American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC.
- 2018 Online Learning Consortium (OLC) Accelerate.
- 2018 American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers, West Plains, MO.
- 2017 American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2016 East Lakes/West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers, Marquette, MI.
- 2016 National Sexual Assault Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2016 American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 Creating a Safer Campus Conference – Policies, Training, and Standards. Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.
- 2015 West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Meeting, Eau Claire, WI.
- 2015 American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 East Lakes/West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2014 Illinois Geographical Society, Metropolis, IL
- 2011 American Association of Geographers, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Birmingham, AL.
- 2010 American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC.
- 2009 Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers, Knoxville, TN.

### CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

#### Panels Organized

- 2015 **James, A.C.** Perspectives of Geography through Space, Time, and Popular Culture: A Doctor Who Case Study. AAG Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 21-25.

#### Conference Presentations

- 2019 **James, A.C.** and James, R.D. Community Geography as a Model for Engaged Research and Teaching. Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographers, October.
- 2019 **James, A.C.** Perception as Access: Opening Doors to Closed Spaces. AAG Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. April.

- 2018 **James, A.C.** Construction of Safety in Daily Living: The Role of Personal Experience and Perception. AAG Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. April.
- 2017 **James, A.C.** Construction of Safety in Daily Living: The Role of Personal Experience and Perception. West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers, October.
- 2017 James, R.D. and **James, A.C.** Understanding Changes in Proprietor's Income in Appalachia. West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers, October.
- 2017 James, R.D. and **James, A.C.** Understanding Changes in Proprietor's Income in Appalachia. AAG Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. April.
- 2017 **James, A.C.** Ordinary Space or Dangerous Place: How Individual Experience(s) Influence Spatial Perception. AAG Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. April.
- 2016 **James, A.C.** Individual Experience(s) and the Effect on Perception and Navigation of Space. East Lakes/West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers, October.
- 2016 James, R.D. and **James, A.C.** Understanding Changes in Appalachian Transfer Payment Reliance. East Lakes/West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers, October.
- 2016 **James, A.C.** A Methodology for Studying Perception and Navigation as It Relates to Violence Against Women, AAG Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. March.
- 2016 James, R.D. and **James, A.C.** Understanding the Distribution and Change of Transfer Payments in Appalachia, AAG Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. March.
- 2015 **James, A.C.** Shattered Perceptions of Time and Space: Individual Response to the Experience(s) or Fear of Violence. West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Meeting, Eau Claire, WI. October.
- 2015 **James, A.C.** and James, R.D. Economic Change and Regional Overlap: Did Being Appalachian Influence County Level Economic Change During the Rust Belt – Sun Belt Transition? West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Meeting, Eau Claire, WI. October.
- 2015 **James, A. C.** Violence Against Women: Shattered Perceptions of Space and Time, AAG Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April.
- 2014 **James, A.C.** Community Level Characteristics and Domestic Violence: A Study of Illinois 2000-2010. East Lakes/West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Meeting, Kalamazoo, MI. October.
- 2014 **James, A.C.** Socio-economic Demographic Factors and Domestic Violence: A Study of Illinois 2000-2010, Illinois Geographical Society Annual Meeting, Metropolis, IL. June.
- 2011 **James, A.C.** Stereotypes and the Destruction of Appalachia. AAG Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. April.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2020 James, A.C. People and Place-Making. Guest Lecture in Urban Planning Methods II. University of Texas at San Antonio. April 2020.
- 2019 James, A.C. Student Engagement in Online Teaching. Center for Faculty Development and Instructional Design. Northern Illinois University. March 2019.
- 2017 James, A.C. Navigating A Conference: Where to Go, What to Do (and What Not to Do). Professional Development Series, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University. March 2017.
- 2017 James, A.C. Perception, Built Environment, and Safety: Welsh Park. Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University. March 2017.
- 2017 James, A.C. Behavioral Geography: Figuring Out Why People Do What They Do. Professional Development Series, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University. February 2017.

- 2016 James, A.C. Place, Space, and Popular Culture: Finding Geography in the Mainstream. New Ideas in Science: Inquiry in the Classroom. Professional Development Conference. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming. Northern Illinois University. October 2016.
- 2016 James, A.C. Presenting Research at Conferences. Professional Development Series, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University. September 2016.
- 2016 James, A.C. The Future of Mapping, Exploration, and Pokémon Go: What Will the Future Hold? College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming. Northern Illinois University. August 2016.
- 2016 James, A.C. Ethical Dimensions of Research and Fieldwork. Northern Illinois University. April 2016.
- 2016 James, A.C. Thesis Writing Workshop. Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University. January 2016.
- 2015 James, A.C. The Status of Women in Sub-Saharan Africa: Exploring Variables Leading to the Prevalence of HIV/AIDS in an Unevenly Developing Region. Northern Illinois University. August 2015.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** \*in-person \*\*online \*\*\*in-person & online

**The University of Texas at San Antonio**

*Undergraduate*

Gender and Crime\*\*\*

Violent Crime\*\*\*

Special Topics in Criminal Justice/Criminology: Crime Mapping & Analysis\*\*\*

Victimology\*\*

**Northern Illinois University**

*Undergraduate*

Land Use Planning\*\*

Community Geography\*

Maps and Mapping\*\*\*

World Regional Geography\*\*\*

Introduction to Environmental Geography Laboratory\*

*Graduate*

Regional Planning\*\*

Community Geography\*

Practice of Geography\*

Fundamentals of Mapping\*\*

**Kishwaukee College**

*Undergraduate*

World Regional Geography \*\*\*

Geography of North America\*

**Rockford University**

*Undergraduate/Graduate*

World Regional Geography\*\*\*

## **DIRECTED STUDENT LEARNING**

### **Independent Studies Supervised (University of Texas at San Antonio)**

Veronica Hermes (Summer 2020) Availability of programs for incarcerated women.

### **Honors Projects Supervised (University of Texas at San Antonio)**

Kaylee DeTender (Graduated Spring 2020) Title: A Comprehensive Analysis of Happiness

### **Graduate Committee Membership (Northern Illinois University)**

Matthew Howe (Graduated Summer 2019) Title: Education Concentration: Tiebout Sorting, Fixed School District Boundaries, Segregation and Their Effects on the Students Within.  
Harpreet Gill (2018-2019) Topic: Behavioral economics.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2020 Book Proposal Review – *Routledge*  
2020 Manuscript Reviewer -- *Area*  
2020 AAG COVID-19 Rapid Response Team, Regions Subcommittee.  
2017 Manuscript Reviewer – *Journal of Appalachian Studies*.  
2016-2018 Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee, American Association of Geographers.  
2016-2018 Standing Committee on the Status of Women in Geography, American Association of Geographers.  
2015- GeoMentor.

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2020 Peer Mentoring Team Program. Online education, Office of Academic Affairs. University of Texas at San Antonio. Peer Mentor.  
2019- Non-Tenure Track Annual Review Guidelines Committee. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Texas at San Antonio.  
2019- Library Liaison. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Texas at San Antonio.  
2019- Bookstore Liaison. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Texas at San Antonio.  
2018-2019 Advisor of Online Geographic Information Systems/Geographic Information Analysis Certificate.  
2018-2019 Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), Northern Illinois University Chapter Advisor.  
2016-2019 GIS Advisory Committee, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.  
2016 Program Prioritization Student Task Force, Northern Illinois University.  
2016 Candidacy Guidelines Committee, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.  
2016 Search Committee for Chair, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.  
2016-2017 Geography Student Advisory Panel, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.  
2015-2017 Camp Director, NIU Geography High School Summer Camp: Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse with Geography.  
2015-2016 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Implementation Steering Committee, Northern Illinois University.  
2015-2016 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Survey Subcommittee.  
2015-2016 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Student Concerns Subcommittee.  
2015-2018 Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), Northern Illinois University

2014-2018 President (2015 – 2018).  
Geography Graduate Committee, Northern Illinois University  
President (2014 – 2018).

### **INTERVIEWS AND OTHER MEDIA**

James, A.C. Ph.D. Student at NIU Sees ‘Real World’ benefits from Pokémon Go. Keith Hernandez, Daily Chronicle. DeKalb, IL. August 15, 2016.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Women in GIS	2020
Texas Alliance for Geographical Education	2020-
National Council for Geographic Education	2017-
American Geographical Society	2015-
Illinois GIS Association	2014-2019
Illinois Geographical Society	2014-2019
West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers	2014-2019
American Association of Geographers (AAG)	2009-
Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers	2009-2012