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## EDUCATION

Department of Geography **Ph.D., Geography, 2021**  
University of Washington, Seattle  
*Dissertation Title:* Assisted Voluntary Return: Negotiating the Spaces and Politics of Humanitarian Assistance in Migration Management

Department of Geography **MA, Geography, 2013**  
University of Kentucky, Lexington  
*Thesis Title:* Security, Development and (Im)mobility: The Uneven Geography of Migration and Border Management in Ukraine

College of Arts and Sciences **Graduate Certificate in Social Theory, 2013**  
University of Kentucky

Department of Economics **BA (honors), Economics, 2010**  
Department of Russian **BA (honors), Russian Language, Literature**  
University of South Carolina **and Culture, 2010**  
South Carolina Honors College

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of South Carolina, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, Professional-Track Faculty Instructor, 2022-current

University of South Carolina, Department of Geography, Affiliate Faculty, 2022-current

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

**Crane, A.** [Executive Editor]. 2024. *Atlas of South Carolina*. University of South Carolina Press. Accepted and In Production.

**Refereed Journal Articles**

**Crane, A.** 2024. Humanitarian geographies of migrant return: Assisted Voluntary Return and the European Migration ‘Crisis’. Under review.

Doering-White, J., **Crane, A.**, and Roth, B. 2024. (Dis)embedding humanitarianism: Trajectories of Subordination and Subversion within Migrant-Serving NGOs. *Geoforum* 152, 104018.

**Crane, A.** and Lawson, V. 2020. Humanitarianism as conflicted care: Managing migrant assistance in EU Assisted Voluntary Return policies. *Political Geography* 79, 102152.

**Crane, A.** 2020. The politics of development and humanitarianism in EU externalization: Managing migration in Ukraine. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space* 38(1): 20-39.

**Crane, A.**, Elwood, S., and Lawson, V. 2020. Re-Politicising Poverty: Relational Re-conceptualisations of Impoverishment. *Antipode*, 52(2), 339-351

**Crane, A.**, Elwood, S. and Lawson, V. 2020. Guest edited symposium. Re-Politicizing Poverty: Relational Re-conceptualizations of Impoverishment. *Antipode*, 52(2).

Mott, C., Zupan, S., Debbane, A. and **A. Crane** with the University of Kentucky Critical Pedagogy Working Group. 2015. Making space for critical pedagogy in the neoliberal university: struggles and possibilities. *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies* 14(4): 1260-1282.

**Web-Based Publications**

**Crane, A.** and Levy, A. 2014. Eastern partners or chaotic neighbors? The contested geopolitics and geoeconomics of integrating Ukraine and Moldova. *Antipode Intervention*. Available here: <http://antipodefoundation.org/2014/02/28/eastern-partners-or-chaotic-neighbors/>

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

University of South Carolina College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Initiative Grant, to fund new research project “Country-of-Origin Reports: A Transnational Geography of Asylum Adjudication” [\$9869]	2023-2024
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Arch C. Gerlach Endowed Fellowship, University of Washington	Fall 2019
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Labor Research Grant, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington	Spring 2016
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Jean Monnet Chair Graduate Research Grant, European Union Center of Excellence, University of Washington	Spring 2016
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Howard Martin Award, Department of Geography, University of Washington	Spring 2016
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Titus Ellison Fellowship, Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington	2013-2016
Multi-year Graduate Teaching Assistantship, University of Kentucky	2011-2013
Barnhart Fellowship, Research Travel Award, University of Kentucky	Summer 2012
Capstone Scholars Passport Travel Grant, University of South Carolina	Summer 2007

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND CERTIFICATES**

Mental Health and Well-being Competency, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina	Ongoing
“Thank A Teacher” Certificate of Appreciation, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina	Spring 2023
New Faculty Academy Certificate of Completion, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina	Spring 2023
Offered, but declined: Post-Doctoral Fellowship on Epistemology of the Border and the Construction of European Space, University of Bologna, Dipartimento di Storia Culture Civiltà	Spring 2022
Edward L. Ullman Doctoral Award for Excellence in Scholarship, University of Washington	Spring 2020
Howard Martin Medal Award for extraordinary achievement in scholarship, teaching, and service, University of Washington	Spring 2018
Participated in Relational Poverty Network Summer Institute for Junior Scholars, University of Washington	Summer 2017
Graduated <i>summa cum laude</i> with Honors from the South Carolina Honors College, University of South Carolina	Summer 2010

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION**

### **Panels/Sessions Organized**

Everyday Geographies of Discretion: Power, Politics, and Spaces. RGS-IBG Annual International Conference. London, UK. (with M. Jacobsen, Newcastle University).	Aug. 2024
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- Legal Geographies of Migration and Borders. Nordic Geographers Meeting. Copenhagen, Denmark. (with M. Jacobsen, Newcastle University). June 2024
- The Spaces and Politics of Migration, Borders, and Law. RGS-IBG Annual International Conference. London, UK. (with M. Jacobsen, Newcastle University). Sept. 2023
- Feminist Methodologies in Researching the Politics and Spaces of Migration Management. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. (with M. Jacobsen, University of Kentucky). April 2018
- Geographies of Migrant Return and Removal. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. (with M. Jacobsen, University of Kentucky). April 2018
- Gatekeeping Geographies: Extra-territorial experiments with transnational migration management, border bureaucracy, and spaces of security. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL. (Co-organized with A. Levy, University of Colorado) April 2014
- Tales from the Neoliberal University. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. (with University of Kentucky Critical Pedagogy Working Group). April 2013
- Migration, Governance, Resistance. 19th Annual Conference on Critical Geography. Chapel Hill, NC. (with M. Jacobsen, University of Kentucky) Nov. 2012

### **Papers Presented**

- The discretionary application of country-of-origin information reports in asylum adjudication. London, England. RGS-IBG Annual International Conference. London, UK. (with M. Jacobsen, Newcastle University). Aug. 2024
- Reading Differently: a refugee-centered analysis of quasi-legal documents. Nordic Geographers Meeting. Copenhagen, Denmark. (with M. Jacobsen, Newcastle University and E. Dosch, University of South Carolina) June 2024
- Exploring the 2024 Atlas of South Carolina. NCGE Conference. Columbia, SC. (with M. Mewborne and J. Fleming, University of South Carolina). Oct. 2023
- Towards a relational geography of legal border work. RGS-IBG Annual International Conference. London, UK. (with M. Jacobsen, Newcastle University). Sept. 2023
- Relational thinking in geography education: A case study of migration in Europe. NCGE Conference. Minneapolis, MN. Oct. 2022
- The growing permanence of impermanence: Examining how organizations manage temporal borders across three contexts. International Migration, June 2022

- Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) annual conference, Oslo, Norway.  
(with B. Roth and J. Doering-White, University of South Carolina).
- Assisted Voluntary Return: navigating the spatial and political inequalities  
of humanitarian migration management. USC Migration Center Conference  
on The Future of Immigration. Columbia, SC. March 2022
- Humanitarian governance in a conjuncture: managing Europe's migration  
'crisis' through Assisted Voluntary Return policies. Association of American  
Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY. March 2022
- Teaching the political geographies of migration. Advanced Placement  
Human Geography Workshop, South Carolina Geographic Alliance,  
University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC. August 2020
- Assisted Voluntary Return: negotiating humanitarianism and securitization  
in migration management. Association of American Geographers Annual  
Meeting. New Orleans, LA. April 2018
- Bordering on crisis: the relational spaces of humanitarianism in EU  
migration management. Association of American Geographers Annual  
Meeting. Boston, MA. April 2017
- Humanitarian externalization: managing migration in Ukraine.  
Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2015
- Extra-territorial experiments: EU bordering as migration control in  
Moldova and Ukraine. Association of American Geographers Annual  
Meeting. Tampa, FL. (with A. Levy, University of Colorado). April 2014
- Development, security, and bordering: the uneven geography of migration  
management in Ukraine. Critical Geographies Conference. Port Angeles, WA. Nov. 2014
- A balancing act in the EU's borderlands: security, development, and  
(im)mobility in the management of migration in Ukraine.  
Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. April 2013
- Climate (in)security: development as intervention in the EU's 'Neighbourhood  
Policy' responses to environmentally induced migration. Dimensions of  
Political Ecology: Conference on Nature/Society. Lexington, KY. Feb. 2013
- A threat to be managed? External imperatives in the management of  
migration in Ukraine. 19th Annual Conference on Critical Geography.  
Chapel Hill, NC. Nov. 2012
- Environmentally induced migration and the politics of security as development.  
Dimensions of Political Ecology: Conference on Nature/Society. Lexington, KY. April 2012

## **Discussant**

Panelist: Boundaries, exclusion, and alliance politics. Critical Geographies Conference. Seattle, WA. Oct. 2016

Discussant: Global Migration Crisis and Human Rights Conference. Seattle, WA. Oct. 2016

## **CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

Humanitarian geographies of migrant return: Assisted Voluntary Return and the European Migration ‘Crisis.’ Department of Geography, University of South Carolina. Sept. 2024

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC

International Migration, Refugees, and the Politics of Humanitarianism (Spring 2024, in USC Honors College)

Introduction to International Development (Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022)

Human Rights (Spring 2024, Spring 2023)

Health and Human Rights (Fall 2024)

Research and Methods in Global Studies (Spring 2024, Spring 2023)

Cyber Policy and Ethics (Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023)

Cyber Governance and Policy (Spring 2023, Fall 2022)

People, Places and Environments (Spring 2022, in USC Geography Department)

### Midlands Technical College – Columbia, SC

World Regional Geography (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

### University of Washington – Seattle, WA

Explanation and Understanding in Geography (Spring 2021, Spring 2018: Instructor of Record)

Geographies of Global Inequality (Fall 2020: Instructor of Record)

Citizenship Acts to Challenge Poverty (Winter 2018: Community Engagement Project Advisor)

University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY

Introduction to Global Environmental Issues (Spring 2013: Teaching Assistant for two sections)

Lands and People of the Non-Western World (Fall 2012: Teaching Assistant for three sections)

Geography of the Global Economy (Spring 2012: Teaching Assistant for three sections)

Geography of the Global Economy (Fall 2011: Teaching Assistant for three sections)

### **STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPERVISED**

Jill Thornton, committee member for dissertation project: *The Christian Geopolitical Imagination and its influence on Missionary Interactions with Refugees in Germany*, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina. 2023 - current

Elise Dosch, advisor for South Carolina Honors College Thesis: *Country-of-Origin Information Reports: The Political and Legal Geographies of Asylum for Central American Migrants* 2023

### **SERVICE**

Assistant Director for Undergraduate Studies, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina 2024-current

Co-coordinator, Migration Lab, University of South Carolina 2024-current

Faculty Advisor, Global Studies Student Association, University of South Carolina 2024-current

Curriculum Committee, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina 2023-current

New Faculty Academy, University of South Carolina 2022-2023

Colloquium Committee, University of Washington Department of Geography 2018-2019

Co-president, Geography Graduate Students Association, University of Washington 2014–2015

Hiring Committee (Graduate Representative), Department of Geography, University of Kentucky 2012–2013

Conference Organizing Committee, Dimensions of Political Ecology:  
Conference on Nature/Society, University of Kentucky 2012–2013

External Relations Committee, Department of Geography, University of  
Kentucky 2011–2012

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers (Political Geography Specialty Group) 2012–present

Political Ecology Working Group, University of Kentucky 2012–2013

Critical Pedagogy Working Group, University of Kentucky 2012–2013

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina, Department of Geography Columbia, SC  
*Curriculum Materials Manager, SC Geographic Alliance* 7/21–8/22

- Organized geography education outreach programs, including virtual and in-person conferences, presentations in schools, and professional development opportunities for geography teachers across the state

Relational Poverty Network Seattle, WA  
*Podcast Series Editor and Copy Editing Assistant* 8/19–1/22  
*Graduate Research Assistant, Project Manager* 3/16–8/19  
*Grant-Writing Assistant and Project Manager* 2/15–8/15  
*Summer Project Manager* 6/14–8/14

- Worked with Drs. Victoria Lawson and Sarah Elwood, University of Washington Department of Geography, on an NSF-funded international network of scholars that aims to better understand the determinants, effects, and cultural and material dimensions of poverty
- Organized and coordinated podcast series, *New Poverty Politics for Changing Times*.
- Provided copy editing for edited volumes, *Relational Poverty Politics* (2018, UGA Press) and *Abolishing Poverty* (2023, UGA Press).
- Assisted in research, drafting, and revising grants for project development
- Organized travel, lodging, event spaces, and online interface for 2014 Inaugural Meeting, 2015 Relational Poverty Network Writing Retreat, and 2017 Summer Institute for Junior Scholars
- Managed website, Facebook, Twitter, and network blog

Center for Global Strategies (Monument, CO) 06/10–12/10  
*Assistant to the Director for Projects in SE Europe*

- Conducted on-site project research and communications work in



Macedonia and Bulgaria for international development projects

**LANGUAGE**

Russian: Intermediate