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EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D. Geography** Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota, defended May 26th, 2020.
Dissertation Title: “Wasted Lands: Zionist Development and Settler Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev.”
Committee: Vinay Gidwani (Advisor), Qadri Ismail, Abigail Neely, and Bruce Braun.
- 2014 **M.A. Geography**, Department of Geography, Environment, and Society, University of Minnesota.
- 2006 **B.A. Religion and English**, Concentration in Creative Writing, High Honors, Magna Cum Laude, 2006, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- • **Assistant Professor of Practice**, International Studies Program, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.
- 2020-22 • **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2020-21 • **Program Administrator**, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2020 • **Research Assistant for Dr. Kathryn Grace**, Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota.
Development of a Health Geographies online course for Fall 2020.
- 2019-20 • **Human Geography Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Earth, Environment and Physics, Worcester State University.
- 2018-19 • **Visiting Scholar**, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.

Research Interests: Critical and postcolonial approaches to development, environmental history, political ecology of arid zones, nature-society approaches to race and indigeneity, comparative settler colonial studies, global and transnational colonial networks, Israel and Palestine, North America.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

- Getzoff, Joseph F. "Zionist Frontiers: David ben-Gurion, labor Zionism, and transnational circulations of settler development." *Settler Colonial Studies* 10, no. 1 (2020): 74-93. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2201473X.2019.1646849>.

- Getzoff, Joseph F. "Start-up nationalism: The rationalities of neoliberal Zionism." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 58, no. 5 (2020): 811-828. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0263775820911949>.

Submissions

- Getzoff, Joseph F. "Masters of the Wasteland: Zionist Sciences, Territorialization, and Arid Zone Development." Submitted to *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*. Jan 2022.

Non-Peer Reviewed

- Getzoff, Joseph F. "Settler Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev." *Why Palestine Matters*. Israel/Palestine Mission Network, Presbyterian Church, USA. 2018.
- Getzoff, Joseph F. "Planning Dominance in Israel/Palestine." *Why Palestine Matters*. Israel/Palestine Mission Network, Presbyterian Church, USA. 2018.

Selected Editing

- Kremer, Elianne. *Position Paper: Uncounted: Indigenous Bedouin citizens neglected by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics*. Haia Noach and Joseph Getzoff, English editors. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality. Beersheva, Israel. August 2021. <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Indigenous-Bedouin-citizens-neglected-by-the-Israeli-CBS.pdf>.
- Kremer, Elianne. *No Shelter in Place: State Demolitions in the Naqab Arab Bedouin Communities and its Impact on Children*. Haia Noach and Joseph Getzoff, English editors. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality. Beersheva, Israel. July 2021. <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HDR-2021-Data-on-2020-Eng-5.pdf>.
- Rotam, Michal and Fargeon, Ben. 'Negotiation' Under Fire: House Demolitions as a central tool of dispossession and concentration of the Bedouin community in the Negev/Naqab. Joseph Getzoff, English editor. The Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality. Beersheva, Israel. August 2017. <https://www.dukium.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/HDR2017Eng.pdf>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Interests: Development studies, human-environment geographies, environmental politics, regional and global environmental histories and studies, political ecology, race and indigeneity cultural geographies, postcolonial theory, settler colonialism, qualitative research methods.

Courses

- Spring 2022
- **Introduction to Environment and Society.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Introductory Course.
 - **Critical Environmental Histories of the United States: Race, Indigeneity, and Nature.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Advanced Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar.

- Fall 2021
- **Introduction to Environment and Society.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Introductory Course.
 - **Special Topics: Environmental Politics in the Middle East.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Advanced Undergraduate/ Graduate Seminar.
 - **Geographies of Israel and Palestine.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. First Year Intensive Course.
- Spring 2021
- **Environment and Development in the Global South.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Introductory Course.
 - **Special Topics: Critical Environmental Histories of the United States: Race, Indigeneity, and Nature.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Advanced Undergraduate/ Graduate Seminar.
- Fall 2020
- **Introduction to Environment and Society.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Introductory Course.
 - **Special Topics: Environmental Politics in the Middle East.** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Advanced Undergraduate/ Graduate Seminar.
- Spring 2020
- **Introduction to Human Geography** (1 section). Department of Earth, Environment and Physics, Worcester State University. Introductory Course.
- Fall 2019
- **Introduction to Human Geography** (2 sections). Department of Earth, Environment and Physics, Worcester State University. Introductory Course.
- Spring 2018
- **Environment and Development in the Third World.** Department of Geography, Environment and Society and Global Studies, University of Minnesota. Intermediate Course.

Guest Lectures (Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota)

- 2018
- **“Occupation, Control, and Settlements.”** Populations in an Interacting World.
- 2017
- **“Environment and Urbanization.”** Environment and Development in the Third World.
 - **“Space, Population, and Power in Israel/Palestine.”** Populations in an Interacting World.
- 2015
- **“Space, Population, and Power in Israel/Palestine.”** Populations in an Interacting World.
- 2011
- **“Geopolitics: Israel and Palestine.”** Introduction to Human Geography: Our Globalizing World.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- 2022
- Undergraduate Teacher of the Year – Clark University

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018
- Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship with Vinay Gidwani
 - Ralph Brown Thesis Writing Fellowship (UMN)
- 2017
- College of Liberal Arts Travel Funding (UMN)

- 2016 • Thesis Research Travel Grant (UMN)
- 2015 • Council of Graduate Students Travel Award (UMN) (declined)
- Departmental Summer Funding, Geography (UMN)
- 2015 • U.S.-Israel Fulbright Student Fellowship
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship for Hebrew Language
- 2014 • College of Liberal Arts Travel Funding (UMN)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship for Hebrew Language
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship for Hebrew Language
- 2013 • Departmental Summer Funding, Geography (UMN)

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

- 2022 • **“Masters of the Wasteland: Zionist Sciences, Bedouin Cultivation, and Arid Zone Development.”** Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. GSG Colloquium Series 2021-22
- 2018 • **“The Challenge of the Wasteland: Settler-Colonial Sciences in the Naqab/Negev.”** Geography Department Coffee Hour, University of Minnesota
- 2015 • **“Conquering the Wasteland: Sustainable Zionism in the Negev/Naqab.”** Department of Geography, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN
- 2015 • **“Conquering the Wasteland: Sustainable Zionism in the Negev/Naqab.”** Department of Geography, University of Minnesota
- 2013 • **“Human Material: The Production of the Modern Jewish Subject.”** Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Organized Panels & Workshops

- 2018 • **“Political Ecologies of Landscape and Subject Formation.”** Co-Chair. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. University of Kentucky, Louisville.
- 2013 • University of Minnesota organizer. Upper Midwest Nature-Society Workshop. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Presentations

- 2018 • **“‘Afforest the Waste’: Settler-Colonial Sciences in the Naqab/Negev.”** Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Louisville.
- 2015 • **“Sustainable Zionism: Nationalism as Environmentalism in the Negev/Naqab.”** International Critical Conference of Geography. Ramallah, Palestine.
- **“Conquering the Wasteland: Sustainable Zionism in the Negev/Naqab.”** American Association of Geographers, Annual Conference. Chicago.
- **“Sustainable Zionism: Nationalism as Environmentalism in Israel/Palestine.”** Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. University of Kentucky, Louisville.
- 2014 • **“Civilization Succeeds Barbarism: Race and Forestry in the Allotment Era.”** Upper Midwest Nature-Society Workshop. University of Minnesota.

INVITED NON-ACADEMIC TALKS

- 2020 • **“Joseph F. Getzoff on Neoliberal Zionism.”** [Podcast: *A Correction*](#).
- 2019 • **“Settler-Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev.”** St. Peter’s Church. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 • **“Settler-Colonialism in the Naqab/Negev.”** First United Methodist Church of Germantown. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 • **“Umm al-Hiran and Chiran: Israeli Land Law, Bedouin Land Claims and the New Settlers.”** Jewish Voice for Peace. Mishkan Shalom, Philadelphia, PA.
- **“Umm al-Hiran and Chiran: Israeli Land Law, Bedouin Land Claims and the New Settlers.”** Christian-Jewish Allies, St. Paul’s Church, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA.
- **“Umm al-Hiran: Bedouin Unrecognized Villages, State Planning, and NGO Influence.”** U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 2012 • **“Memory and History in Israel and Palestine: A Personal Reflection.”** Interfaith Peace Builders. Eau Claire, WI.

SERVICE

- 2018, ‘19, ‘21 • **Anonymous Reviewer** for *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.
- 2015 – • **Volunteer English Editor.** Negev Co-Existence Forum for Civil Equality, Beersheva, Israel.
- 2013 • **Graduate Education Programming Committee.** Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota.
- 2011 – • **Coffee Hour Committee.** Department of Geography, Environment and Society, 2013 University of Minnesota.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021-22 • **Antiracist Pedagogy Praxis Group.** Clark University.
- 2015-16 • **BGU Overseas Student Program Internship.** Department of Geography and Environmental Development. Beersheva, Israel.
- 2015 • **Hebrew Immersion Course.** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Beersheva, Israel.
- 2014 • **Hebrew Immersion Course.** San Francisco University.
- 2014 • **Independent Hebrew Studies.** With Renana Schneller. Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota.
- 2013 • **Hebrew Immersion Course.** University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel.