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EMPLOYMENT:

- 2018-Present: Associate Professor (Tenured) of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University.
- 2012-2018: Assistant Professor of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University.
- 2011-2012: Instructor, Geography Department, Syracuse University.

EDUCATION:

- PhD 2012: Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. Geography.
Advisor: Don Mitchell.
- BA 2005: Columbia University. Urban Studies.

BOOKS:

- Shell, J. *Transportation and Revolt: Pigeons, Mules, Canals, and the Vanishing Geographies of Subversive Mobility*. Cambridge MA: MIT Press. 2015.
- Shell, J. *Giants of the Monsoon Forest: Living and Working with Elephants*. New York: W. W. Norton Publishers. Forthcoming in Summer of 2019.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING):

- Shell, J. "The Enigma of the Asian Elephant: Sovereignty, Reproductive Nature, and the Limits of Empire." Forthcoming in *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.
- Shell, J. "Elephant Convoys Beyond the State: Animal-Based Transport as Subversive Logistics." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Page assignment pending (online copy published).
- Shell, J. "*Verkehr*; Or, Mobility and Subversion: Recovering Radical Transportation Geographies from Language." Forthcoming in *Human Geography*.
- Shell, J. "Mapping the Geography of Karl Marx's *Capital*." *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities* 32 (2). 2017.
- Shell, J. "When Roads Cannot Be Used: The Use of Trained Elephants for Emergency Logistics, Off-Road Conveyance, and Political Revolt in South and Southeast Asia." *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies* 5(2). 2015. 62-80.
- Shell, J. "Planning, Urban and Regional." In *The History of Cartography: Volume VI (The Twentieth Century)*. Ed. Mark Monmonier. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2015.
- Shell, J. "Elephant States." *n+1* volume 18. 127-144.

Shell, J. "Innovation, Labor, and Gridlock: The Unbuilt Freight Plan for Manhattan's Geography of Production." *Journal of Planning History* 9(1). 2010. 3–20.

VISUAL WORK:

- 2018: "Königsburg Counterfactual." Research visualization and map-art project. Pencil and paper.
- 2017: Maps of Asia, Africa, Burma (Myanmar) and Kachin-Arunachal Region for *Giants of the Monsoon Forest* (see above). Adobe Illustrator.
- 2016: "Geography in Karl Marx's *Capital*." Cartographic visualization of geographic themes in Marx's *Capital*. Adobe Illustrator. Published in *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities* (see above).

INVITED TALKS:

- 2019: "Elephant-Based Transportation." To be delivered at University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
- 2016: "Transport Animals and Subversive Mobility." Delivered to the States of Circulation Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2015. "Transportation and Revolt." Delivered to the Border Sessions Book Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands.

OTHER CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2018: "The Question of 'Chenango' Labor: World War I, Urban Class Conflict, and the Re-Planning of Freight Flows in New York City." Delivered to The American Association of Geographers Conference, New Orleans.
- 2017: "Working Elephants, Mahouts, and Roadless Transport Labor in the Indo-Burmese Borderlands." Delivered to the Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017: "Burma's Unique Population of Trained Elephants: Conservation and Co-production of Mobility." Delivered to The American Association of Geographers Conference, Boston.
- 2016: "Cartographic Anonymity and Scrambled Maps." Delivered to the American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco.
- 2015: Organizer and Chair. Paper Session: "Implications of James C. Scott's *Art of Not Being Governed* for Geographic Research and Knowledge." Held at the American Association of Geographers Conference, Chicago.
- 2015: "How to Get Around in Zomia: Human-Elephant Mobilities Beyond the State." Delivered to the American Association of Geographers Conference, Chicago.
- 2014: "Co-production of Human-Elephant Mobilities in a Logging Village in Burma (Myanmar)." Delivered to the Royal Geographical Society, London, UK.
- 2012: Co-organizer and Chair. Paper Session: "Themes of Struggle and Social Justice in Recent Work in Transportation Studies." Held at the American Association of Geographers Conference, New York City.
- 2012: "Placing Hydra in Chains: Fear of Canal Boat Workers and Other Floating People in the

North Atlantic World.” Delivered to the American of Association Geographers Conference, New York City.

TEACHING:

Designed *Fundamentals of Cartography* for Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Taught in 2012-2018. Mixed undergraduates and graduates. Lab and lecture format.

Designed *Geographic Inquiry* for Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Taught in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. Graduate course. Seminar format.

Designed Mobility Studies: Special Topics for for Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Taught in 2017. Graduate course. Seminar format.

Designed *Space and Place* for Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Taught in 2015 and 2017. Undergraduate course. Lecture format.

Designed *Transportation and Culture* for Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Taught in 2014 and 2016. Mixed undergraduates and graduates. Seminar format.

SERVICE:

2018-2019: Chair Temple GUS Personnel Committee.

2017-2018: Member of Temple University Cultural Analytics and Digital Humanities Committee.

2016-2018: Member of Temple University Geography and Urban Studies Department Undergraduate Committee.

2013-2015: Department liaison overseeing the redesign of the Temple GUS Department website.

2013-2014: Member of Temple GUS Department Planning Committee on Professional-Science Masters in GIS.

Graduate advisees: Courtney Berne, Charlotte Castle.

Dissertation committees: Fanny Tremblay-Racicot, Khusdeep Malhotra, Yoonhee Jung.

FIELDWORK AND OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

Field Research: *Burma (Myanmar):*
Conducted interviews with Hkamti and Jinghpaw elephant keepers in Kachin State. 2015, 2016.

Conducted ethnographic, photographic, and archival research on the use of trained elephants in the logging industry in Burma. 2013, 2016.

Arunachal Pradesh, India:
Conducted ethnographic research on the use of trained elephants for logging and transportation in tribal/minority regions. 2016, 2017.

Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia:
Conducted informational meetings and interviews with elephant conservation and training experts about use of local elephants following the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami. 2015.

Lampang, Thailand:

Conducted informational meetings and interviews with elephant conservation and training experts. 2014.

Archival Travel:

Taipei, Taiwan:

Conducted original research on Chinese use of elephant-based logistics during WW2, at Taipei Zoo Library. 2015.

Tokyo, Japan:

Conducted original research on Meiji-era and contemporary Japanese cartography at the National Diet Library. 2013.

Birmingham, UK:

Conducted original research on canal history at Birmingham Public Library and Dudley Historical Archives. 2009.