

# JACOB R. WOLFF

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## EDUCATION

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### University of New Mexico

*M.S. in Geography and Environmental Studies*

Thesis Passed with Distinction, GPA: 4.03/4.0

Albuquerque, NM

Summer 2017

**M.S. Thesis:** The Ivory Tower, Urban Growth, and State Subjugation: An Historical Analysis on the Construction of Student Identities and the Public Good During University Generated Redevelopment Projects

**Advisor:** John Newman Carr

**Committee:** K. Maria D. Lane, David Correia

### University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

*B.A. with majors in Geography and History*

College Scholar, Presidents Scholar, magna cum laude, GPA: 3.738/4.0

Johnstown, PA

Fall 2014

**Geography Capstone:** Beyond Economic Development: Moving Towards a Critical Geography of Higher Education in the Post-Fordist Era

**Advisor:** Ola Johansson

**History Capstone:** Cold War in the Coalfields: A Battle Between Labor and Capital and the Consumers' Impending Threat of a Heatless Winter

**Advisor:** Robert W. Matson

## THEMATIC AREAS

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*Political Economic Theory, the Built-Environment, and Social Movements*

Urban Form, Planning Processes, and Community Governance; Environmental Planning and Management; Theories of Space, Place, and the Vernacular Landscape; History of Social and Labor Movements; Ethnographic, Archival, and Activist Methodologies.

## UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

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### University of New Mexico, Geography Department

*Teaching Assistant*

- Instructor for seven sections of GEOG 105L, Introduction to Physical Geography - Lab
- Teaching Assistant for four sections of GEOG 101, Introduction to Physical Geography
- Grader for one section of GEOG 102, Introduction to Human Geography

Albuquerque, NM

Aug '15 - May '17

### University of Pittsburgh, Division of Student Affairs

*Conduct Administrator & Residential Area Coordinator*

- Adjudicated disciplinary cases brought before the Student Conduct Office
- Presented 20-minute discussions on experiential learning at New Student Welcome Days
- Taught a co-curricular course on alcohol safety and sexual assault as part of university Title-9 compliance efforts
- Coordinated with University Police and Resident Directors to monitor residential areas and respond to campus safety issues and medical emergencies

Johnstown, PA

Jan '15 - May '15

*Residence Director*

- Collaborated with university administrators to redesign the co-curricular Real World Action Program
- Conducted interviews and participated in hiring panels for the Office of Residence Life
- Organized First-Year Orientation and planned Residence Life programs throughout each semester
- Updated physical plant reports and managed program budgets in first-year and upper-class residence halls
- On-call for campus emergencies and immediately responsible for student health and safety within residential areas

Aug '12 - Dec '14

### University of Pittsburgh, Academic Success Center

*Peer Tutor*

- Drop-In Tutor for thirty sections of COMMC 052, Public Speaking
- Individual Tutor for nine sections of ECON 105, Introduction to Microeconomic Theory
- Individual Tutor for three sections of ECON 115, Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
- Supplemental Instruction Leader for five sections of HIST 610, United States History to 1877

Johnstown, PA

Jan '12 - May '15

## **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION SERVICE**

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### **Pennsylvania Historical Association**

*Web & Social Media Editor*

- Solicit and schedule social media content highlighting organization and partner activities
- Conduct interviews with Scholars-in-Residence to create online multi-media features
- Coordinate with Officers to host annual meetings, central to organizing the 2020 virtual meeting
- Organize and co-author petition to lawmakers for COVID-19 emergency support of museums

**Scranton, PA**

*July '19 - Present*

### **H-Pennsylvania, H-Net**

*Network Editor*

- Edit submitted posts and share weekly jobs reports.

**Pennsylvania**

*January '20 - Present*

### **Pennsylvania Geographical Society, The Pennsylvania Geographer**

*Assistant Editor and Scanner*

- Develop, update, and edit the online archives for the Pennsylvania Geographical Society
- Catalog 50-years of back-issues of the Society's Journal including an index of article topics
- Draft report on catalog for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue and present findings at annual meeting

**Johnstown, PA**

*June '13 – June '14*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization/ Rio Metro Regional Transit District**

*Transportation Planner*

- Collaborate with the local university to digitize historic redlining maps for urban research program
- Represent organization on televised interviews, respond to media requests, and draft press releases
- Lead community outreach and conduct feasibility study for comprehensive micromobility program
- Convene public outreach committees and solicit feedback through long-range planning process

**Albuquerque, NM**

*Nov '19 - Present*

### **Eshbach Brothers, L.P., Commercial Masonry Contractor**

*Project Manager / Estimator*

- Prepare cost estimates for design-development university construction projects
- Competitively bid on commercial restoration projects and manage awarded contracts
- Organize weekly safety lessons and coordinate annual training and certification programs
- Collaborate with labor unions on policy initiatives and prevailing wage advocacy

**Reading, PA**

*Jan '18 - Nov '19*

### **Change Agency, All for All Initiative**

*Housing Coordinator*

- Develop content for social media, press releases, and public statements on welcoming work
- Research and implement best-practices in housing policy at the municipal and metropolitan scale
- Convene cross-sector partners from the region to discuss immigrant inclusion community development

**Pittsburgh, PA**

*Aug '17 – Jan '18*

### **Department of the Interior, National Park Service**

*Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS Research Intern*

- Conduct archival research documenting Lewistown, PA's connection to the Underground Railroad along the Mainline Canal system.

**Cresson, PA**

*May '13 – June '14*

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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**Wolff, J.** *Landscapes of Opportunity: The Value of Geography in a Liberal Arts Education* – Invited Lecture for Geography Awareness Week at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (November 2017)

**Wolff, J.** *A Catalyst for Gentrification: The University, Innovate ABQ, and the Rapid Transit Project* – Progressive Democrats of America, Young Progressives Chapter Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico (April 2017)

**Wolff, J.** *On the Albuquerque Rapid Transit Proposal: An Activist Perspective* – Public Forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico (October 2016)

**Wolff, J.** *A Marxist Critique of the 2016 Presidential Election Two Party Platforms* –Public Forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico (September 2016)

**Wolff, J.** *The Role of Railroads in the Growth of Western Schuylkill County Coal Production* – Swatara Lodge Chapter Meeting of the Free and Accepted Masons in Tremont, Pennsylvania (November 2010)

## **HOME CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS**

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- Wolff, J.** *An Historical Introduction to Plate Tectonic Theory* - Guest Lecture for GEOG 101 "Physical Geography" at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico (October 2017)
- Wolff, J.** *The University and the City: An Introduction* – Guest Lecture for GEOG 466/566 "The City" at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico (September 2017)
- Wolff, J.** *New York City: A Learning Laboratory* – a Presentation in a Panel Discussion at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, (March 2012)
- Wolff, J.** *Geography and its Value to the Undergraduate Education* – a Paper Presentation at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Geography Department Student Symposium, (February 2012)
- Wolff, J.** *Suburban Sprawl: A Pennsylvanian Perspective* – a Paper Presentation at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Freshman Research Symposium, (December 2011)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** \*Denotes presenting author

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- Wolff, J.** *Capitalism's Crisis and the Great Coal Strike: Early Environmental Policy and a Diplomatic Turning Point in the American Labor Wars, 1897-1903* - Southwestern Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Denton, Texas, (November 2016)
- Wolff, J.** *Town, gown and urban transformation in the 21st century city (Panel)* – Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, (April 2016)
- Wolff, J.** *Inequality of Opportunity and the Ambiguity of Urban Form: Studentification as a Necessary Concept to Understanding Socio-spatial Injustice in the Contemporary City* – Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, (April 2016)
- Diller, S. \***Wolff, J.** *(Re)envisioning College Sports in the Neoliberal University* – Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, (April 2016)
- Wolff, J.** *Neoliberal Students in the Liberal University: The Case for Theories of Place Production as a Lens into De-radicalized Studenthood* – Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Association Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM, (February 2016)
- Wolff, J.** *Neoliberal Students in the Liberal University: The Case for Theories of Place Production as a Lens into De-radicalized Studenthood* – Southwestern Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, (October 2015)
- Wolff, J.** *Lewistown, Pennsylvania and Progressive Community Growth: A Case Study on Underground Railroad Activity in Border State Communities from 1800 to 1863* – Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida, (February 2014)
- Wolff, J.** *Entering the Digital Age: The Archive of the Pennsylvania Geographer Goes Online* – Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, (October 2013)
- Wolff, J.** *Where the Freight Trains No Longer Stop: Deindustrialization, Environmental and Economic Effects, and Community Response in Johnstown, Pennsylvania* – Pennsylvania Academy of Science Annual Meeting in Bradford, Pennsylvania, (January 2013)

## **SESSIONS, CONFERENCES, AND EVENTS ORGANIZED**

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- Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association* -- Local Arrangements Committee, Co-Chair
- Catching the Sun* – Film Screening and Panel Discussion of Elected Leaders, Activists, and Faculty Members at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico (February 2017)
- Global Perspectives: Conflict in Syria* – Panel Discussion of Faculty Members at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (November 2013)
- Climate Change and Public Health* – Guest Lecture by Dr. Wendy Ring at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (November 2013)
- Geography Department Student Symposium* at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (November 2012)

## **SESSION ADJUDICATION/MODERATION**

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- "Undergraduate Poster Competition," *Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Indiana, PA, 2019  
"Undergraduate Paper Sessions," *University of New Mexico McNair Scholars Program*, Albuquerque, 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS, GUIDES, AND PUBLICATIONS**

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- Wolff, J.** *Micromobility Business Plan*, Rio Metro Regional Transit District (forthcoming)  
Lasky, G. **Wolff, J.** *Map of Spanish Speakers by Census Tract in the City of Albuquerque*, Sanders Presidential Primary Campaign Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico (May 2016)  
Lasky, G. **Wolff, J.** *Map of Spanish Speakers by County in the State of New Mexico*, Sanders Presidential Primary Campaign Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico (May 2016)  
**Wolff, J.** *Certificate in GIS: A Program Overview*, Department of Geography, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (2014)  
**Wolff, J.** *Fairfield Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Proposal*, City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania (2013)  
**Wolff, J.** *New Student Orientation Guide*, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (2013)  
**Wolff, J.** *Tremont Area Historical Society Website*, Tremont, Pennsylvania (2010)

## **OPEN EDITORIALS**

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- Wolff, J.** "It Takes Values to Bridge the Urban-Rural Divide," *Tribune-Democrat* (Johnstown), April-24-2019  
**Wolff, J.** "Gov. Martinez' Degree Expectations a Burden, Unfair," *The Daily Lobo* (Albuquerque), Sept-28-2016

## **MEDIA APPERANCES & INTERVIEWS**

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- Wolff, J.** Interviewed by Chris McKee, "Albuquerque Scooter, Bike Rental Programs Face Uncertain Future," *KRQE* (Albuquerque), May-26-2020.  
**Wolff, J.** Interviewed by Peter Rice, "Spin e-Scooters are Gone for Good as Rio Metro Feels Out the Future of Micro-mobility," *Albuquerque Downtown News*, May-26-2020.  
**Wolff, J.** Interviewed by Jackie Kent, "MRCOG Releases Draft 20-Year Road Project Wish List," *KRQE* (Albuquerque), January-17-2020  
**Wolff, J.** Interview by WJAC. "Pitt Johnstown Welcomes New Students," *WJAC* (Johnstown, PA), August 2014

## **PUBLIC HISTORY SERVICE**

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- PHA Executive Committee, "Petition for PA Lawmakers to Support Emergency Funding for Educational and Cultural Groups," *Change.org*, Summer 2020  
**Wolff, J.** "Interview with State Archive Scholar-in-Residence Mary Schreiner," *PHA Online*, April-1-2020  
Docent and Interpreter, "Union Station," *Doors Open Pittsburgh*, October 2017

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### **Committee Chairpersonship**

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| Scholarship Fundraising Committee           | 2020 |
| Geography Awareness Week Planning Committee | 2012 |

### **Committee Membership**

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| Campus Spirit Task Force                         | 2014 |
| New Student Orientation Planning Committee       | 2013 |
| RealWorld Action Program Committee               | 2013 |
| Wounded Warrior Fundraising Initiative Committee | 2013 |
| Geography Awareness Week Planning Committee      | 2012 |

### **Department Events Organized**

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| Geography Department Banquet                             | 2014 |
| Geography Department Homecoming Open House and Reception | 2013 |

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**New Mexico Wilderness Alliance**

*Valles Caldera National Preserve Fence Removal Project*

*October 2015*

**Moxham Community Organization**

*Community Playground Clean-up*

*Aug '14 - Dec '14*

**City of Johnstown**

*Neighborhood Bike Lane and Street Clean-up*

*August 2013*

**Stonycreek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project**

*Watershed Restoration*

*Spring 2012, 2013*

**COURSES TAUGHT OR TUTORED**

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**University of New Mexico**

INSTRUCTOR

*GEOG 105L, Physical Geography Lab (one credit)*

- Spring 2017; One section, ~20 students
- Fall 2016; Two sections, ~40 students
- Spring 2016; Two sections, ~40 students
- Fall 2015; Two sections, ~40 students

TEACHING ASSISTANT

*GEOG 101, Physical Geography (three credits)*

- Spring 2017; One section, ~120 students
- Fall 2016; Two sections, ~120 students
- Spring 2016; Two sections, ~120 students
- Fall 2015; Two sections, ~120 students

GRADER

*GEOG 102, Introduction to Human Geography: Globalization (three credits)*

- Spring 2017; One section, ~70 students

**University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown**

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION LEADER

*HIST 0610, United States History to 1877 (non-credit)*

- Spring 2015; One section, ~100 students
- Fall 2014; One section, ~100 students
- Spring 2014; One section, ~100 students
- Fall 2013; One section, ~100 students
- Spring 2013; One section, ~100 students

DROP-IN TUTOR

*COMMRC 0052, Public Speaking (non-credit)*

- Fall 2014; Several sections
- Spring 2014; Several sections
- Fall 2013; Several sections
- Spring 2013; Several sections
- Fall 2012; Several sections
- Spring 2012; Several sections

PEER TUTOR

*ECON 0105, Introduction to Microeconomic Theory (non-credit)*

- Spring 2013; Six sections
- Fall 2012; Six sections
- Spring 2012; Six sections

*ECON 0115, Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory (non-credit)*

- Fall 2012; Six sections

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

*GEOG 0810, Earth and People (non-credit)*

- Fall 2014; Three sections

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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### **UNM Geography & Environmental Studies Alumni Chapter**

*Clerk & Treasurer*

*Feb '19 – Present*

### **UNM Graduate & Professional Student Association**

*Council Member*

*Sept '16 – May '17*

*Legislative Steering Committee Member*

*Sept '16 – Jan '17*

### **UNM Student Association of Geography and Environmental Studies**

*Treasurer*

*Sept '16 – May '17*

*Member*

*Sept '15 – Aug '16*

### **Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society**

*Member*

*April '14 – Present*

### **Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographical Honor Society**

*Organizer*

*Sept '16 – May '17*

*Member*

*April '14 – Present*

### **Geography Club at Pitt Johnstown**

*Vice President*

*Aug '14 – Dec '14*

*President*

*April '13 – Aug '14*

*Vice President*

*April '12 – April '13*

*Secretary*

*Sept '11 – April '12*

### **Pennsylvania Historical Association**

*Web & Social Media Editor*

*July '19 – Present*

*Member*

*July '19 – Present*

### **Pennsylvania Geographical Society**

*Life Member*

*June '19 – Present*

*Assistant Editor and Scanner*

*June '13 – June '14*

*Member*

*Sept '11 – June '14*

### **Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society**

*Member*

*April '14 – Present*

### **Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society**

*Member*

*April '12 – Present*

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

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Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting hosted virtually (November 2020)

Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Assn. Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM (February 2020)

Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting in Indiana, Pennsylvania (November 2019)

Southwestern Association of American Geographers Meeting in Denton, Texas (November 2016)

Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California (April 2016)

Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Assn. Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM (February 2016)

Conference on Spatial Information Theory in Santa Fe, NM (October 2015)

Southwestern Association of American Geographers Meeting in San Antonio, Texas (October 2015)

Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida (February 2014)

Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (October 2013)

Pennsylvania Academy of Science Annual Meeting in Bradford, Pennsylvania (January 2013)

Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in New York City, New York (February 2012)

North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (March 2012)

Middle States Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Shippensburg, PA (October 2012)

Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting in Indiana, Pennsylvania (October 2011)

## **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

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North American Bike Share Association Annual Meeting hosted virtually (October 2020)  
International Masonry Institute Historic Restoration Summit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (October 2018)  
The Build Conference of Signatory Union Contractors in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (October 2018)  
The Allegheny Conference Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (November 2017)  
Welcoming Economies Global Convening in Syracuse, New York (October 2017)  
All for All Summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (September 2017)

## **COMMENDATIONS**

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University of New Mexico Department of Geography, Graduate Research Distinction	<i>May 2017</i>
University of New Mexico College of Arts and Sciences, Scholarship	<i>October 2015</i>
Dr. Robert J. Hunter Scholarship for Social Science and Public Service	<i>March 2015</i>
University of Pittsburgh, College Scholar of Geography	<i>March 2015</i>
Geography Department, "K" Award for Outstanding Geographer	<i>April 2014</i>
Dr. Brenda J. Pardini Scholarship for High Achievement in Student Affairs	<i>November 2013</i>
Office of Housing and Residence Life, Resident Assistant of the Year	<i>April 2013</i>
Office of Housing and Residence Life, Program of the Year	<i>April 2013</i>
Geography Department, "K" Award for Outstanding Geographer	<i>April 2013</i>
Geography Department, Award for Academic Achievement	<i>April 2012</i>
University of Pittsburgh, President's Scholar	<i>December 2011</i>

## **TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES**

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Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, Google SketchUp, ArcGIS (introductory).