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**EDUCATION**

- 2018 Ph.D. Geography, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.  
Dissertation: *People, Place, and Perceptions: How Criminal Victimization Influences the Perception, Engagement, and Navigation of Space.*
- 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.
- 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 POSITIONS**

- 2019 Lecturer III, Department of 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 Certificate, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.
- 2014-2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor of Record, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences, Northern Illinois University.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

GIS and Crime Analysis; Spatial Perception; Environmental Criminology; Geography of Crime.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

- 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), 209-243.
- 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.

**Manuscripts Under Review**

- James, A.C.**, Gallaher, C.M., and Kremenec, A.J. What is Safe? Understanding the Role of Individual Experience in Perceptions of Safety.

### **Works in Progress**

- James, A.C.**, Al-Yasiri, E., Gill, H., Howe, M., James, R.D., Jin, Y., Lwanga, K., McClain, B.D., Moore, A., Shao, Y., Valdez, F.M. How Community Geography Helps to Examine the Perception and Engagement of Space.
- James, A.C.** “Failing” Community Geography: What Happens When There are No Answers?
- James, A.C.**, Gallaher, C.M., and Krmenc, A.J. Individual Experience and Associated Perceptions: How Crime Victimization Influences the Construction of Safety.
- James, A.C.**, Gallaher, C.M., and Krmenc, A.J. Construction of Safety in Daily Living: The Role of Personal Experience in Perception and Navigation of Space.

### **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: 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: Charlotte, NC.

### **Other Documents**

- James, A.C.** Advisor Protocol for Online GIA Certificate. Northern Illinois University, Department of Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences.

### **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, R.D., James, A.C., DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation Applied Research and Graduate Internship Partnership, DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation. (\$10,381)
- 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. (\$7,000.00)
- 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. (\$2,020.00)
- 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**

- 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.** 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

- 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\*

**Northern Illinois University**

*Undergraduate*

Land Use Planning\*\* (FA17, SP19)

Community Geography\* (SP19)

Maps and Mapping\*\*\* (SU16, FA16, SP17, SU17, FA17, SP18, FA18)

World Regional Geography\*\*\* (SP14; FA14; SP15; FA15; SP16; SP19)

Introduction to Environmental Geography Laboratory\* (SU15)

*Graduate*

Regional Planning\*\* (SP19)

Community Geography\* (SP19)

Practice of Geography\* (SP19)

Fundamentals of Mapping\*\* (SU16, FA16, SP17, SU17; FA18)

**GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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**

- 2017 Manuscript Reviewer – *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
- 2016-2019 Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee, American Association of Geographers
- 2016-2019 Standing Committee on the Status of Women in Geography, American Association of Geographers
- 2015-2019 GeoMentor

**DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 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 President (2015 – 2018)
- 2014-2018 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**

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| 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 |