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Education

- 2026 Ph.D., Geography, University of Georgia (expected)
Adviser: Dr. Jennifer Rice
- 2022 M.A., Geography, University of Georgia
Thesis: Carbon Colonialism by the Emerald City: Colonial Social Relations in Urban Climate Action
Adviser: Dr. Jennifer Rice
- 2020 B.A., Environmental Sustainability: Planning and Management with Geographic Information Systems (Minor), University of Oklahoma
Capstone Adviser: Dr. Mary Lawhon

Research

Areas of Interest

urban political ecology, settler-colonial cities, Indigenous geographies, urban climate justice

Research Projects

- 2022 Master's Thesis, "Carbon Colonialism by the Emerald City: Colonial Social Relations in Urban Climate Action", supervised by Dr. Jennifer Rice, University of Georgia, August 2022
- 2020 Capstone Project, "What is a "Green City"? Understanding Environmental Imaginaries of Residents in a Politically Conservative Area", supervised by Dr. Mary Lawhon, University of Oklahoma, May 2020
- 2019 Undergraduate Academic Assistant, "Imaginations and moral connotations of "green city" in politically conservative areas", supervised by Dr. Mary Lawhon, University of Oklahoma, May 2019-August 2019
- 2018 Undergraduate Academic Assistant, "Constructing Green Cities", supervised by Dr. Angela Person and Dr Randy Pepler, University of Oklahoma, June 2018-August 2018.

Publications

Under Review

- 2023 **Henderson, M.B.** & Rice, J.L., “Seeking Climate Justice: An Examination of Settler-Colonial Climate Action in Seattle, Washington”. Submitted to *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.

In Progress

- 2024 Orozco, A., **Henderson, M.B.**, Berry, R., Rao, M., Hysjulien, A., Martinez, J. & Shannon, J. “Mapping Black Presence and Absence in Athens, GA”. Planned submission Fall 2024.
- 2023 **Henderson, M.B.** & Orozco, A. “(Un)Abstracting Place Through Indigenous and Black Scholarship”. Planned submission Fall 2023.

Peer Reviewed

- 2022 Arney, R.N., **Henderson, M.B.**, Deloach, H., Lichtenstein, G., & German, L. “Connecting Across Difference in Environmental Governance: Beyond Rights, Recognition, and Participation”. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.
- 2021 **Henderson, M.** & Lawhon, M. “What is a “Green City”? Understanding Environmental Imaginaries of Residents in a Politically Conservative Area”. *Southeastern Geographer*.

Editor Reviewed

- 2021 Lawhon, M., **Henderson, M.**, & McCreary, T. “Neither more nor less, but enough: Towards a modest political ecology of the future”, *Political Geography*.
- 2018 **Henderson, M.**, Person, A., & Pepler, R. “Constructing Green Cities”, Feature Article in SCIPP Newsletter, November 2018.

Book Review

- 2020 Lawhon, M. & **Henderson, M.** “Book Review of *A Planet to Win: Why We Need A Green New Deal* by Kate Aronoff, Alyssa Battistoni, Daniel Aldana Cohen and Thea Riofrancos”. Antipode Online, July 2020.

Honors & Awards

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| 2023 | Globe Award for Conceptual Advancement |
| 2022 | Science Post Graduate Scholarship (Declined) |
| 2021 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program |
| 2021 | Cobell Scholar Graduate Award |
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| 2020 | Letzeiser Honor List |
| 2020 | Clyde F. Bollinger Award |
| 2020 | Academic Achievement Award |
| 2020 | Gamma Theta Upsilon Member |
| 2019 | Udall Scholar |
| 2019 | Academic Achievement Award |
| 2019 | Cobell Scholar Undergraduate Award |
| 2019 | PE-ET Top 10 Senior Honor Society |
| 2019 | Vernon and Sandra Nutter Scholarship |
| 2018 | Academic Achievement Award |
| 2018 | Ralph and Margaret Olson Scholarship |
| 2017 | Academic Achievement Award |
| 2016 | Academic Achievement Award |

Panels

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| 2021 | Henderson, M.B. , Panelist, Transnational Movements for Land, Water, and Home, Dept of Geography, University of Georgia (Online Panel). |
| 2020 | Henderson, M.B. , Panelist, Graduate School Informational, Dept of Geography & Environmental Sustainability, University of Oklahoma (Online Panel). |
| 2019 | Henderson, M.B. , Panelist, Student Heroes: Environmental Sustainability Panel. Student Heroes Organization. University of Oklahoma. |
| 2019 | Henderson, M.B. , Panelist, Affording College Panel. Edmond Indian Education. Edmond, Oklahoma. |

Conference Presentations

- 2023 Shannon, J., Orozco, A., **Henderson, M.B.**, Rao, M. “Mapping Black Presence (and Absence) in Athens, GA”, Race Ethnicity and Place Conference.
- 2023 **Henderson, M.B.** & Rice, J.L. “Seeking Climate Justice: Confronting Settler-Colonial Climate Action in Seattle, WA”, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.
- 2023 **Henderson, M.B.** & Orozco, A. “(Un) Abstracting Place Through Indigenous and Black Scholarship”, American Indian Studies Conference.
- 2022 **Henderson, M.B.** “Against (Settler) Colonial Climate Action: A Look into Seattle, Washington’s Climate Mitigation Plans”, Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Conference.
- 2022 **Henderson, M.B.** & Arney, R.N. “Beyond Rights, Recognition, and Participation: Rupturing Settler Colonial Approaches to Environmental Governance”, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. (virtual).
- 2022 Arney, R.N. & **Henderson, M.B.** “Decolonizing Conservation and Environmental Governance: Theoretical Foundations for Situating Research and Practice Beyond Coloniality”, Integrative Conservation Conference. (virtual)
- 2020 **Henderson, M.B.** “Imaginations of “green cities” in a politically conservative area”, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Undergraduate Symposium.
- 2019 **Henderson, M.B.** “Constructing Green Cities”, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Undergraduate Symposium.

Conference Sessions

- 2024 **Henderson, M.B.** & Rivera, I. Co-Organizers. “Insurgent Life!” Worldmaking through Anti/Decolonial Digital Geographies”. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference.
- 2023 **Henderson, M.B.**, Arney, A. & Rice, J.L. Co-Organizers. “Politics of Environmental Knowledge: From (Settler) Colonial Spaces to Anti-Colonial Praxis”. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.

Community-Scholarship Experience

- 2023 - Member, Georgia Community Geography Collective, University of Georgia.
- 2023 - Member, Community Mapping Lab, University of Georgia
- 2023 Student, Community GIS Course, University of Georgia.
- 2021 Community Workshop Organizer, Linnentown Mosaic Project, Social Theory Seminar, Fall 2021, University of Georgia.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistantships

- 2022 Teaching Assistant, GEOG 1101 Human Geography, University of Georgia.
- 2021 Teaching Assistant, GEOG 1101 Human Geography, University of Georgia.
- 2021 Teaching Assistant & Discussion Section Lead, GEOG 1130 World Geography, University of Georgia.
- 2020 Teaching Assistant, GEOG 1101 Introduction to Human Geography, University of Georgia.

Guest Lectures

- 2024 Understanding Settler-Colonialism, GEOG 1101, University of Georgia
- 2023 Native Politics, POLS 4790, University of Georgia.
- 2023 NAGPRA & Tribal Identity, NAMS 3000, University of Georgia.
- 2022 Climate Action & Colonialism, GEOG 1101, University of Georgia.

Professional Association

- 2023- Community Mapping Lab, University of Georgia
- 2020 - American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- 2020 - Athena Co-Learning Collective

Service and Volunteer Experience

Departmental & University Service

- 2023- Co-Chair of the Geography Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia.
- 2022 -2023 Graduate Student & Tribal Citizen Committee Advisor on Search Committee for Institute of Native Studies Director, University of Georgia.
- 2022 - 2023 Vice-Chair of the Geography Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia.
- 2022 - 2023 Cultural & Outreach Chair of the Native American Student Association, University of Georgia.
- 2021 Panel Chair for Integrative Conservation Panel, Allied Action & Anti-Colonial Conservation, University of Georgia.
- 2018- 2020 President of the Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club, University of Oklahoma.
- 2018-2020 Chair of the Liaison Committee for Green Week, University of Oklahoma.
- 2019-2020 Co-Chair of Cultural Council for Gamma Delta Pi (American Indian Sorority), University of Oklahoma.

Service to Discipline

- 2022 - 2023 Student Representative, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Groups of the American Association of Geographers