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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025-2026 Research Affiliate, Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley, CA
2021-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, ERC Horizon (PORTS) Project, Department of Social Anthropology,
University of Oslo, Norway
2024 Visiting Scholar, Department of Psychology and Social Sciences, John Cabot University, Rome
2022-2023 Visiting Scholar, School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D., Earth and Environmental Sciences (Human Geography), The Graduate Center, City
University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY
2015-2017 Visiting Student Researcher, Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley, CA
2011 M.A., Geography (with honors), Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY
2006 M.F.A., Painting (with honors), Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
1999 B.F.A., Fine Arts (Minor: Art History), New School for Social Research, New York, NY
1998 Study Abroad, American University of Paris (Art History) and Parsons Paris (Painting), Paris, France

PUBLICATIONS

Dewan C and **Elizabeth A. Sibilia** (2024), "Introduction to Special Issue: Scaled Ethnographies of Toxic Flows,"
Environment and Planning C: Politics & Space. Vol. 41(1): 5-12.

Dewan C and **Elizabeth A. Sibilia** (2024), "Global Containments and Local Leakages: Structural Violence and the
Toxic Flows of Shipbreaking," *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*. Vol. 41(1): 80-101.

Bäumer-Escobar, V, **Elizabeth A. Sibilia**, Elisabeth Schober, Hege Høyer Leivestad, Giorgos Poulimenakos,
(2023), "Crisis in Movement: Making and Remaking Global Supply Chains in Container Ports,"
Anthropologica, Vol. 65(1): 1-23.

Sibilia E (2019) "Oceanic Accumulation: Geographies of Speculation, Overproduction, and Crisis in the Global
Shipping Economy," *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*. Vol. 51(2): 467-486. (*Awarded 2020
Ashby Prize).

Sibilia E (2015) "Zones of Risk: The Spaces and Places of Shipbreaking," *FOCUS on Geography*. Vol. 58(4):197-199.

Bacon N, Matthew Bissen, Marnie Brady, Zoltán Glück, Malav Kanuga, Steve McFarland, Jessica Miller,
Elizabeth A. Sibilia, Erin Siodmak, and Laurel Mei Turbin (2012) "Contours of a Spatialized Influence: a
Tribute to Neil Smith," *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 30(6): 935-955.

In revision, under review & in preparation

Sibilia E (in revision) "Filling the void? Green Shipping Fuels in the Wake of Trump 2.0," *Professional Geographer*.

Sibilia E (in preparation) "Barrier Breaking: 'First mover' Chemical Geographies, Ammonia Assemblages, and Energy
Port-hubs in Maritime Decarbonization," *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

Sibilia E “Green Shipping Corridors and Clusters: Ocean-Space Making and the Maritime-Energy-Sustainable Finance Nexus,” (planned for *Finance and Space* Spring 2026).

Sibilia E “Ocean Governance, Green Transitions, and the Making of Unruly Port Efficiency at Sea,” (planned for post-workshop publication).

Sibilia E “Introduction: Contemporary Ports and the Politics of Being in Motion,” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (submission following final acceptance of all papers Spring 2026).

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-Present **Guest Managing Editor** (Special Issue), “Contemporary Ports and the Politics of Being in Motion,” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.
- 2022-2024 **Co-Guest Editor** with Camelia Dewan (Themed Issue), “Scaled ethnographies of Toxic Flows,” *Environment and Planning C: Politics & Space*.
- 2014-2016 **Editorial Support** (Writing & copy editing for NGO Shipbreaking Platform Quarterly Report), Shipbreaking Office, Young Power in Social Action, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

AWARDS

- 2020 Ashby Prize, *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, Sage Publications
- 2019 Conference Travel Award, Cultural Geography Specialty Group, AAG
- 2018 Workshop Travel Award, Economic Geography Specialty Group, AAG
- 2016 Neil Smith Travel Award, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2015 Photo Award, Cultural Geography Specialty Group, AAG Annual Conference
- 2010 Graduate Student Paper Award, Middle States Division AAG
- 2006 Graduate Award of Excellence, Rhode Island School of Design

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2023 UiO: Energy and Environment International Mobility and Collaboration Grant (50,000kr)
- 2018 Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Grant, San Jose State University (\$5,000, declined)
- 2016 Dissertation Writing Year Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$22,000)
- 2016 Doctoral Student Research Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,345)
- 2015-2016 ‘Graduate D’ Fellowship, Earth and Environmental Science, The Graduate Center (\$4,000)
- 2015 Knickerbocker Archival Research Award, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$4,000)
- 2012-2015 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Earth and Environmental Science, The Graduate Center (\$54,000)
- 2014 Human Geography Small Grant, Institute for Human Geography (\$5,000)
- 2014 Doctoral Student Research Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,285)
- 2014 Adjunct/ CET Professional Development Grant, PSC Union (\$2,666)
- 2013 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (\$7,000)
- 2012-2018 Conference Presentation Support, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$2,100)
- 2011-2012 New Media Lab Fellowship, New Media Lab, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,200)
- 2011 London School of Economics, Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2010-2011 Society of Women Geographers, Travel Grant, Hunter College, CUNY (\$250)
- 2004-2006 Graduate Painting Fellowship, Rhode Island School of Design (\$5,000)

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 “Methodological Challenges of Researching Securitized Areas at the Urban-Sea Interface,” Cities Research Cluster Speaker Series, Gran Sasso Sciences Institute, L’Aquila, Italy, March 25 (cancelled).
- 2024 “‘Greening’ Maritime Infrastructures: Perspectives from the Seas,” in Socio-environmental (In)Justices Behind the ‘Green’ Narrative of the Port, University of Antwerp, Belgium, October 29.
- 2024 “Researching Regional Infrastructures in the Global Maritime Economy,” (Keynote) Infrastructure: Human Geography Winter Conference, University of Oslo, March 5-6.
- 2021 “Making Markets: Crises and the Global Production of Shipbreaking in Chittagong, Bangladesh,” Colloquium Speaker Series, Earth and Environmental Sciences Department, The Graduate Center, CUNY, October 21.
- 2021 “Maritime Worlds and the ‘Nature’ of Global Capitalism,” Department of Sociology and Human Geography: Speaker Series, University of Oslo, September 29.
- 2019 “Geographies of Shipping Finance, Overproduction, and Shipbreaking,” (Dis-)Assembling the Life Cycle of Container Ships: Global Ethnographic Explorations into Maritime Working Lives, University of Oslo, Norway, January 15.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented at Professional Conferences

- 2026 “Ocean Governance, Green and Digital Transitions, and the Making of Unruly Port Efficiency at Sea,” in Doing Ocean Governance: Approaches in and from Singapore and Southeast Asia, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Feb 26-28 (hybrid).
- 2026 “Green Shipping Corridors and the Inner Logic of Capital Circulation,” in Explaining Capitalism in Motion: A New Materialist Agenda for Geography, AAG Annual Conference, San Francisco, March 17-21.
- 2025 “Following a Green Shipping Corridor: Relational Thinking from the Port-Spaces of Singapore to the Pilbara, Western Australia,” PORTS Closing Conference, March 24-25 (virtual).
- 2023 “Green Shipping Corridors, Maritime Fuels, and the Implications for Uneven Development,” 2nd Annual Energy Geography Conference, January 21 (virtual).
- 2018 “Oceanic Accumulation: Geographies of Speculation, Overproduction, and Crisis in the Global Shipping Economy,” in Racial Finance Capital: Extraction and Circulation, AAG Annual Conference, New Orleans, April 10.
- 2015 “Space, Labor and Law: The Global Production of a Landscape for Shipbreaking in Chittagong, Bangladesh and the Problem of Waste,” Precarious Exchange: Materiality, Network, and Value in South Asia in the World, Institute for South Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley, May 9.
- 2014 “Towards a Dialectical Materialist Understanding of Shipbreaking in Bangladesh and the Territorial Logic of the Global Demolition Market,” Radical Materialism: Making the World Matter, The Center for Humanities, Graduate Center, CUNY, September 9.
- 2014 “Bumpy Waters: Producing a Landscape of Waste in Chittagong, Bangladesh,” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, February 28.

- 2012 “Breaking Ships in Bangladesh and the Shadowed History of Development,” Spectrum Conference of Global Studies: Historical Materialism and International Relations, Middle Eastern Technical University, Ankara, November 12.
- 2012 “Histories Collide on the Beaches of Chittagong, Bangladesh: a Geographically Scaled Analysis of Shipbreaking,” AAG Annual Conference, New York, February 24.
- 2011 “A Geographically Scaled Analysis of Shipbreaking in Chittagong, Bangladesh,” Towards a Radical International Law Workshop, London School of Economics, London, May 7.
- 2010 “Breaking Ships to Supply a Market: An Analysis of the Shipbreaking Yards in Bangladesh,” AAG Middle States Conference, West Point, New York, October 10, (*Awarded best M.A. student Paper).

Paper Sessions Organized

- 2023 “The Urbanization of Ocean Space: In and Beyond the Port City” (3 sessions), Co-organized with Tenn Joe Lim, AAG Annual Conference. March 23-27.
- 2022 “‘Engaged’ Perspectives: Assessing the Construction and Performance of ‘Ocean Markets’” (2 sessions), Co-organized with Casey King, AAG Annual Conference, Feb 25-March 1.
- 2021 “Reading for Injustice Across Historical Records” (3 sessions), Co-organized with Jessica Miller, AAG Annual Conference, April 7-11 (virtual).
- 2020 “Toxic Flows: Scales, Spaces, and Lived Experiences of Toxicity on Bodies and the Environment” (3 sessions), Co-organized with Camelia Dewan, Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future, London, Sept. 14-18 (virtual).
- 2018 “Critical Geography of Ships” (2 sessions), Co-organized with Nick Anderman, AAG Annual Conference, New Orleans, April 13.

Discussant Role

- 2025 “Urban Futures at the Sea: City Development and Maritime Logistics,” PORTS Project Closing Conference, March 24.
- 2022 “Logistical Transformations: Supply Chains and the Politics of Circulation I,” 17th EASA Biennial Conference: Transformation, Hope and the Commons, July 26 (virtual).
- 2021 PORTS Reading Group, Lead discussant in monthly meetings (virtual).
- 2020 “Reading for Injustice Across Historical Records,” AAG Annual Conference, Denver, April 6-10 (virtual).
- 2013 “Geography Towards Revolution, for Neil Smith Part I: Nature & Development,” AAG Annual Conference, Los Angeles, (April 9-13).

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION & WORKING GROUPS

- 2026 4th FinGeo School & 8th FinGeo Global Seminar, University of Bologna, Italy, Jan. 31-Feb 1.
- 2024 “Contemporary Ports and the Politics of Being in Motion,” *EPD* Special Issue Manuscript Workshop, June 10 (virtual).
- 2023 “Waterfronts: Work Transformations, Environmental Change, and Urban Development at the Port-City Nexus,” Working Group hosted by PORTS Project, Athens, Greece, May 18-19.

- 2022 “Ship Recycling Lab: Transformation Through Innovation,” Workshop hosted by the NGO Shipbreaking Platform, Rotterdam, Netherlands, Sept 20-21.
- 2020 “Toxic Flows: Scales, Spaces, Forms and Lived Experiences of Toxicity on Bodies and the Environment,” Manuscript Workshop, Co-hosted with Camelia Dewan, June 4-6 (virtual).
- 2019 “(Dis-)Assembling the Life Cycle of Container Ships. Global Ethnographic explorations into Maritime Working Lives,” Project launch workshop, University of Oslo, Norway, January 14-15.
- 2018 Summer Institute in Economic Geography, University of Ghent, Belgium, July 7-13.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

University of Oslo, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, Oslo, Norway

Master’s Thesis, Supervision (Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2024)
 Master’s Thesis, Examiner (Spring 2023)
 Energy Transitions and Sustainability, Graduate Lecturer and Grader (Fall 2023)
 Qualitative Methods, Graduate Lecturer and Grader (Spring 2022, 2023 & 2024)
 Global Development, Undergraduate Course Grader (Fall 2022)

California State University, East Bay, Department of Anthropology, Geography, and Environmental Studies, Hayward, CA

Human Geography: Diversity and Globalization, Undergraduate Instructor (Fall 2019)
 Environmental Challenges of the 21st Century, Undergraduate Instructor (Spring 2020)

San Jose State University, Department of Geography and Global Studies, San Jose, CA

World Regional Geography, Undergraduate Instructor (Fall 2017)

City College, CUNY, International Studies Program, Colin Powell School for Civil and Global Leadership, New York, NY

International Studies: A Global Perspective, Undergraduate Instructor (Fall/Spring 2012-13, Fall/Spring 2013-14)
 Senior Thesis, Advisor (Fall/Spring 2013-2014)
 Senior Thesis Seminar: International Migration, Graduate Teaching Assistant (Fall 2013)
 Senior Thesis Seminar: “Third-Worlding” of New York City, Graduate Teaching Assistant (Spring 2014)

Macaulay Honors College, Department of Political Science and Global Affairs, College of Staten Island, CUNY, Staten Island, NY

Peopling of New York: The Urban Waterfront, Undergraduate Instructor (Spring 2012)

OTHER RELEVANT TEACHING

Cambridge College, Multidisciplinary Studies Department, Springfield, Massachusetts

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Content Areas for Teachers, Graduate Instructor (Spring 2009)
 Studio Art, Graduate Instructor (Fall/Spring 2008-2009)

Rhode Island School of Design, Painting Department, Providence, RI

Translation and Interpretation in Paint, Undergraduate Instructor (Winter Session 2006)
 Painting IV, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (Spring 2005)

Parsons School of Design, Summer Intensive Studies, New York, NY

Drawing for Painting, Pre-college Instructor (2001-2008)
Painting Studio, Pre-college Instructor (2001-2008)
Drawing for Digital Media, Pre-college Instructor (2006-2007)
Drawing for Fashion, Pre-college Instructor (2004-2006)

Working Playground Inc., (Urban Arts Partnership since 2008), New York, NY

Teaching Artist, Humanities & Arts Integration (Facing History & Ourselves), Bard High School Early College (Fall/Spring 2002-2003)
Teaching Artist, Humanities & Arts Integration, New Design High School (Fall/Spring 2003-2004)
Teaching Artist for Humanities & Arts Integration (Facing History & Ourselves), East Side Community High School (Fall 2021-Spring 2004)

RELEVANT NGO WORK & TEACHER TRAINING

- 2023 Research and Outreach Volunteer for Transient Workers Count 2 (TWC2), not-for-profit labor rights organization based in Singapore.
- 2014/16 Research and Site-visit Support for Young Power in Social Action's (YPSA), shipbreaking office in Chattogram, Bangladesh.
- 2014 Field Site Photographer for D Cowen and A Mitchell's chapter "Labour of Global City Building," in *Digital Lives in the Global City: Contesting Infrastructures*, University of Chicago Press, 2022.
- 2012 Organizer, "Welcome to the New York City Waterfront: A Peripheral Space" Participatory mapping installation, Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, Parsons, The New School for Design, New York.
- 2012 Fieldtrip Co-Organizer & Narrator, "Waterways-Commodity Ways: The Urbanization of the NYC Waterfront," a boat tour for the AAG Annual Conference, New York.
- 2009 Teacher Development Participant, The NYC Blueprint, Brooklyn Arts Council, Brooklyn, NY
- 2008 Teaching Artist Workshop Participant, Strategies for Facilitating Object-Based Learning, Brooklyn Museum, NY
- 2007 Education Workshops, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University, RI
- 2003 Professional Development Curriculum Retreat, Working Playground Inc., New York, NY
- 2002 Professional Development Program for the Arts, ESP, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
Topical Focus: "Group Approaches for the Psychological Effects of Terrorist Disasters"

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer

Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space
Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space
Progress in Human Geography
Science, Technology & Human Values
Focaal Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology
New American Notes Online

Department & University Service

2021-2024 PORTS Speaker Series Organizer, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo
2013-2014 Colloquium Committee, Elected Student Representative, Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUNY
2013-2015 Alumni Initiative, Student Representative, Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUNY
2013-2014 Curriculum Committee, Elected Student Representative, Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUNY
2011-2014 Professional Staff Congress, Union member and active participant, CUNY
2011-2012 Doctoral Student Council, At-large Student Representative, Graduate Center, CUNY

LANGUAGES

English (Native), French (B1), Italian (A2), Bangla (A1)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

2021-2024 European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
2019- present Regional Studies Association (RSA)
2016-2018 International Studies Association (ISA)
2014- present American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS)
2010- present American Association of Geographers (AAG)