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Curriculum Vitae, Spring 2026

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EMPLOYMENT

2026- Part-time Assistant Professor of Gender and Women's Studies
Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Kennesaw State University

EDUCATION

2026 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D., Geography and Environment

Dissertation: "Locating Fat Liberation: Weight-Inclusive Movement Spaces in North Carolina"

Committee: Drs. Elizabeth Olson (chair), Bethan Evans, Nina Martin, Danielle Purifoy, and Sara Smith

2022 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

M.A., Geography

Thesis: "Slimming Down in Durham: Weight Loss and Control in the 'Diet Capital of the World'"

Committee: Drs. Elizabeth Olson (chair), Danielle Purifoy, and Sara Smith

2018 University of Texas at Austin

B.A., International Relations & Global Studies and Government, with Special Honors

Honor's Thesis: "Pearl of Africa: Colonial Presents, Miss Tourism, and the Selling of a New Uganda"

Advisor: Dr. Caroline Faria

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Elledge, A. (2023) Weight Loss, Cure, and Temporality in the "Diet Capital of the World": Disciplining Fatness in Durham, North Carolina. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. 42(1): 129-146. [DOI: 10.1177/02637758231206621](https://doi.org/10.1177/02637758231206621)

- Elledge, A.** (2022) Insights from Feminist Geography: Positionality, Knowledge Production, and Difference. *Journal of the Bulgarian Geographical Society* 46: 25-29.
- Faria, C., Whitesell, D., Birungi, K., **Elledge, A.**, Katushabe, J., and Kyotowadde, C. (2022) Sequined Styles, Intersectional Moves: Economic Geography, Let's Dress Up! *Economic Geography* 98(3): 250-271. DOI: [10.1080/00130095.2022.2030215](https://doi.org/10.1080/00130095.2022.2030215)
- Elledge, A.** and Faria, C. (2020) "I Want to...Let my Country Shine!": Nationalism, Development and the Geographies of Beauty. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 38(5): 829-848. DOI: [10.1177/0263775820911953](https://doi.org/10.1177/0263775820911953).

Interviews in Edited Volume

- Elledge, A.**, Faria, C. and Whitesell, D. (2021) "Feminist Geography Collective at UT Austin" In Gökarıksel, B., Hawkins, M., Neubert, C., Smith, S., *Feminist Geography Unbound: Intimacy, Territory and Embodied Power*. West Virginia Press. (273-281).

Book and Film Reviews

- Elledge, A. (2025) *Bodies and Boundaries of UK Bear Spaces. Gender, Place, and Culture*, 1-3. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2025.2538322>
- The Feminist Geography Collective at UT Austin. [El-Fil, Z., **Elledge, A.**, Hakeem, M., Jefferson, H., Nimoh, S., Velasco, G., Whitesell, D., Faria, C.] (2019) *Feminist Spaces: Gender and Geography in a Global Context. Human Geography: A Radical Journal of Geography* 12(1) <https://doi.org/10.1177/194277861901200106>
- Elledge, A.** and Faria, C. (2018) A Lens on Beauty Pageants: To Be a Miss and By Invitation Only. *Feminist Films for the Classroom* 8(1-2). http://ffc.twu.edu/issue_8-1-and-2/rev_Elledge-and-Faria_8-1-and-2.html

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Elledge, A.** (2026) Sculpting the Fat Body: Clay Body Mapping as Feminist Methodology. *Gender, Place, and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*.
- Elledge, A.** (2026) Taking Up Space: Creating Weight-Inclusive Movement Spaces. *Fat Studies*.
- Elledge, A.** (2026) Changing Shape: Fat Embodiment across Everyday Geographies. *Transactions for the Institute of British Geographers*.
- Edmonds, L., **Elledge, A.**, Olson, E., and Patterson-Markowitz, R. (2026) "Imagining how Cities Care: Examples of Infrastructure and Interdependency in the US Urban Landscape" in *Care Work, Infrastructures, and Technologies: Emerging Geographies*. Routledge.

Public Scholarship

- Katz, C. and **Elledge, A.** (January 25, 2024). Diet Culture History: From Ancient Greece to Ozempic. *Teen Vogue*. <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/diet-culture-history-from-ancient-greece-to-ozempic>

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2026 Graduate Education Advancement Board Impact Award (\$500)
- 2025 WGS South Piepmeier Outstanding Student Award (\$500)
- 2025 Feminist Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Proposal Award Honorable Mention
- 2022 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- 2021 Feminist Geography Specialty Group Glenda Laws Student Paper Award (\$300)
- 2018 Liberal Arts Honors Outstanding Thesis Award in the Social Sciences (\$5,000)

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Lovick P. Corn Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$29,000)
- 2024 The Graduate School at UNC Summer Research Fellowship (\$7,000)
- 2023 Summer Research Support Fellowship (\$3,500)
- 2022 Melinda Meade Summer Fellowship (\$2,000)
- 2021 Wilson Library Special Collections Public History Fellow for the Humanities for the Public Good Initiative (\$5,000)
- 2021 Birdsall Research Support Summer Fellowship (\$1,700)

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2025 Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Award (\$800)
- 2024 Graduate Student Transportation Grant (\$1,931)
- 2023 Southeastern Division of the AAG Mini-Research Grant (\$500)
- 2021 Center for the Study of the American South Summer Research Grant (\$3,000)

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Liberating Our Bodies: Weight Inclusivity, Belonging, and Resisting Anti-Fatness. The Body Empowerment Project at Duke University. February 27.
- 2024 Geographies of Anti-Fatness and Body Liberation in North Carolina. Department of Geography and Planning. University of Liverpool. September 2.
- 2024 Clay Body Mapping Workshop. University of Liverpool. Liverpool, UK. September 3.
- 2024 Shaping the Body: Geographies of Anti-Fatness and Body Liberation in North Carolina. The Body Empowerment Project. Duke University. February 29.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

Sessions Organized

- 2024 Thinking Critically about the Geographies of Care: Reflections on Space, Place, and Embodiment. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies South Conference. Spartanburg, SC, USA. March 28.
- 2024 Embodied Geographies of Fatness and Disability. (Co-organized with Meghan Grant and Vic Empson). American Association of Geographers. Honolulu, HI, USA, (Virtual). April 17.
- 2022 Advancing Feminist Scholarship in Critical Health Geographies. (Co-organized with Betsy Olson and Rebecca Patterson-Markowitz). Feminist Geography Conference. Boulder, CO, USA. June 17.
- 2019 Geographies of Beauty. (Co-organized with Caroline Faria). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., USA. April 8.
- 2018 Geographies of Beauty: Capturing Beauty in a Snapshot. (Co-organized with Caroline Faria). American Association of Geographers Meeting. New Orleans, LA, USA. April 11.
- 2017 Building and Sustaining Feminist Geography Collectives. (Co-organized with Caroline Faria and Dominica Whitesell). Feminist Geography Conference. Chapel Hill, NC, USA. May 19.

Papers Presented

- 2026 "My Body is the Number One Expert": Fatness, Embodied Knowledge, and Reshaping Exclusionary Geographies. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies South Conference. Winston-Salem, NC, USA. March 21.
- 2026 Taking Up Space: Creating Weight-Inclusive Movement Spaces in North Carolina. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, USA. (Virtual). March 18.
- 2025 A (Fat) Right to the City?: Diet Capitals and Weight-Inclusive Wellness in North Carolina. International Conference on Urban Affairs. Vancouver, BC, CA.
- 2025 Geographies of Body Liberation in the U.S. South. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Detroit, MI, USA.
- 2025 Geographies of Body Liberation in North Carolina. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies South Conference. Atlanta, GA, USA. March 8.
- 2024 Sculpting the Fat Body as Autoethnographic Practice. Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers Annual International Conference. London, UK. August 29.
- 2024 Sculpting the Body: Methodological Considerations for Clay Body Maps. Bodies, Health, and Environment Conference. Chapel Hill, NC, USA. May 25.

- 2024 Where Do I Fit? An Autoethnographic Account of Weight-Inclusive Wellness Spaces. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Honolulu, HI, USA. (Virtual). April 17.
- 2023 Shaping the Region: Moral Economies of Anti-Fatness in the U.S. South. Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers Meeting. Norfolk, VA, USA. November 20.
- 2023 Healthy Cities, Healthy Citizens?: City Branding and Disciplining Fatness in Austin, Texas. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, USA. March 25.
- 2022 Slimming Down in Durham: Weight Loss and Control in the “Diet Capital of the World.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY, USA (Virtual). February 25.
- 2021 Shrinking Bodies, Shrinking Futures: Fat Embodiment, Time, and the Health of the Nation. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA, USA (Virtual). April 11.
- 2019 “With the Crown, I Have to Give Time”: Beauty Queens, Labor and Diasporic Nationalism on the Pageant Stage. (Co-author: Caroline Faria) American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., USA. April 5.
- 2018 “I Want to be a Part of Anything that Will Let My Country Shine”: Towards a Geographies of Beauty in Development Studies. (Co-author: Caroline Faria) Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA, USA. October 5.
- 2018 “Pearl of Africa”: Colonial Presents, Miss Tourism and the Selling of a New Uganda. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, USA. April 12.
- 2018 Building and Sustaining Feminist Geography Collectives. (Presented with Dominica Whitesell and Zaria El-Fil). Texas Geography Research Symposium. San Marcos, Texas, USA. March 23.

Discussant

- 2025 Working on the Edge: Rethinking Bodies, Health, Care for 21st Century Challenges. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Detroit, MI, USA. March 25.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2022 Medicalization of Fatness. Department of English and Comparative Literature. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. November 15.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Department of Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
World Regional Geography (Summer 2023, Summer 2024, Summer 2025)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Cultural Landscapes (Fall 2021)
Development and Inequality: Global Perspectives (Fall 2020, Spring 2024)
Gender (Fall 2022)
Introduction to Environmental Justice (Fall 2023)
Research Capstone in Geography (Spring 2023)
Urban Geography (Spring 2021, Spring 2025)
World Regional Geography (Spring 2022, Fall 2024)

Graduate Research Consultant

Department of Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Global Environmental Justice (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
Urban Political Geography: Durham (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

TEACHING AREAS

Critical Health Geographies, Disability Studies, Fat Studies, Feminist and Queer Theory, Gender, Health Humanities, Political Geography, Research Design, Social Geography, Qualitative Methods,

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Service to Profession

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy (2025)

Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society (2025)

Departmental/University Service

2025 **Assistant Professor Hiring Committee**

Department of Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2025 **Teaching Assistant Working Group: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.**

Graduate Student Experience Initiative, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2024 **Teaching Assistant Professor in Human Geography Hiring Committee**

- Department of Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2020- **Graduate Association of Geography and Environment Students**
Department of Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Faculty Committee (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
Co-President (Spring 2022, Fall 2022)
Graduate Committee (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Special Projects and Collectives

- 2025- **Graduate Research Lead, Health and Humanities: An Interdisciplinary Venue for Exploration (HHIVE) Lab**
Department of English and Comparative Literature, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2022 **Contributor, Land Back/Abolition Project**
Department of Geography and Environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2021- **Collaborator, Desirable Futures Collective**
- 2017- **Co-Founder and Contributor, Feminist Geography Collective**
Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2022 LaFaro, A. Powered by Libraries. *UNC Research Stories*.
<https://endeavors.unc.edu/powered-by-libraries/>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2024- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies South
- 2023- Southeastern Division of the AAG
- 2020- Feminist Geography Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2020- Graduate Student Specialty Group of the AAG
- 2017- American Association of Geographers (AAG)

REFERENCES

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