

**Curriculum Vita**  
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**Education**

Ph.D., Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, October 2002

Dissertation: "Community Schools in Community Development: Democracy, Education, and Social Change"

Dissertation Director: Robert W. Lake

M.A., Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 1997

Thesis: "Schools and the Construction of the Local: Place, Race, and Politics in Bergen County"

Thesis Director: Robert W. Lake

B.A., Literature, Pitzer College, With Honors, Claremont, CA, 1992

Thesis: "Beloved and Abused: Violence and Community in American Narratives"

Thesis Director: Ruth Wilson Gilmore

**Employment History**

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Mary Washington, 2010-

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Mary Washington, 2004 - 2010

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Mary Washington College, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004

Instructor, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, Fall 2002 – Spring 2003

Research Associate, Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University, Fall 1999 – Fall 2001

Teaching Assistant (Instructor), Department of Geography, Rutgers University, Fall 2000

Research Assistant, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, Fall 1998 – Fall 1999

Teaching Assistant (Assistant and Instructor), Department of Geography, Rutgers University, Fall 1997 – Spring 1998

**Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

Sabbatical, University of Mary Washington, Fall 2015- Spring 2016

Faculty Development Grant, University of Mary Washington, Summer 2007

Jessie Ball DuPont Summer Seminar, National Humanities Center, Summer 2006

Teaching Innovation Grant, University of Mary Washington, Summer 2006

Faculty Development Grant, University of Mary Washington, Summer 2005

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 2000-2001

Department of Geography, Rutgers University, Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1999-2000

The Norman F. Washburne Distinguished Service Award, Rutgers Council of American Association of University Professors, 2000

Honorable Mention, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Student Awards, 1998

Outstanding Comprehensive Planning Award, New Jersey Chapter of American Planning Association, 1997

Graduate School, Rutgers University, Excellence Fellowship, 1995-1997

### **Articles, Book Chapters, and Book Reviews**

Patterson, Melina. 2016. Review of the book *Urban Geography: A Critical Introduction* by Andrew, E.G., Jonas Eugene McCann, and Mary Thomas. *The Pennsylvania Geographer* 54(2): 92-97.

Cooperman, Rosalyn, Melina Patterson, and Jess Rigelhaupt. 2016. Teaching Race and Revolution: Doing justice to women's role in the struggle for civil rights. *Political Science and Politics* 49(3): 558-561.

Rallis, Donald and Melina Patterson. 2011. "Regional Geography and World History" in *World History Encyclopedia*, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, Inc: 111-172.

Melina Patterson. Community-Based Education in West Philadelphia: The Promise and Limits of Social Capital Building in *Social Capital in the City: Community and Civic Life in Philadelphia*. Richardson Dilworth, Ed. (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2006)

David M. Frankford, Melina Patterson, and Thomas R. Konrad. 2000. Transforming Practice Organizations to Foster Lifelong Learning and Commitment to Medical Professionalism. *Academic Medicine*, 75(7): 708-717.

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Department of Geography, University of Mary Washington**

*Globalizing Nature*, Geography 490 (Senior Seminar)

*Policing the Planet*, Geography 490 (Senior Seminar)

*Geographies of Children*, Geography 410 (Special Topics)

*Revanchist City/Rebel City* Geography 410/IDIS 400 (Special Topics/Urban Studies Capstone)

*The City*, Geography 410/IDIS 400 (Special Topics/Urban Studies Capstone)

*Field Methods in Geography*, Geography 365/IDIS 400

*Political Geography/Geopolitics*, Geography 338

*The Nature of Cities*, Geography 337

*Race and Place in America*, Geography 331

*Geographic Methods*, Geography 299

*Cities*, Geography 237

*Geography and Civilization*, Geography 205

*Regional Geography*, Geography 101

*Race and Revolution: James Farmer and the Civil Rights Movement*, FSEM 100G4

### **Department of Geography, Rutgers University**

*Introduction to Geography*, Geography 100, Fall 2002, Winter 2000, Spring 1998, Summer 1998

*Cities: An Introduction to Urban Geography*, Geography 267, Spring 2003, Fall 2002

*Space, Place and Location: Introduction to Human Geography*, Spring 2003, Fall 2000

## **Conference Activities**

### **Panels and Conferences Organized**

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, 2001

Organized three panels on Political Activism in Geographic Research with Laura Liu

“Changing Notions of Objectivity, Methodology, and Academic Work for Social Change”

“Interrogating Academic Position and Influence in Politics, Policy, and Community”

“Professional Academic Norms and the Risks of Activism”

Annual Meeting, National School-Age Care Alliance, Morristown, 1996

Coordinated national conference, “Growing Up With No Place To Go: The Next Step”

### **Talks and Conference Presentations**

“Playgrounds in the southern urban landscape: A backstory.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, April 2018.

“Changing landscapes of recreation and race in Richmond, VA” Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, ON, April 2018.

“Ghost Parks: Race, Recreation, and Richmond’s Public Space, 1900-1930” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April 2017.

Panelist on “Cultural Landscapes, Public Lands, and the Importance of Perception” The Corps Network, February 2017

Panelist on “Beyond the Schoolhouse: Segregation, Recreation, and Community Public Space,” UMW panel, September 2016.

“Mapping Race and Play: Richmond’s Segregated Playgrounds, 1909-1947” Annual Meeting, Vernacular Architecture Forum, Durham, NC, July 2016.

“Segregating the City: Housing in Richmond” Invited talk at Virginia Geographic Alliance, March 2016.

“Parks and Race: Richmond, VA and shifting access to public space” Annual Meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL April 2015.

“Wild Nature, Docile State: Public Space, the Local State, and Race in Riverfront Development in Richmond VA” Annual Meeting, Urban Affairs Association, San Antonio, TX, March 2014.

Panelist, James Farmer FSEM, Diversity Academy, UMW, May 2013

Chair and Presenter, Practice what you teach: Critical pedagogies, critical theory, and the politics of teaching politics, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, April 2013.

Panelist, Blogging the James Farmer FSEM, Faculty Academy, UMW, May 2011

Panelist, “Blogging Panel” Faculty Academy, UMW, May 2009.

“Unbinding the Nation: International and Transracial Adoption and the National Imagination” Social Research Colloquium, University of Mary Washington, April 2009.

“Subverting Civilization: Rethinking Atlases of World History” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers (AAG), Boston 2008. With Stephen Hanna.

“Mapping a New Past: A call for a critical cartography of the New World History,” Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG), Morgantown, WV, November, 2006.

“University Community Partnerships in Education: A case study of West Philadelphia” in the APSA Mini Course, Community Building, Social Capital and the University: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, American Political Science Association Philadelphia, PA, August 30, 2006.

“Mapping the New World History as Critical Pedagogy,” Annual Great Lakes History Conference, Allendale, MI, 2005

“Policy, Democracy, and Community,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers (AAG), Los Angeles, 2002

“Penn and the Philadelphia Schools: The WEPIC Partnership,” Annual Meeting, National Council of Social Studies, Washington, DC, 2001

“Student Activism and Community Change: The Influence of Local, State, and National Institutional Contexts,” Annual Meeting, National Council for Geographic Education, Vancouver, 2001

“Visions of Radical Education: Equality and Identity in Alternative Schools,” Annual Meeting, AAG, Pittsburgh, 2000

“Standards of Success: Competing Notions of Equity and Relevance in US Education,” Preconference Meeting, Political Geography Specialty Group Meeting, Morgantown, 2000

“Community, Curriculum, and Scale: Schools and Community Development,” Annual Meeting, Social Science History Association, Fort Worth, 1999

- “Geographies of Education: Place, Politics and Identity,” Invited Colloquium Presentation, Southwest Texas State University, Department of Geography, San Marcos, 1999.
- “Teaching Local Geography, Teaching Social Activism,” Annual Meeting, NCGE, Boston, 1999
- Panelist. “Pedagogical Futures: Feminist Teaching in the Classroom and Out,” Annual Conference, Institute for Research on Women, New Brunswick, 1999
- “Community Schools as Community Development: Education and Social Activism,” Annual Meeting, AAG, Honolulu, 1999
- “Culture, Economy, and Public Institutions: Responding to Social and Political Change,” Preconference Meeting, PGSG, Maui, 1999
- “The First Shall be First and the Last Shall be Last: Schools, the Local, and the State,” Annual Meeting, AAG, Boston, 1998
- “The Nambé Community School: Identity, Need, and Control,” Comparative Cultural and Literary Studies Graduate Student Conference, Tucson, 1998
- “Learning your Place: Local Control versus Regional Equity in Bergen County Schools,” Annual Meeting, AAG, Fort Worth, 1997
- “State Power and Local Control: Participation and Blame in Newark Schools,” Preconference Meeting, PGSG, San Marcos, 1997
- “White Space: The Invisible Property Right of Whiteness,” Western Geography Graduate Student Conference, Tucson, 1997