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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021 – Assistant Curator of Digital & Participatory Geography
Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center, Boston Public Library
- 2024 – Lecturer in Geospatial Humanities
Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Tufts University

EDUCATION

- 2018 – 2023 PhD, Geography
University of Kentucky, Department of Geography
Title: “Property protocols and the spatial relations of real estate technologies”
- 2016 – 2018 MA, Geography
University of Kentucky, Department of Geography
Title: “One more way to sell New Orleans”: Airbnb and the commodification of authenticity through local emotional labor
- 2012 – 2016 BA, English & Geography (Magna Cum Laude)
University of Mary Washington, Departments of English & Geography
- 2018 – 2020 Graduate Certificate in Digital Mapping
University of Kentucky, Department of Geography
- 2013 – 2016 Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GISc)
University of Mary Washington, Department of Geography

PUBLICATIONS

peer-reviewed articles

- Zook, Matthew and Ian Spangler. 2023. “A crisis of data? Transparency practices and infrastructures of value in data broker platforms.” *The Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 113.1: 110-128.
- Spangler, Ian. 2021. “What Seeps from the Pores.” *you are here: A Journal of Creative Geography* 22: 6-13.
- Spangler, Ian. 2020. “Hidden value in the platform’s platform: Airbnb, displacement, and the unhoming spatialities of emotional labor.” *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 45: 575-588.
- Stone, Meredith, Ian Spangler, Xavier Griffin, and Stephen Hanna. 2016. “Searching for the Enslaved in the ‘Cradle of Democracy’: Virginia’s James River Plantations and the Reproduction of Local Social Memories.” *Southeastern Geographer* 56.2: 203-222.

peer-reviewed conference proceedings

Nemer, David, Ian Spangler and Michaelanne Dye. 2018. "Airbnb and the Costs of Emotional Labor in Havana, Cuba." *21st ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing*, 245-248.

public scholarship & exhibitions

Spangler, Ian and Emily Bowe. 2024. "Processing Place: How Computers and Cartographers Redrew our World." *Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library*. 13 September through 15 April. <https://www.leventhalmap.org/digital-exhibitions/processing-place/>.

Spangler, Ian. 2023. "Lexington, Kentucky: Context." *Mapping Inequality*. <https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/map/KY/Lexington/context#loc=13/38.0411/-84.4975>.

Spangler, Ian. 2022. "How well do you know your Massachusetts towns?" *Leventhal Map & Education Center*. <https://www.leventhalmap.org/articles/town-challenge/>

Spangler, Ian. 2022. "The two ways to make something louder." *Leventhal Map & Education Center*. <https://www.leventhalmap.org/articles/noise-pollution/>

Spangler, Ian. 2022. "Of odors and esplanades." *Leventhal Map & Education Center*. <https://www.leventhalmap.org/articles/odors-and-esplanades/>

Spangler, Ian. 2021. "Howdy, Realtors!" *Leventhal Map & Education Center*. <https://www.leventhalmap.org/articles/howdy-realtors/>

cartography

Spangler, Ian. 2022. "Mapping the Extant Rosenwald Schools." In *WHRO Public Media K-12 Educational Videos*.

Spangler, Ian. 2021. "Global Geography of Blockchain Firms and Cryptocurrency Exchanges." In Zook, M. and M. McCannless, "Mapping the uneven geographies of digital phenomena: The case of blockchain." *The Canadian Geographer* 0.0: 1-14.

literary journals

Spangler, Ian. 2021. "Red Wine Vinegar." *Southern Humanities Review* 54.2: 45-65.

Spangler, Ian. 2015. "Distortion, or Nothing Is Where You Think It Is." *Blotterature Literary Magazine* 2.2: 4-14.

book reviews

Spangler, Ian. 2023. Review of *Data Power*, by Jim Thatcher and Craig Dalton. *Antipode Book Review Symposium*. <https://antipodeonline.org/2023/01/26/data-power-book-review-forum/>.

Spangler, Ian. 2019. Review of *Work: The Last 1,000 Years*, by Andrea Komlosy. *Labour and Industry: A Journal of the Social and Economic Relations of Work*. 29.4: 388-391.

Spangler, Ian. 2019. Review of *Welcome to Fairyland: Queer Miami before 1940*, by Julio Capó Jr. *Antipode Book Review Symposium*. <https://antipodeonline.org/2019/05/30/queer-geographies-symposium/>.

Spangler, Ian. 2019. Review of *Creole Italian: Sicilian Immigrants and the Shaping of New Orleans Food Culture*, by Justin A. Nystrom. *The AAG Review of Books* 7.4: 243-246.

trade journals

Spangler, Ian. 2024. "Scaling Up Atlascope." *Calafia* 2024:1.

in preparation

Spangler, Ian. "Property and professionalism in Realtor cartography." In preparation for *Imago Mundi*.

Spangler, Ian. "Multiply listed, cooperatively controlled." In preparation for *Environment & Planning A*.

Spangler, Ian. "Sweat matters: on the politics and epistemology of perspiration." In preparation for *cultural geographies*.

Spangler, Ian. "Situated preservation and spatial data collecting." In preparation for *Journal of Map & Geography Libraries*.

Spangler, Ian. "The Pony Island Lighthouse Keeper." For submission to at *South Carolina Review*.

AWARDS & HONORS

research awards

- 2021 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$12,425)
- 2021 AAG Historical Geography Specialty Group (HGSG) Carville Earle PhD Research Award (\$400)
- 2021 UK College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Competitive Fellowship (\$10,000)
- 2021 UK Department of Geography Research Fellowship (\$8,325)
- 2020 Barnhart Withington Research Award (\$2,030)
- 2017 Barnhart Withington Research Award (\$985)
- 2015 Rountree Endowment for Geography (\$145)
- 2015 Rountree Endowment for Geography (\$200)

advancement grants

- 2023 *Making Open-Source Georeferencing Technology Collections-Ready with the Allmaps Platform*, National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Humanities Advancement Grant (Project Director on HAA-293491, \$348,916.16; co-grantee with the American Geographical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

scholarship awards

- 2021 Western Association of Mapping Librarians (WAML) Scholarship (\$500)
- 2020 Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals (KAMP) Scholarship (\$1,000)
- 2016 Geography Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)
- 2015 LaVergne Tuck Woody '68 Scholarship (\$700)
- 2015 Roland J. and Frances H. Brown Scholarship (\$1,400)

teaching awards

- 2020 College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (\$500)
- 2020 Department of Geography Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

conference & workshop travel awards

- 2023 North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) Student Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2020 University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress Travel Grant (\$300)
- 2019 Student Government Organizational Grant, co-grantee with E. Barrett, E. Clancy, E. Sperandio, & O. Meyer (\$750)
- 2018 UGSG Student Travel Award (\$100)

2017 University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress Travel Grant (\$300)

paper awards

- 2021 AAG HGSG Andrew Hill Clark PhD Paper Competition, 2nd place (\$150)
- 2018 AAG HGSG Ralph Brown Paper Award (\$150)
- 2017 AAG HGSG Ralph Brown Paper Award (\$150)
- 2016 UMW Writing Contest Winner (\$100)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

paper presentations

- 2025 “Platformed antitrust in housing and housing data.” *American Association of Geographers*. Detroit, MI.
- 2024 “Possibilities and anxieties in IIIF-powered georeferencing of map collections.” *International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF) Annual Conference*. Los Angeles, California.
- 2024 “Multiply listed, cooperatively controlled.” *Work and the Data Economy: A joint meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology and the Society for the Anthropology of Work*. Medford, MA.
- 2023 “All the maps, all the time.” *Big Ten Academic Alliance GIS Conference*. Presented with Stephen Appel. Virtual attendance.
- 2023 “Scaling up Atlascope.” *North American Cartographic Information Society Annual Meeting*. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2023 “Aesthetics, cartography, and property in the ‘NAREB’ map.” *The Oxford Seminars in Cartography: Emerging Scholars Forum (Artful maps: exploring the visual culture of cartography)*. Virtual attendance.
- 2023 “Multiply listed, cooperatively controlled: Real estate data, market power, and the multiple listing service.” *American Association of Geographers*. Denver, CO.
- 2022 “Digital collections from not so map-like to very map-like.” *IIIF Annual Conference and Showcase*. Boston, MA. Presented with Garrett Dash Nelson and Emily Bowe.
- 2022 “Disrupting disruption with abolitionist proptech.” *American Association of Geographers*. Presented with Eric Huntley. Virtual attendance.
- 2022 “A crisis of data? Value creation through transparency practices in data broker platforms.” *American Association of Geographers*. New York City, NY. Presented with Matthew Zook.
- 2021 “Data brokers in the platform economy: analyzing transparency as infrastructure in financialized debt markets.” *Digital Geographies Conference: Critical perspectives on the platform economy*. Presented by Matthew Zook. Virtual attendance.
- 2021 “Dislocating frictions: race, financialization, and platform real estate technologies in the US.” *Institute of Australian Geographers & New Zealand Geographical Society Combined Conference*. Virtual attendance.
- 2021 “Codes, screens, and the racialization of platform real estate.” *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference*. Virtual attendance.
- 2021 “Conservative innovations: Understanding forms of development in digital real estate technologies.” *American Association of Geographers*. Virtual attendance.
- 2020 “Sweat Matters: On the politics of perspiration.” *10th Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*. Lexington, Kentucky.

- 2019 “Airbnb, gentrification, and the value of everyday life: playing host as emotional labor in New Orleans.” *American Association of Geographers*. Washington, D.C.
- 2018 “‘One More Way to Sell New Orleans: Airbnb and the Commodification of Authenticity through Local Emotional Labor.’” *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers*. Johnson City, Tennessee.
- 2018 “Commodifying Authenticity in New Orleans: Airbnb and the Emotional Labor of Playing Host.” *American Association of Geographers*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018 “Google, Airbnb, and Reproducing ‘The 73.’” *12th Annual Landscape, Space, and Place Conference*. Bloomington, Indiana.
- 2017 “‘Four Blocks from the French Quarter:’ Sharing, Authenticity, and the Relational Geography of Airbnb.” *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers. Master’s Student Paper Competition*. Starkville, Mississippi.
- 2017 “‘Yo, Dre, I’ve Got Something To Say’: Listening to Compton’s Hip-Hop Landscape.” *American Association of Geographers*. Session Chair. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2017 “The ‘death-threat’ of Newtown Pike: Davis Bottom as a liminal landscape.” *11th Annual Landscape, Space, and Place Conference*. Bloomington, Indiana.
- 2016 “Activist Imaginaries: Toward a Critical Listening in Geography.” *23rd Annual Critical Geography Mini-Conference*. Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2016 “Listening to Compton’s Hip-Hop Landscape.” *University of Mary Washington Geography Symposium*. Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- 2015 “Searching for the Enslaved in the ‘Cradle of Democracy’: Virginia’s James River Plantations and the Reproduction of Local Social Memories.” *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers*. Pensacola, Florida.
- 2015 “‘Let’s Pretend’: A Symbolic Representation of Great War Literature in Song.” *University of Mary Washington Kemp Symposium*. Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- 2015 “Reading the Plantation Landscape in the James River Region.” *University of Mary Washington Geography Symposium*. Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- 2015 “Reading the Plantation Landscape in the James River Region.” *Virginia Social Science Association*. Norfolk, Virginia. Presented with Meredith Stone and Xavier Griffin.

session organization

- 2025 “Traversing the spacetimes of critical financial geography.” *American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized with Julian Hartman and Ding Fei.
- 2025 “Minor Histories of Geographic Information Systems.” *American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized with Jack Swab.
- 2023 “Digital geographies & oppositional work: A conversation across disciplines.” *American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized with Jessi Breen. Denver, CO.
- 2023 “Spatial Histories of Real Estate Data.” *American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized with Scott Markley. Denver, CO.
- 2022 “Working In, With, and Through the digital.” *American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized with Jessi Breen. Virtual.
- 2022 “Abolitionist proptech.” *American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized with Eric Robsby Huntley. Virtual.
- 2017 “Digital Geographies and Critical Mapping.” *Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized with Taylor Shelton. Starkville, MS.

panel member

- 2025 Panelist of “Minor Histories of Geographic Information Systems.” *American Association of Geographers*. Detroit, MI.
- 2024 Panelist of “Platform Politics.” *Society for Economic Anthropology 44th Annual Meeting: Work and the Data Economy*. Medford, MA.
- 2022 Panelist of “From Atlases to APIs: A discussion of GIS over time.” *Northeast Arc Users Group*. Virtual participation. Organized by Glenn Hazelton.
- 2022 Panelist of “Data Power by Jim Thatcher and Craig Dalton: Author Meets Critic.” *American Association of Geographers*. Co-organized by Jim Thatcher, Craig Dalton, and Nick Lally. New York City, NY.

poster presentations

- 2018 “Airbnb and the Costs of Emotional Labor in Havana, Cuba.” *21st ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing*. Co-authored with David Nemer and Michaelanne Dye, presented by David Nemer. Jersey City, NJ.

TEACHING

instructor of record

- 2025 “Introduction to Geospatial Humanities,” *Tufts University*
- 2024 “Introduction to Geospatial Humanities,” *Tufts University*
- 2020 “Lands/People of the Non-Western World” (GEO160), *University of Kentucky*
- 2020 “Lands/People of the Non-Western World” (GEO160), *University of Kentucky*
- 2020 “Intro to GIS” (GEO309), *University of Kentucky*
- 2019 “US Cities” (GEO220), *University of Kentucky*
- 2019 “US Cities” (GEO220), *University of Kentucky*

teaching assistantships

- 2018 Teaching Assistant for US Cities (GEO220), *University of Kentucky*
- 2018 Lead Teaching Assistant for Digital Mapping (GEO109), *University of Kentucky*
- 2017 Lead Teaching Assistant for Digital Mapping (GEO109), *University of Kentucky*
- 2017 Teaching Assistant for Digital Mapping (GEO109), *University of Kentucky*
- 2016 Grader for Earth’s Physical Environment (GEO130), *University of Kentucky*

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, APPEARANCES, & LECTURES

invited presentations

- 2024 “Curatorial introduction to *Processing Place: How Computers and Cartographers Redrew our World*.” Co-presented with Emily Bowe. 13 September.
- 2023 “On academic website design for social scientists.” Professional development talk, *Vanderbilt University Department of Human and Organizational Development*. 5 May.
- 2021 “Using Sanborn Maps to Explore the Historic North Claiborne Corridor.” Scholarship award recipient presentation. *Western Association of Mapping Librarians Annual Meeting*. 28 October.
- 2021 “Toward abolitionist proptech: reflections on the global housing crisis, the financialization of housing, and digital technologies for housing and home.” Panelist with Maksym Rokmaniko, Maral Sotoudehnia, and Andy Yan. *221A Roundtable: Re-Commoning Territory: Diversifying Housing Tenure with Platform Cooperatives*. 18 June.

- 2019 “The Rosenwald Schools: Creating a Spatial Dataset at the National Level.” Panelist with Tiffany Tolbert and John Hildreth. *National Trust for Historic Preservation: Preservation Leadership Forum Webinar Series*. 30 January.

media appearances

- 2023 Interviewed by Scott Morgan. “Online portals and AI background checks: How tech affects South Carolina renters.” *South Carolina Public Radio*.
<https://www.southcarolinapublicradio.org/sc-news/2023-05-05/online-portals-and-ai-background-checks-how-tech-affects-south-carolina-renters>
- 2019 Interviewed by Priya Chhaya and Sandi Burtseva, with John Hildreth. “Webinar: The Rosenwald Schools GIS Mapping Project.” *National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Preservation Leadership Forum*. <https://forum.savingplaces.org/blogs/forum-online/2019/02/21/webinar-the-rosenwald-schools-gis-mapping-project>
- 2015 Interviewed by Emily Hollingsworth, with Stephen Hanna, Meredith Stone, and Xavier Griffin. “UMW Team Examines Slavery Narratives.” *UMW Eagle Eye*.
<https://www.umw.edu/news/2015/03/16/umw-team-examines-slavery-narratives/>
- 2015 Interviewed by Sandy Hausman, with Stephen Hanna, Meredith Stone, and Xavier Griffin. “More to the tour: Slave history at Virginia’s plantations.” *WVTF radioIQ*.
<https://www.wvtf.org/post/more-tour-slave-history-virginias-plantations#stream/0>

SERVICE

peer reviewer

- 2024 *Journal of Map & Geography Libraries*
2022 *Urban Geography*
2022 *Progress in Human Geography*
2021 *Urban Studies*
2021 *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*
2021 *Urban Geography*
2021 *Journal of Urban Technology*
2020 *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*
2020 *Urban Planning*
2020 *cultural geographies*
2019 *cultural geographies*

editorial positions

- 2018 – 2019 Copy Editor, *disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory*
2015 Nonfiction Editor, *Rappahannock Review Literary Journal*

disciplinary

- 2021 – 2023 Student Board Member of the Digital Geography Specialty Group (DGSG), *American Association of Geographers*
2021 – 2022 Member of WAML Conference Planning Committee, *Western Association of Mapping Librarians*
2018 – 2020 Graduate Representative of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group (CGSG), *American Association of Geographers*

departmental

- 2019 – 2020 Organizer: GGSU Distinguished Speaker, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*

- 2019 – 2020 Mentor: GGSU Mentorship Program, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2019 – 2020 GGSU Facilitator, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2019 – 2020 Geography in the Bluegrass Day Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2018 – 2019 Organizer: Critical Pedagogy Working Group, *UK Department of Geography*
- 2018 – 2019 Inclusivity Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2018 – 2019 Internal Affairs Committee Representative, *UK Graduate Student Congress*
- 2018 – 2019 Graduate Student Congress Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2018 – 2019 Semple Day Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2018 – 2019 Colloquium Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2018 – 2019 Mentor: GGSU Mentorship Program, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2017 – 2018 TA Liaison, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2017 – 2018 Semple Day Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2016 – 2017 Semple Day Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2016 – 2017 Geotechnologies Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*
- 2016 – 2017 External Affairs Committee Representative, *UK Geography Graduate Student Union*

conference & symposium organization

- 2025 “Greater Boston Digital Research and Pedagogy Symposium,” *Boston Digital Humanities*. Member of Organizing and Program Committees. Boston, MA.
- 2024 “Allmaps Public Convening 2024,” *Allmaps*. Co-organized with Emily Bowe, Ann Hanlon, Bert Spaan, Marcy Bidney, Stephen Appel, Jie Chen, and Garrett Nelson. Boston, MA.
- 2024 “Greater Boston Digital Research and Pedagogy Symposium,” *Boston Digital Humanities*. Member of Organizing and Program Committees. Medford, MA.

workshop organization

- 2024 “Digital Storytelling with Cartographic Collections,” *Greater Boston Digital Research and Pedagogy Symposium*. Medford, MA.
- 2022 “Managing information workflows for research, writing, and data,” *American Association of Geographers 2022 Summer Series*. Co-organized with Jack Swab. Virtual.
- 2019 “Space for Theory III: Psychoanalyzing Objects, Violence & Desire.” Member of Graduate Student Organizing Committee, with E. Clancy and N. Wilbur. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2019 “Critical Professionals: Using Your Academic Skills Within and Beyond the Classroom.” Co-organized with Emily Barrett, Erin Clancy, Elisa Sperandio, & Olivia Meyer. Lexington, KY.

competitive workshop participation

- 2024 Library of Congress Labs Data Workshop. Virtual.
- 2023 University of Chicago Library Workshop *GIS Librarians for Open Workflows Forum*. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 AAG Learning Series Seminar *Writing from Qualitative Research*. Virtual attendance.
- 2021 *Spaces of Crisis*. *Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space Spring Academy*. Virtual attendance.

APPOINTMENTS

research assistantships

- 2020 – 2021 Research Assistant, *Cryptocurrencies and the New Spaces of Finance* (PI: Matthew Zook)
- 2020 Research Assistant, *Current Land Use of Former Antebellum Plantations and Land Grants in Horry County, SC* (PI: Lynn Phillips)
- 2014 – 2016 Research Assistant, *Transformation of Racialized Southern American Heritage Landscapes* (Co-PI: Stephen Hanna)
- 2013 Research Assistant, *Creating a Historical GIS of Parks in Richmond, Virginia* (PI: Melina Patterson)

internships & other professional experience

- AP Human Geography Distributed Reader, *College Board* (2020, 2021)
- Rosenwald Schools Mapping Project GIS Intern, *National Trust for Historic Preservation* (2018)
- Planning Intern, *Henrico County Planning Department* (2015, 2016)
- Map Editor Digital Communications Internship, *University of Mary Washington* (2015)

WEB MAPPING PORTFOLIO

See <https://itspangler.com>

SOFTWARE

mapping & gis

- Desktop (ArcGIS Pro, QGIS)
- Command line GIS & data wrangling (GDAL, Shapely, pandas/GeoPandas, Beautiful Soup)
- JavaScript and CSS libraries for mapping & web design (Leaflet, OpenLayers, D3.js, Chart.js, jQuery, Bootstrap, Bulma, Tailwind)
- Familiar with front-end development frameworks for static site generation and single page applications (Hugo, Vue, Svelte)
- Cloud platforms (ArcGIS Online, Observable)
- APIs and frameworks for geospatial librarianship (IIIF protocol, Blacklight/GeoBlacklight)

language proficiencies

- Query (SQL)
- Markup (JSON, CSS, HTML, XML, Markdown)
- Programming (JavaScript, Python)

data exchange & database systems

- Relational databases (PostgreSQL/PostGIS)
- Version control software & document management (GitHub, pandoc, TeX)
- Web services (GitHub Pages, SEO/Google Search Console)