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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 climate justice, Indigenous geographies, tribal sovereignty, Indigenous feminisms & (settler) colonialism

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

In Progress

- 2022 **Henderson, M.B.** & Orozco, A. “(Un)Abstracting Place Through Indigenous and Black Scholarship: A Critical Analysis of the Anti-CRT Movement in Oklahoma”. Planned submission Spring 2023.
- 2022 **Henderson, M.B.** & Rice, J.L., “Against (Settler) Colonial Climate Action: A Look into Seattle, Washington’s Climate Mitigation Plans”. Planned Submission Spring 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

2022	Science Post Graduate Scholarship (Declined)
2021	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (~\$138,000)
2021	Cobell Scholar Graduate Award (\$12,500)
2020	Cobell Scholar Graduate Award (\$12,500)
2020	Letzeiser Honor List
2020	Clyde F. Bollinger Award (\$750)
2020	Academic Achievement Award (\$1,000)
2020	Gamma Theta Upsilon Member
2019	Udall Scholar (\$7,000)
2019	Academic Achievement Award (\$1,000)
2019	Cobell Scholar Undergraduate Award (\$5,000)
2019	PE-ET Top 10 Senior Honor Society
2019	Vernon and Sandra Nutter Scholarship (\$1,250)
2018	Academic Achievement Award (\$1,000)
2018	Ralph and Margaret Olson Scholarship (\$750)
2017	Academic Achievement Award (\$1,000)
2016	Academic Achievement Award (\$1,000)

Total in Honors & Awards: \$182,750

Panels

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 **Henderson, M.B.** & Orozco, A. “(Un) Abstracting Place Through Indigenous and Black Scholarship: A Critical Analysis of the Anti-CRT Movement in Oklahoma”, 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 American Association of Geographers Conference.
- 2022 **Henderson, M.B.** & Arney, R.N. “Beyond Rights, Recognition, and Participation: Rupturing Settler Colonial Approaches to Environmental Governance”, American Association of 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.

Teaching Experience

- 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.

Community-Scholarship Experience

- 2023 Member, Athens Engagement Committee, University of Georgia.
- 2023 Student, Community GIS Course, University of Georgia.
- 2021 Community Workshop Organizer, Linnentown Mosaic Project, Social Theory Seminar, University of Georgia.

Service and Volunteer Experience

Departmental & University Service

- 2022 - Graduate Student & Tribal Citizen Committee Advisor on Search Committee for Institute of Native Studies Director, University of Georgia.
- 2022 - Vice-Chair of Geography Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia.
- 2022 - 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 - Student Representative, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Groups of the American Association of Geographers

Community-Service

- 2022- Volunteer with Pup & Cap Co.

Professional Association

- 2020 - American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- 2020 - Athena Co-Learning Collective