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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability

Department Head

2016-2023

Professor

2019 – present

Associate Professor

2014 – 2019

Assistant Professor

2008 – 2014

Transatlantic Academy, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Joachim Herz Fellow

2011 – 2012

University of Oregon

Department of Geography

Graduate Teaching Fellow

2002 - 2005, 2007 - 2008

Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program

Visiting Fellow in three German public institutions

2005 – 2006

Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (Berlin); Office of the Minister President of Saxony and Saxony Economic Development Corporation (Dresden)

German Embassy (Washington, DC), Media Analyst

1999 – 2002

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Oregon, Geography (2008)

M.A. University of Oregon, Geography (2004)

B.A. University of Kansas, Geography (honors) & German (1998)
Graduated *with distinction*; Phi Beta Kappa

University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, One-year graduate fellowship in geography, politics, and history (1998-1999)

MAJOR SERVICE

Editorial Boards and Advisory Councils

Co-editor of the journal *Geopolitics*, 2018 – 2023

Member, Advisory Board of the International Geographical Union Commission on Political Geography, 2017 – ; Co-Chair, 2024 –

Appointed Member, Scientific Advisory Council of the Leibniz Institute of Regional Geography, Leipzig, Germany, 2016 - 2024

External Evaluator, United Nations University Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES), Dresden, Germany, 2020, 2023

Member, Working Group on Climate, Nuclear, and Security Affairs, Washington, DC
<https://councilonstrategicrisks.org/>, 2017 –

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Areas of Specialization: political geography; borders; geopolitics of energy; natural resources and environmental change; regional development

Books or edited books

Want, Waste, or War? The global resource nexus and the struggle for land, energy, food, water and minerals. (2015). Routledge/Earthscan. Co-authors: Andrews-Speed, P., R. Bleischwitz, T. Boersma, G. Kemp, and S. VanDeveer.

Placing the Border in Everyday Life. (2014) Ashgate. Edited with Reece Jones.

- Reviewed in: *Space & Polity, Journal of Borderlands Studies*
- Recipient of Association of Borderlands Studies Past Presidents' Gold Book Award

Eurasia from the South China to the Caspian Sea: Corridor of Interconnections. (2013) Routledge. Edited with Susan Walcott.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Balmaceda, M., P. Högselius, C. Johnson, H. Pleines, D. Rogers, and V.-P. Tynkkynen (2024) Rethinking energy materialities in the shadow of Russia's war on Ukraine. *Energy Research & Social Science* 117:103678 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2024.103678>

Johnson, C., & VanDeveer, S. D. (2024). Energy Regionalisms in Theory and Practice. *Review of Policy Research* 41(2), <https://doi.org/10.1111/ropr.12422>

Balmaceda, M., P. Högselius, C. Johnson, H. Pleines, D. Rogers, and V.-P. Tynkkynen. (2019) Energy materiality: A conceptual review of multi-disciplinary approaches. *Energy Research & Social Science* 56:101220.

Bleischwitz, R., Spataru, C., VanDeveer, S. D., Obersteiner, M., van der Voet, E., Johnson, C., . . . van Vuuren, D. P. (2018). Resource nexus perspectives towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. *Nature Sustainability*, 1(12), 737-743. doi:10.1038/s41893-018-0173-2

Johnson, C. & Jones, R. (2018) The biopolitics and geopolitics of border enforcement in Melilla, Territory, Politics, Governance, 6:1, 61-80, DOI: [10.1080/21622671.2016.1236746](https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2016.1236746)

- Translated into Spanish and reprinted in L. Gabrielli & X. Ferrer-Gallardo (eds.) (2018) *Estados de excepción en la excepción del Estado: Ceuta y Melilla*. Barcelona: Icaria.

Johnson, C. (2017) Competing Para-Sovereignties in the Borderlands of Europe. *Geopolitics*, 22:4, 772-793 DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2017.1314962

Jones, R., C. Johnson, W. Brown, G. Popescu, P. Pallister-Wilkins, A. Mountz, E. Gilbert (2017) Interventions on the State of Sovereignty at the Border. *Political Geography*, 59, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2017.02.006>

Jones, R. & Johnson, C. (2016) Border militarisation and the re-articulation of sovereignty. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 41(2), 187-200.

Johnson, C., & Boersma, T. (2015). The politics of energy security: contrasts between the United States and the European Union. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Energy and Environment*, 4(2), 171-177.

Bleischwitz, R., Johnson, C. M. & Dozler, M. G. (2014) 'Re-Assessing resource dependency and criticality. Linking future food and water stress with global resource supply vulnerabilities for foresight analysis', *European Journal of Futures Research*, 2(1): 1-12.

Johnson, C. and T. Boersma (2013) "Energy (In)security in Poland? The case of shale gas" *Energy Policy* 53: 389-399.

Johnson, C. and A. Coleman (2012) "The Internal Other: Exploring the Dialectical Relationship between Regional Exclusion and the Construction of National Identity," *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 102 (4):863-880. [2.110]

- Translated into Russian and reprinted in *Cultural Geography & Geohumanities* («Культурная и гуманитарная география») Vol. 1 No. 2 (2012): 107-125.

Boersma, T., and Johnson, C. (2012). The Shale Gas Revolution: US and EU Policy and Research Agendas. *Review of Policy Research* 29(4): 570-576.

Johnson, C. and M. Derrick (2012) A Splintered Heartland: Russia, Europe, and the Geopolitics of Networked Energy Infrastructure," *Geopolitics* 17(3): 482-501.

Johnson, C. (2012) "Toward Post-Sovereign Environmental Governance? Politics, Scale and the EU Water Framework Directive," *Water Alternatives* 5(1): 83-97.

Johnson, C. (2011) "Mezzogiorno without the mafia: Modern-day *meridionalisti* and the making of a 'space of backwardness' in eastern Germany," *National Identities* 13(2): 157-176.

Johnson, C., R. Jones, L. Amooore, M. Salter, A. Mountz, C. Rumford, A. Paasi (2011) Organized Intervention on "Rethinking 'the border' in border studies," *Political Geography* 30(2): 61-69.

Johnson, C. (2009) "Transboundary spaces and territorial restructuring in Central Europe," *European Urban & Regional Studies* 16(2): 191-206.

Johnson, C. (2008) "Euro-politics of scale: competing visions of the region in eastern Germany," *GeoJournal* 72(1-2): 75-89.

Murphy, A.B. and C. Johnson (2004) "German Geopolitics in Transition," *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 45(1): 1-17.

Chapters in edited books

Johnson, C. (2018) Urban metabolism, new urban Governance, Bleischwitz, R., et al. eds. *Handbook on the Resource Nexus*. Routledge/Earthscan.

Johnson, C. and S. VanDeveer (2018) Scales and the nexus, Bleischwitz, R., et al. eds. *Handbook on the Resource Nexus*. Routledge/Earthscan.

*Johnson, C. (2017) Mobile Energy and Obdurate Infrastructure: Distant Carbon and the Making of Modern Europe, S. Bouzarovski et al., (eds) *Routledge Research Companion to Energy Geographies*.

*Johnson, C. (2017) The Changing Context of German Nationhood, G. Herb and D. Kaplan (eds) *Scaling Identities*. Rowman & Littlefield.

McCarthy, L. and C. Johnson (2016) “Cities of Europe” in Brunn, et al. (ed.) *Cities of the World* (6th Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

*Johnson, C. (2015) “Prospects for post-sovereign water governance in Europe: Politics, scale, and EU Water Framework Directive,” in E. Norman, C. Cook, and A. Cohen (eds.) *Negotiating Water Governance: Why the Politics of Scale Matter*. Ashgate.

Johnson, C. (2014) “Europe,” Chapter in D. Johnson, et al. (eds.) *World Regional Geography* (11th edition). Pearson/Prentice Hall. (32,000 word single-authored chapter)

Johnson, C. (2013) “Geographies of Obdurate Infrastructure in Eurasia: the Case of Natural Gas,” in Walcott and Johnson (eds.) *Eurasia from the South China to the Caspian Sea: Corridor of Interconnections*. Routledge.

Boersma, T. and C. Johnson (2013) “Twenty Years of US Experience—Lessons Learned for Europe” in C. Musialski, et al. (eds.), *Shale gas in Europe – Opportunities, Risks, Challenges; A Multidisciplinary Analysis With A Focus On European Specificities*. Brussels: Claeys & Casteels Law Publishers.

McCarthy, L. and C. Johnson (2011) “Cities of Europe” in Brunn, et al. (ed.) *Cities of the World* (5th Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

Johnson, C. and G. White (2011) “Traces of power: Europe’s impact on the political organization of the globe,” in S. Brunn (ed.) *Engineering Earth: The Impacts of Mega-Engineering Projects*. Springer.

Reviews and encyclopedia entries (* denotes peer-reviewed)

Book reviews:

2016: Review of J. Förnas, *Signifying Europe* (2014). *AAG Review of Books*, 4(1): 22-24.

2013: “Book Review Essay: Bridging the Valley of Death in Energy Innovation,” Three books reviewed in *Review of Policy Research* 20(4): 432-437.

2010: Review of Jones & Olewig. (eds). (2008). *Nordic Landscapes: Region and belonging on the northern edge of Europe*. Minnesota. *The Professional Geographer* 62(1): 141-143. [1.266]

Encyclopedia entries:

“Sovereignty” in A. Kobayashi et al (eds) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Elsevier (with Matt Balentine)

*“Fracking and Shale Gas” (2015) in Dubnick, M. and Bearfield, D. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy* (3rd ed.) Taylor & Francis

“Sunbelt” in Warf, B. (2010) *Encyclopedia of Geography*. SAGE. (with Keith Debbage)

Project reports, proceedings, policy briefs, working papers (* denotes peer-reviewed)

*Boersma, T. and Johnson, C. (2018) *U.S. Energy Diplomacy* Working paper. New York: Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy (22 pages).

Parthemore, C. and J. Nolan (eds) (2017) *Working Group on Climate, Nuclear, and Security Affairs: Report One* Washington DC: Center for Climate and Security (57 pages) (contributed as member of working group)

Bleischwitz, R. and Johnson, C. (2015) *Instability and the Resource Nexus*. Policy report for the Johns Hopkins University American Institute of Contemporary German Studies, Project title: “The Geopolitics of the Energy Transformation” (20 pages)

Johnson, C. & Balentine, M. (2014) Politics in the Landscape: Reading Toponymy in Political Geography, *Proceeding of the 20th International Seminar on Sea Names*, Gyeongju, Korea, October 2014. Seoul: The Society for East Sea. ISBN 979-11-951305-1-1-94980

Johnson, C. (2014) The North American Energy Revolution: Fading Star or Wave of the Future? In *The State of the Transatlantic World 2014*. Washington DC: Transatlantic Academy. (3 pages)

Johnson, C. (2013) *Thinking Outside the Box: Energy Security in Europe and Beyond* (July 2013), The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Climate and Energy Program Policy Brief. (5 pages)

Boersma, T. and C. Johnson (2012) *Risks and Potentials of the Shale Gas Revolution: Consequences for Markets and the Environment* (December 2012), German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin, SWP Comments #39. (8 pages)

Andrews-Speed, P., R. Bleischwitz, T. Boersma, C. Johnson, G. Kemp, and S. VanDeveer (2012) *The Global Resource Nexus: The Struggles for Land, Energy, Food, Water, and Minerals*. Washington, DC: Transatlantic Academy. (90 pages)

Kemp, G., C. Johnson, and T. Boersma (2012) *The Shale Gas Boom: Why Poland Is Not Ready* (2012) Washington DC: Transatlantic Academy. (4 pages)

Bleischwitz, R., M. Dozler, and C. Johnson (2012) *Resource Curse Redux: Linking Food and Water Stress with Global Resource Supply Vulnerabilities*. Washington DC: Transatlantic Academy. (18 pages)

Op-eds:

“The Sanctions Threat to Europe,” with Tim Boersma, July 2017 <http://beta.energyintel.com/world-energy-opinion/the-sanctions-threat-to-europe/>

“Russia’s advantage,” op-ed with Tim Boersma, *Los Angeles Times*, March 14, 2014, p. A15.

- Reprinted in *The Palm Beach Post*, *Champaign/Urbana News-Gazette*, *The Gulf Today* (UAE), *Roanoke Times*, Brookings Institution website

“The Geopolitics of Overconsumption, Where Less is More,” (2012) *Transatlantic Take* for the German Marshall Fund of the US (op-ed sent to 17,000 foreign policy professionals and journalists) (with Stacy VanDeveer)

“Poland’s Flame of Hope,” (2012) *European Energy Review*, 9 February (with Tim Boersma)
<http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=3514>

Blog Entries:

Transatlantic Academy Blog (www.transatlanticacademy.org/blog)

“Making Sense of South Stream and the Southern Corridor,” 1/5/12

“Nabucco, a Pipeline Opera in Four Acts,” 12/15/11

“Great Game, Greatly Exaggerated,” 11/18/11

“Shale Gas – Poland’s Answer to Nord Stream?” (with Tim Boersma) 11/10/11

“Europe and Azerbaijan” 11/7/11

“Game Changer Nord Stream?” 9/28/11

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, RESEARCH GRANTS

International Studies Association grant for “Energy Regionalism” workshop, Baltimore, MD, Feb. 2017
(co-PI with Andreas Goldthau, University College London) (\$17, 547)

Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) Leadership Initiative grant for forum
“Environmental Geopolitics in the Anthropocene,” 2016-17 (\$10,000)

UNCG Faculty First summer grant, 2016 (\$5,000)

UNCG Regular Faculty Grant and Summer Excellence Research Award, 2013 (\$10,000)

Candace Bernard and Robert Glickman Dean’s Professorship, College of Arts & Sciences, UNCG, 2012-13 (\$10,000)

Joachim Herz Fellow, Joachim Herz Foundation of Hamburg, Germany *Project Title:* “Alternative Geopolitical Visions: Toward a New Conceptual Cartography of Energy Networks in Eurasia,” 2011-12 (\$30,000)

Transatlantic Academy Resident Fellowship, German Marshall Fund of the United States, *Theme:* “The Competition for Natural Resources: The New Geopolitical Great Game?” 2011-12 (\$40,000)

International Scholarship Program, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany, *Project Title:* “The Inverted Border Gaze: Bulgaria and the new borderlands of Europe,” summer 2011 (€1,500)

J. William Fulbright Grant, “German Studies Seminar 2009,” June 2009.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), “Symposium: Twenty Years Fall of the Berlin Wall – Germany, a Sustainable Democracy?” Co-PI with Susanne Rinner and Arndt Niebisch (LLC). \$2000. Funded fall 2009.

New Faculty Research Grant, “Russia, Germany and the Nord Stream Pipeline: Geopolitical Implications of a ‘Special Relationship,’” 2009 UNCG (\$5000)

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Short Term Research Grant, 2007 (\$2,000). In residence at Leibniz Institut für Länderkunde, Leipzig, June-July.

Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program for Future American Leaders, 2005-06

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) German Studies Research Grant, 2004 (\$2,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Undergraduate Courses:

GES 104: World Regional Geography (online & face-to-face)
GES 315: Geography of World Affairs (online & face-to-face)
GES 333: Geography of Europe
HHS 228: Honors Course on Borders, Territory, Sovereignty

Graduate and Cross-listed Courses:

GES 404/604: Political Geography
GES 601: Research Trends in Geography
GES 633: Advanced Topics in European Geography

- Topics: The European Union; Geopolitics of Natural Resources, Consumption, and Environmental Change, Nationalism and Populism

GES 701: History of Geographic Thought (Ph.D. students)

Field Courses Led:

2014: Human-Environment Relations in SE Asia (Thailand and Cambodia)
2017: Human-Environment Relations in SE Asia (Singapore and Indonesia)

Students Mentored:

Evan Slusser (Ph.D. in progress)
Chase Womack (Ph.D. in progress)
Shane Canup (Ph.D. 2024)
Jenny Berggren (Ph.D. 2024)
Jesse Lane (Ph.D., 2021)
T'Shari White (Ph.D., 2022)
Matthew Balentine (Ph.D., 2020)
Purva Sharma (Ph.D., 2019)
Hemin Ismael (Ph.D., 2018)