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### EDUCATION

- 2001-2008. **The University of Washington**, Seattle, Washington  
Ph.D. in Geography  
“Pregnant Immigrant Women in Paris and the Boundaries of New Public Health”
- 1999-2001. **The University of Arizona**, Tucson, Arizona  
M.A. in Geography (2001)  
"Rationalities, Identities, and Place: Mapping the Coordinates of Reproductive Cancer in Appalachia."
- 1995-1998. **Syracuse University**, Syracuse, New York  
B.A. *summa cum laude* with honors in French, May 1998  
Thesis: "Resident Algerians in France and the New French Nationality Code."

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND RANKS HELD

- Associate Professor, Department of Geography, San Francisco State University, 8/2015-present
- Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, San Francisco State University, 8/2008-8/2015
- Lecturer, Department of Geography, San Francisco State University, 8/2007-7/2008

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Extraordinary Ideas Grant*, San Francisco State University, College of Liberal and Creative Arts. Fall 2018-Spring 2019. Funds to support Student Mental Health and Arts Initiative.
- Public Safety Fellow*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. San Francisco. June 2018-June 2019.
- Faculty Affairs Travel Award*, San Francisco State University, December 2018.
- Sabbatical Award*, San Francisco State University, January 2018-June 2018.
- Truth Fellow*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. San Francisco. June 2017-June 2018.
- Digital Health Fellow*, Project Zygote. Spring 2017.

Donovan, C. "Narratives for Social Justice." San Francisco State University, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. March 2017.

*Faculty Affairs Travel Award*, San Francisco State University, July 2014.

*Faculty Affairs Travel Award*, San Francisco State University, September 2012.

Donovan, C. "Data Visualization in Medical and Health Geography." San Francisco State University, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. 2011-2012.

## **TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS OR OTHER PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT**

### **Master's and Doctoral Degree Committee Membership**

- Eliza Bailey (2021) "Personal Narratives: Discovering San Francisco's Changing Spaces for Queer Women." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Second Reader.
- Laurence Simard-Gagnon (2019) "Ma vie est vraiment différente de ce que je pensais": A life-story analysis of geographies and gendered subjectivities of Francophone mothers in Kingston." Department of Geography and Planning, Queens University, External Reviewer, Ph.D. Committee.
- Jack Wolfink (2018) "Spatial Tactics of Social Movements." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Chair.
- Khristina Wenzinger (2017) "Exploring Transit Accessibility for Families with Young Children in San Francisco." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Second Reader.
- Reece Golz (2017) "Incident Rates of Acute Appendicitis in Washington State: A Geographic Analysis. Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Chair.
- Finn Black (2017) "The Impact of Gentrification on HIV Linkage and Retention in San Francisco. Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Chair.
- Kathy Dicker (2016) "Sustainable Scuba Diving? Exploring Conscious Underwater Impact as Influenced by Eco-Perception. Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Chair.
- Rachel Cunningham (2013) "Public Perceptions of Levees and Risk: A Natomas, Sacramento, California Case Study" Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Second Reader.
- Caleb Feldman (2013) "Grassroots Science: Power, Knowledge, and Participation in the San Francisco Bay Area." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Second Reader.
- Stephanie Carnow (2012) "Volunteer Perspectives on Ethical/Geographical Dilemmas in Marine Mammal Rescue and Rehabilitation." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Second Reader.

- Alan Kwok (2011). "After the Fire: Disaster Perception and Preparedness of Older Adults." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Chair.
- Chad Steacy (2011). "Discourse in the Abandoned Small Town: Toward a Critical Geography of Decline." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Second Reader
- Nichole Kain (2010). "Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities." Department of Gerontology, San Francisco State University, Second Reader.
- Alan Wiig (2009). "Producing Heritage, Presentations of the Gold Rush in Columbia, California." Department of Geography and Human Environmental Studies, San Francisco State University, Second Reader.

### **Current Masters Committee Membership**

- Andy Murillo, Chair
- Vanessa Hardin, Chair
- Jolene Bertetto. Second Reader
- David Prigge, Chair
- Brixby Larzelier, Chair
- Ralph Meneghetti, Chair

## **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH**

### **Research and Publications**

Reece A. Golz, David R. Flum, Sabrina E. Sanchez, XiaoHang Liu, PhD, Courtney Donovan, F. Thurston Drake. "Incidence of Acute Appendicitis and Perforated Appendicitis in Washington State: A Spatial Analysis" *Annals of Surgery*. 2020. (student co-authorship)

Donovan, C. and S. de Leeuw. "Geography as Engaged Medical-Health Humanities." In A. Bleakely (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Medical Humanities*. London: Routledge. 2019.

de Leeuw, S., Donovan, C., Shafenacker, N. (eds.) "Geographies of Medical and Health Humanities: A Cross-Disciplinary Conversation". *GeoHumanities* (November 2018).

Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Graphic Narratives, Trauma, and Social Justice." *Studies in Social Justice* vol. 11, no.2 (2017): 221-237.

Moss, P. and C. Donovan. (eds). *Writing Intimacy into Feminist Geography*. London: Routledge, 2017.

Donovan, C. "Accelerating Intimacy with Digital Health?" in Moss, P. and C. Donovan (eds). *Writing Intimacy into Feminist Geography*. London: Routledge, 2017.

Donovan, C. "Representations of Health, Embodiment, and Experience in Graphic Memoir" *Configurations* vol.22 (2014): 237-253.

Donovan, C. "Graphic Pathogeographies." *Journal of Medical Humanities* vol. 35, issue 3 (2014): 273-299.

Kain, N., Donovan, C., and Yee-Melichar, D., (February 2014) "Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities." Melichar-Yee, D., et al (eds.) in *Long-Term Care Administration and Management: Effective Practices in Elder Care*. Springer Publishing: New York, NY.

Donovan, C. and Duncan, R.I. (2009) "Situating Politics in Medical and Health Geography" in Moon, G, McLafferty, S., and Brown, T (eds.) *A Companion to Health and Medical Geography*. Blackwell: Oxford, United Kingdom.

### **Work Under Review**

Donovan, C. and S. de Leeuw. "Geo-Humanities and Health: An Inherent and Necessary Ethics of Care." Submitted to *GeoHumanities*.

### **Work in Progress**

Donovan, C. "Geographic Considerations: Living in a Trauma Society." To be submitted to *Acme*.

Donovan, C. "Exploring the Importance of Home in Pathogeographies." To be Submitted to *Frontiers of Narrative Studies*.

Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Trauma, Medicine, and Collective Healing." To be submitted to *Journal of Medical Humanities*.

### **Presentations**

#### **Invited Presentations and Plenaries**

2019. Donovan, C. "Listening as Transformative Practice." Invited plenary talk, *Association of American Geographers*, Qualitative Research Specialty Group. April 3, 2019. Washington, D.C.

2018. Donovan, C. "Digital Health, Health Humanities, and Health Disparities: Integrating Arts, Humanities, and Technology to Understand Health Disparities." Invited speaker, University of Texas Humanities Institute. December 4, 2018. Austin, TX.

2018. Donovan, C. "Digital Health, Health Humanities, and Health Disparities" San Francisco State University, Department of Geography Colloquium Series. November 7, 2018. San Francisco, CA.

2018. Donovan, C. "Graphic Narratives, Trauma, and Social Justice" Invited panel participant, Writing for Renewal. Dominican University, Creative Writing Program. June 11, 2018. San Rafael, California.

2017. Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Graphic Narratives and Nomadic Subjectivities: Critical Geographies of Trauma." Invited keynote, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Geographies Mini-Conference. University of Northern British Columbia. September 23, 2017. Prince George, B.C. Canada.

2017. Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Graphic Narratives and Nomadic Subjectivities: Critical Geographies of Trauma." University of Northern British Columbia, Geography Department. September 22, 2017. Prince George, B.C. Canada.

2017. "Exploring the Importance of Home in Pathogeographies" Geography Graduate Group. University of California, Davis. May 17, 2017. Davis, California.

2013. "Gender, Health, and the Environment." Women and Environment Panel Discussion. *Sustainable Initiatives*, San Francisco State University. April.

2008. Invited Chair, "Russia, Geography, Gender, and Sexuality." *American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies*. Philadelphia, PA. November.

2008. Invited talk, "Governing Pregnant Immigrant Women in the Paris Banlieue." San Francisco State University, Department of Geography Colloquium Series. March.

### **Conference participation and papers presented**

2021. Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Pedagogies of Graphic Medicine: Bridging Geo-Humanities and Feminist Geographies of Mental Health." *Association of American Geographers*. Washington, DC. April.

2019. Donovan, C. "Future Possibilities for Tech and Health Humanities: Insights from Intersectional Feminism." *Association of American Geographers*. Washington, DC. April.

2019. Donovan, C. Panelist, "Critical Perspectives on Geography and Disability." Association of American Geographers. *Association of American Geographers*. Washington, DC. April.

2018. Donovan, C. "Digital Health, Health Humanities, and Intimacy: Integrating Arts, Humanities, and Technology to Understand Health Disparities." Mayo Clinic Humanities in Medicine Symposium. Jacksonville, FL. November.

2018. Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Trauma, Medicine, and Collective Healing." *Comics and Medicine Conference*. Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. White River Junction, VT & Hanover, NH. August.

2018. Co-organizer and panelist (with E. Ustundag), "Geo-humanities, Intimate Narrations and Art Praxis." *Feminist Geography Conference*. Montreal, Canada. August.

2017. Organizer and Discussant, "Graphic Pathogeographies" panel. *Comics and Medicine Conference*. Seattle, WA. University of Washington School of Medicine. June.

2017. Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Graphic Narratives and Nomadic Subjectivities" *Comics and Medicine Conference*. University of Washington School of Medicine. Seattle, WA. June.
2016. Donovan, C. and E. Ustundag. "Contesting Clinical Accounts of Traumatic Experiences: Exploring Graphic Novel Discourses." *Association of American Geographers*. San Francisco, CA. March.
2016. "The Visual Field and Sequential Art in Health Geography." *Association of American Geographers*. San Francisco, CA. March.
2016. Co-organizer (with S. de Leeuw) "Health Geography, Medical Humanities, and Narrative Medicine." *Association of American Geographers*. San Francisco, CA. March.
2014. "Trauma and Embodiment in Graphic Memoir." *Comics and Medicine Conference*. Johns Hopkins Medical Campus. Baltimore, MD. June.
2014. "Representations of Health, Embodiment, and Experience in Graphic Memoir." *Feminist Geography Conference*. Omaha, NE. May.
2014. "Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities." *Center for Healthy Aging in Multicultural Populations (CHAMP) Conference on Health and Aging*. San Jose, CA. April.
2014. "Geographic Representations of Trauma in Graphic Novels" *Association of American Geographers*. Tampa, FL. April.
2014. Co-organizer (with K. McKinney) "Geographies of Comics and Graphic Novels." *Association of American Geographers*. Tampa, FL. April.
2014. Co-organizer (with P. Moss) and panelist. "Methodologies of Intimate Writing." *Association of American Geographers*. Tampa, FL.
2013. "Healing Arts: Art Production in Health Geography." *International Medical Geography Symposium*. East Lansing, MI. July.
2013. "Of Politics and Praxis: Graphic Novels in the Academic World." *Comics and Medicine Conference*. Faculty of Medicine, University of Brighton. July.
2013. "Art as Healing: Military Veterans and the Role of Art Therapy in Managing PTSD." *American Association of Geographers*. Los Angeles, CA. April.
2012. "Visualizing Medical Data through Graphic Novels." *Comics and Medicine Conference*. Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. July.
2012. "Graphic Pathogeographies" *American Association of Geographers*. New York, NY. February.

2011. Invited talk, “Graphic Pathogeographies? Graphic Novels as a Tool for Conveying Health Geography Concepts,” Department of Geography, Colloquium Series. September.

2011. “Graphic Pathogeographies in David B.’s *Epileptic*.” *Comics and Medicine Conference*. Northwestern Medical School, Chicago, Ill. June.

2007. “Managing Pregnant Immigrant Women in the Paris Banlieue. The Differential Approaches of Health and Immigration Policy.” *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers*. Long Beach, California. October.

2007. “Experiencing Perception in the Paris Banlieue.” *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers*. Long Beach, California. October.

2007. Organizer and presenter, “Critical Perspectives on Globalization and Public Health.” *International Medical Geography Symposium*. Bonn, Germany. July.

### **Creative Works**

December 2020, “National Park of Emotions.” *StoryBridge* and Mindy Stricke, free online photography workshop.

January 2020-present. Donovan, C. *StoryBridge*, podcast series and multimedia web platform of creative works on health disparities in the Bay Area. website launch, January 2020.

2019. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. *Public Square* “Speaking Our Minds: Narrating Student Mental Health and Well-Being.” Organize student multimedia submissions, including planning display, transportation, and installing exhibit materials. June. San Francisco, CA. (*Non-juried exhibit*)

2019. College of Liberal and Creative Arts Extraordinary Ideas Symposium, San Francisco State University. “Speaking Our Minds: Narrating Student Mental Health and Well-Being.” (*Non-juried exhibit*)

### **Mentoring**

2021. Donovan, C. Profess\*Her, website and project aimed at pairing academic mothers with others to help with professional development and to cultivate community support. website launch April 2021.

### **Submitted Grants**

National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, \$40,000, Submitted June 2018.

Cal Humanities Quick Grant, \$5000, Submitted June 2017.

National Storytelling Network, Brimstone Award, Submitted April 2017.

Cal Humanities Quick Grant, \$5000, Submitted February 2017.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, \$40,000, Submitted January 2017.

Donovan, C. "Healing Arts." National Endowment for the Arts Media Arts Grant, August 2013.

Donovan, C. "Healing Stories: Military Veterans and Art Therapy." Cal Humanities Community Stories Grant, submitted August 2013

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY**

### **Department**

- Chair Midterm Review Committee, Department of Geography, San Francisco State University, May 2021.
- Chair, Chair Election Committee, Department of Geography, San Francisco State University, April 2019.
- Undergraduate Program Advisor, August 2012-present.
- Developed a course proposal (2011) to revise and streamline an existing undergraduate course (GEOG 423, "Geographic Perspectives on Gender")
- Hospitality Committee, 2010-2018.
- Faculty Coordinator, Graduate Student masters proposals, AY 2009-2010
- Graduate Program Advisor, July 2009-August 2012
- Developed a course proposal (2009) to establish a graduate program requirement for research design and proposal writing
- Represented Geography Department at University-wide event for in-coming freshman, Spring 2009 and Spring 2012
- Undergraduate Cultural Geography Advisor, 2008-present
- Department program review, AY 2008-2009
- Faculty Search Committee, AY 2007-2008, 2008-2009
- Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008-present
- Department Curriculum Committee, 2007-2018.
- Developed a course proposal (2008) to cultivate a relationship with Health Education and Geography ("The Geography of Health and Health Care")

### **Service to academic community**

- 2021. Donovan, C. Profess\*Her, website and project aimed at supporting academic mothers with professional development and to cultivate community support. website launch April 2021. [www.professher.org](http://www.professher.org).
- Ad Hoc Member, Association of American Geographers, Mental Health Specialty Group. Spring 2021-2023.



- Invited workshop leader, Design Justice, Equity, and Places of Learning: Creating Student-Centered Learning in the Classroom,” San Francisco State University 2021 Annual Faculty Retreat: How to be an Anti-Racist University, 2021.
- Student Basic Needs Committee. San Francisco State University. 2019-present.
- Committee Member, Students, Faculty, and Staff with Disabilities Committee. San Francisco State University Academic Senate. September 2018-present.
- Chair, Health Humanities Affinity Group, August 2018-present.
- Affiliated faculty, SOUL Lab, San Francisco State University, January 2017-present.
- Affiliated faculty, *Health Equity Institute*, San Francisco State University, August 2016-present.
- Reviewer, *Pruitt Dissertation Fellowship*. Society of Women Geographers. May 2016.
- San Francisco State University *Sustainability Committee*, August 2014-2016.
- Selection Committee, *Rosenblatt Community Service Scholarship*. San Francisco State University, October 2013.
- Faculty Marshal, Commencement 2013.
- San Francisco State University Human Subjects Review Board, alternate, June 2013-present.
- Faculty representative, Honors Convocation 2010.
- 5/2010-10/2010. Consultant for UCSF project, “Exploratory Study of Organizational, Community, and Geographic Factors Affecting Mammography Access and Use Among Older Limited-English-Speaking Chinese Women.”
- Faculty Marshal, Commencement 2009.
- Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Planning Committee, 2008-2010
- 2008. Invited Chair, “Russia, Geography, Gender, and Sexuality.” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. Philadelphia, PA. November.

### **Service to academic community: journal refereeing**

Fall 2020-present. *Social Science and Medicine*.

May 2017-present. *Literature and Medicine*.

March 2017-present. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*

March 2017-present. *Gender, Place, and Culture*

March 2017-present. *Medical Anthropology, Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness*

May 2016-present. *The Canadian Geographer*

April 2016-present. *Journal of Medical Humanities*

January 2014-present. *Health and Place*

December 2005 – present. *Social and Cultural Geography*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Association of American Geographers

- Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- Medical Geography Specialty Group, Association of Americans Geographer
- Mental Health Affinity Group (Faculty member-at-large, 2021-2022)

- Urban Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- Qualitative Methods Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers

American Public Health Association  
Association for Bioethics and Humanities  
National Storytelling Network

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request