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EDUCATION

- 2009 **Ph.D. Geography**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- 2002 **M.A. Geography**, University of Kentucky, Lexington.
- 1999 **B.A. Economics** with Departmental Honors, University of Texas, Austin.

RESEARCH AREAS

Nature-Society Relations; Institutional Responses to Environmental Crises; Climate Justice; Political Ecology; Economic Geography; Critical Social Theory; Feminist Theory; Science and Technology Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic appointments

- 2017 - Current **Sustainability Studies Lecturer & Capstone Experience Coordinator at University of Texas – Austin (UT)**
- 2012 - 2017 **Visiting Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University (TAMU)**

Entrepreneurial experience

- 2009 - 2017 **Co-Founder & Co-Director at Carbon Clear, US Operations**
- Sustainability consulting company helping organizations address challenges posed by climate change.
 - Interface with Fortune 500 firms helping them account for, disclose, and manage climate change impacts.
 - Evaluate carbon reduction projects for viability in meeting international GHG accounting standards.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS (*indicates peer review)

- In Revision Walenta, J. “Aligning economic growth and environmental protection: a history behind responsibility in carbon footprinting”. *Ethics, Policy and the Environment*.
- Under Review Walenta, J. “Climate Risk Assessments & Science Based Targets: a review of emerging private sector climate action tools” for *WIREs Climate Change*.
- Forthcoming* Walenta, J. “Courtroom Ethnography: researching the intersection of law, space, and the everyday”, *The Professional Geographer*.
- 2019 Walenta, J. “*Homo Economicus* and the Capitalist Corporation: de-centering authority and ownership” in J.K. Gibson-Graham and K. Dombrowski (Eds) (2019) *The Handbook of Diverse Economies*.
- 2018* Walenta, J. “The Limits to Private Sector Climate Change Action: the geographies of corporate climate governance”, *Economic Geography*. Vol. 94(5).
- 2017* **Walenta, J., K. Auld*, A. Boggs*, T. Glasgow*, and A. Randal*** ‘Environmental Focused Experimental Learning: what a university class on dumpster diving taught us about sustainable futures’ in P. Blaze Corcoran, J. Weakland, and A. Wals Eds. (2017) *Envisioning*

Futures for Environmental and Sustainability Education. Wageningen, the Netherlands: Wageningen Academic Publishers. [*undergraduate student]

- 2016* Calvez, K.*, Miller, C.*, Thomas, L.*, Vazquez, D.*, & **Walenta, J.** “The University as a Site of Food Insecurity: evaluating the foodscape of Texas A&M University’s main campus”, *The Southwestern Geographer*. Vol. 19: 1 – 14. [*undergraduate student]
- 2015* Walenta, J. “Corporate Personhood and the Corporate Body: the case of former energy giant Enron on trial for fraud” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Vol.33 (3): 545 – 559.
- 2015* Walenta, J. “Becoming Carbon Neutral: evaluating carbon neutral certifications as a tool for reducing climate change impacts and securing financial livelihoods” *Sustainability: the Journal of Record*. Vol. 8(3): 121 - 126.
- 2006* Walenta, J. “Corporate bodies of desire: an investigation into the ‘Women of Enron’” *Gender, Place and Culture*. Vol. 13(4), 437-453.

WORKING MANUSCRIPTS

Walenta, J. & E. Kohl “Nature as Person?: environmental governance through legal personhood” for *Environment & Planning D: Society & Space*.

Walenta, J. “Who is protecting our climate? A gendered and raced analysis of corporate sustainability professionals” *Gender, Place and Culture*.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2019-2021 Experiential Learning Initiative Course Developer Grant, UT, “Living Map Project: A drop of water’s journey through the Colorado River watershed” (\$10,000) Dr. Molly Polk & **Dr. Jayme Walenta**
- 2018 UT Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Award (\$1500)
- 2018 UT Bridging Disciplines Program Course Conversion Award, sponsored by the Mitchell Foundation for ‘Measuring Sustainability’ (\$3000)
- 2018 Faculty Innovation Grant, UT, “Beyond ‘good’ versus ‘bad’ guys: a stakeholder engagement approach toward teaching Conservation” (\$4785)
- 2017 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Travel Grant (\$1500)
- 2017 National Geographic Society Research and Exploration Grant, “The Value of Magallanes Peatlands on the Carbon Market” (\$21,070) Dr. Julie Loisel (PI), Dr. Dan Goldberg (Co-PI), and Dr. Alejandro Kusch (Co-PI), Dr. Patricio Moreno (Co-PI), and **Dr. Jayme Walenta** (Co-PI)
- 2016 TAMU Undergraduates in Research Grant (\$6,200)
- 2015-2016 TAMU Glasscock Center for the Humanities Faculty Research Fellowship, “My carbon or yours? Unearthing a history behind environmental responsibility as articulated in the corporate carbon footprint” (\$1,500)
- 2015 TAMU Undergraduate Research Communication Travel Grant (\$2600)
- 2008-2009 University of British Columbia, International Partial Tuition Scholarship (CDN \$3,300)
- 2004-2007 University of British Columbia, Special Graduate Scholarship (CDN\$2,800/year)
- 2004-2005 University of British Columbia, University Graduate Fellowship (CDN \$16,000)
- 2003-2008 University of British Columbia, Ph.D. Tuition Fee Award (CDN \$7,200/year)
- 2003-2004 University of British Columbia, Graduate Entrance Scholarship (CDN \$3,000)

- 2002 University of Kentucky, Research Communication Travel Grant (\$450)
- 2000-2002 University of Kentucky, M.A. Tuition Fee Award (\$4,500/year)
- 2000 Government of the Czech Republic, Dobruska Language Fellowship (\$500)
- 1995 Veterans of Foreign Wars Fort Bend County Chapter, USA, Student scholarship (\$500)

AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 UT Gender & Sexuality Center AIR Award Nominee for Faculty/Staff that support student members of the LGBTQ community
- 2017 Sustainability Faculty Champion Award, Texas A&M Office of Sustainability
- 2016 Summer Institute in Economic Geography (SIEG) Workshop Participant in Lexington, KY (competitive)
- 2005 Geographic perspectives on women specialty group of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Honorable Mention Paper Award

BOOK REVIEWS & OTHER PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- 2016 **Walenta, J.** and GEOG 380 Students*. “Waste management observations, audit results and recommendations to improve waste diversion and waste minimization at TAMU” prepared for TAMU. [*TAMU undergraduate students]
- 2011 Walenta, J. “From Business Risk to Opportunity: The Carbon Management Solution” White Paper prepared for Carbon Clear.
- 2010 Barnes, T. and **Walenta, J.** ‘Economic Geography’ entry for *The Encyclopedia of Geography*, Vol. 2 (ed.) B. Warf. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Pp. 848-852.
- 2007 Walenta, J. Book Review of *Mutual Life, Limited* by Bill Maurer, *Environment and Planning A*. 39(2).
- 2006 Walenta, J. Book Review of *Redundant Masculinities?* by Linda McDowell, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 96(1), 205-206.
- 1999 **Walenta, J.** & White, I. “The Economic Impact of the Austin Technology Incubator,” White Paper prepared for the Austin Technology Incubator of the University of Texas.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Walenta, J. *The Limits to Private Sector Climate Action*, presented at the Department of Geography & Environment, The University of Texas – Austin.
- 2017 Walenta, J. *Corporations and Climate Policy: Managing Climate Change in the Private Sector*, presented at the Department of Geography, University of Canterbury, Canterbury New Zealand.
- 2014 Walenta, J. *Corporations are people my friend: the case of Enron’s executives on trial*, presented at the Department of Geography, University of North Texas.
- 2013 Knauss, L., **Walenta, J.**, and Doak, J. *Carbon Management for Retail: A Metric for Sustainable Performance*, presented as part of the PRSM (Professional Retail Store Maintenance Association) Webinar Series.
- 2013 Walenta, J. *Corporations are people my friend: the case of Enron’s executives on trial*, presented at the colloquium series, Department of Geography, Texas A&M University.

- 2011 **Walenta, J.** and Doak, J. *Making Sense of the Carbon Market for the Retail Industry*, presented as part of the PRSM Webinar Series.
- 2010 **Walenta, J.** and L. Knauss. *Introduction to the Carbon Market & Carbon Offsets*, presented at the Austin Clean Energy Group Lectures Series.
- 2007 Walenta, J. *Corporate bodies of desire: an investigation into the Women of Enron* presented at colloquium series, Department of Geography, University of Calgary.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- 2019 ‘Designing Experiential Learning Curricula at UT-Austin’ invited panelist for the Big 12 Teaching & Learning Conference, Austin, TX. (selective)
- 2019 ‘Environmental Justice in Academic and Community Spaces’ invited panelist for the UT Campus Environmental Center’s Environmental Justice Panel, April 8.
- 2019 **Walenta, J.**, Hinten, M. & Polk, K. Panel Co-Organizers, ‘Deep Learning: real-world experiences in sustainability higher education’ for the AAG National Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 Walenta, J. *Undoing Homo Economics: de-centering dominant corporate authorships*, presented at the AAG National Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 **Walenta, J.** & Kohl, E. *The Turn to ‘Rights of Nature’: Understanding climate activism grounded in elite, white, masculine knowledge*, presented at the Race, Ethnicity and Place IX: engaged scholarship fostering civil and human rights conference, Austin, TX. (presented by Walenta)
- 2018 Kohl, E. & **Walenta, J.** *Placing Nature’s Rights: Limitations and Potentials for Rights of Nature Activism*, presented at Feminist Geographies 2018: in/during troubled times conference, Montreal, Canada. (presented by Kohl)
- 2018 Kohl, E. & **Walenta, J.** *Who Speaks for the Trees? Cooption, white male elite knowledge, and local “non-elite” goals*, presented at the Social Difference & Nature Workshop, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. (selective, co-presented)
- 2018 Kohl, E. & **Walenta, J.** *Is Nature a Person too? The legal and scalar movement of personhood as a tool for governing in the Anthropocene*, presented at The Right Use of the Earth: knowledge, power and duties within a finite planet conference, Paris, France. (selective, co-presented)
- 2018 Bachman-Padilla, T.* and **Walenta, J.** *Understanding Food Security & Barriers to Food access Among University of Texas Undergraduates*, to be presented at the AAG National Meeting, New Orleans, LA. [*indicates UT undergraduate student](presented by Bachmann-Padilla)
- 2017 Walenta, J. *Aligning Economic Growth & Environmental Protection: a history behind responsibility in carbon footprinting*, presented at the International Colloquium, ‘Finance as a response to Environmental Crises?’, Hamburg, Germany, Nov 29 – Dec 1. (selective)
- 2017 Walenta, J. *An Atmosphere of Private Property: understanding the context behind emission ownership and responsibility in carbon footprinting*, presented at the AAG National meeting, Boston, MA.

- 2017 **Walenta, J.**, Randal, A*. and Wolford, O*. *Linking corporate climate investments and calculative practices across space*, presented at the AAG National Meeting, Boston, MA. [* indicates TAMU undergraduate student](co-presented by Randal & Wolford)
- 2016 **Walenta, J.**, Kirkpatrick, R.*, Miklos, H.*, Randal, A.*, and Wolford, O.* *Corporate Climate Mitigation and Adaptation: a comparative study*, presented at the Southwest AAG meeting, Denton, TX, Oct 20-22. [* indicates TAMU undergraduate student](co-presented by Walenta & Randal)
- 2016 ‘Making a Living in/from/near Economic Geography, invited panelist for the SIEG workshop, Lexington, KY, USA, July 10 – 15. (selective)
- 2016 ‘Intersectional Research on Gender & the Environment: theory, methods and practice’, invited panelist for the AAG national meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- 2016 Walenta, J. *An Institutional Ethnography of the Courtroom: researching the corporation at a criminal trial*, presented at the AAG national meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- 2015 Walenta, J. *My carbon or yours? The power of carbon accounting practices to shape corporate environmental spatial relations*, presented at the Global Economic Geography Conference, Oxford, Great Britain.
- 2015 Walenta, J. *Spatial Anatomy of an Organizational Carbon Footprint: articulating responsibility for climate impacts*, presented at the AAG national meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.
- 2014 Walenta, J. *Becoming Carbon Neutral: leveraging the carbon market to improve livelihoods in Costa Rica* presented at the AAG national meeting, Tampa Bay, FL, USA.
- 2007 Walenta, J. *Visualizing economic space: mapping markets and making money the Enron way* presented at the South West AAG Regional meeting, Bryan, TX. Student paper competition finalist.
- 2007 Walenta, J. *‘I used to work at Enron...don’t quote me on that’: methodological dilemmas in researching economies of fraud* for the AAG national meeting, San Francisco, USA.
- 2006 Walenta, J. *Putting critical cartography into economic practice: how Enron made a market from a price curve* for the AAG national meeting, Chicago, USA.
- 2005 Walenta, J. *The ‘good’ girls of Enron: narratives on corporate housekeeping* for the AAG national meeting, Denver, USA.
- 2005 ‘Supporting women in geography organizations: making space for connections’, session panelist for the AAG national meeting, Denver, USA.
- 2004 Walenta, J. *Corporate bodies of desire: an investigation into the women of Enron* for the Critical Directions in Feminist Graduate Studies Conference, Vancouver, Canada. (selective)
- 2002 Walenta, J. *Enlarging European Civil Society: Tracing Conceptualizations of the Third Sector in an Eastwardly Expanding ‘Europe’* for the Enlarging the Social Economy in Central and East European Countries Annual Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic. (selective)
- 2002 Walenta, J. *Alternative Readings of ‘Determinism’ in Geographical Thought and the Geographical Turn in Contemporary Economics* for the AAG national meeting, Los Angeles, USA.

SERVICE

2018 – current Faculty member on UT Feminist Geography Collective
 2018 - current Faculty Representative on UT Green Fund Committee
 2017 - current Faculty Representative on UT Sustainability Studies Steering Committee
 2017 Invited Reviewer for *Economic Geography*
 2016 Invited Question Writer for the SWAAG World Geography Bowl
 2016 Invited Reviewer for edited book *Envisioning Futures for Environmental and Sustainability Education*. Wageningen, the Netherlands: Wageningen Academic Publishers.
 2015-2016 Faculty Representative on TAMU Solid Waste Minimization Committee
 2015 Faculty Representative on TAMU Information Technology Connectivity Working Group
 2009-2012 Austin Clean Energy Group Member
 2011 Invited Reviewer for *Gender, Place & Culture*
 2009 Invited Reviewer for *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*
 2008 Invited Reviewer for *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*
 2007-2008 Economic Geography Specialty Group of the AAG, Graduate student representative
 2003-2008 Canada-Supporting Women in Geography (University of British Columbia branch)
 2007 Invited Reviewer for *Environment and Planning A*
 2005 Invited Reviewer for *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*.
 2005 Departmental Committee - Geography, graduate student representative, UBC.
 2004 Committee on Human Geography Methods course development, UBC.
 2003 Mentoring New Students Program Coordinator, Department of Geography, UBC.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Appointments

2006-2008 **Sessional Faculty** at University of Calgary, Dept of Geography & Urban Studies
 2003-2006 **Sessional Faculty & Teaching Assistant** at University of British Columbia, Dept of Geography
 2002-2003 **Instructor of Geography and English at Biscupske Gymnazium** (Bishop's High School), Ceské Budějovice, Czech Republic. Full class responsibilities for university prep courses.
 2000-2002 **Teaching Assistant** at University of Kentucky, Dept. of Geography.

Courses taught

Introduction to Human Geography
 Economy, Space & Society
 The Gendered City
 Environment & Resources
 Political Ecology
 Politics of Climate Change
 Sustainable Development
 Geography/Sustainability Capstone Course
 Undergraduate Independent Studies
 Undergraduate Research Courses

REFERENCES

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 Vancouver, BC

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