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EDUCATION

- 2020** Ph.D, Geography, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Dr. Kendra McSweeney, advisor.
Dissertation: “*Decolonized Afterlife*’: Towards a New Understanding of the Political Processes Surrounding Indigenous Death”
- 2016** M.L.S., Global Indigenous Studies, University of Minnesota, Duluth
Dr. Joseph Bauerkemper, Dr. Nathan Clough, co-advisors.
- 2013** B.E.S., Geography, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021-** Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Victoria
- 2020-21** President’s Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of History, The Ohio State University

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2021-:** Affiliated Faculty/Co-Investigator, CLEAR Lab, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John’s, NL, Canada
- 2017:** Temporary Research Assistant, University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Duluth
- 2015:** Research Assistant, Education Department, University of Minnesota Duluth

RESEARCH FUNDING

2021-2023: *Placing Science: Implementing Feminist, Indigenous, and Decolonial Theories of Place and Land in the Laboratory.* SSHRC Insight Grant # 435-2017-0567. PI: Max Liboiron; Co-Is: Charles Mather (Memorial University, Geography), Michelle Murphy (University of Toronto, Women & Gender Studies), Deondre Smiles (University of Victoria); Collaborators: Carissa Brown (Memorial University, Geography), Chelsea Rochman (University of Toronto, Ecology &

Evolutionary Biology), & Richard Chavolla (Elder, Kumeyaay Nation). Amount of award: \$293,633 CAD [Status: in progress, became collaborator with UVic appointment after grant was already awarded]

2021: University of Victoria: \$15,000 CAD for startup research costs, Fall, 2021.

2021: CLEAR Lab: \$5,000 CAD for start-up costs (personnel, equipment) for personal lab at UVic, Fall, 2021.

2019: Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellowship: \$5000 USD for summer dissertation field research.

2018: OSU Geography Rayner Award for Fieldwork: \$3500 USD for summer fieldwork.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Smiles, Deondre, 2018. "...to the grave..."-Autopsy, settler structures and indigenous counter-conduct." *Geoforum* (91): 141-150. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.02.034>

Editor-Reviewed Journal Articles

Smiles, Deondre, 2021. "Erasing Indigenous History, Then and Now". *Origins* 15(1). <https://origins.osu.edu/article/erasing-indigenous-history-then-and-now>

Smiles, Deondre, 2021. "'Shoals of 'unsettlement'; A review of *The Black Shoals: Offshore Formations of Black and Native Studies* by Tiffany Lethabo King". *Society+Space*.

<https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/shoals-of-unsettlement-a-review-of-the-black-shoals-offshore-formations-of-black-and-native-studies-by-tiffany-lethabo-king>

Smiles, Deondre, 2021. "Guest editorial: George Floyd, Minneapolis and Spaces of Hope and Liberation." *Dialogues in Human Geography* 11(2). <http://doi.org/10.1177/20438206211027466>

Smiles, Deondre, 2020. "The Settler Logics of (Outer) Space." *Society+Space Blog*. <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/the-settler-logics-of-outer-space>

Arceño, M.A., D. Smiles, K. Yotebieng, T. Velez, J.P. Wilson, E. Bailey, A. Mazumdar, K. McSweeney. 2020. "(Too) great expectations? On fieldwork, guidelines, and ethics in Human Geography." *Agitate! Blog*. <https://agitatejournal.org/too-great-expectations-on-fieldwork-guidelines-and-ethics-in-human-geography-by-mark-anthony-arceno-deondre-smiles-emelie-bailey-anurag-mazumdar-thelma-velez-j-p-wilson-kelly-yotebieng-k/>

Smiles, Deondre, 2019. "Listening to Native Radio." *International Journal of Listening* 33(3), 142-147, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10904018.2019.1628645>

Book/Report Chapters

Smiles, Deondre, 2020. "Ethical and Respectful Engagement between Medical Examiners/Coroners and Indigenous Families and Communities." In *MMIWG2 & MMIP Organizing Toolkit*. Sovereign Bodies Institute.

Tham, Jason Chow Kit, and Deondre Smiles, 2019. "Rhetorical Augmentation: Public Play, Place and Persuasion in *Pokémon Go*." In *The Pokémon Go Phenomenon: Essays on Public Play in Contested Spaces*, edited by Andrew Kulak, Jamie Henthorn, Kristopher Purzycki and Stephanie Vie. Jefferson, North Carolina: MacFarland & Company, Inc.

Book Reviews

Smiles, Deondre, 2021. *Repatriation and Erasing the Past* by Elizabeth Weiss and James W. Springer. *Transmotion* 7 (1): 221-228.

<https://journals.kent.ac.uk/index.php/transmotion/article/view/993/1919>

Smiles, Deondre, 2020. *Standing Up To Colonial Power: The Lives of Henry Roe and Elizabeth Bender Cloud* by Renya K. Ramirez. *Great Plains Quarterly* 40 (3): 242. <https://doi.org/10.1353/gpq.2020.0036>

Smiles, Deondre, 2019. *Seven Myths of Native American History* by Paul Jentz. *American Indian Quarterly* 43 (4): 477-480. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5250/amerindiquar.43.4.0477>

Smiles, Deondre, 2018. *In Divided Unity: Haudenosaunee Reclamation at Grand River* by Theresa McCarthy. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 41(3): 151-153.

<https://doi.org/10.17953/0161-6463-41.3.139>

Media Articles

Smiles, Deondre, 2020. "The 2020 U.S. Census and Indigenous peoples." *OSU Department of Geography blog* (blog). https://u.osu.edu/geographyblog/2020/09/02/the-2020-u-s-census-and-indigenous-peoples/?fbclid=IwAR0OYSjXTs_sz5mucB3QKDinhPWwXEDmMgilryfzUHmBEPqH5LFrTkDeBBo

Smiles, Deondre, 2020. "Respectful Engagement During Fieldwork." *OSU Department of Geography blog* (blog). <https://u.osu.edu/geographyblog/2020/05/13/respectful-engagement-during-fieldwork/>.

Smiles, Deondre, 2017. "In response: From one millennial to another: Lose your privilege." *Duluth News Tribune*, October 14. *Op-ed*. URL: <https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/opinion/4343734-response-one-millennial-another-lose-your-privilege>

COURSES TAUGHT (Instructor of record unless noted):

University of Victoria Department of Geography

Spring 2022:

GEOG 388: Topics in Regional Studies: World Regional Geography

GEOG 391: Topics in Geography: Indigenous Geographies

Fall 2021:

GEOG 491: Advanced Topics in Geography-Indigenous Environmental Activism

The Ohio State University Department of History

Spring 2021:

HIST 5700: Special Topics in History-Indigenous Environmental Activism
(*cross-listed with GEOG 5801: Environmental Conservation*)

The Ohio State University Department of Geography

Summer 2020:

GEOG 2750: World Regional Geography (Online)

Spring 2020:

GEOG 2750: World Regional Geography (Online)

Fall 2019:

GEOG 2750: World Regional Geography (Online)

Spring 2019:

GEOG 4193: Independent Studies-Second Year Transformational Program-
Fieldwork (Co-Instructor)

Fall 2018:

GEOG 2800: Our Global Environment (Lab Session Instructor)

Fall 2017:

GEOG 2800: Our Global Environment (Lab Session Instructor)

University of Minnesota Duluth Department of Writing Studies

Spring 2016:

WRIT 1120: Introduction to College Writing

Fall 2015:

WRIT 1120: Introduction to College Writing

GUEST LECTURES AND INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

**Intercontinental American Indigenous Research Association (in cooperation
with Salish Kootenai College)**

8th Annual Gathering, Fall 2021

University College London

UCL Geography Research Seminar, Fall 2021

University of Alberta

Land Reclamation International Graduate School Colloquium, Fall 2021

University of Missouri

Native American Heritage Month Colloquium, Fall 2021

San Diego Miramar College

Department of Anthropology guest lecture, Fall 2021

University of Delaware

Department of Geography and Spatial Sciences Seminar, Fall 2021

Georgia State University

“Data Literacy as a Tool for Social Justice” panel, Fall 2021

Texas State University

Department of Geography Open Seminar, Fall 2021

California State University, San Bernardino

ETHS 1000: Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Fall 2021

University of Glasgow (co-sponsored with Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities and the Centre for Doctoral Training in Celtic Languages)

“Exploring multidisciplinary approaches to Indigenous methodologies: Scotland and beyond” workshop, Summer 2021

University of Nevada-Reno

Geography Colloquium Speaker Series, Spring 2021

Algora University

Geography and Geology Program guest lecture, Spring 2021

Michigan State University

Department of Geography, Environment and Spatial Sciences Colloquium, Spring 2021

University of North Dakota

School of Medicine and Health Science guest lecture, Spring 2021

West Virginia University

Department of Geology & Geography Colloquium, Spring 2021

University of Washington

Department of Geography Colloquium, Spring 2021

University of Arizona

School of Geography, Development & Environment Colloquium, Spring 2021

University of Wisconsin-Madison:

Yi Fu Tuan Lecture, Fall 2020

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Environmental Stewardship Talk, Fall 2020

Gustavus Adolphus College:

GEOG 101: Human Geography, Fall 2020

Allegheny College:

ENVSC 352: Environmental Justice, Fall 2020

University of British Columbia:

GEOG 211: State of the Earth, Spring 2020

Mayville State University:

World Regional Geography, Spring 2020

World Regional Geography, Fall 2019

The Ohio State University:

Goldberg Center Workshop: "'Ideas of Race and Racism in American and World History", Summer 2021

GEOG 7102: Fieldwork, Spring 2021

GEOG 7102: Fieldwork, Spring 2020

GEOG 2400: Economic and Social Geography, Spring 2019

GEOG 2800: Our Global Environment, Fall 2018 (Two lectures)

GEOG 3701: Making of the Modern World, Spring 2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service:

2021-2022

Member, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, University of Victoria Department of Geography

2020-2021

Ad-Hoc Diversity Officer—Admissions Committee, OSU Department of History

2019-2020:

President, OSU Geography Graduate Organization

2018-19:

Treasurer, OSU Geography Graduate Organization

University Service:

2020-21:

Co-Advisor, OSU Indigenous Community of Graduate and Professional Students

2017-20:

President, OSU Indigenous Community of Graduate and Professional Students

Member, OSU American Indian Studies Advisory Committee

Elected/Appointed Service:

2021-2025:

Editorial Board Member, *Native American and Indigenous Studies*

2021-2025:

Member, Board of Trustees, Leech Lake Tribal College

2021-2024:

Member, Student Award and Scholarship Committee, American Association of Geographers

2020-2022:

Board Member, Geography of Religion & Beliefs Systems, American Association of Geographers

2020-2022:

Chair, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers

2020:

AAG COVID-19 Task Force, 'Members' Subcommittee

2019-2020:

Chair-Elect, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers

2017-19:

Secretary, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers

2016-17:

Student Representative and Social Media Manager, Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers

Journal Peer Reviewer:

Aisthesis: Honors Student Journal

Annals of the American Association of Geographers

Annals of Tourism Research

Antipode

Cartography and Geographic Information Science

Ecology and Society

Environment and Planning D: Society and Space

Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space

Humanities and Social Sciences

International Indigenous Policy Journal

PLOS ONE

Space Policy

ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

Graduate:

University of Victoria

Ph.D. Candidacy Exam Chair:

Wil Patrick (Department of Geography, 2021)

Committee Member:

Christine Todd, Department of Geography (PhD dissertation committee, 2021-present)

Undergraduate:

The Ohio State University

Committee Member:

Erin Broderick, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (Honors Thesis, 2021)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2021 International Astronomical Congress, October 25-29 (Virtual/Dubai, U.A.E.)

- Panelist, “Rethinking the Sustainability and Inclusiveness of Space Exploration Through The Design of Space Habitats”

2021 Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) Annual Meeting, June 7-11 (Virtual/Prince George, British Columbia, Canada)

- Presenter, “Paul Bunyan and Settler Colonial ‘Whitewashing’ of Indigenous environments”

2021 AAG Annual Meeting, April 7-11, 2021 (Virtual)

- Presenter, “Decolonized Afterlife' and Tribal Cultural Resource Preservation”
- Panelist, “Author Meets Critics: Feminist Geography Unbound”
- Panelist, “Author Meets Critics: Tiffany King's The Black Shoals: Offshore Formations of Black and Native Studies”
- Panelist, “Desirable Futures I: Time As Possibility, Practice, Politics (Opening Panel)”
- Panelist, “Land Grab Universities: US Colonialism, the Morrill Act, and Land Back organizing”
- Panelist and Organizer, “More than Mentoring: Towards A More Equitable and Just Geography”
- Panelist, “Terrestrial Environments of Outer Space I”
- Organizer, “Landscapes of Indigenous Resistance I & II”

2020 AAG East Lakes Division Annual Meeting, October 29-30, 2020 (Virtual/Bowling Green, Ohio)

- Presenter, “Listening to Native Radio”

Gdo Akiiminaan Ganawendanaan/Taking Care of Our Land Symposium, May 6-9, 2019 (Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, Canada)

- Presenter, “*Niwidosemaa Aanikoobijiganag*-Walking With Ancestors: Anishinaabe bodies in the settler colonial state”

2019 AAG Annual Meeting, April 3-7, 2019 (Washington, D.C.)

- Organizer and Panelist, “Mentoring the Next Generation of Indigenous Geographers”

2018 AAG East Lakes Division Annual Meeting, October 18-19, 2018 (Ada, Ohio)

- Presenter, “*Niwidosemaa Aanikoobijiganag*-Walking with Ancestors: Anishinaabe bodies in the settler colonial state”

2018 AAG Annual Meeting, April 10-14, 2018 (New Orleans, Louisiana)

- Presenter, “Hidden Violence: Quotidian Indigenous Resistance in Settler Structures”

Dimensions of Political Ecology VIII, February 22-24, 2018 (Lexington, Kentucky)

- Presenter, “Hidden Violence: Quotidian Indigenous Resistance in Settler Structures”

2017 AAG Annual Meeting, April 5-9, 2017 (Boston, Massachusetts):

- Presenter, “...to the grave...’—Governmentality, Biopolitics and Indigenous Counter-Conduct.

- Panelist, “How Geography Can Inform Social Change And Political Movements: Example Of How Geospatial Analysis Can Describe Standing Rock Human Rights Violations For Indigenous People And Water Security Threat To The Missouri River Basin“

OSU Geography Department Graduate Research Day, March 31, 2017:

- Presenter, “...to the grave...--Governmentality, Biopolitics and Indigenous Counter-Conduct

2016 AAG Annual Meeting March 29-April 2, 2016 (San Francisco, CA):

- Presenter, “...to the grave...’--Governmentality, Biopower and Indigeneity”

St. Cloud State University Undergraduate Research Colloquium April 16, 2013 (St. Cloud, MN)

- Poster, “The Graduate Geographic Hinterland of St. Cloud State University”

INVOLVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

IndigiData Workshop, June 15-19, 2021 (Virtual)

- Faculty Member

Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, October 24-27, 2019 (Atlanta, Georgia)

- Conference Participant

Mentoring Our Own Native Scientists, September 19-21, 2018 (Lawrence, Kansas)

- Workshop Participant

OSU Geography Department Community Panel, “The Politicization of Science”, March 23, 2017

- Panelist

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **University of Minnesota President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program:** Awarded postdoctoral fellowship in Department of American Indian Studies, Duluth campus, 2020 (declined).
- **Ohio State Sesquicentennial Student Scholar Leadership Program:** Awarded competitive academic scholarship, 2019/2020 academic year.
- **Ford Foundation:** Honorable Mention, Dissertation Fellowship competition, 2019.
- **Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe:** Awarded competitive academic scholarship Fall 2008-Fall 2019.
- **Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program:** Awarded competitive scholarship through Minnesota Indian Scholarship program, Fall 2008-Spring 2016
- **UMD Master of Liberal Studies program:** Departmental scholarship for academic achievement, Fall 2014

- **UMD Graduate School Travel Award:** \$400 USD to travel to 2016 AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA
- **UMD Master of Liberal Studies Travel Award:** \$250 USD to assist with registration and travel to 2016 AAG Annual Meeting
- **UMD Geography Departmental Travel Award:** \$250 USD to travel to 2016 AAG Annual Meeting

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2020-present: American Society for Ethnohistory

2019-present: Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG)

2017-present: Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA)

2015-present: American Association of Geographers (AAG)

AAG Specialty Group Affiliations:

- Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group (IPSG)
- Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group (CAPE)
- Geography of Religion & Belief Systems Specialty Group (GORABS)

MEDIA AND OUTREACH:

U.S./Canadian coverage featuring Dr. Smiles (2020-present):

Newsweek: [What Is the Tomahawk Chop? Why Trump Faced Backlash Over Atlanta Braves Gesture \(2021\)](#)

Science: [Native tribes have lost 99% of their land in the United States \(2021\)](#)

OZY: [Can Astronaut Thinking Heal America At Last? \(2021\)](#)

[BCMA Climate Action Podcast Series, Episode 1 \(2021\)](#)

[Breaking Green Ceilings Podcast, Episode 44 \(2020\)](#)

INDICATORS OF RESEARCH IMPACT

My manuscripts and related research have been:

- Cited in journals including *Gender, Place and Culture*, *Geography Compass*, *Geojournal*, *Journal of Political Ecology*, *Planning E: Nature and Space*, and *Political Geography*.
- Assigned as reading in Geography seminars at institutions across North America including the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the University of Toronto.
- Featured in a textbook on political geography (Smith, Sara. *Political geography: A critical introduction*. John Wiley & Sons, 2020).