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## EDUCATION

### **PhD Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (May 2021)**

Geography

Dissertation: The 'bander's grip': The techno-political ecology of Western Atlantic shorebird conservation

Committee: Richard Schroeder (Chair, Brandeis University), D. Asher Ghertner (Rutgers University), Kevin St. Martin (Rutgers University), Elizabeth DeLoughrey (UCLA)

Graduate Certificate: Human Dimensions of Environmental Change

### **MA Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ (2012)**

Sustainability Studies

Thesis: Protecting New Jersey's Migratory Shorebirds: A Stewardship Model of Conservation. Advisor: Eric Weiner

### **BA University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MA (2002)**

Majors: English, Music Performance; Minor: Political Science

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## TEACHING

### Undergraduate

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2015 - present

Department of Geography

"World Cultural Regions" 2022, 2023

"Human Geography; Space, Place, Location" 2017, 2021

“Transforming the Global Environment”	2018, 2019 2015 (TA)
“Introduction to Environmental Studies”	2017, 2022 Planned 2023
“Conservation” (Sole Instructor) (TA)	2022 2014, 2015
“Animals and Society”	Planned 2023
<b>Rutgers University, Department of English</b>	
“Expository Writing 101”	2017, 2018
“Basic Composition”	2013, 2014
<b>Rutgers University, Department of Anthropology</b>	
“Extinction” (TA)	2017, 2018
<b>Monmouth University, Long Branch, NJ, 2022 – 3</b>	
“People, Places, Environments”; “Environmental Geography”; and “Global Environmental Problems”	
<b>Northeastern University, Department of English, 2020 – present</b>	
Writing Instructor - Summer 2022	
<b>Jefferson University (Philadelphia University), Philadelphia, PA, 2021 – 2022</b>	
“Animals and Society” (2 sections)	
<b>Ramapo College of New Jersey</b>	
“Avian Ecology” (TA)	2011

## **Graduate**

**Northeastern University, Department of English, 2020 – present**

Writing Instructor -Fall 2021

## **Secondary School** (English Language Arts/Literature, Performing Arts)

Bronx Theater High School, Bronx, NY, 2005-2008

St. Clements High School, Boston, MA, 2004-2005

MRM High School, Boston, MA, 2003-2004

## **Nontraditional**

Education Testing Services (ETS), Princeton, NJ. Assessment Specialist; Geography Test Developer for College Board AP Human Geography and Pre-AP, Praxis Teacher Licensure, and NAEP, 2018-2020

Sharp Sustainability Education Center, Ramapo College, NJ, Curriculum Developer (Fellowship), 2011-2012.

South Orange Performing Arts Center, NJ, Education Director; Teaching Artist; Volunteer Coordinator. Original curriculum featured in the New York Times, "Theater Lessons, Onstage and Off." 2008-2011

Wildlife Conservation Society/Central Park Zoo, Teaching Fellow. New York City, 2011

Thomas Edison National Historical Park (National Park Service), West Orange, NJ. Curriculum Developer; Junior Ranger Ambassador; Park Interpreter, 2009

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), Educator. Dingman's Ferry, PA, 2010

YMCA Camp Mason, Environmental Educator. Hardwick, NJ, 2009-2012

New Jersey Clean Energy Program, Presenter and Environmental Educator, 2008-2009

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Edited Book Chapters

Isaacs, Jenny R. and Otruba, Ariel. (June 2021). "Animality/Coloniality: COVID-19 and the Animal question," in Hovorka et al (Eds), [A Research Agenda for Animal Geographies](#). Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.

Isaacs, Jenny R. (Oct 2020). "Conservation Archipelago: Protecting Long-Distance Migratory Shorebirds along the Atlantic Flyway," in [Contemporary Archipelagic Thinking: Towards New Comparative Methodologies and Disciplinary Formations](#). Eds. Michelle Stephens and Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel. "Rethinking the Island" Series; Rowman & Littlefield.

Isaacs, Jenny R. (Sept 2020). "More-than-human geographies". [International Encyclopedia of Geography](#). Wiley-AAG.

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2019). [The 'bander's grip': Reading zones of human-shorebird contact](#). *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 2 (4): 732-760.

Isaacs, Jenny R, and Ariel Otruba. (2019). Guest Editor and Primary Author: [Introduction to the Special Theme Section "More-than-human contact zones"](#) in *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 2 (4): 697-711.

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2019). "Unsteady Hands; Care and Grief for Conservation Subjects" in [Vulnerable Witness: The Politics of Grief in the Field](#). Eds. Patricia J. Lopez and Kathryn Gillespie. University of California Press.

Isaacs, J. (2017). "Endangered Species"; "Tracking"; and "Wildlife Forensics" in J. Urbanik and C. Johnston (Eds.), *Humans and animals: A geography of coexistence* (pp. 127-130, pp. 324-327, and pp. 353-355). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

### In Preparation

Isaacs, Jenny R. "The bander's grip: A techno-political ecology of Western Atlantic shorebird conservation." (Monograph, in preparation).

Isaacs, Jenny R. and Otruba, Ariel. "The frontline is multispecies; Ecologies of risk and violence," for *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*. (In preparation)

Isaacs, Jenny R. "Lines of flight; Queer Ecology and Conservation Tech" For *Environmental Humanities*. (In preparation)

## Environmental Journalism

Isaacs, J. (2016, November 10). "Beyond data collection; The social and political effects of environmental sensor proliferation". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/wildtech/2016/11/beyond-data-collection-the-social-and-politicaeffects-of-environmental-sensor-proliferation/>

Isaacs, J. (2014, July 31). "Seeking justice for Corazon: Jaguar killings test the conservation movement in Mexico". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2014/07/seekingjustice-for-corazon-jaguar-killings-test-the-conservation-movement-in-mexico/>

Isaacs, J. (2014, February 20). "Shoot to Conserve: Corey Knowlton's rhino hunt escalates the debate over trophy hunting and environmentalism". *Mongabay*. (Winner: *Mongabay* Best Intern Article of 2014). Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2014/02/shoot-to-serve-coreyknowltons-rhino-hunt-escalates-the-debate-over-trophy-hunting-and-environmentalism/>

Isaacs, J. (2013, June 5). "Difference within common species may predict the presence of rare animals". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2013/06/difference-withincommon-species-may-predict-the-presence-of-rare-animals/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2013, May 7). "Tale of Two Elephants: Celebrating the lives and mourning the deaths of Cirrocumulus and Ngampit". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2013/05/a-tale-of-two-elephants-celebrating-the-lives-andmourning-the-deaths-of-cirrocumulus-and-ngampit/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2013, April 30). "Conservation without supervision: Peruvian community group creates and patrols its own protected area". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2013/04/conservation-without-supervision-peruvian-communitygroup-creates-and-patrols-its-own-protected-area/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2013, January 31). "Asian bear farming: Breaking the cycle of exploitation". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2013/01/asian-bear-farming-breaking-the-cycle-of-exploitation-warning-graphic-images/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2013, January 21). "Living beside a tiger reserve: Scientists study compensation for human-wildlife conflict in India". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2013/01/living-beside-a-tiger-reserve-scientists-studycompensation-for-human-wildlife-conflict-in-india/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2013, January 7). "Mercury hurts birds and people: What we can learn from studying our feathered friends". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2013/01/mercury-hurts-birds-and-people-what-we-can-learnfrom-studying-our-feathered-friends/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2012, December 10). "Vanishing corridors: Trying to keep big animals on the move across Tanzania". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2012/12/vanishing-corridors-trying-to-keep-big-animals-on-the-move-across-tanzania/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2012, November 28). "Organic farming keeps carbon out of the atmosphere". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2012/11/organic-farming-keeps-carbonout-of-the-atmosphere/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2012, November 8). "Tanzania weighs new soda ash plant in prime flamingo territory". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2012/11/tanzania-weighs-newsoda-ash-plant-in-prime-flamingo-territory/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2012, October 9). "Appreciating elephant individuality: A new approach to preventing conflicts with humans". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2012/10/appreciating-elephant-individuality-a-new-approach-to-preventing-conflicts-with-humans/>

Isaacs, Jenny R. (2012, August 28). "One extinction leads to another...and another". *Mongabay*. Retrieved at <https://news.mongabay.com/2012/08/one-extinction-leads-to-another-andanother/>

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## **FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS**

Rutgers Marine and Coastal Sciences Graduate Assistantship, 2013-2014

Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences Excellence Fellowship, 2012-2013 & 2016-2017

Rutgers Center for Cultural Analysis Fellowship, 2015-2016

Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, Rutgers Geography Department, 2014-2015

Rutgers Graduate School Conference Travel Award, 2015

Best Graduate Student Paper, "Follow That Bird: Considering the Agency and Application of Animal Tracking Science and Technology in Shaping Conservation Practices." Awarded by the Association of American Geographers Animal Geography Specialty Group, 2014

*Mongabay* Best Intern Article of the Year Award, 2014

Ramapo College of NJ- Sustainability Education Center Scholarship, 2011-2012

## CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

*Paper Presenter*, "The Frontline is Multispecies: Examining the elevation of risk and violence where species meet." Session: "Interlocking oppressions and COVID-19", Organizer – Patricia Lopez, et al. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York City, 2022.

*Panelist/Presenter*, Session: "The Future of Animal Geographies." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York City, 2022.

*Paper Presenter*, "Lines of Flight: A Techno-Political Ecology of Western Atlantic Shorebird Conservation." MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory; "Politics, Animals, and Technology" Workshop; University of Manchester, UK, Sept 8-10, 2021

*Panelist / Presenter*, "Animality/coloniality: COVID-19 and the animal question." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle-Virtual, April 2020

*Paper Presenter*, "Animality/coloniality." Mid-Atlantic States AAG Conference, Kutztown, PA, 2019

*Paper Presenter*, "'An epic journey"; The importance of story for long-distance migratory species conservation." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. April 2019

*Paper Presenter*, "The Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network: Managing a Conservation Archipelago." American Museum of Natural History; Student Conference on Conservation Science, New York, NY, October 24-26, 2018

*Paper Presenter*, "Capturing the Flyway; Techniques and Technologies of Atlantic Shorebird Conservation." New Jersey School of Conservation, Montclair State University, Jan 2018

*Chair and Co-Organizer*, "Contact Zones I, II, and III: "Environments of Contact," "Where Species Meet," and "Navigating the Contact Zone with Mary Louise Pratt." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, 2017

*Chair and Co-Organizer*, "World of Islands: Archipelagic Studies." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, 2017

*Paper Presenter*, "The Shorebird "Conservation Archipelago"; Archipelagic Political Ecology" Panelist for "Developments in Political Ecology." Nature/Society Workshop, Clark University, MA, 2017

*Paper Presenter*, "Birds in the Air, Blips on the Screen." Natura Conference, Rutgers University, NJ, 2016

*Co-Organizer*, "Remote Control: Conservation Surveillance and Technologies of Power." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, 2015

*Paper Presenter*, "Attending to Technologies of Power and Discovery within the Dissertation." Natura Article Workshop and Discussion, Rutgers University, NJ, 2015

*Paper Presenter*, "Political Ecology of Shorebird Conservation." EcoGSA Seminar Series, Rutgers University, NJ, 2015

*Paper Presenter, "Worlds Apart: Conservation by Computer and the Monitoring of Virtual Nature."* Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2015

*Organizer, Paper Presenter, "Remote Control: Power/Knowledge and the 'Rendering Technical' of Wildlife Conservation."* (with R. Schroeder). 21st Annual Critical Geography Conference: "How Power Happens." Temple University, 2014

*Paper Presenter, "Follow that Bird: Considering the agency and affect of conservation science."* Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, 2013

*Paper Presenter, "Political Ecology, from Silent Spring to the Jersey Shore Post-Sandy."* Saving the Natural World: Rachel Carson's Silent Spring; 50th Anniversary Symposium, Ramapo College of New Jersey, 2012

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## **SERVICE**

Associate Editor, *Society & Animals* (peer-reviewed journal), Animals & Society Institute, 2021 - present

Graduate Student Officer/Board Member, the Association of American Geographers; Animal Geography Specialty Group, Elected/Re-Elected 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Peer Reviewer, *Political Geography*, 2021

Peer Reviewer, *Social and Cultural Geography*, 2018

Peer Reviewer, *Environment and Planning E*, 2017

Peer Reviewer, *Maritime Studies Journal*, 2016

President & Conference Organizer, *Natura* Graduate Conference in Science and Epistemology, Rutgers University, 2017 & 2018

Research Assistant, UNESCO. Developing a Joint Programme between UNESCO and the CBD Secretariat (SCBD) recognizing links between Biological and Cultural Diversity. New York, NY. 2016

Member, *Archipelagoes* Research Group, Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University, 2016 -present

## **CREDENTIALS AND TRAINING**

Boards of Education: English/Language Arts State Certified Teacher for Grades 7-12 in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts

National Park Service, Junior Ranger Ambassador Program, Residency / Training, National Conservation Training Center, VA, Summer 2010