

## Rebecca Shakespeare

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### EDUCATION

**2015 - Present**

**Ph.D., Geography and GIS (in progress)**  
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

**2005 - 2007**

**M.A., International Communication**  
American University, School of International Service (SIS)  
GPA: 3.8  
Thesis: *Peanut Butter, Phones, and Photos: The (re)Creation of Home and Identity Abroad*  
Examined enactments of student sojourners' home culture identity using unstructured long interviews and open-ended online questionnaires.  
Committee Chair: Dr. Patrick Thaddeus Jackson

**2001 - 2005**

**B.A., History**  
Indiana University  
GPA: 3.4  
Minors: French, Mathematics, and Environmental Physics

### FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

**2018**

**co-PI Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (1757630)**  
*Doctoral Dissertation Research: Housing Costs and the Residential Mobility of Middle-Income Renters*  
PI: Mei-Po Kwan  
National Science Foundation, United States

**2017-2018**

**Russell Fellowship**  
Department of Geography and GIS, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

**2015 - 2016**

**Block Grant Fellowship**  
Department of Geography and GIS, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

**2007 - 2009**

**Presidential Management Fellowship**  
Awarded by U.S. Government

### PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

**2018 (upcoming)**

**“Constraints in Housing Narratives: What can we learn from house hunting?”**  
Paper presentation, AAG New Orleans

**2018**

**“Constraints in Housing Narratives: What can we learn from house hunting?”**  
Poster, SESE Research Review 2018  
*Second Place for Geography Graduate Poster*

### EXPERIENCE

**2016 - 2018**

**University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign**  
*STAR Lab Chicago Activity Data Collection – Fall 2018*

Worked with Dr. Mei-Po Kwan and Spatial and Temporal Analysis Research lab to collect activity diaries, GPS tracking, and household information with participants in Humboldt Park, Chicago.

- Specific roles: drafted survey and activity diary instruments, led neighborhood selection and community partner outreach, phone point-of-contact for participants and technical issues during participation.

*Faculty Retreat Grant Course Enhancement, Graduate Student Assistant – Summer 2017*

Worked with Dr. Shakil Kashem to propose and execute revised presentation of GEOG379 course materials to encourage student engagement with the stories and practical applications of GIS tutorials.

- Used ArcGIS StoryMap to reformat tutorial and course information into unified storylines, with place-specific information to introduce tutorials.

*Online Instructor, The Digital Earth (GEOG105) – Summer 2017*

Led and graded 8-week summer online course, Summer 2017. Provided project feedback, instruction on ArcGIS online, Google Earth and Open Street Map. Corresponded with students online in forums and with videos.

*Teaching Assistant, Introduction to GIS (GEOG379) – 2016-2017 School Year*

Teach two weekly lab sessions, demonstrating how to use ArcGIS software and apply geospatial analytical methods, and helping students with tutorials and assignments.

- Listed on CITL's "Instructors Ranked as Excellent by Their Students" in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017; highlighted as top 10% Excellent Instructors Spring 2017

## **2007 - 2015**

### **Broadcasting Board of Governors**

*Senior Digital Media Analyst (2012-2015)*

Managed digital performance reporting, digital performance metric development, digital measurement tools, and analytical training for international broadcasting network.

- Presenter at Conference of International Broadcasters Audience Research (CIBAR), Oct 2013 and Nov 2014
- Panelist at Adobe Digital Government Assembly, Feb 2014
- Superior Achievement Award, 2012
- Co-developed seminar for training journalists to use social media in the newsroom (curriculum on co-leader's blog: <http://bit.ly/188f85z>)

*Web Analyst (2009-2012)*

Created role of Web Analyst for agency, developed reporting standards, trained journalists to use performance information to make editorial decisions.

- Superior Achievement Awards, 2010, 2011

*Presidential Management Fellow (2007-2009)*

Developed skills federal budget management, project management, strategic planning, technology integration, communication and leadership skills through 2-year rotational fellowship.

- Developed training curriculum used for agency-wide intranet rollout
- Superior Achievement Award, 2009

## **Summer, 2007**

### **American University, Office of Merit Awards**

*Staff Assistant*

Assisted conference planning committee in organizing national conference. Coordinated embassy and competitive internship participation.

## **2006**

### **Kojo Nnamdi Show - WAMU, DC-based NPR Affiliate**

*Production Intern*

Drafted scripts for public interest radio talk show on an NPR affiliate station. Pitched and developed show ideas; researched guests and topics.

**2005 - 2006**

**Luntz Maslansky Strategic Research, Alexandria, VA**

*Intern*

Processed raw survey data, coded instantaneous reactions to speeches and assembled focus group output for polling firm.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

**2017 - 2018**

**Chair, SESE Research Review Organizing Committee**

Led event re-thinking and re-organizing for new SESE building venue and to encourage inter-school discussion and camaraderie.

**2016 - 2017**

**SESE Research Review Organizing Committee**

*Geography Department Representative*

**2016 - 2017**

**Geography Graduate Student Association**

*President*

**2007 - 2015**

**Sight-singing and Music Theory Teacher** - St. Columba's, Washington, DC

**2009 - 2013**

**Sunday School Teacher** - St. Columba's, Washington, DC

**2005 - 2007**

**Graduate Student Council, SIS, American University**

*Treasurer 2006-2007, Senator 2005-2006*

**2006 - 2007**

**American University Club Council**

Graduate Representative

**2006 - 2007**

**Rank and Tenure Committee, SIS, American University**

*Graduate Student Representative (non-voting)*

MEMBERSHIP

**2015 - Present**

**American Association of Geographers**