

Nathan Eli Thayer

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Education

- 2023 PhD Candidate, Geography
Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences
University of Delaware
- Dissertation:* Care and Uncaring: White Supremacy, Diversity Work, and Antiracist pedagogies
Advisor: Dr. Lindsay Naylor
- 2017 MA Geography
Certificate in Geographic Information Science
Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences
University of Delaware
- Thesis:* (Re)Making Georgetown: immigration, belonging, and change in Southern Delaware
Advisor: Dr. April Veness
- 2012 BA Anthropology
Department of Anthropology
State University of New York at Geneseo
Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Lambda Alpha Honor Society

Appointments

- 2023- Postdoctoral Associate
Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Virginia Tech

Publications

- 2022 Naylor, Lindsay, and **Nathan Thayer**. 2022. "Between Paranoia and Possibility: Diverse Economies and the Decolonial Imperative." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 47 (3): 791–805. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12534>.

Under review

Thayer, Nathan. Constructing Georgetown: aesthetics, history, and whiteness in a small diversifying town.” *Geoforum* (under review)

Thayer, Nathan. "Caring for White Supremacy: The case of Kyle Rittenhouse,” *The Annals of the American Association of Geographers* (under review)

In preparation

Thayer, Nathan. “Grassroots DEI efforts and the unevenness of care in a U.S. university,” (target journal) *Progress in Human Geography*

Thayer, Nathan. “Experiences of care and comfort in an antiracist classroom” (target journal) *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*

Awards and Honors

2022-2023	Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware
2021-2022	University Dissertation Fellowship, University of Delaware
2020	UD Antiracism Initiative Graduate Student Research Award (\$4,000)
2020-2021	University Doctoral Fellowship, University of Delaware
2020	Summer Research Fellow, Delaware Public Humanities Institute (\$5,000)
2018-2019	National Research Traineeship, National Science Foundation (\$43,792)
2017	Volunteer of the Year Award, College of Earth, Ocean and Environment, University of Delaware
2016	Mather Graduate Fellows Research Fund, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware (\$750)
2016	Teaching Assistant of the Year Award, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware
2015-2018	Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware

Conference Presentations and Posters

- 2019 **Thayer, N.** “Reclaiming the Mountain: Postcapitalist Possibilities in Appalachia,” Presenter, American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 **Thayer, N.** “Reclaiming the Mountain: From Consumptive Production to Productive Consumption,” Presenter, Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers and the Pennsylvania Geographical Society, Joint Annual Meeting, Montclair, NJ.
- 2018 **Thayer, N.** “Finding Place in Georgetown: Immigration and the Negotiation of Belonging in rural Delaware,” Presenter, American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2018 Henderson, J., Trauth, A., Drewes, A., **Thayer, N.** “The Political Geography of Climate Change Education,” Poster, American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2018 Henderson, J., Trauth, A., Drewes, A., **Thayer, N.** “The Political Geography of Climate Change Education,” Poster, American Educational Research Network, Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2017 **Thayer, N.** “Changes at Home: change, place, and belonging in Georgetown, Delaware”, Presenter, American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2016 **Thayer, N.** “Making Georgetown: Place, belonging, and change in rural Delaware”, Presenter Middle States Division of American Association of Geographers and the Pennsylvania Geographical Society, Joint Annual Meeting, Altoona, PA.
- 2012 **Thayer, N.** “Multiple Masks, Unified Minds: The nature of online identity”, Presenter, North Eastern Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Bridgewater, MA.

Guest Lectures

- 2022 **Thayer, N.** “The Impact Difference Makes: Variegated climate change impacts across markers of difference.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Lewes, DE

- 2021 **Thayer, N.** “Crafting Care-Full Spaces for Transformational Learning,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, DE
- 2018 **Thayer, N.** “Place, Placemaking, and Planning,” University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2016 **Thayer, N.** “Water is Life: Environment, Sovereignty, and the DAPL Protest.” University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2016 **Thayer, N.** “A Nation of Immigrants: Trends in immigration from the national to the local.” University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2016 **Thayer N.** “Hands in the Field: The Bracero Program, 1942-1964.” University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Teaching

University of Delaware, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences

Instructor of Record

GEOG 102: Introduction to Human Geography (W 2019; W2021)

GEOG 120: World Regional Geography (W 2018; S 2018; W2022)

GEOG 467: Geographies of Equity, Inclusion, Diversity, and Antiracism (F2021)

Teaching Assistant

GEOG 102: Introduction to Human Geography

GEOG 120: World Regional Geography

GEOG 320: Water and Society

GEOG 372: Introduction to GIS

GEOG 445: Methods and Theory in Geography

ENSC 450: Proseminar in the Environment

Academic and Community Service

- 2021-2022 Chair, CEOE EmPOWER Graduate Student Mentoring Program, Steering Committee, University of Delaware
- 2020-2021 Vice Chair, CEOE EmPOWER Graduate Student Mentoring Program, Steering Committee, University of Delaware
- 2020-2021 Lead Mentor (Department of Geography), CEOE EmPOWER Graduate Student Mentoring Program, University of Delaware

- 2020-2022 Member, UD Antiracism Initiative, Deconstructing the Syllabus sub-committee
- 2018 Conference Coordinator, Symposium, “Food Intersections: Rethinking space, bodies, and nature”, University of Delaware
- 2018-2020 Graduate Student Faculty Representative, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware
- 2016-2018 Senator, Graduate Student Government, University of Delaware
- 2016-2018 Member, Graduate Student Government Diversity Committee, University of Delaware
- 2016 Fellow, Teaching Assistant Workshop, University of Delaware, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning
- 2016- 2018 Volunteer, Refugee Resettlement, Jewish Family Services
- 2015- Member, Embodiment Lab, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware

Professional Affiliations

American Association of Geographers

Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers

Community Economies Research Network (CERN) (by nomination)

Professional Training

Spatial Analysis and Geographic Information Science

Knowledgeable on ArcMap and ArcPro platforms with geoprocessing, spatial analyst, and network analyst tools, cartography and visualization, and spatial data management.

Referees

Dr. Lindsay Naylor, Geography and Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware, lnaylor@udel.edu

Dr. Julie Klinger, Geography and Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware, klinger@udel.edu

Dr. Georgina Ramsay, Department of Anthropology, University of Delaware,
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