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EDUCATION

In progress Ph.D., Geography, University of Florida
2019 M.S., Geography, University of Idaho
2019 Academic Certificate, Geographic Information Systems, University of Idaho
2015 B.A., History, Middlebury College
2013 Semester Abroad, University of Jordan

EXPERIENCE

2022— Research Assistant for Dr. Olivier Walther, University of Florida Department of Geography
2020—2022 Senior Research Specialist, Bridging Divides Initiative, Princeton University
2020—2021 GIS Analyst, University of Florida Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering
2019— Research Consultant for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Sahel and West Africa Club (OECD/SWAC)
2017—2019 Research Assistant for Dr. Steven Radil, University of Idaho Department of Geography
2016—2017 Research Assistant and Arabic-English Translator for Charles Lister, Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C.
2015—2016 Program and Outreach Fellow, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, Middlebury College
2015 Research Assistant for Dr. Febe Armanios, Middlebury College Department of History

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-review journals

Russell D, Radil S. 2023. The New Anglo-Saxons: Race, space, and the production of a geopolitical discourse. *GeoHumanities*: 1–17. DOI: [10.1080/2373566X.2023.2261514](https://doi.org/10.1080/2373566X.2023.2261514)
Walther O, Radil S, **Russell D**, Trémolières M. 2023. Introducing the Spatial Conflict Dynamics indicator of political violence. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 35 (3), 533–552. DOI: 10.1080/09546553.2021.1957846.
Russell D, Radil S. 2022. Landscapes of control: The geography of counterinsurgency in the Sinai, Egypt. *Arab World Geographer* 25 (2-3): 98–118.
Walther O, Radil S, **Russell D**. 2021. Mapping the changing structure of conflict in North and West Africa. *African Security*, DOI: 10.1080/19392206.2021.1996173.

External contributor to major reports

- Trémolières M, Walther O, Radil S. (eds) 2023. Urbanisation and Conflicts in North and West Africa. Paris, OECD Publishing.
- Trémolières M, Walther O, Radil S. (eds) 2022. Borders and Conflicts in North and West Africa. Paris, OECD Publishing.
- Trémolières M, Walther O, Radil S. (eds) 2021. Conflict Networks in North and West Africa. Paris, OECD Publishing.
- Trémolières M, Walther O, Radil S. (eds) 2020. The Geography of Conflict in North and West Africa. Paris, OECD Publishing.

Theses

- Russell, D. 2019. The New Anglo-Saxons: Race, Place, and the Production of a Geopolitical Discourse. M.S. Thesis for the University of Idaho Department of Geography.
- Russell, D. 2015. The Pan-Angles: American Movements to Federate with Britain, 1882–1945. B.A. Thesis for the Middlebury College Department of History.
- Russell, D. 2014. Reluctant Successor: How the United States Replaced Britain in the Middle East, 1956–1958. Junior Thesis for the Middlebury College Department of History.

Other publications

- Walther O, **Russell D.** 2024. The fragmentation of conflict networks in North and West Africa. Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC/OECD), West African Papers, No. 41, OECD Publishing, Paris.
- Walther O, Radil S, **Russell D.** 2019. Mapping the geography of political violence in North and West Africa. OECD Development Matters, 17 October.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2024 Areas of Operations: An application of spatialized social network analysis to conflict actors. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 16-20, Honolulu, HI
- 2024 The New Anglo-Saxons: Race, Space, and the Production of a Geopolitical Discourse. Florida Society of Geographers Annual Meeting, February 16-18, St. Augustine, FL
- 2023 Extracting Dynamic Social Network Edgelists from Event Data. Spatial Social Network Workshop at Georgia Tech, May 18–19, Atlanta, GA
- 2023 Mapping political violence in North and West Africa through a new Spatial Conflict Dynamic indicator. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, March 23–26, Denver, CO
- 2023 Beyond Body Counts: Evaluating Counterinsurgency in the Sinai. Association for Borderlands Studies 3rd World Conference, February 12–16, Eilat, Israel
- 2022 Understanding transnational violence in North and West Africa through a new Spatial Conflict Dynamics indicator. African Borderlands Research Network Annual Meeting, September 19–20, Paris, France

- 2019 The New Anglo-Saxons: Race, Place, and the Production of a Geopolitical Discourse. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 3–7, Washington, DC
- 2018 Exploring the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Insurgency in the Sinai (with S. Radil). Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, October 24–27, Reno, NV
- 2014 Caliphate Reborn: How the Syrian Conflict is Redefining Jihad for al-Qaida. Middlebury College Spring Student Research Symposium, April 10–11, Middlebury, VT

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

- 2023–2024 Graduate Representative from the Department of Geography, University of Florida
- 2023– Peer reviewer, *Digest of Middle East Studies*
- 2022– Peer reviewer, *Political Geography* (Elsevier)
- 2018–2019 University of Idaho Graduate and Professional Student Association Director of Relations and Senator from Geography
- 2014–2015 Residential Educator at the summer Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy Arabic School, a language school for middle- and high-school students
- 2012–2015 Member of the Middlebury Language School Centennial Committee
- 2013 Arabic-English Translator at the Jordan Friends of the Environment, Amman, Jordan
- 2012 Volunteer summer researcher at the Atlanta History Center

HONORS and AWARDS

- 2023 Spatial Social Network Workshop at Georgia Tech Travel Support (\$400)
- 2023 Association for Borderlands Studies World Conference Travel Grant Award (\$555)
- 2022 Graduate Travel Support Grant, College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, University of Florida (\$300)
- 2019 Dean’s Graduate Award, Department of Geography, University of Idaho
- 2018 Harley Johansen Memorial Geography Scholarship, University of Idaho (\$1,000)
- 2018 University of Idaho Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Travel Award (\$850)
- 2018 University of Idaho College of Science Travel Grant (\$700)
- 2017 Glen E. and Jean K. Nielsen Science Award, University of Idaho (\$3,000)
- 2015 Phi Beta Kappa, Middlebury College Chapter
- 2013 Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace (\$10,000)

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Geographic Information Systems (R spatial libraries, R Shiny/leaflet interactive mapping, ESRI ArcGIS, Python ArcPy library)
- Data manipulation and visualization (R, Python)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Adobe Creative Commons Suite (InDesign, Illustrator)

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Spanish (advanced)
- Arabic, MSA and Jordanian colloquial (advanced)