

Rachel Ameen CV

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Education

Ph.D. in Geography

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY | 2022–Present

M.S. in Marine Affairs

University of Washington, Seattle, WA | 2022

B.A. in Political Science; Environment, Sustainability, and Policy; Public Health

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY | 2020

Teaching Experience

Syracuse University, College of Professional Studies, InterLearn Program

Instructor of Record | 2025–Present

- GEO 103: Environment and Society (*Summer 2025*)

Syracuse University, Department of Geography

Teaching Assistant | 2023–Present

- GEO 103: Environment and Society (*Fall 2024*)
- GEO 155: The Natural Environment (*Spring 2024*)
- GEO 171: Introduction to Human Geography (*Fall 2023, Spring 2025*)

University of Washington, Program on the Environment

Teaching Assistant | 2021–2022

- ENV 100: Introduction to Environmental Studies (*AY 2021–2022*)
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Fellowships and Awards

- **Outstanding TA Award**, Syracuse University
- **Roscoe Martin Graduate Research Award**, Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (*2025, 2026*)
- **National Science Foundation Travel Grant**, American Society of Environmental History (*2026*)
- **Sopher Award**, Syracuse University Department of Geography (*2026*)
- **Maxwell Dean's Research Award**, Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (*2026*)
- **Syracuse University Research Excellence Dissertation Award**, (*2025–2026*)
- **Peter C. Welsh Research Fellowship**, The Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake (*2025–2026*)
- **Mark Monmonier Research Award**, Syracuse University Department of Geography (*2025*)
- **University Fellowship**, Syracuse University Department of Geography (*2022–Present*)

- **Tom and Muriel More Scholarship**, National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium (2023)
 - **Top Scholar Fellowship**, University of Washington School of Marine and Environmental Affairs (2020-2022)
 - **Full tuition coverage and living stipend**
 - Ed Miles Memorial Student Support Fund
 - Marc J. Hershman Endowment for Marine Affairs
 - Staehli Family Endowed Fund
 - **Usha and Rao Varanasi Endowment**
 - **Coronat Scholar Fellowship**, Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences (2016-2020)
 - **Full tuition coverage for four years + semester abroad**
 - **Thesis Research Grant**, Renée Crown University Honors Program (2019)
 - **Robert B. Menschel Public Service Award**, Syracuse University (2019)
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Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- **Performing Wilderness: Black Flies and the Intimate Geographies of Adirondack Authenticity**, Huntington Lecture Series, SUNY ESF (2026)
 - **Environmental History in the Age of AI**, American Society for Environmental History, Kansas City, MO (2026)
 - **Higher Education in the Age of LLM**, American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA (2026)
 - **Mapping Forever Wild: Animals and Recreation in the Adirondacks**, National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium, Annapolis, MD (2024)
 - **Tradition, Opportunity, and Viral Illness: How the Onset of COVID-19 Reshaped Coastal Tourism in New England**, National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium, Annapolis, MD (2023)
 - **Who's Fault Is It? Responsibility Framing in Environmental Belief and Actions**, Honors Thesis Showcase, Renée Crown University Honors Program, Syracuse University (2020)
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Professional Development and Work

- **AI Responsive Course Development** | Syracuse University Department of Geography | 2025-present
 - Research and response to AI's impact on pedagogy
 - Collaborative project with biweekly faculty meetings
- **AI Literacy Workshop** | Syracuse University Department of Geography | 2025
 - 3-month intensive exploring AI applications for humanities research

- o Institutionally funded, hands-on training with major AI models and tools
 - o Focus on ethical considerations, research methods, and critical engagement with emerging technologies
 - **TA Mentorship Program** | University of Washington, School of Environmental Studies | 2021-2022
 - o Peer mentorship and training program for TAs, included training by faculty and a range of professional workshops
 - o Participated first as a trainee, then as a facilitator and workshop leader
 - **Board of Directors (2019-present) and Program Coordinator (2019-2022) for the Gulf of Maine Institute (GOMI)**
 - o Grant writing, program evaluation, and strategic development for GOMI, an international environmental education nonprofit
 - o Primary author for multiple successful grants, including NOAA (\$150,000 over three years, renewed twice) and smaller foundations
 - o Coordinated institute-wide conferences and led GOMI's COVID adaptation plan
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Service

Syracuse University, Department of Geography

- Graduate Student Representative (2024-2025)
- Graduate Admissions Committee Member (2023)

University of Washington, School of Marine and Environmental Affairs

- Graduate Class Student Representative (2020-2022)
 - Admissions Committee Representative (2020-2022)
 - Curriculum Committee Representative (2020-2022)
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Peer Reviewed Publications

- **“Performing Wilderness: Black Flies and the Intimate Geographies of Adirondack Authenticity,”** (under review at *Journal of Historical Geography*)
- **“Teaching with AI, Teaching Against AI,”** (under review at *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*)
- **“The Environmental Humanities in the Age of AI,”** (accepted at *Resistance: A Journal of Radical Environmental Humanities*; forthcoming March/April 2027)
- Yoxall, Kelly, Kline, **Ameen**, Montgomery, Vazquez-Carrillo, Brown, **“Creative Practice and Spatial Storytelling in the Cartographic Classroom,”** (accepted at *Cartographic Perspectives*; forthcoming 2026)

Reviews and Editorials

- **“Bug Off: Duflo, Dope, and the Adirondack Fight to Control Pest Control,”** Adirondack Experience, 2026 Winter/Spring Newsletter

- **“Book Review: Ameen on 'Outsider Animals: How the Creatures at the Margins of Our Lives Have the Most to Teach Us',** *H-Net (Humanities and Social Sciences Online)*(2026)
- **“Book Review: Ameen on Heppler, Silicon Valley and the Environmental Inequalities of High-Tech Urbanism,”** *H-Net (Humanities and Social Sciences Online)*(2026)
- **“Book Review: What If We Get It Right,”** *Gulf of Maine Institute Journal* (2025)
- **“Book Review: The Dirt Trilogy,”** *Gulf of Maine Institute Journal* (2023)
- **“Nautical Newcomers: How the Pandemic Has Changed Recreational Boating,”** *Currents* (2022)
- **“Student Editorial: Moving Through Crisis,”** *Gulf of Maine Institute Journal* (2020)
- **“Kids These Days,”** *Gulf of Maine Institute Journal* (2019)