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The American Geographical Society Announces the Appointment of Dr. Jesse Swann-Quinn as Technical Editor of the FOCUS on Geography Digital Journal

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[New York City, NY] – [February 28, 2024] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announces the appointment of Dr. Jesse Swann-Quinn as the Technical Editor of the FOCUS on Geography digital journal (www.focusongeography.org). Launched in 2016, the FOCUS digital journal continues in the tradition of the original paper magazine, but in a more dynamic and interactive format. FOCUS is a peer-reviewed digital publication that includes richly illustrated geographical articles and essays. The editors of FOCUS are Dr. Deborah E. Popper of Princeton University and the College of Staten Island/CUNY, Dr. Wesley Reisser of the US Department of State, and Dr. Michael Steinberg of the University of Alabama.

Dr. Swann-Quinn is an Assistant Professor in the Environmental Science & Sustainability and Community & Justice Studies programs at Allegheny College. Trained as a political and environmental geographer, both Dr. Swann-Quinn’s teaching and research focus on resource geographies, geopolitics, political ecology, and environmental justice and storytelling, with much of this work taking place in the South Caucasus. Before entering the academy Dr. Swann-Quinn spent five years working for National Geographic Television producing wildlife documentaries. He completed his PhD in the Geography Department at Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

“I’m thrilled to join the FOCUS editorial team! I love having the opportunity to help share interesting and important research from around the world with a broader audience, and through such an interactive format. I look forward to working with the AGS to help engage more people with geography!” said Dr. Swann-Quinn.

“We are thrilled to have Jesse join Focus as technical editor. His magnificent eye and geographical sense makes every article that much better,” said Dr. Deborah Popper, AGS Vice President and Editor of FOCUS on Geography.

All elements of the FOCUS on Geography digital journal are Open Access, as this format better serves the needs of AGS Affiliates, subscribers, and the geographically and geo-spatially passionate public. Each feature article and photo essay is issued a Digital Object Identifier (DOI), and all elements of the digital journal are archived.

Unsolicited submissions are welcome for photo essays and feature articles. Inquiries and submissions can be sent to focus@americangeo.org.

The AGS is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most
importantly with teachers and students. The vision of AGS is to be the foremost champion of geography for the benefit of society. The mission of AGS is to convene a diverse global community of innovators, thinkers, and practitioners; create and curate geographical knowledge, learning, and exploration; and advance geographic knowledge and technologies to address society’s challenges and opportunities. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States and is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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