

EDUCATION

2006. Ph.D. Geography, University of Texas at Austin

2002. M.Sc. Geosciences, University of Massachusetts – Amherst

1992. B.A. History / Philosophy, Trinity University

ACADEMIC POSTS

2026 – current	Adjunct Professor, John Cabot University, Rome
2018 - 2026	Clinical Professor, Tisch Center of Hospitality, New York University
2015 – 2017	Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Geography, University of Zürich
2010 – 2014	Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Architecture and Urbanism, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niterói, Rio de Janeiro
2009	Fulbright Fellow, Geography Institute, Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro
2006 – 2008	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles (English)

Müller, Martin, David Gogishvili, Sven Daniel Wolfe, Christopher Gaffney, Miriam Hug, and Annick Leick. 2023. "Peak Event: The Rise, Crisis and Potential Decline of the Olympic Games and the World Cup." *Tourism Management* 95 (April): 104657.

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2011. Müller, M., S. D. Wolfe, D. Gogishvili, C. Gaffney, M. Hug, and A. Leick. The mega-events database: systematising the evidence on mega-event outcomes. *Leisure Studies* :1–9.

2021. Müller, Martin, Sven Daniel Wolfe, Christopher Gaffney, David Gogishvili, Miriam Hug, Annick Leick. "Evaluating the Sustainability of the Olympic Games, 1992-2020." *Nature Sustainability* 4, 340–348.

2021. Gaffney, Christopher. "Geoporn: Spectacular Reproduction in Olympic Rio De Janeiro." *Sport in Society*, February 1–21.

2020. Gaffney, Christopher. "Maraca! The death and life of a global icon". *Rassegna di Architettura e Urbanistica*, Volume 160, 15-40.

2020. Gaffney, Christopher and Bruno Eeckels. "COVID-19 and Tourism Risk in the Americas". *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 19(3), 150-154.

2020. Boykoff, Jules and Christopher Gaffney. "Tokyo 2020 and the End of Olympic History". *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*, Volume 31, No. 2, 1-14.

2018. Gaffney, Christopher. "Can We Blame It on Rio?" *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, December. <https://doi.org/10.1111/blar.12748>.

2018. Gaffney, Christopher, Martin Muller, and Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Scrutinizing Global Mega-Events." In *Doing Global Urban Research*, edited by John Harrison, 125-137. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

2018a. Müller, Martin, and Christopher Gaffney. "Globalization and Mega-Events: Thinking through Flows." In *Handbook of Geographies of Globalization*, edited by Robert Kloosterman, Virginie Mamadouh, and Pieter Terhorst, 296-305. Cheltenham: E. Elgar.

2018b. ———. "Comparing the Urban Impacts of the FIFA World Cup and Olympic Games From 2010 to 2016:" *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*, 42(4), 247-269.

2017. Bailey, Kyle, Gaffney, C., and Oliver, R. "Media Geographies and the 2014 World Cup." *Journal of Sport & Social Issues* 41(1): 70-93. DOI: 10.1177/0193723516680159.

2016. Kassens-Noor, E., Gaffney, C., Messina, J. and Phillips, E. "Olympic Transport Legacies: Rio de Janeiro's BRT system." *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.

2016. Gaffney, Christopher and Cerianne Robertson. "Smarter than Smart? Rio's failed emergence as a smart city." *Journal of Urban Technology*, 23 (1).

2016. Gaffney, Christopher. "Transforming Rio: For the Benefit of Whom?" *Journal of Sport Science and Physical Education*. No. 70: 35-42.

2015. Gaffney, Christopher. "Gentrifications in Pre-Olympic Rio de Janeiro." *Urban Geography* 37(8): 1132-1153.

2014. Gaffney, Christopher. "The mega-event city as neo-liberal laboratory: the case of Rio de Janeiro." *Percorso Acadêmico* 4 (8): s/n.

2013a. Gaffney, Christopher. "Virando o Jogo: The Challenges and Possibilities for Social Mobilization in Brazilian Football." *Journal of Sport & Social Issues* 39 (2): 155-174.

2013b. Gaffney, Christopher. "From Culture to Spectacle: The New Logics of Brazilian Football." *Territorio* 65 (1): 48-53.

2013c. Gaffney, Christopher. "Between Discourse and Reality: The Un-Sustainability of Mega-Event Planning." *Sustainability* 5 (9): 3926-3940. DOI: 10.3390/su5093926.

2012. Gaffney, Christopher. "Securing the Olympic City." *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* 13 (2): 75-82.

2010. Gaffney, Christopher. "Mega-Events and Socio-Spatial Dynamics in Rio de Janeiro, 1919-2016." *Journal of Latin American Geography* 9 (1): 7-29. DOI: 10.1353/lag.0.0068

Refereed Journal Articles (Portuguese)

2016. Gaffney, Christopher and Daniel Wolfe. "Sochi 2014: um BRIC na estrada de perdição" (Sochi 2014: A BRIC on the Road to Perdition). *Revista ADVIR* 35(1): 54-63.

2013. Christopher Gaffney. "Forjando Os Anéis: A Paisagem Imobiliária no Rio de Janeiro." (Forging the Rings: Rio de Janeiro's pre-Olympic residential landscape). *E-Metropolis* 15 (4): 8–24.

2010. Gusmão de Oliveira, Nelma, and Christopher Gaffney. "Rio de Janeiro e Barcelona: Os Limites do Paradigma Olímpico." (Rio de Janeiro and Barcelona: the limits to the Olympic paradigm). *Biblio 3W*, GeoCrítica. Cuadernos Críticos de Geografía Humana, XV 895(17).

2010. Melo, Erick and Christopher Gaffney. "Mega-eventos esportivos: reestruturação urbana para quem?" (Sports mega-events: urban restructuring for whom?) *Proposta*, v. 120, p. 51-73.

2010. Melo, Erick and Christopher Gaffney. "Mega-eventos esportivos no Brasil: uma perspectiva sobre futuras transformações." (Sports mega-events in Brazil: a perspective regarding future transformations). *Proposta*, v. 121: 32-51.

Book Chapters (English)

2026. Gaffney, C., A. Jaffee, and S. Salak. Climate Preparedness in the Caribbean: Sustainability Strategies for Tourism and Hospitality. In *Sustainable Tourism, Hospitality and Events Emerging Trends and New Opportunities*, 233–255. Routledge: London.

2022. Gaffney, Christopher. "Flows, Circulations, Accumulations: Theorizing Mega Events." In *Mega Events, Urban Transformations and Social Citizenship*, edited by Filippo Bignami, Niccolò Cuppini, and Naomi Hanakata, 23–25. Abingdon: Routledge.

2020. Gaffney, Christopher. "Sports and Society in Latin America: towards a progressive politics?" In, the *Olympic Movement in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Antonio Sotomayor and Cesar Torres, editors, (pp. 185-200).

2019a. Gaffney, Christopher. Sports Mega Events and Democracy: Socio-spatial Dynamics in Rio. In J. Maguire, M. Falcous, & K. Liston (Eds.), *The business and culture of sports: society, politics, economy, environment, Volume 4* (pp. 137–152). Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA.

2019b. Gaffney, Christopher. Sports, Mega Events, and Security. In J. A. Maguire, M. Falcous, & K. Liston (Eds.), *The business and culture of sports: society, politics, economy, environment, Volume 3* (pp. 383–398). Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA.

2018. Gaffney, Christopher, Sven Daniel Wolfe, and Martin Müller. "Scrutinizing Global Mega-events." In *Doing global urban research*, edited by John Harrison and Michael Hoyler. London: Sage Publishing.

2016a. Gaffney, Christopher. "The Brazilian Experience as 'role-model'." In *Global Corruption Report: Sport*, edited by Gareth Sweeny, 204 – 210. Abingdon: Routledge.

2016b. Gaffney, Christopher. "An Anatomy of Resistance: The Comitês Populares of Brazil." In *Sport, Protest and Globalisation: Stopping Play*, edited by Stephen Wagg and Jonathan Dart, 335-363. Palgrave Macmillan.

2015. Gaffney, Christopher. "The Urban Impacts of the 2014 World Cup in Brazil." In *Mega Events and Globalization: Capital, Cultures and Spectacle in a Changing World Order*, edited by Richard Gruneau and John Horne, 167–185. Abingdon: Routledge.

2014. Gaffney, Christopher. "A World Cup for Whom? The Impact of the 2014 World Cup on Brazilian Football Stadiums and Cultures." In *The Country of Football: Politics, Popular Culture, and the Beautiful Game in Brazil*, edited by Paulo Fontes and Bernardo Buarque de Hollanda, 189–208. London: Hurst & Co Ltd.

Book Chapters (Portuguese)

2015a. Gaffney, Christopher. "A Construção de Equipamentos Esportivos Voltados Para a Elite na cidade do Rio de Janeiro." (The construction of elite sports infrastructure in Rio de Janeiro). In *Rio de Janeiro: Os Impactos da Copa do Mundo e das Olimpíadas*, edited by Orlando Alves dos Santos Junior, Christopher Gaffney, and Luiz Cesar de Queiroz Ribeiro, 117–144. Rio de Janeiro: Letra Capital Editora.

2015b. Gaffney, Christopher. "Arenas de Conflito: os processos conflituosos durante a preparação para a Copa do Mundo no Brasil." (Arenas of Conflict: the process of conflict during the preparations for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil). In *Os Impactos da Copa do Mundo e das Olimpíadas no Brasil*, edited by Orlando Alves dos Santos Junior, Christopher Gaffney, and Luiz Cesar de Queiroz Ribeiro, 185–202. Rio de Janeiro: Letra Capital Editora.

2015c. Gaffney, Christopher. "Segurança Pública e Grandes Eventos no Rio de Janeiro." (Public Security and Large Events in Rio de Janeiro). In *Rio de Janeiro: Os Impactos da Copa do Mundo e das Olimpíadas*, edited by Orlando Alves dos Santos Junior, Christopher Gaffney, and Luiz Cesar de Queiroz Ribeiro, 145–170. Rio de Janeiro: Letra Capital Editora.

2015d. Gaffney, Christopher. "Segurança Pública e os Megaeventos no Brasil." (Public Security and Mega-events in Brazil). In *Os Impactos da Copa do Mundo e das Olimpíadas no Brasil*, edited by Orlando Santos Junior, Christopher Gaffney, and Luiz Cesar de Queiroz Ribeiro, 165–184. Rio de Janeiro: Letra Capital Editora.

2014a. Gaffney, Christopher. "A Cidade Dos Megaeventos Como Laboratório Neoliberal." (The Megaevent city as neoliberal laboratory). In *Produção e Gestão do Espaço*, edited by Maria de Lourdes Costa and Maria Lais Pereira da Silva, 373–392. Rio de Janeiro: Casa 8.

2014b. Gaffney, Christopher. "Fronteiras, Barreiras e Mobilidades: Problematizando o Projeto Olímpico no Rio de Janeiro." (Frontiers, Barriers, and Mobilities: Problematizing the Olympic Project in Rio de Janeiro). In *Transformações territoriais no Rio de Janeiro do século XXI*, edited by Ângela Penalva Santos and Maria Josefina Sant'Anna, 79–102. Rio de Janeiro: Gramma.

Books

2024. Caracostea, Savinien and Christopher Gaffney. *The Hospitality 3.0 Framework*. New York, NY. Meta Foundation.

2008. Gaffney, Christopher. *Temples of the Earthbound Gods: Stadiums in the Cultural Landscapes of Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro*. Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press.

Edited Volumes

2015. Alves dos Santos Junior, Orlando, Christopher Gaffney, and Luiz César de Queiroz Ribeiro, editors. *Brasil: Os Impactos da Copa do Mundo 2014 e das Olimpíadas 2016*. Rio de Janeiro: Letra Capital Editora.

2015. Castro, Demian, Christopher Gaffney, Patrícia Ramos Novaes, Carolina Pereira dos Santos, and Orlando Alves dos Santos Junior, eds. *Rio de Janeiro: Os Impactos da Copa do Mundo e das Olimpíadas*. Rio de Janeiro: Letra Capital Editora.

Book Reviews

2020. Gaffney, Christopher. "Show me the Flows!". Commentary on *The Geopolitics of the Knowledge-based Economy*, by Sami Moisió, *Political Geography* 80: 102216.

2018a. Gaffney, Christopher. Review of *The Invention of the Beautiful Game: Football and the Making of Modern Brazil* by Greg Bocketti. *Luso-Brazilian Review*, 54(2): 120-122.

2018b. Gaffney, Christopher. Review of *Revolt of the Saints: Memory and Redemption in the Twilight of Brazilian Racial Democracy* by John Collins. *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 9(2): 176-178.

Research Dossiers

2023. "Operational Sustainability Report for Paralello 19 / Fundación Haciendas del Mundo Maya. "

2015. Contributor. "Rio 2016: um legado de violações." Comitê Popular da Copa e das Olimpíadas do Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

2022. Dean's Research Award, School of Professional Studies, NYU. \$5,000.

2019. Dean's Research Award, School of Professional Studies, NYU. \$4,300.

2010 – 2013. National Research Co-coordinator on the project Mega-eventos e as Metrópoles: os impactos da Copa de Mundo 2014 e as Olimpíadas de 2016. R\$ 2,157,730.00.

2011 – 2013. Project coordinator, The BRT lines of Rio de Janeiro: the social impacts and spatial logics of Olympic transportation PIBIC (Programa Institucional de Bolsas de Iniciação Científica), Universidade Federal Fluminense. R\$ 12,000.

2009. Fulbright Association (IIE) Research Grant, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. US\$ 17,500.

AWARDS

2023-2026. Fulbright Specialist Roster.

2022. Excellence in Teaching Award. School of Professional Studies, NYU.

2022. Outstanding Service Award, Conference of Latin American Geography.

2019. Publication Award, American Association of Geographers.

2004. Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin.

2001. Alumni Research Award, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Department of Geosciences.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

John Cabot University (Undergraduate)

2026 – present

Global and Italian Tourism Systems

Politics and Sport

New York University (Undergraduate and Masters)

2018 – 2026

Data Analytics and Visualization (undergraduate)

Data Analytics for Hospitality and Travel (graduate)

Research Methods (undergraduate)

Applied Research Methods (graduate)

Sport Tourism and Mega-events (graduate and undergraduate)

Sport Tourism Development (graduate)

Puerto Rico Tourism Independent Study (graduate)

Tourism Systems in Ghana (graduate)

Sporting, Tourism, Urban Landscapes in Buenos Aires (graduate)

University of Zürich (Masters, courses in English)

2016 *Cities and Globalization*

Universidade Federal Fluminense (Masters and Ph.D., courses in Portuguese)

2011-14 *Didática Aplicada* (Applied Didactics)

Lendo a Cidade II (Reading the City II)

Lendo a Cidade I (Reading the City I)

Percepção de Ambientes (Environmental Perception)

Produzindo a Cidade Olímpica (Producing the Olympic City)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2024 – present. Associate Editor, *Event Management*

2023-present. Associate Editor, *Annals of the Association of American Geography*.

2014 – 2018. Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Latin American Geography*.

2019 – 2024. Publications Committee Chair. *Conference of Latin American Geography*

2010-2018. Associate Editor. *Brasiliانا: A Journal for Brazilian Studies*, Aarhus, Denmark

Associate Editor. *Revista Digital Esporte e Sociedade*, Niterói, RJ, Brazil

Associate Editor. *Administração Pública e Gestão Social*, Brazil

Associate Editor. *E-Metrópolis*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Associate Editor. *Events, Society, and Culture*, Abingdon, UK

Associate Editor. *GeoSport for Society*, Bucharest, Romania

MEDIA and PUBLIC OUREACH

In addition to numerous appearances in documentary films, I have given hundreds of interviews, including citations in the following media: *Suddeutsche Zeitung, RTE, El País, La Nación, Página 12, Agence France Presse, BBC, Reuters, Irish Times, Times of London, Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, The Nation, NPR, ESPN, Sports Illustrated, The Globe and Mail, Radio Canada, CBS, NBC, HBO, CCTV (China), Global Post, Associated Press, RTVE, Carta Capital, IstoÈ* and many others.

LANGUAGES

English, native speaker

Portuguese, academic fluency reading, writing, speaking

Spanish, academic fluency reading, fluency spoken, competency writing

Italian, fluency reading and comprehension, spoken competency