

# Stephen Hanna

Professor of Geography at University of Mary Washington

Fredericksburg, VA, US

Dr. Hanna's research in cultural geography explores how our pasts are represented in monuments and museums.

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## Biography

Every Southern plantation has a story to tell. In his work chronicling how slavery has been incorporated into the U.S. commemorative landscape, University of Mary Washington Professor of Geography Stephen P. Hanna taps into missing antebellum and Civil War-era narratives.

Also an expert on cartography and critical applications of GIS, Dr. Hanna, a human geographer by training, is interested in the economic and cultural characteristics of places within the global economy.

He has used maps to study election outcomes; his columns analyzing regional, state and national elections have appeared in The Washington Post and The Richmond-Times Dispatch, among other publications.

His work with professors from six other universities on "Transformation of Racialized American Southern Heritage Landscape," was made possible through a National Science Foundation grant. The team is documenting visitors' experiences to show how slavery is presented at plantation house museums in Louisiana, South Carolina and Virginia.

Dr. Hanna also studied how markers represent slavery in the historical landscape of Fredericksburg, Virginia with the help of several UMW students. This work appeared in Social and Cultural Geography, The Southeastern Geographer, Cultural Geographies and as a chapter in Social Memory and Heritage Tourism Methodologies (2015), a book he co-edited.

Hanna co-edited the book "Mapping Tourism" (2003), and his work appears in publications such as Progress in Human Geography, Urban Geography, Cartographica and ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies. He is a member of the Association of American Geographers and regularly prepares maps for academic books and journals, including a recent depiction of the shift in vote for Virginia Senator Mark Warner between 2001 and 2014.

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## Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Information Technology and Services, Research, Training and Development

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## Areas of Expertise

Mapping elections, Cartography and GIS, Southern plantation museums, Confederate memorials, Cartography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Global Economic Development, Urban Geography, Historical Geography, Geography

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## Affiliations

Association of American Cartographers : Member, Association of American Geographers : Member,  
Southeastern Division

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## **Education**

**University of Kentucky**  
Ph.D. Geography

**University of Vermont**  
M.A. Geography

**Clark University**  
B.A. Geography

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## **Accomplishments**

### **American Association of Geographers Fellow**

The AAG Fellows program recognizes geographers who have made significant contributions to advancing geography.

### **Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Research Honors Award**

Professor of Geography Stephen Hanna won the Research Honors Award for his work in critical and cultural geography.

### **University of Mary Washington Waple Faculty Professional Achievement Award**

The nomination-based award recognizes faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to their scholarly or creative area of expertise.

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