
GENERAL INTERESTS: Political, Social, and Economic Geographies, International Studies and Comparative Politics, Development Studies, Geographic Thought and Social Theory, Governance and Security

SPECIFIC INTERESTS: Processes and Consequences of Territorialization & Place Attachment; Geopolitics & Border Studies; Migration & Diaspora Studies; Geographies of Nationalism & Transnationalism; Justice, Ethics, & Geographies of Citizenship; Urban Landscape Change; Infrastructure and Development

REGIONAL / AREA STUDIES FOCI: Central Eurasia & Northeast Asia, Islamic & Russian Borderlands

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Geography 2015 – present

Department of Geography, University of Kansas

- Affiliate Faculty Environmental Studies
- Affiliate Faculty Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Affiliate Faculty Center for Migration Research
- Affiliate Faculty Center for East Asian Studies

Director of Graduate Studies, 2018 – present

Department of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences

Director of the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREEES) 2016-2017

College of Arts and Sciences University of Kansas

Senior Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies 2015-2016

Center for Global and International Studies, Harvard University

Assistant Professor of Geography 2011–2015

Department of Geography, University of Kansas

Senior Research Scholar, Center for Social Research 2011-2012

American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Fulbright Regional Research Scholar 2011-2012

U.S. Fulbright Program for South and Central Asia

Senior Scholar, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies 2010-2011

Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

Assistant /Associate Professor of Geography and International Studies 2004–2011

International Studies/Social Science Division, Pepperdine University

Title VIII Research Scholar 2003–2004

Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Geographic Information Systems Analyst 1996–1997 State of South Carolina

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. 2003
Doctorate in Geography (Advisor: Dr. Robert Kaiser) Dissertation: *One Homeland or Two?: Territorialization of Identity and the Repatriation Decision of the Mongolian-Kazakh Diaspora*

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 1999 – 2000 & 2002
National Resource Center for Inner Asian and Uralic Studies (Advisor: William Fierman)
Coursework at Indiana University's Central Asian Studies Department (Fall Semester 1999),
Language Training – Russian/Kazakh (Summer 2000 & 2002)

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 1998
Intensive Summer Language Program – Uzbek

Indiana University Purdue University – Indianapolis (IUPUI), Indianapolis, IN 1995
Arabic Language Training & Quantitative Methods

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC May 1995
Master of Arts in Political Geography (Advisor: Dr. Julian V. Minghi)
Thesis: *Population Transfer: Geopolitics of Exchange*

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL March 1994
Master of Arts in International Relations (Advisor: Dr. Marvin Mikesell)
Thesis: *Irredentism and Its Significance in the International System*

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA December 1991
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (Advisor: Dr. Dan Caldwell)
Summer-in-Spain Language Program - Madrid, Spain- Summer 1990.
Baniyas Archeological Dig, Baniyas, Israel -Summer 1989
Alpha Chi Honor Society, Dean's List

State University of New York, College at New Paltz, 1987-88

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AUTHORED:

Borders: A Very Short Introduction (2nd ed.) co-authored with Joshua Hagen (New York: Oxford University Press – contracted for 2022)

The Meaning of Somewhere: Place Attachments and the Geographies of Being (New York: Oxford University Press – contracted for 2023)

Borders: A Very Short Introduction co-authored with Joshua Hagen (New York and London: Oxford University Press 2012 – ISBN 9780199731503) pp. 137

Japanese Translation: 境界から世界を見る——ボーダースタディーズ入門 trans. Fuminori Kawakubo (Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten Publishers 2015 ISBN 9784000610438) pp. 205

Korean Translation: 국경 : 아주 짧은 소개 (Seoul: Somyong Publishing 2021)

One Homeland or Two?: Nationalization and Transnationalization of Mongolia's Kazakhs (Palo Alto, CA and Washington DC: Stanford University Press and Woodrow Wilson Center Press 2009 – ISBN 9780804761918) pp. 405

Homeland Conceptions and Ethnic Integration among Kazakhstan's Germans and Koreans (Lampeter UK: Mellen Press, 2004 – ISBN 0773463119) pp. 201

BOOKS EDITED:

Invisible Borders: Geographies of Power, Mobility, and Belonging (contracted with Routledge Publishers for 2021)

Cities as Power: Urban Space, Place, and National Identity co-editor with Joshua Hagen, (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2019 - ISBN 9781538118269) pp. 328

From Socialist to Post-Socialist Cities: Cultural Politics of Architecture, Urban Planning, and Identity in Eurasia co-editor with Joshua Hagen, (Routledge Publishers 2014 – ISBN 9781138821200) pp. 208

Borderlines and Borderlands: Political Oddities at the Edge of the Nation State co-editor with Joshua Hagen (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2010 – ISBN 9780742556355) pp. 264

SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS EDITED

Northeast Asia in Geographical Perspective co-eds. Mia Bennett and Andrew Grant, Special Issue of *Asian Geographer* (in preparation for 2021)

Geographies of Place Attachment co-editor with Joshua Hagen, Special Issue of *Geographical Review* (forthcoming 2021)

From Socialist to Post-Socialist Cities: Narrating the Nation through Urban Space co-editor with Joshua Hagen, *Nationalities Papers* Special Issue v. 4 no.4, 2013 pp. 487-650

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

“Northeast Asian in Regional Perspective” *Asian Geographer* (prov. title – under review)

“The Power of Place in Place Attachment” *Geographical Review* (in press 2021)

"Territorial Belonging and Homeland Disjuncture: Uneven Territorializations in Kazakhstan" co-authored with Kristopher Rees & Nora Webb-Williams (*Europe Asia Studies* in press 2021)

“Geographies of Place Attachment: A Place-Based Model of Materiality, Performance, and Narration” *Geographical Review* (2021 DOI <https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2020.1839899>)

“Local Perceptions of Tourism’s Effects in Russia’s Altai Republic” co-authored with Ruth Remmers. (*Ustoichivoe razvitie gornykh territorii -Sustainable Development of Mountain Territories* - v.12 no.3, 2020) pp. 327-338 <https://doi.org/10.21177/1998-4502-2020-12-3-327-338>

“Multi-Scalar Territorialization in Kazakhstan’s Northern Borderland” *Geographical Review* (2020 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00167428.2020.1814676>)

“The Varied Geographies of Historical Citizenships” (*Global Citizenship Review* 3-4th Quarter 2019) pp. 28-35 https://issuu.com/ideos_publications/docs/gc_review_3rd_edition_2019

“Axial Development in Mongolia: Intended and Unintended Effects of New Roads” co-authored with Batbuyan Batjav (*Mobilities* v. 14 no.6, 2019) pp. 778-794

Promotional Link: Center for Strategic and International Studies, Reconnecting Asia Project <https://reconnectingasia.csis.org/analysis/entries/millennium-highways-unintended-inroads/>

JOURNAL ARTICLES

CONT.

“Kazakhstan’s Evolving Regional Economic Policy: Assessing Strategies of Post-Socialist Economic Development” co-authored with Yerken Turganbayev (*Eurasian Geography and Economics* v. 59 no. 5-6, 2019) pp. 657-684

Promotional Link: Center for Strategic and International Studies, Reconnecting Asia Project <https://reconnectingasia.csis.org/analysis/entries/kazakhstans-road-growth/>

“Assessing Potential Russian Irredentism and Separatism in Kazakhstan’s Northern Oblasts” (*Eurasian Geography and Economics*, v. 56, no. 5, 2016) pp. 469-492

“Political Geography, New Regionalism, and Re-scaling Identity” co-authored with Austin Charron (*SAIS Review* v. 35, no. 2, 2016) pp. 13-20

“Parsing Mobilities in Central Eurasia: Border Management and New Silk Roads” (*Eurasian Geography and Economics* v. 56, no. 4, 2015) pp. 376-404

Reprinted in M. Laruelle (ed.) *The Central Asia-Afghanistan Relation from Soviet Intervention to the US Silk Road Initiative* George Washington: Central Asian Program Series, Lexington Books (2017)

“From Socialist to Post-Socialist Cities: Narrating the Nation through Urban Space”

co-authored with Joshua Hagen (*Nationalities Papers* v. 4 no.4, 2013) pp. 487-514

Reprinted in A. Diener and J. Hagen (eds.) *From Socialist to Post-Socialist Cities: Cultural Politics of Architecture, Urban Planning, and Identity in Eurasia*, (Routledge 2014) pp. 1-29

“City of Concrete and Felt: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in Mongolia's Capital of Ulaanbaatar” co-authored with Joshua Hagen (*Nationalities Papers* v. 4 no.4, 2013) pp. 622-650

Reprinted in A. Diener and J. Hagen *From Socialist to Post-Socialist Cities: Cultural Politics of Architecture, Urban Planning, and Identity in Eurasia*, (Routledge 2014) pp. 136-164

“Geopolitics of the Kaliningrad Exclave and Enclave: Russian and EU Perspectives” co-authored with Joshua Hagen (*Eurasian Geography and Economics* v. 52 no.4 2011) pp.567-592

“Diasporic Stances: Comparing the Historical Geographic Antecedents of German and Korean Migration Decisions in Kazakhstan” (*Geopolitics* v. 14 no.3 2009) pp. 462-487

“Theorizing Borders in a Borderless World: Globalization, Mobility and Scale” with Joshua Hagen (*Geography Compass* v. 3 no.3 2009) pp.1196-1216

“Diasporic and Transnational Social Practices in Central Asia” (*Geography Compass* v. 2 no. 2 2008) pp. 956-978

“Negotiating Territorial Belonging: A Transnational Field Approach to Mongolia’s Kazakhs” (*Geopolitics* v. 12 no.3 2007) pp. 459-487

“Transnationalism and Minority Territorialization in Kazakhstan” (*International Journal of Central Asian Studies* v. 11 no.1 2007) pp. 86-102

“Homeland as Social Construct: Territorialization among Germans and Koreans in Kazakhstan” (*Nationalities Papers* v. 34 no.2 2006) pp. 201-236

“Kazakhstan’s Kin-State Diaspora: Settlement Planning and the *Oralman* Dilemma” (*Europe Asia Studies* v. 57 no.2 March 2005) pp. 327-348

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CONT. “Problematic Integration of Mongolian-Kazakh Return-Migrants in Kazakhstan (*Eurasian Geography and Economics* v. 46 no.6, 2005) pp. 465-478

“National Territory and the Reconstruction of History in Kazakhstan” (*Eurasian Geography and Economics* v. 43 no.8, 2002) pp. 632-647

EDITED VOLUME CHAPTERS:

“Borders, Boundaries, and Identity in Central Asia” co-authored with Vincent Artman in Erica Marat and Rico Issacs (eds.) *Routledge Handbook on Central Asia* (London: Routledge Press – in press 2021)

“Central Asia as Place” co-authored with Nick Solly Megoran in David Montgomery (ed.) *Central Asia: Contexts for Understanding*. (Pittsburg: University of Pittsburg Press – in press 2021)

“U.S. Soft Power in Central Asia” co-authored with Vincent Artman in Sébastien Peyrouse (ed.) *Central Asia in Context* (University of Pittsburg Press – in press 2020)

“The City as Palimpsest: Narrating National Identity through Urban Space and Place” with Joshua Hagen in Alexander C. Diener and Joshua Hagen *Cities as Power: Urban Space, Place, and National Identity* (Rowman and Littlefield 2019) pp. 1-22

“The City as Crucible: Urban Space, Place, and National Identity into the Twenty-first Century” with Joshua Hagen in Alexander C. Diener and Joshua Hagen *Cities as Power: Urban Space, Place, and National Identity* (Rowman and Littlefield 2019) pp. 253-264

“Border Control as a Technology of Social Control” with Joshua Hagen in Deflem, Mathieu, editor. *The Handbook of Social Control* (Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2019) pp. 403-415

“The Political Sociology and Geography of Borders” co-authored with Joshua Hagen in William Outhwaite and Stephan Turner (eds.) *Sage Handbook on Political Sociology* (Thousand Oaks: Sage Publishing 2018) pp. 330-346

“Re-Scaling Citizenship: From Polis to Empire to State Formation and Beyond” in Ayelet Schahar, Rainer Bauböck, Irene Bloemraad and Maarten Vink (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Citizenship* (New York: Oxford University Press 2017) pp.36-59

“Changing Modalities of Power in the 21st Century” co-authored with Joshua Hagen in Cengiz Günay, Nina Witjes (eds.) *Border Politics: Defining Spaces of Governance and Forms of Transgression* (Springer Press 2017) pp.15-32

“Soviet Etchings on the Post-Soviet Parchment: The Past and Present of Mobility and Migration” in Ted Holland and Matthew Derrick (eds.) *Questioning Post-Soviet* (Washington DC: Wilson Center Press 2016) pp.55-74

“Imagining Kazakhstani-stan: Negotiations of Homeland and Titular-Nationality” in Marlene Laruelle (ed.) *Kazakhstan in the Making: Legitimacy, Symbols, and Social Changes* (Lanham: Lexington Books 2016) pp.131-154

“Russian Repositioning: Mobilities and the Eurasian Regional Concept” in S. Walcott and C. Johnson *Corridor of Interconnections: Eurasia from the South China to the Caspian Sea* New York: Routledge (2014) pp.72-109

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“Performing Post-Socialism in the Urban-scape of Bishkek” *AUCA Working Papers* (American University of Central Asia 2013) pp. 1-32 http://www.auca.kg/en/visiting_scholars_reports/

“The Borderland Existence of Mongolia’s Kazakhs: Boundaries and the Construction of Territorial Belonging” in Doris Wastl-Walter (ed.) *Research Companion to Border Studies* London: Ashgate (2011) pp. 373-393

“Will New Mobilities Beget New (Im)Mobilities?: Prospects for Change Resulting from Mongolia’s Trans-State Highway” in Stanley Brunn (ed.) *Engineering Earth: The Impact of Mega Projects* (Kluwer/Springer Press 2011) pp.627-642

“Introduction” and “Conclusion” co. authored with Joshua Hagen in A. Diener and J. Hagen (eds.) *Borderlines and Borderlands: Political Oddities at the Edge of the Nation State* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2010) pp.1-15 & 189-195

“Russia’s Kaliningrad Exclave: Discontinuity as Threat to Sovereignty” co-authored with Joshua Hagen in A. Diener and J. Hagen (eds.) *Borderlines and Borderlands: Political Oddities at the Edge of the Nation State* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2010) pp.121-136

“Kaliningrad” with Joshua Hagen in *Geography of Russia*, Joel Quam (ed.) Glen Ellyn IL: College of DuPage Press (2009)

“Settlement of the Returning Kazakh Diaspora: Practicality, Choice, and the Nationalization of Social Space” in C. Buckley and B. Ruble *Migration, Homeland, and Belonging in Eurasia* Woodrow Wilson Press (2008), pp. 265-304

“Democracy, Civil Society and the Damage Limitation Component of Strategy” co-authored with Timothy Crawford in eds. Paul R. Viotti, Michael Opheim, Nicholas Bowen, *Terrorism and Homeland Security: Thinking Strategically About Policy* CRC Press (2008), pp.191-206

“Koreans and Germans of Kazakhstan: A Comparative Study of Belonging” (*Korean Studies* Almaty: March 2007 – in Russian) pp. 4-16

“Mongols, Kazakhs, and Mongolian Territorial Identity: Trajectories of Nationalization” (*Central Eurasian Studies Review* v. 3-4 no.1 2005) pp. 18-25

“Research among Mongolia’s Kazakhs: Brief Reflections on Data Collection and Community Access” (*Mongol Survey* no. 15 Winter/Spring 2005) pp. 14-18

“Kazakhstani Identity, Territory, Legitimacy” in B. Suzhikova ed. *Issues of Interethnic Relations and Globalization in the Central Asian Republics*, Almaty: Ministry of Education & Science of Republic of Kazakhstan - Institute of Philosophy and Politics (2003) pp. 212-227

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

“Landlocked States” in Douglas Richardson (ed.) *The Wiley-AAG International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment, and Technology*. Wiley/Blackwell (2016)

“Kazakhs” in John Stone, Rutledge Dennis, Polly Rizova, Anthony Smith, and Xiaoshuo Hou (eds.) *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Wiley/Blackwell (2016 ISBN 9781405189781)

“Religion and the State” co. authored with Vincent Artman in Robert Segal and Kocku von Stuckrad (eds.) *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion* Leiden: Brill (2015) pp. 399-405

SPONSORED REPORTS:

“Eurasian Historical Connectivity: Framing the CSIS Eurasian Infrastructure Project”
Consultant Memo for Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) April 2016

Homeland Security in a Multinational Context: A New Strategic Vision: A Report of the Fred A. Sondermann Summer Seminar (University of Denver). Co-authored with Russell A. Burgos, Timothy W. Crawford, Anne-Marie Gardner, Lewis K. Griffith, William Josiger, Veronica M. Kitchen, Ritu S. Lauer, and Greg Moore (2004) pp.1-62

Territorialization of Identity and the Repatriation Decision of the Mongolian Kazakh Diaspora – International Research and Exchange Board www.irex.org/programs/iaro/research/01Diener.pdf

BOOK REVIEWS:

“Scaling Identities: Nationalism and Territory” by Guntram Herb and David Kaplan (eds.) *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* v.8 no.1 2020 pp.15-19

“The Deepest Border: The Strait of Gibraltar and the Making of the Hispano-African Borderland” by Sasha Pack *Journal of Historical Geography* 2019

“Area Studies in a Global Age” by Edith Clowes and Shelly Jarrett Bromberg (eds.) Northern Illinois University Press in *Region* 2018

“Nationalism in Central Asia: A Biography of the Uzbekistan/Kyrgyzstan Border” by Nick Megoran Pittsburg: University of Pittsburg Press in *Central Asian Affairs* 2019

“Once Within Borders: Territories of Power, Wealth, and Belonging since 1500” by Charles Maier Cambridge: Harvard University Press 2016 in *Geographical Review* 2020

“Central Asia in International Relations: The Legacies of Halford Mackinder” eds. Nick Megoran and Sevara Sharapova London: Hurst and Co. Publishers 2013 in *Central Asian Survey* 2014 pp.573-575

“Globalizing Central Asia: Geopolitics and the Challenges of Economic Development” by Marlene Laruelle and Sebastien Peyrouse London: M.E. Sharpe 2013 *Geographical Review* 2014 pp.254-257

“Borders Today: Interrogating their Strategic Fabrications and Asymmetries of Power: Review of Gabriel Popescu’s *Bordering and Ordering the Twenty-first Century*” Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield Press 2012 in *Dialogues in Human Geography* – 2013 pp. 1-3

“Seeking Asylum: Human Smuggling and Bureaucracy at the Border” by Alison Mountz, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press 2010 in *Professional Geographer* - November 2011

“Central Asia and the Caucasus: Transnationalism and Diaspora” eds. Touraj Atabaki and Sanjyot Mehendale 2005 in *Central Asian Survey* - October 2007

“Hearing Birds Fly: A Nomadic Year in Mongolia” by Louisa Waugh, London: Abacus 2003 in *Mongolian Studies* Spring 2006

“The Mongols at China’s Edge: History and the Politics of National Unity” by Uradyn Bulag, New York: Rowman and Littlefield 2002 on H-Net - March 2005

“Central Asia: Aspects of Transition,” ed. Tom Everett-Heath London: RoutledgeCurzon 2003 in *Journal of Asian Studies* May 2004

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

“Perceptions of Tourism in the Altai Republic.” with Remmers, Ruth Heuertz, In *Contemporary Environmental Issues: Praktika Ustnoi i Pesmennoi Rechi, Uchebnoe Posobie [Oral Practice and Written Speech, Textbook]*, 117–18. Gorno-Altaiisk, Russia: Izd-vo Gorno-Altaiisk State University.

“The City as Palimpsest and Crucible of National Identity” *Global Urban History*
<https://globalurbanhistory.com/2018/11/09/the-city-as-a-palimpsest-and-crucible-of-national-identity/> 2018

“Preface” with Joshua Hagen for Japanese-language-version of *A Very Short Introduction to Borders* Tokyo: Iwanami Publisher 2015

“Who Owns the Parcel, Spratley and Senkaku Islands?” with Joshua Hagen *Oxford University Press Blog* 2 November 2012 <https://blog.oup.com/2012/11/who-owns-the-parcel-spratley-senkaku-islands/>

ITEMS IN PREPARATION:

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS:

The State in World History, Oxford University-World History Series (prospectus in revision)

Old Silk Roads to New Silk Roads: Pursuing Transnational Asia in Kazakhstan and Mongolia (prospectus in preparation)

JOURNAL ARTICLES / BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Invisible Borders in a Bordered World” (introductory and concluding chapters - prov. title)

“Choppy Seas: Maritime Borders, Contested Sovereignities, and Novel Territorialities in the South China Sea” (prov. title)

“A Geographic Theory of Hybridity: Territorialization Amidst Hyper-Mobility” (prov. title)

“Globalization and Strategic Essentialism in Central Eurasia” (prov. title)

“The Caspian Sea as Eurasian Borderland: Geopolitical Performativity in Central Asia” (prov. title)

“Region and Religion: Lessons from Central Asia” co-authored with Vincent Artman (prov. title)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS:

American Center for Mongolian Studies, *Summer Research Grant*, 2018

University of Kansas, College of Arts and Sciences, *General Faculty Research Fund* 2017-2018

Center for Migration Studies, University of Kansas, *Research Seed Grant*, 2017-2018

Center for East Asian Studies, University of Kansas, Research grant, 2017-2018

American Center for Mongolian Studies, *Summer Research Grant*, 2017 (declined)

Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, *Senior Fellow* 2015-2016

Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars *Title VIII Short Term Research Fellow* 2015

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- CONT. Kazakh National University – Al Farabi, *Visiting Scholar*, May-June 2015
- National Science Foundation (PI), Austin Charron (co-PI). Doctoral Dissertation Research, “Ukraine's Displaced Crimeans and the Question of Diaspora”
- Association of American Geographers, *Research Grant* 2014-2015
- University of Kansas, College of Arts and Sciences, *New Faculty General Research Fund* 2014-2015
- Fulbright Scholar, *Regional Research Fulbright Fellowship for South and Central Asia* (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan) 2011-2012
- American University of Central Asia, Center for Social Research, *Research Scholar* (Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic) 2011-2012
- George Washington University, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, *Senior Scholar in Eurasian Studies*, 2010-2011
- Cross-Disciplinary-Interdisciplinary Research Grant: *Faculty Student Research Project* (Pepperdine University) 2008 and 2009
- Social Science Research Council Eurasia Program – *Teaching Fellowship: Course Creation Grant* - “Islamic Asia” & “Ethnic History of Central Asia” 2006
- Seaver Fellow in International Studies and Languages 2005-2006 & 2006-2007
- Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars *Title VIII Research Scholar* 2003–2004
- Social Science Research Council - American Council for Learned Societies (Doctoral Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship - Eurasia) 2002-2003
- National Science Foundation (Geography and Regional Science Program - Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant # 0117087) 2001-2002
- Social Science Research Council - American Council for Learned Societies (International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship) 2001-2002
- IREX - Mongolia Individual Research Fellowship -Two Months of Support for Travel and Research in Mongolia Summer 2001
- IREX - Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship 2001-2002 (IARO) Eight Months of Research in Kazakhstan.
- MacArthur – Global Studies Fellowship University of Wisconsin -Madison 2000
Used at the University of Wisconsin to support coursework in methodology and area studies.
- Social Science Research Council - American Council of Learned Societies, (International Pre-dissertation Fellowship) 1999-2000. Used at Indiana University, the National Research Center for Inner Asian and Uralic Studies, and six months of exploratory fieldwork in Kazakhstan.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- CONT. Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS Fellowship) Summer 2000 Indiana University: Russian
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS Fellowship) Academic Year 1998–1999
University of Wisconsin, CREECA: Kazakh & Russian.
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS Fellowship) Summer 1998
University of Wisconsin, Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asia (CREECA) used at
University of Iowa, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES): Uzbek
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS Fellowship) Summer 1998
University of Iowa (REEES): (Declined in favor of U.W. FLAS)
- Foreign Language Enhancement Program (FLEP Scholarship) Summer
1998 CIC Traveling Scholar Program used at University of Iowa, REES: Uzbek
- University of Chicago Fund Fellowship, University of Chicago 1992-1993
- Pepperdine Grant – Seaver College, Pepperdine University 1989-1990, 1990-1991 & Banias
Archeology Grant Pepperdine University Summer 1989

HONORS & AWARDS

- Finalist for Howard A. White Teaching Award (Pepperdine University) 2008+2009
- Nominated for Howard A. White Teaching Award (Pepperdine University)
2005-6, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010
- Seaver College Research Council Release Time (One Course Reduction) 2007-2008
- Seaver College Research Council Release Time (One Course Reduction) 2005-2006
- Dean's Research Fellow – Pepperdine University, Spring/Summer 2005, 2006, 2007
- Sondermann Seminar Participant – Globalization and Security: Developing a Strategy for
Homeland Security, Denver CO. August 2004
- Honorable Mention - Graduate Student Paper Competition Central Eurasian Studies Society
Conference, Title: *Settlement of the Returning Kazakh Diaspora: History, Climate, Social
Networks, and the Nationalization of Social Space* 2002
- First Place - National Paper Competition for Russian East European and
Eurasian Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers. Title: *History, Territory
and the Search for Legitimacy in Central Asia.* 2001
- First Place - National Paper Competition for Russian East European and
Eurasian Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers. Title: *Place Attachment
in Political Geography – The Case of Ethnic Minorities in Central Asia.* 1998
- Honorable Mention - Graduate Student Paper Competition West Lakes Regional
Conference of the American Association of Geographers. Title: *A Relational Framework for
Place Attachment: Rootedness, Emotional Anchoring, and Sense of Place.* 1998

HONORS & AWARDS

CONT. Outstanding Student in International Studies, Pepperdine University 1991
Delegate 33rd USAF Academy Assembly Annual Conference on National Security, 1991

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED:

Global Opportunities Expo, University of Kansas, 29 March 2019 *Mongolia's First Highways*

Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh PA 2018 *Geopolitics of Spectacle*
Panel

Association of American Geographers Great Plains Regional Conference, Manhattan KS 2018
Theorizing Multi-Scalar Territorialization: Towards A Framework of Place Attachment

Association of American Geographers Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA 2018 *Borders as a
Technology of Social Control*

Political Geography Pre-Conference, Association of American Geographers Conference New
Orleans, LA 2018, *Where is Kazakhstani Identity Most Prevalent?*

Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington 2017
Civic Nationalism in Kazakhstan: Results from 2017 Fieldwork
Discussant: *Journalism in Central Asia*

Fischer Workshop at the University Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL 2017 - *Theorizing Multi-
Scalar Territorialization in Central Asia: Russians in Kazakhstan's Northern Borderland*

Association of American Geographers Conference Boston, MA 2017 - *Mongolian Road Projects
and China's OBOR*

Discussant: *China's Silk Road Project – Asian Geography Specialty Group Panel*

Political Geography Pre-Conference, Association of American Geographers Conference Boston,
MA 2017, *Kazakhstan Evolving Economic Geographies*

Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, University of Washington 2016, *Mongolia
as Microcosm of Eurasian Silk Roads*

Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington DC. 2016 - Questioning
Post-Soviet Book Launch - *Soviet Etchings on the Post-Soviet Parchment: The Past and Present
of Mobility and Migration*

Association of American Geographers Conference San Francisco, CA 2016

Mongolian Mobilities: Roads and Development in the Land of Blue Sky:

Panelist: *China's Silk Road Project – Asian Geography Specialty Group Panel*

Panelist: *Open Discussion on Funding for Research – RCEEE Specialty Group Panel*

Panelist: *Interrogating post-post-Soviet space? A quarter century since communism's end*

Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, George Washington University DC 2015
Parsing Mobilities in Central Eurasia: Border Management and the New Silk Roads

Association of American Geographers Conference Chicago IL 2015 *Place Attachment: Toward a
Geographic Theory of Hybridity*

Panelist: *Border Issues in Asia – Asian Geography Specialty Group Panel*

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED:

CONT.

Association of Borderland Studies Conference Portland OR 2015 *Surveying Border Studies*

International Studies Association, New Orleans LA 2015 *Debating the Doctrine of National Unity: Nationalization Trajectories in Kazakhstan*

ASEEES Conference, San Antonio TX 2014 *Titular Nationalization and Civil Society Formation in Central Eurasia*

Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Columbia University NY 2014 *Kazakhstan's Titular Nationalization and Minority Territorialization*

Uppsala University & George Washington University - Kazakhstan Beyond Economic Success: Exploring Social and Cultural Changes in Eurasia Uppsala Sweden 2014, *Imagining Kazakhstan: Negotiation Nationalism in Post-Socialist Space*

Association of American Geographers Conference Tampa FL 2014 *Kyrgyzstan or Kyrgyzstani-stan: Narrating the-Nation in the Landscape of Bishkek*

Regional Studies Annual Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles CA, 2013 *Contrasting Ulaanbaatar's Landscapes of Traditionalism, Socialism, and Globalism: Negotiating Sustainable Hybridity in Post-Socialist Mongolia*

Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Madison, WI, 2013 *Geopolitical Imaginaries of Eurasian Space*

Sustainable Development in Russian Cities - Russian Geographical Society Conference Samara, Samara Oblast Russian Federation 2013, *Urban Landscape Change as a Means of Sustaining Population*

Association of American Geographers Conference Los Angeles CA 2013 *Russian Repositioning: Mobilities and the Eurasian Regional Concept*

Bureau of Intelligence and Research U.S. Department of State - A Noah's Ark of Nations: Eurasian Demographics and Migration, Washington DC 2013: *Social Consequences of Mixed Migration in Eurasia*

ASEEES Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2012 *City of Concrete and Felt: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in Mongolia's Capital of Ulaanbaatar*

Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Bloomington IN, 2012 *Kyrgyzstan or Kyrgyzstani-stan: Nationalism and Urban Change in Bishkek*

Walls and Fences: Politics and Ethics of Barrier Borders Yale University, New Haven, Conn. 2012 *The New Silk Road: Mobilities and Barrier Borders in Central Eurasia*

South and Central Asian Regional Fulbright Conference Cochin, India 2012 *Geopolitics of the New Silk Road*

Methodological Challenges for Research the Former Soviet Union

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary 2011 *Geographical Visualization: Challenges of Data Acquisition and Risks of Manipulation*

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED:

CONT.

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 106th Annual Meeting
Seattle WA 2011 *Mobilities and Immobilities in Central Asia and Geographic Imaginaries of Eurasia*

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 105th Annual Meeting
Washington DC 2010 *City of Concrete and Felt: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in Mongolia's Capital of Ulaanbaatar*

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 104th Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, NV 2009 *An Historical Geography of the Xinjiang Borderland* and Panel Participant for *Views from the Margins: Geopolitics in Eurasia*

Engineering Earth: Impacts of Mega Projects Lexington, KY *Trans-State Road Construction as a Catalyst of Social and Ecological Change: The Case of Mongolia*

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 104rd Annual Meeting:
Boston, MA 2008 *Historical and Contemporary Geopolitics of the East Prussian and Kaliningrad Enclaves*

Central Asian Studies Society (CESS) National Conference: Seattle, WA 2007:
Antecedents of Migration Decisions: Minority History and Civic Nation Building in Kazakhstan

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 103rd Annual Meeting
San Francisco, CA 2007 "Projected Social and ecological Impacts of Mongolia's Trans-State Highway"

Middle East Central Asia Conference (MECA) Salt Lake City, University of Utah 2006,
Negotiating Territorial Belonging: A Transnational Field Approach to Mongolia's Kazakhs

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 102nd Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL 2006 *Transnationalism and Homeland Construction Among Kazakhstan's Minorities*

Central Asian Studies Society (CESS) National Conference: Boston, MA 2005:
Homeland Construction, Diaspora Identity, and Hegemony in Kazakhstan

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 101st Annual Meeting Denver, CO 2005
Competing Trajectories of Nationalization in a 'Nomadic Society': A Case Study of Kyrgyzstan

Central Asian Studies Society (CESS) National Conference: Bloomington, IN
2004: *Mongols, Kazakhs, and Mongolian Territorial Identity*

Fred A. Sondermann Summer Seminar: Denver and Vail, CO 2004: *Damage Limitation and Civil Resiliencies in Homeland Security* (co-authored and presented with Timothy W. Crawford)

NSF Sponsored Conference: Remapping the Southern Tier of Post-Socialist States:
Politics/Economics/Environment/Identity, Portoroz, Slovenia June 2004 – *One Homeland or Two: Migration Decisions of the Mongolian Kazakh Diaspora*

Kennan Institute Conference: Immigration, Forced Migrants and Refugees in Central Eurasia,
Washington D.C. March 2004 & 2005 *Nationalizing Diaspora or Ethicizing Minority: De- and Re- Territorialization of Kazakhs in Mongolia I&II*

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED:

CONT.

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 100th Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA 2004: *Patriation or Repatriation?: Conflicting Dynamics of Homeland Psychology Among Mongolian-Kazakh "Return" Migrants*

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 99th Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA 2003: *Settlement of the Returning Kazakh Diaspora: History, Climate, Social Networks, and the Nationalization of Social Space*

Central Asian Studies Society (CESS) National Conference: Madison, WI 2002:
Settlement of the Returning Kazakh Diaspora: History, Climate, Social Networks, and the Nationalization of Social Space (Presented and served as Session Chair)

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 97th Annual Meeting
New York, NY 2001: *Areas of Concentrated Settlement and the Production of Kazakhstani-ness: Conflicting Dynamics of Territorialization Among Kazakhstan's Minority Populations*

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) National Conference: Madison WI
2000: *History, Territory, and the Search for Legitimacy in Central Asia.*

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) 95th Annual Meeting
Honolulu, HI 1999: *A Theoretical Framework for Place Attachment in Political Geography: Case Studies in Kazakhstan and Central Asia*

West Lakes Regional Conference of the AAG: Madison, WI 1998:
A Relational Framework for Place Attachment: Rootedness, Emotional Anchoring, and Sense of Place.

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) National Conference: Madison WI
1998: *Place Attachment in Political Geography: Assessing Central Asia as Case.*

South Carolina Academy of Sciences: Columbia, SC 1997:
Irredentism and Its Significance in the Contemporary International System

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

Geography and ATMO Dept. Colloquium Series, University of Kansas, September 2020

- *The Multi-Dimensionality of Place Attachment and Place Making*

Silk Road Symposium: University of Kansas, September 2020

- *Highways in the Steppe: Intended and Unintended Consequences of Axial Development in Mongolia*

Hall Center/Center for Migration Research, University of Kansas, September 2020

- *The Meaning of Somewhere: Place Attachments and the Geographies of Being*

Geography and ATMO Dept. Colloquium Series, University of Kansas, December 2019

- *Highways in the Steppe: Intended and Unintended Consequences of Axial Development in Mongolia*

American Geographical Society, Geography 2050, Borders in a Borderless World, 2019

- *Filtering Mobility: The Normative Value of Borders* (November 2019)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

CONT.

CREES Brownbag Series, University of Kansas

- *Central Asia as Geographic Imaginary* (September 2019)

Dean's Lecture Series, Northern State University, Aberdeen South Dakota,

- *Kazakhstani Identity in Formation* (November 2019)
- *Roads on the Steppe: Mongolia's New Highways* (November 2019)
- *Five Keys to Success in Graduate School* (November 2019)

5th Biennial Texas Asia Conference, The New Normal, University of Texas at Austin, Keynote Speaker,

- *New Silk Roads and the Emergent Socio-Economic Geographies of Mongolia and Kazakhstan* (September 2017)

Radcliffe Workshop on Urban Studies Fieldwork, Cambridge, MA

- *Ulaanbaatar and Bishkek: Case Studies in Narrating the Nation in Urban Space* (April 2017)

Hokkaido University, The Slavic Eurasian Research Center and the Graduate School of Public Policy, Border Studies Summer School, Sapporo, Japan

- *Border Studies: Theory and Ethics* (May 2016)

Oxford Handbook on Citizenship, Authors Conference – Florence, Italy 2016

- *Rescaling Citizenship: From Polis to Empire to State Formation and Beyond*, (June 2016)

Harvard University,

- *Mongolia's Millennium Highway as Microcosm for Eurasia's New Silk Roads* (April 2016)

University of Connecticut,

- *Mobility and Eurasia's Development Frontiers: Mongolia's Millennium Highway* (March 2016)

American Corners, Almaty Kazakhstan,

- *Negotiating the Identity/Territorial Nexus in the Urbanscapes of Central Eurasia: Case Studies of Bishkek and Ulaanbaatar* (May 2015)

University of Kansas, Lawrence KS, Red Hot Research Symposium,

- *Mongolia's Transport Revolution* (Dec 2014).

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK,

- *Imagining Kazakhstani-stan: Negotiations of Homeland and Titular Nationality*, (October 13-14, 2014)

Fulbright Webinar, Featured Speaker for Central Asian Awards (27 May 2014)

University of Kansas, Lawrence KS

- *Central Asian Politics: Power, Peoples, and Place* presented for Dr. Mahire Yakup (17 April 2014)

Central Asian Security Workshop, George Washington University, Washington DC,

- *Geographical Perspectives on the New Silk Road* (February 2014)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

CONT.

- University of Wisconsin Madison, (Department of Geography) Madison WI,
- *Mobilities and the Geopolitics of the New Silk Road* (3 October 2013)
- University of Denver (Department of Geography) Denver CO,
- *The New Silk Road or the Road to Nowhere? Mobilities and Immobilities in Central Eurasia* (17 November 2013)
- University of Denver (Department of Geography) Denver CO,
- *Border Studies: A Short Introduction* (17 November 2013)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (CREECA and Asian Studies) Madison WI,
- *City of Concrete and Felt: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in Mongolia's Capital of Ulaanbaatar* (1 November 2012)
- University of Kansas, CREES Brownbag Lunch Series, Lawrence KS,
- *The New Silk Road Project*, (04 September 2012)
- American University of Central Asia Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic,
- *Geographies of Disability in Central Asia* (22 February 2012)
- U.S. Embassy Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic,
- *Debating the New Silk Road: Borders, Mobilities, and Identities*, (18 January 2012)
- KIMEP University, Almaty, Kazakhstan,
- *City of Concrete and Felt: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in Mongolia's Capital of Ulaanbaatar* (24 November 2011)
- Fulbright Alumni Conference, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (Keynote Address)
- *Teaching Central Asia: Surveying Eurasian Studies in the American Academy* (13 November 2011)
- CREES Brownbag Series, University of Kansas, 2016
- *Mobilities and Immobilities in Eurasia: Towards a Theory of Infrastructure and Social Change* (20 February 2011)
- Kennesaw State University,
- *Borderlands, Migration, and Identity in Northeast Asia* (Nov 2010)
- Center for International and Security Affairs -National Defense University,
- *Geopolitics and Central Eurasia* (1 June 2010)
- University of California at Los Angeles California Eurasian Kuraltai (Keynote Address)
- *Eurasian Studies in America*, (10 April 2010)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison CREECA Lecture,
- *One Homeland or Two?: The Nationalization and Transnationalization of Mongolia's Kazakhs* (8 October 2009)
- Malibu Rotary Club Pepperdine University
- *Kaliningrad: Borderland of an Evolving Europe* (27 May 2008)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

CONT.

University of Halle and University of Leipzig, Lufterstadt Wittenberg, Germany,

- *Hybridity in the Mongolian Steppe: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in the Mongolian Countryside* (30 Nov-2 Dec 2007)

Malibu Rotary Club Pepperdine University,

- *Geopolitics of Central Asia* at (30 May 2007)

University of California at Los Angeles, Dept. of Geography, Tod Spieker Lecture Series,

- *One Homeland or Two?: Migration of Mongolia's Kazakhs and the Implications for State Building in 21st Century Mongolia and Kazakhstan* (29 October 2004)

SWSEEL Indiana University, Bloomington IN,

- *'Patriation' or Repatriation: Conflicting Dynamics of Homeland Psychology Among Mongolian-Kazakh "Return" Migrants* (July 8, 2004)

U.S. Department of State, Policy Forum Washington D.C.

- *Eurasian Migration Trends: Implications of State-Building and Transnationalism in Kazakhstan and Mongolia* (June 18, 2004)

Woodrow Wilson Center, Guest Speakers Series, Washington D.C.

- *"Diaspora" Amidst Nationalization: Diasporic-Kazakhs' Negotiation of Territorial Belonging and Identity* (December 2003)

University of Wisconsin History Dept.

- *Ethnic History of Central Asia* (October 2003)

University of Wisconsin Geography Dept.

- *Diaspora and Transnationalism* (February 2003)

University of Wisconsin Anthropology Dept.

- *Field-methods and Data Collection in the Developing World* (November 2003)

Sheppard Center Colombia, S.C.

- *Irredentism and Ethno-Territoriality* (March 1996)

SERVICE:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Great Plain Rocky Mountains AAG Regional October 2019

- Meeting Session Organizer
- Judge Paper Presentations
- Judge Poster Presentations

Fulbright South and Central Asia - Review Committee, Washington DC 2014-2018

"Opponent" / Pre-Examiner of Doctoral Dissertation for Stanislaw Domaniewski at University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu September 2017

Geography Education National Implementation Project (GENIP), Representative of the *American Geographical Society* 2016 - Present

Journal of Eurasian Geography and Economics, Invited to Editorial Board, 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONT:

American Center for Mongolian Studies, Fellowship Selection Committee 2015-2017

Asian Studies Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers: 2014-2016
(Coordinator of Central Asian Studies)

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers: Board Member 2012-2014 (+Paper Competition Committee)

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research Reviewer 2014

American Geographical Society, Representative at Russian Geographical Society Conference
On Urban Landscape Change as a Means of Sustaining Population Samara, Samara Oblast
Russian Federation 2013

Swiss National Science Foundation, Reviewer 2012-2013

Fulbright Selection Committee: Almaty, Kazakhstan 2011

Fulbright Selection Committee: Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic 2011

Reviewer for Academic Book Presses: Taylor and Francis; Thomson; Rowman and Littlefield;
Palgrave/Macmillan; University of Pittsburg Press; Oxford University Press; Cambridge
University Press; Lexington Press; Sage Publishing

Reviewer for Academic Journals: Political Geography; Geopolitics; Central Asian Survey; Urban
Geography; Journal of Asian Studies; Transactions, Europe-Asia Studies; Social and Cultural
Geography; Anthropology Notebooks; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Ethnic and Migration Studies;
International Migration Review; Nationalities Papers; National Identities; Eurasian Geography
and Economics; American Ethnologist, Geoforum; Inner Asia

Scholars for Action Lecturer and Selection Committee 2006-2007

Scholars for Action/Learning Enterprises - pilot project (local partner Invisible Universities
Kyrgyzstan) – Taught six (6) week course for professionals and graduate students in Bishkek,
Kyrgyzstan. June –August 2005

International Research and Exchanges Board's Selection Panel February 2002
Freedom Support Act (FSA) - Contemporary Issues Fellowship Program:
Administered by IREX- Central Asia Regional Office, Almaty, Kazakhstan

International Research and Exchanges Board's Selection Panel March 2002
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Regional Office, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Board Member for the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Specialty Group of the Association
of American Geographers –2005-2009 (Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee)

Outside Reviewer: U.S. Military Academy at West Point 2008-2009

National Science Foundation Reviewer of joint Anthropology/Regional Science Program
Grant Submissions 2007-2013

National Geographic Grant Reviewer 2007-2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONT:

International Research and Exchanges Board's Selection Panel for the Eurasian Undergraduate Exchange Program, Washington D.C. 2006-2007

Discussant for World Bank Report on Migration in Eurasia, Kennan Institute, Washington D.C. September 2005

Student Representative to the Board of the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers (RCEEE-AAG) 1999-2000.

Text Editor for the Bibliography of the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers' chapter in *Geography in America* 1999.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Faculty Mentor Program, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kansas

- Two Mentees 2018-2019

Center for Russian East European and Eurasian Studies, Executive Committee, University of Kansas, 2018-2020 (elected)

Committee on Sabbatical Leave (UCSL), University of Kansas 2017-2019

Faculty Mentor Program, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kansas

- Two Mentees 2016 - 2018

Interim Director of Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2016-2017

Executive Committee, Center for Russian East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas, 2014-2015 (elected)

Institutional Representative for KU, American Center for Mongolian Studies, 2014-present

Executive Committee, Center for Russian East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas, 2012-2013 (elected)

Admissions Committee, Center for Russian East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas 2013-2014

Boren Fellowship (formerly NSEP) Faculty Liaison Pepperdine University 2005-2010

Founder and Faculty Advisor to Student E-Journal: *Global Tides: Undergraduate Student Research Journal*, Pepperdine University 2007-2010 <http://globaltides.pepperdine.edu/>

President of the Central Asian Studies Student Association, University of Wisconsin – Madison Chapter, 2002-2003

Vice President of the Central Asian Studies Student Association, University of Wisconsin – Madison Chapter, 2000-2002

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science 2018-present

Colloquium Committee Chair, Department of Geography and ATMO, University of Kansas
2017-2018

Rank, Tenure and Promotion Compilation of Materials Committee, Department of Geography
and ATMO 2017

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kansas, 2014-present

Co-Major Committee, Geography and Center for Global and International Studies, University of
Kansas 2014

Hiring Committee (Interim Member), African Migration Specialist, Department of Geography,
University of Kansas 2014

Colloquium Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kansas, 2013-2014

Faculty Affairs Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kansas, 2012-2013

Athletics Committee, Department of International Studies and Languages, Pepperdine University,
2004-2008

Teaching and Learning Committee, Division of Social Sciences, Pepperdine University, 2009-
2011

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Family Promise, Homeless Shelter Volunteer (Lawrence KS) 2014 – 2015

Velocity Church Volunteer (Lawrence KS) 2014 – present

Junior Achievement Volunteer (San Fernando Valley – SoCalJA) 2007-2009

Rock Creek Park Clean-Up Crew (Washington DC) 2015-2016

Friends of the Dog Park (Lawrence, KS) 2018-present

TEACHING/MENTORING:**GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED:****DOCTORAL:**

Vincent Artman (completed May 2016 with honors)

Austin Charron (compl. November 2018 with honors, Argersinger Dissertation Award)

Erkin Khamitovich Kakimzhanov (compl. 2018 al-Farabi Kazakh National University)

Carolisa Watson (GEOG in progress)

MASTERS:

Gloria Lynn Funcheon (CREES MA completed May 2013)

Zach Adamz (GEOG MA completed May 2015)

Michael Rose (CREES MA completed May 2015 with honors)

Ruth Remmers (GEOG MA completed May 2017 with honors)

Eliza Taitelieva (CGIS MA completed May 2015)

Liam Burnside (CREES MA completed April 2018)

Nathan Ellis co-advisor with Steve Egbert (GEOG MA 2020)

MASTERS CONT.:

Nicholas Shea (GEOG MA in progress)
 Jordan Clark (CGIS MA in progress)
 Maxwell Titus (GEOG MA in progress)
 Ryan Cabana (GEOG MA in progress)

DISSERTATION AND THESES COMMITTEE MEMBER:

David Trimbach (GEOG Doctoral completed May 2016)
 Nathaniel Ray Pickett (GEOG Doctoral in process)
 Austen Thelen (GEOG Doctoral - completed December 2016)
 Meghan Kelly (GEOG MA - completed December 2015 with honors)
 Emily Csinsi (CREEES – completed April 2014)
 John Stanko (MA CREEES - completed May 2018 with honors)
 Suzanne Harris-Brandts (MIT Urban Studies and Planning completed May 2020)
 Elizabeth Sanner (GEOG MA - completed December 2019)
 Preston Decker (HIST MA competed May 2019; Doctoral - in progress)
 John Paul Henry (GEOG PhD in progress)
 Diyaree Arif (GEOG PhD in progress)
 Colin Pate (GEOG MA in progress)

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT:

Seminar on Place Attachment/Territorialization
 Politics of Identity: Conceptualizing Geo-Ethics
 Seminar in Geographic/Social Theory
 Seminar Perspectives on Geography
 Seminar on Border Studies
 Qualitative Field Methods

GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Islamic Asia: Hybridity and Globalization
 Understanding Central Asia
 The Silk Roads: Historical Geographies of Eurasia

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Human Geography
 World Regional Geography
 Political Geography
 Geography of the Greater Middle East.
 Critical Geopolitics and Film

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of American Geographers (AAG) Specialty Groups: *Political Geography; Cultural Geography; Russia/Eurasia; Human Rights; Ethnic Geography; Asian Geography*
 American Geographical Society (AGS)
 International Studies Association (ISA);
 Scholars for Action (SfA);
 Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS);
 Mongolia Society (MS);
 American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS);
 Faculty Associate George Washington University Central Asia Program (CAP);
 Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
 Association for the Studies of Nationalities (ASN)
 Association for Borderland Studies (ABS)

LANGUAGES: PRIMARY: Kazakh, Russian **SECONDARY:** Uzbek, Kyrgyz **RUDIMENTARY:** Arabic, Mongolian