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Curriculum Vitae

Boston College  
International Studies Program  
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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Political Geography, University of California Los Angeles, 2016.  
Dissertation: *Belonging and Ethnicity in China's West: Urbanizing Minorities in Xining City on the Eastern Tibetan Plateau*.  
Committee Chair: John Agnew.
- M.A. Cultural Geography, University of California Los Angeles, 2012.
- B.A. Geography (minor in Russian, Eastern European, and Central Asian Studies), University of Wisconsin Madison, 2006.

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- 2019 – current Visiting Assistant Professor, International Studies Program, Boston College
- 2018 – 2019 Visiting Scholar, University of Colorado at Boulder, Center for Asian Studies and Tibet Himalaya Initiative
- 2017 – 2018 Visiting Scholar, University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of Geography and Tibet Himalaya Initiative

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Manuscripts**

- Forthcoming *Borders of Global China, Book manuscript under contract 2/2021 with Cambridge University Press, Global China Elements Series edited by CK Lee*

- 2022 The Concrete Plateau: Urban Tibetans and the Chinese Civilizing Machine, *Book manuscript under contract 1/2020 with Cornell University Press; In production for Spring 2022*

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 Diener, Alexander C., Andrew **Grant**, and Mia M. Bennett. 2021. "Northeast Asia in Regional Perspective." *Asian Geographer* 38 (2): 95–118. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2021.1952778>.
- 2020 Crossing Khorgos: Soft power, security, and suspect loyalties at the Sino-Kazakh boundary, in *Political Geography* (76). Article 102081.
- 2018 China's Double Body: Infrastructure Routes and the Mapping of China's Nation-State and Civilization-State, in *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 59(3-4): 378-407.
- 2018 Hyperbuilding the Civilized City: Ethnicity and Marginalization in Eastern Tibet, in *Critical Asian Studies* 50(4): 527-555.
- 2018 Channeling Xining: Tibetan Place-Making in Western China during the Era of Commodity Housing, in *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 108(5): 1457–1471.
- 2017 "Don't Discriminate against Minority Nationalities:" Practicing Tibetan Ethnicity on Social Media, in *Asian Ethnicity* 18(4). 371-386.
- 2014 Mega-events and Nationalism: The 2008 Olympic Torch Relay, in *Geographical Review* 104(2). 192-208.

### Special Issues

- 2021 Northeast Asia in Regional Perspective, at *Asian Geographer*, co-edited with Alex Diener and Mia Bennett

### Book Essays

- 2019 Authoritarian Cities Go Global, in *Geopolitics* 24(3): 771-775.

### Book Reviews

- 2020 Sovereignty Experiments, by Alyssa Park, in *Journal of Historical Geography* 68: 95-96.

2019 The Battle for Fortune, by Charlene Makley, in *Himalaya*. 39(2): 166-168.

2013 The Art of Not Being Governed, by James C. Scott, in *Asian Highlands Perspectives* 28: 349-355

### Outreach

2020 Review of “The Other Shangri-la” by Shivaji Das, for *Tibetscapes* blog.  
<https://tibetscapes.wordpress.com/2020/10/19/review-of-the-other-shangri-la-journey-through-the-sino-tibetan-frontier-in-sichuan/>

2019 Cosmic Infrastructure, in *Made in China Journal* 4(2): 108-113.

2017 Lurol at Sadjyel Village 2010-2017 Photo Essay.  
<https://www.colorado.edu/tibethimalayainitiative/2017/12/02/lurol-sadjyel-village-2010-2017>

### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2021	CIAC/Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Research Grant	\$2 000
2021	Henry Luce/ACLS Early Career Fellowship	Alternate
2020	Weatherhead East Asia Institute First Book Prize	\$2 000
2015	UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship	\$35 200
2014	Fulbright-Hays DDRA	\$17 400
2013 – 14	FLAS Academic Year award for Amdo Tibetan	\$15 000
2012	FLAS Summer Award for Modern Tibetan	\$7 210
2011	FLAS Summer Award for Amdo Tibetan	\$6 350
2010 – 11	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship	\$18 000
2010	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship	\$5 000
2008 – 09	UCLA Geography Departmental Fellowship	\$42 000

### CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

#### Workshops

2021 *Amdo Research Network Conference*, Oxford University, September 24-26.

2020 *Borderland Futures*, RCCZ Research Center, Chung-Ang University, November 6-7.

2018 *Tibetan Landscapes*, Center for Contemporary Buddhist Studies, University of Copenhagen, November 16.

2018 *China Made Workshop*, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, October 18-19.

**Sessions and Panels Organized (selected)**

- 2021 Frontier Urbanization across the Himalayas: Society, Politics, and Transformation (with Galen Murton), Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, March 25-28.
- 2020 Partitions of the Sensible (with Rupak Shrestha), 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Borderlands Research Network Conference, Seoul, June 25-27. \*Delayed due to Covid-19\*
- 2020 Frontier Urbanization between India and China: Recreating the Himalayas as an Urban Zone (double session, with Galen Murton), Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March 19-22. \*Cancelled due to Covid-19\*
- 2019 (Re)assembling the Politics of the Everyday: Things and Materials in Geographical Analysis (double session, with Siddharth Menon), American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April 3-8.
- 2019 Development and social change in Eastern Tibet: beyond the rural/urban binary (with Dorje Tashi), Association for Asian Studies, Denver, March 21-24.
- 2018 Teaching the Geography of China. American Association of Geographers, New Orleans (with Yang Yang), April 10-14.
- 2016 Shifting the Frontiers of Eurasia. American Association of Geographers (with Mia Bennett), San Francisco, March 29-April 2.
- 2015 Urbanization and Development on the Chinese Frontier: The Political Stakes of "Progress," American Association of Geographers, Chicago, April 21-25.
- 2015 Urbanization and Resettlement on the Tibetan Plateau: Adapting to New Spaces, Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 26-29.

**Papers (selected)**

- 2021 Frontier Urbanization as Civilizing Machine: Urban Geopolitics in the Himalayas, Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, March 27.
- 2021 Masking Faces, Unmasking Power: China's Health Silk Road and the Geopolitics of Covid-19 Medical Diplomacy, Political Geography Pre-Conference, Online/Seattle, January 6-7.

- 2019 Beyond Resistance: Tibetans and ethnic minority place-making in the contemporary Chinese City, International Association for Tibetan Studies, Paris, July 7-13.
- 2019 Infrastructure, Civilization, and the Politics of Memory in a Sino-Tibetan City, American Association for Geographers, Washington DC, April 3-8.
- 2019 Explosive plateau urbanization: Translocal Tibetans across the rural/urban divide, Association for Asian Studies, Denver, March 21-24.
- 2018 A Silk Road Knot: Kazakhs across the Sino-Kazakh Border during the era of the Belts and Roads Initiative, American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, April 10-14.
- 2018 Ethnic Politics of Place amidst China's Drive for a Civilized City, Political Geography Specialty Group Conference, April 9.
- 2017 Paths to the City, Paths Across the City: Strategies for Tibetan Class and Home-building in Xining City, Himalayan Studies Conference, Boulder, September 1-4.
- 2017 Beyond authoritarian governmentality: Power, exchange, and Weiguan as Micropolitics in China, American Association of Geographers, Boston, April 5-9.
- 2016 Railways West: Re-assembling China for Geopolitical Opportunity, American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, March 29-April 2.
- 2016 Prayer Wheel Encounters: Internalizing Ethnic Place on the Tibetan Plateau. Political Geography Specialty Group Conference, San Francisco, March 29.
- 2015 Pushing the Limits of Expression: The Politics of Tibetan Religion in the Chinese Built Environment, American Association of Geographers, Chicago, April 21-25.
- 2015 Resisting Acculturation in the City: Urbanization and Tibetan Cultural Reservoirs, Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 26-29.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Boston College, Visiting Assistant Professor**

Global China and the Belt and Road Initiative (Spring 2020, Spring 2021)  
Political Geography and Geopolitics (Spring 2021)  
Contested Borders between Security and Migration (Spring 2020)  
Where on Earth...? Global Cultures and Political Geography (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

**University of Colorado Boulder, Lecturer**

World Regional Geography (Spring 2018)

**University of California Los Angeles, Lecturer**

People and the Environment, UCLA Extension (Fall 2017 – Fall 2019)  
Cultural Geography of the Modern World (Summer 2013, Summer 2016)  
Geography of Contemporary China (Winter 2017)  
People and the Environment (Summer 2016)  
Uneven Development Geographies (Fall 2017)

**California State University Dominguez Hills, Lecturer**

Human Geography (Spring 2017)

**California State University Northridge, Lecturer**

Cultural Geography (Fall 2016)

**ESL Instruction**

Qinghai Normal University, China (2007-2008)

**Project Consulting**

SocialImpact.com (2019)  
Tibetan Maternity Studies, University of California Los Angeles Public Health (2016)

**COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED**

2020 Geographies of Global China: Politics, Economy, and Place, Boston College, March 19.

**INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

2021 Racialized Capital and Civilized Urbanization on the Tibetan Plateau, University of Oklahoma, April 15.

2021 Hyperbuilding the City: Civilized and Uncivilized Urbanization on the Tibetan Plateau, University of Trento, April 9.

2020 Towards a Subaltern Urbanism in China's West: Urbanizing Tibetans in Xining City, Confucius Institute, University at Albany, February 21.

- 2019 Voices From Tibet, with Violet Law, Emmanuel Art Gallery, Denver, May 11.
- 2019 Exploded Urbanization on the Tibetan Plateau, University of Los Angeles California, April 1.
- 2018 Beyond Resistance: Tibetans and Ethnic Minority Place-making in the Contemporary Chinese City, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, March 22.
- 2018 The Concrete Plateau, Department of Geography Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder, March 16.
- 2017 UCLA-Qinghai Tibetan Medical College Bidirectional Training Program, Title VI Technical Assistance Workshop, Washington DC, September 19-20.
- 2017 Changing Bodies, Changing States: The Geopolitics of Silk Road Ontologies, Opening Plenary for Central Asian Workshop, University of Los Angeles California, Los Angeles, April 20.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Peer Review Referee (selected)**

Third World Quarterly, 2021  
Professional Geographer, 2021  
Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2020  
Policy Studies, 2020  
Geopolitics, 2020  
Annals of the American Association of Geographers, 2020  
Review of International Political Economy, 2020  
Territory, Population, Governance, 2019, 2020, 2021  
Roadsides, 2020  
Modern China, 2019  
Political Geography, 2017, 2019  
Journal of Cultural Geography, 2016, 2019  
Geographical Review, 2019  
Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space, 2019  
Social Media and Society, 2019  
Critical Asian Studies, 2018  
Eurasian Geography and Economics, 2018  
Journal of International Communication, 2017

## **To Profession and Campus**

AAG Political Geography Specialty Group Board Member, 2021-current  
Fulbright Undergraduate Advisor for Asia, Boston College, 2020-current  
Program on Central Asia, UCLA, 2012-2016  
China Geography Graduate Students Blog, co-editor, 2013-2014  
Geography Graduate Student, president, UCLA, 2010-2011  
Graduate Professional Development Symposium, organizer, UCLA, 2010

## **LANGUAGES**

<b>Mandarin</b>	Fluent
<b>Amdo Tibetan</b>	Advanced
<b>Russian</b>	Intermediate

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Association of American Geographers, 2007 – present  
Association for Asian Studies, 2013 – present  
Association for Nepalese and Himalayan Studies, 2016 – present