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Curriculum Vitae

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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

- 2023 – Assistant Professor, Department of History, Geography, and Legal Studies, University of Tampa
- 2022 – 2023 Visiting Scholar, International Studies Program, Boston College
- 2019 – 2022 Visiting Assistant Professor, International Studies Program, Boston College
- 2018 – 2019 Visiting Scholar, Center for Asian Studies and Tibet Himalaya Initiative, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2017 – 2018 Visiting Scholar, Department of Geography and Tibet Himalaya Initiative, University of Colorado at Boulder

PUBLICATIONS

Published Books

2022 *The Concrete Plateau: Urban Tibetans and the Chinese Civilizing Machine*. Cornell University Press: Ithaca, NY.

Book Manuscripts

In progress *Borders of Global China*. Cambridge University Press, Global China Elements Series; *Under contract 2/2021*

Book Chapters

Accepted *Hegemony*, in Encyclopedia of Geopolitics, edited by Colin Flint. Edward Elgers Publishing, Northampton, MA. *Under contract 10/2023*.

Published Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2024 Closing the sub-frontier: Corridorising Tibet and the social life of pervasive security. *Territory, Population, Governance*. Online now.

2024 Urbanization, relational space, and practicing Muslim ethnicity in Western China. *Asian Ethnicity*. Online now.

2021 Diener, Alexander C., Andrew Grant, and Mia M. Bennett. 2021. "Northeast Asia in Regional Perspective." *Asian Geographer* 38 (2): 95–118. (40% contribution: research, writing, editing)

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

Published Book Review Forum

- 2024 Navigating macro and micro across urban assemblages. *Dialogues in Human Geography* 14 (1): 169–172.

Book Essays

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

Book Reviews

- 2024 Places in knots: remoteness and connectivity in the Himalayas and beyond, by Martin Saxer. *Inner Asia* 26 (1):176–177.
- 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

Peer Reviewed Articles in Preparation

Geopolitical Urbanization: State-Driven Urbanization in the Himalayas, with Galen Murton, for *Urban Geography*

Moving Boundaries: Digital Forensics and Himalayan International Boundaries

Outreach

- 2020 Art in Focus: “Indian Ocean Current” Podcast with Mara Willard and Andrew Grant <https://theterracebc.com/2020/12/23/art-in-focus-indian-ocean-current-with-professors-mara-willard-and-andrew-grant/>

- 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

2024	University of Tampa RISE Award	\$10 000
2024	University of Tampa IPO Travel Award	\$4 000
2023	AAG-PGSG Julian Minghi Distinguished Book Award	-
2022	Henry Luce/ACLS Early Career Fellowship	Alternate
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

Papers (selected)

- 2025 Asymmetries of Common Destiny: The Sinification of the Khorgos Border Zone, Detroit, March 24-28.
- 2025 Corridors and Frontiers in China’s Borderlands, Political Geography Specialty Group Conference, Detroit, March 22-23.
- 2023 Toward a Genealogy of Global Infrastructure: Histories, Temporalities, Ruptures / Session 1, American Association of Geographers, Denver, March 22-27

- 2022 Moving Boundaries: Digital Forensics and Himalayan International Boundaries, International Association for Tibetan Studies, Prague, July 3-9.
- 2022 Geopolitical Urbanization as a Generative Process: Views from East and South Asia, American Association for Geographers, New York, February 25-March 1.
- 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.

Sessions and Panels Organized (selected)

- 2025 Global Asia at China's Edges: Entrepreneurs, Settlement, and Security, Association of Asian Studies in Asia Conference, Kathmandu, June 1-4.
- 2025 Understanding the Post-Pandemic Borders of Asia (with Galen Murton), American Association of Geographers Conference, Detroit, March 24-28.
- 2022 Partitions of the Sensible (with Rupak Shrestha), 7th Asian Borderlands Research Network Conference, Seoul, June 23-25.
- 2022 Digital Techniques and Tibetan Spaces: Politics, Society, and Geography, International Association for Tibetan Studies, Prague, July 3-9.
- 2021 Frontier Urbanization across the Himalayas: Society, Politics, and Transformation (with Galen Murton), Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, March 25-28.
- 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.

Panel and Roundtable Participation

- 2023 Theorising from/ with urban China: limits and potentials for a more global urban studies, American Association of Geographers, Denver, March 22-27
- 2023 Yi-Fu Tuan Memorial Session, American Association of Geographers, Denver, March 22-27
- 2023 Author Meets Critics: *The Concrete Plateau* by Andrew Grant, American Association of Geographers, Denver, March 22-27
- 2023 Nepal and Himalayan Geographers Group Roundtable, American Association of Geographers, Denver, March 22-27
- 2022 Everyday state surveillance and securitization in and beyond Tibet, International Association for Tibetan Studies, Prague, July 3-9.

Workshops

- 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.

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)

Qinghai Normal University, China, ESL Instruction

English Curriculum (2007-2008)

RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

Research Analyst

Enerdata Intelligence and Consulting (2022-2023)

Project Consulting

Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on Development in Asia (2023)
RAND Europe (2023)
SocialImpact.com (2019)
Tibetan Maternity Studies, UCLA Public Health (2016)

COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED

- 2021 Policing Truth: Speech, Security, Territory, and Transnational Media, Boston College, February 23.
- 2020 Geographies of Global China: Politics, Economy, and Place, Boston College, March 19.

INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, & SERVICE

- 2023 Concrete Plateau: Urban Tibetans and the Chinese Civilizing Machine, Weatherhead East Asia Institute, Columbia University, November 30.

- 2023 Abject Space in Redevelopment: The Devalued Old City Center and Identity Challenge of Urban Tibet, UrbanChinaSeminar, Harvard University, October 10.
- 2023 Civilized Cities, Frontiers, and Corridors. IIT Madras, September 22.
- 2023 Honors Thesis Advising, Review, and Oral Defense. Colgate University, May 5. *Honorarium, \$200.*
- 2023 Citizenship between Mobility and Isolation in Chinese Inner Asia, part of the Flows, Infrastructure, Citizenship in India and China Series, The New School, March 10. *Honorarium, \$250.*
- 2023 Researching the Borders of Global China, University of Tampa, February 16.
- 2023 The Borders of Global China, Bryn Mawr College, January 23.
- 2022 Uncivilized City: Urban Tibetans and China's State-led Urbanization, University of British Columbia, November 29.
- 2022 Concrete Plateau: Urban Tibetans and the Chinese Civilizing Machine, University of California Berkeley, November 17. *Honorarium, \$500.*
- 2022 Uncivilizing the Plateau: Staging Tibetanness in the Chinese City, Southern Illinois University, February 25.
- 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)

China Perspectives, 2024
Asian Ethnicity, 2022, 2023, 2024 (twice)
Star Journal, 2024
Asia Pacific Viewpoint, 2024
Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, 2023, 2024
Journal of Intercultural Studies, 2023
Made in China, 2023
Études mongoles & sibériennes, centrasiatiques & tibétaines, 2023
Visual Studies, 2023
Cultural Geographies, 2022
Journal of Contemporary China, 2022, 2023
Population and Environment, 2022
Third World Quarterly, 2021
Professional Geographer, 2021
Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2020, 2022
Policy Studies, 2020
Geopolitics, 2020, 2024
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, 2021
Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space, 2019
Social Media and Society, 2019
Critical Asian Studies, 2018
Eurasian Geography and Economics, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023

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, 2020-2022
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

Mandarin	Advanced
Amdo Tibetan	Advanced
Russian	Intermediate (Reading)
French	Intermediate (Reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Association of American Geographers, 2007 – present
Association for Asian Studies, 2013 – present
Association for Nepalese and Himalayan Studies, 2016 – present
Regional Studies Association, 2021 – present