
GENERAL INTERESTS: Political and Social Geography, Global Studies and Comparative Politics, Peace and Conflict Studies, Geographic Thought and Social Theory, Governance and Security

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

REGIONAL / AREA STUDIES FOCI: Central Eurasia/Greater Middle East, Mongolia & Northeast Asia, Islamic & Russian Borderlands

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREEES) 2016-2017
College of Arts and Sciences University of Kansas

Associate Professor of Geography 2015 – present
Department of Geography, 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

Associate Professor of Geography and International Studies 2008–2011
Social Science Division, Pepperdine University

Assistant Professor of Geography and International Studies 2004–2008
International Studies and Languages Division, Pepperdine University

Title VIII Research Scholar 2003–2004
Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Geographic Information Systems Analyst 1996–1997
(GIS) Office of Research - Budget and Control Board, 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 and 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:

Borders: A Very Short Introduction co-authored with Joshua Hagen (New York and London:
Oxford University Press 2012 – ISBN 978-0-19-973150-3) 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 978-4000610438)
pp. 205

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 978-0-8047-6191-8) pp. 405

Homeland Conceptions and Ethnic Integration among Kazakhstan's Germans and Koreans
(Lampeter UK: Mellen Press, 2004 – ISBN 0-7734-6311-9) pp. 201

EDITED BOOKS:

Urban Space, Place, and National Identity co-editor with Joshua Hagen, (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers – contracted)

From Socialist to Post-Socialist Cities: Cultural Politics of Architecture, Urban Planning, and Identity in Eurasia co-editor with Joshua Hagen, (Routledge 2014 – ISBN 978-1138821200) pp. 208

Borderlines and Borderlands: Political Oddities at the Edge of the Nation State co-editor with Joshua Hagen (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers 2010 – ISBN 978-0-7425-5635-5) pp. 264

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

“Kazakhstan’s Evolving Regional Economic Policy: Assessing Strategies of Post-Socialist Economic Development” co-authored with Yerken Turganbayev (under review)

“Region and Religion: Lessons from Central Asia” co-authored with Vincent M. Artman (under review)

“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, n. 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 (in press 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

“Kaliningrad's Past, Present, and Future: Russian and E.U. Perspectives on the Geopolitics of Exclave and Enclave” 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

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- CONT. “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
- “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 & EDITOR REVIEWED ARTICLES:

- “Soviet Etchings on the Post-Soviet Parchment: The Past and Present of Mobility and Migration ” in Ted Holland and Matthew Derrick (eds.) *Post-Soviet Eurasia: 25 Years after the USSR* (New York: Columbia University Press – in press 2016)
- “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 - forthcoming 2017)
- “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 – in press 2017)
- “Borders, Spatiality, and Modalities of Power in the 21st Century” co-authored with Joshua Hagen in Cengiz Günay, Nina Witjes (eds.) *Borders: (Re)Defining Spaces of Power Relations* (Springer Press– in press -2016)
- “Central Asia as Geographical Imaginary” co-authored with Nick Solly Megoran in David Montgomery (ed.) *Central Asia in Context: A Thematic Introduction to the Region* (University of Pittsburg Press – forthcoming 2017)
- “Movement and the Ties that Unbind” in Jeremy Tasch (ed.) *Eurasian Imaginaries* (I. B. Taurus Publishers - forthcoming 2017)
- “Imagining Kazakhstani-stan: Negotiations of Homeland and T titular-Nationality” in Marlene Laruelle (ed.) *Kazakhstan in the Making: Legitimacy, Symbols, and Social Changes* (Lanham: Lexington Books 2016)
- “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
- “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/

EDITED VOLUME CHAPTERS AND EDITOR REVIEWED ARTICLES

CONT:

“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)

SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS EDITED

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

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:

“*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:

“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

"Of Lattimoreian Adventures and Things to Change" *Mongol Messenger* May 2001

ITEMS IN PREPARATION:

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS:

Are You Place-ist?: Ethical Considerations of Geographic Affinity and Bias (provisional title)

The State in World History (provisional title – prospectus under review)

Martyrs and Masters: An Historical Geography of Religious Persecution (provisional title)

Old Silk Roads to New Silk Roads: (Im)Mobility across Eurasia (prospectus under review)

JOURNAL ARTICLES / BOOK CHAPTERS:

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

"Globalization and Strategic Essentialism in Central Eurasia" (provisional title)

"The Caspian Sea as Borderland: Geopolitical Performativity in Central Asia" (provisional title)

"Kyrgyzstan or Kyrgyzstani-stan: Nationalizing the Urbanscape of Bishkek" (provisional title)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS:

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

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

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

CONT.

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.

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 Grant – Pepperdine University, Spring/Summer 2005, 2006, 2007

HONORS & AWARDS

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

Outstanding Student in International Studies, Pepperdine University 1991

Delegate 33rd USAF Academy Assembly Annual Conference on National Security, 1991

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED:

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

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*

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

CONT.

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*

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 Ulaan Baatar*

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*

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

CONT.

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*

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*

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

CONT.

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

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*

Oxford Handbook on Citizenship, Authors Conference – Florence, Italy, *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)

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)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

CONT.

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)

University of Kansas Department of Geography and Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, *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)

University of Halle and University of Leipzig Stiftung Leucorea, 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)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- CONT.** 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* presented for Dr. Peter Rottier (October 2003)
- University of Wisconsin Geography Dept. *Diaspora and Transnationalism* presented for Dr. Robert Kaiser (February 2003)
- University of Wisconsin Anthropology Dept. *Field-methods and Data Collection in the Developing World* presented for Dr. Frank Solomon (November 2003)
- Sheppard Center Colombia, S.C. *Irredentism and Ethno-Territoriality: Conflicts and Solutions* (March 1996)

SERVICE:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

- Geography Education National Implementation Project (GENIP), Representative of the American Geographical Society 2016 - Present
- Fulbright South and Central Asia - Review Committee, Washington DC 2014-2017
- American Center for Mongolian Studies, Fellowship Selection Committee 2015-present
- Asian Studies Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers: 2014-2016 (Coordinator of Central Asian Studies)
- Board Member for the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers: 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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONT: **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

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:

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

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

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kansas, 2014-2015

Center for Russian East European and Eurasian Studies, Executive Committee, University of Kansas, 2012-2013 and 2014-2015

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

CONT: 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

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

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

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

Guest Lecture in Dr. Bart Redford's CREEES Class (November 2012)

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/>

Athletics Committee, Pepperdine University, 2004-2008

Teaching and Learning Committee, Pepperdine University, 2009-2011
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

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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

Velocity Church Volunteer (Lawrence KS) 2014 – 2015

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

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

TEACHING:**GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED:****DOCTORAL:**

Vincent Artman (completed May 2016 with honors)
Austin Charron (ABD)
Erkin Khamitovich Kakimzhanov (al-Farabi Kazakh National University) (ABD)
Clinton Thompson (Doctoral in process)

MASTERS:

Gloria Lynn Funcheon (completed May 2013)
Zach Adamz (completed May 2015)
Michael Rose (CREEES completed May 2015 with honors)
Ruth Remmers (in process)
Eliza Taitelieva (completed May 2015)

DISSERTATION AND THESES COMMITTEE MEMBER:

David Trimbach (Doctoral completed May 2016)
Nathaniel Ray Pickett (Doctoral in process)
Austen Thelen (Doctoral in process)
Emily Csinsi (CREEES – completed April 2014)

COURSES TAUGHT:

Politics of Identity: Nationalism and Ethnicity	Global Migration, Connectivity, Mobility
Islamic Asia: Hybridity and Globalization	Geography of the Greater Middle East.
Introduction to Human Geography	Critical Geopolitics and Film
Seminar on Border Studies	Qualitative Field Methods
Understanding Central Asia	Statistics for Geographers
World Regional Geography	The Silk Roads: Historical Geographies of Eurasia
Seminar in Geographic/Social Theory	Seminar on Place Attachment/Territorialization

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of American Geographers (AAG)
Specialty Groups:
Political Geography; Cultural Geography; Russia, Central Eurasia, and Eastern Europe; Middle East; Human Rights; Values, Ethics and Justice; Geography of Religions and Beliefs; Ethnic Geography; Asian Geography; Bible 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

REFERENCES: Available upon request.