

General Interests: Political-Social-Cultural Geography, International Relations, Geographic and Social Theory

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

Regional / Area Studies Foci: Central Eurasia, Mongolia, Xinjiang, Islamic Borderlands, Russian Borderlands

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor 2012– Present

Department of Geography, University of Kansas

Associate Professor 2008–2011

Social Science Division, Pepperdine University

Assistant Professor of Geography 2004–2008

International Studies and Languages Division, Pepperdine University

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 and 2000

National Resource Center for Inner Asian and Uralic Studies - Coursework at Indiana University's Central Asian Studies Department, Language Training – Russian/Kazakh

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*

EDUCATION

CONT.

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: (3) *A Very Short Introduction to Borders* co-authored with Joshua Hagen (**New York and London: Oxford University Press 2012 – ISBN 978-0-19-973150-3**) pp. 137

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. 180

Edited Volumes: (2)

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

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: (12)

“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

“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

“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

“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* Vol. 11, 2007) pp. 86-102

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Cont. “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*, no.6, 2005) pp. 465-478

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

Edited Volume Chapters and Editor Reviewed Articles: (15)

“Kazakhs” in John Stone, Rutledge Dennis, Polly Rizova, Anthony Smith, and Xiaoshuo Hou *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Wiley/Blackwell (forthcoming 2014)

“Religion and the State” co. authored with Vincent Artman in Robert Segal and Kocku von Stuckrad *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion* Leiden: Brill (forthcoming 2014)

“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, Kyrgyzstan” *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

Edited Volume Chapters and Editor Reviewed Articles:

- Cont.** “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
- “Kazakh-stan or Kazakhstani-stan: 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

Sponsored Reports: (2)

- 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: (7)

- “Globalizing Central Asia: Geopolitics and the Challenges of Economic Development” by Marlene Laruelle and Sebastien Peyrouse London: M.E. Sharpe 2013 in *Geographical Review* – 2014
- “Borders Today: Interrogating their Strategic Fabrications and Asymmetries of Power: Review of Gabriel Pepecu’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 Uradyun 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: (2)

- “Who Owns the Parcel, Spratley and Senkaku Islands?” co-authored with Joshua Hagen **Oxford University Press Blog** 2 November 2012
- "Of Lattimoreian Adventures and Things to Change" *Mongol Messenger* May 2001

Items under review or in preparation:

Books and Monographs:

- *Place Attachment: Belonging, Mobility and the Changing Nature of Home(land) in the 21st Century* (provisional title)
- *Old Silk Roads/New Silk Roads: Mobilities and Immobilities in Central Eurasia* (provisional title)
- *Kyrgyzstan or Kyrgyzstani-stan: Nationalism and Urban Change in Bishkek* (provisional title)
- *Political Geography: Spaces and Places - Local to Global* (provisional title)

Journal Articles / Book Chapters:

- "A Geographic Theory of Hybridity: Territorialization Amidst Globalization" (provisional title)
- "Globalization and Strategic Essentialism in Central Eurasia" (provisional title)
- "A New Silk Road or a Road to Nowhere?" (provisional title)
- "Parsing Mobilities: Barriers, Bridges, and the Geopolitics of Trans-regionalism" (provisional title)
- "Imagining Kazakhstani-stan: Considerations of Nationalizing Social Space and Socializing National Space" (provisional title)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS:

Fulbright Scholar, Regional Research Fulbright Fellowship for South and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan) 2011-2012

Research Fellow, Center for Social Research, American University of Central Asia (Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic) 2011-2012

Senior Scholar in Eurasian Studies, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, (George Washington University) 2010-2011

Cross-Disciplinary-Interdisciplinary Research Grant: (Pepperdine University) 2008 and 2009

Social Science Research Council Eurasia Program – (Teaching Fellowship: For creation of a course entitled “Islamic Asia” + “Ethnic History of Central Asia”) 2006

Seaver Fellow in International Studies and Languages 2005-2006 & 2006-2007

Title VIII Research Scholar Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars 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.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS:

CONT.

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 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

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

HONORS & AWARDS

- Cont.** **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** **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*
- A Noah's Ark of Nations: Eurasian Demographics and Migration, Bureau of Intelligence and Research U.S. Department of State** 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 Ulaan Baatar*
- 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*

CONFERENCE PAPERS

PRESENTED CONT.

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*

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 *Transnationalization 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

Geographical Perspectives on the New Silk Road **Central Asian Security Workshop, George Washington University, Washington DC, (February 2014)**

Mobilities and the Geopolitics of the New Silk Road **University of Wisconsin Madison, (Department of Geography) Madison WI (3 October 2013)**

The New Silk Road or the Road to Nowhere? Mobilities and Immobilities in Central Eurasia **University of Denver (Department of Geography) Denver, CO (17 November 2013)**

Border Studies: A Short Introduction **University of Denver (Department of Geography) Denver, CO (17 November 2013)**

City of Concrete and Felt: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in Mongolia's Capital of Ulaanbaatar **University of Wisconsin-Madison (CREECA and Asian Studies) Madison, WI (1 November 2012)**

The New Silk Road Project, University of Kansas, CREES Brownbag Lunch Series, Lawrence Kansas (04 September 2012)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

Cont. *Geographies of Disability in Central Asia*, **American University of Central Asia** Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (22 February 2012)

Debating the New Silk Road: Borders, Mobilities, and Identities, **U.S. Embassy Kyrgyz Republic**, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (18 January 2012)

City of Concrete and Felt: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in Mongolia's Capital of Ulaanbaatar, **KIMEP University**, Almaty, Kazakhstan (24 November 2011)

Teaching Central Asia: Surveying Eurasian Studies in the American Academy, Keynote Address, **Fulbright Alumni Conference**, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (13 November 2011)

Mobilities and Immobilities in Eurasia: Towards a Theory of Infrastructure and Social Change **University of Kansas** Department of Geography and Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (20 February 2011)

Borderlands, Migration, and Identity in Northeast Asia **Kennesaw State University** (12 November 2010)

Geopolitics and Central Eurasia **Center for International and Security Affairs -National Defense University** (1 June 2010)

Eurasian Studies in America, Keynote Address, **University of California at Los Angeles** California Eurasian Kuraltai (10 April 2010)

One Homeland or Two?: The Nationalization and Transnationalization of Mongolia's Kazakhs **University of Wisconsin-Madison** CREECA Lecture (8 October 2009)

Kaliningrad: Borderland of an Evolving Europe at Malibu Rotary Club **Pepperdine University** (27 May 2008)

Hybridity in the Mongolian Steppe: Negotiating Cultural Hybridity in the Mongolian Countryside **University of Halle and University of Leipzig** Stiftung Leucorea, Lufterstadt Wittenberg, Germany (30 Nov-2 Dec 2007)

Geopolitics of Central Asia at Malibu Rotary Club **Pepperdine University** (30 May 2007)

One Homeland or Two?: Migration of Mongolia's Kazakhs and the Implications for State Building in 21st Century Mongolia and Kazakhstan **University of California at Los Angeles**, Dept. of Geography, Tod Spieker Lecture Series (29 October 2004)

Patriation or Repatriation: Conflicting Dynamics of Homeland Psychology Among Mongolian-Kazakh "Return" Migrants **SWSEEL Indiana University**, Bloomington IN (July 8, 2004)

Eurasian Migration Trends: Implications of State-Building and Transnationalism in Kazakhstan and Mongolia **U.S. Department of State**, Policy Forum Washington D.C. (June 18, 2004)

"Diaspora" Amidst Nationalization: Diasporic-Kazakhs' Negotiation of Territorial Belonging and Identity **Woodrow Wilson Center**, Guest Speakers Series, Washington D.C. (December 2003)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

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

SERVICE PROFESSIONAL:

- Board Member for the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers:** 2013-Present (Paper Competition Committee)
- 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)
- Reviewer for Academic Journals** (Political Geography; Geopolitics; Central Asian Survey; 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)
- 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*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Cont:

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

Swiss National Science Foundation, 2012-2013

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:

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

Hiring Committee, 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

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

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

Treasurer of Central Asian Studies Student Association, University of Wisconsin - Madison-Chapter, 1998-2000

COMMUNITY:

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

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED:

DOCTORAL:

Vincent Artman (ABD)
Austin Charron (in process)
Erkin Khamitovich Kakimzhanov (al-Farabi Kazakh National University)

MASTERS:

Gloria Lynn Funcheon (completed May 2013)
Zach Adamz (in process)
Ruth Remmers (Masters)

DISSERTATION AND THESES COMMITTEE MEMBER:

David Trimbach (Doctoral)
Austen Thelen (Doctoral)
Mr. Michael Rose (CREEES Committee Member)
Ms. Emily Csinsi (CREEES Committee Member)

COURSES TAUGHT:

Politics of Identity: Nationalism and Ethnicity	Geopolitics of Conflict and Cooperation
Islamic Asia: Hybridity and Globalization	Geography of the Former Soviet Union.
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 Road: Historical Geographies of Central
Seminar in Geographic/Social Theory	Eurasia

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of American Geographers (AAG)
Specialty Groups:
Political Geography; Cultural Geography; Population Geography;
Russia, Central Eurasia, and Eastern Europe;
Middle East; Human Rights; Values, Ethics and Justice;
Geography of Religions and Beliefs
Scholars for Action;
Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS);
Mongolia Society;
American Center for Mongolian Studies;
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