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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D. in Geography, University of Colorado at Boulder
Developmental Fusion: Chinese Investment, Resource Nationalism, and the Distributive Politics of Uranium Mining in Namibia
Graduate Certificate in Development Studies
- 2013 M.A. in Geography, University of Colorado at Boulder
Critical Geopolitics of Foreign Investment in Namibia: A Mixed-Methods Approach
- 2009 B.A. in Political Science (Honors and Highest Distinction), University of Iowa
Thesis: *Black Gold? Oil and the "Resource Curse" in Sub-Saharan Africa*
B.A. in International Studies (Honors and Highest Distinction), University of Iowa
Thesis: *A Resource-Based Development Success Story? Policy Lessons from Botswana*
Minors in Economics and Geography
International Training: MGIMO University (Russia); University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018– Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina
Faculty Associate, African Studies and Center for Asian Studies
Walker Institute of International & Area Studies (Global Studies Program)

PROFESSIONAL POLICY EXPERIENCE

- 2011 Development and Political Affairs Fellow, U.S. Embassy (Windhoek, Namibia)
Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- 2010–11 Legislative Assistant to Senator J. Bolkcom
Office of the Minority Leader, Iowa Senate
- 2010 U.S. Transport Sector Representative, U.S. Government Coordination Team
U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)
- 2009–10 Environmental Policy Analyst/Truman-Albright Fellow
Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation
- 2008–10 Youth Representative, Regional Office of North America
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 2008 Programs Organizer, Cato Crest Community Center (informal settlement; Durban, South Africa)
- 2008 International Cooperation Branch Intern, Climate Change Division
Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Outlets

- Forthcoming* DeBoom, M.J. "Hedging Energy Transition: Green Hydrogen, Oil, and Low-Carbon Resilience as State Strategy in Namibia." *Geoforum*.

- Forthcoming* DeBoom, M.J. “Placing the Global Green Hydrogen Rush: Climate Necropolitics and the Contested Spatialities of Energy Transition from Namibia.” *Environment & Planning C: Politics and Space*.
- 2023 Schindler, S., I. Alami, J. DiCarlo, N. Jepson, S. Rolf, M. Bayırbağ, L. Cyuzuzo, **M.J. DeBoom**, A Farahani, I.T. Liu, et al. “The Second Cold War: US-China Competition for Centrality in Infrastructure, Digital, Production, and Finance Networks.” *Geopolitics* 29(4): 1083-1120.
- 2022 DeBoom, M.J. “Climate Coloniality as Atmospheric Violence: From Necropolitics Toward Planetary Mutuality.” *Political Geography* 99: 102786.
- 2022 DeBoom, M.J. “Radioactive Strategies: Geopolitical Rivalries, African Agency, and the *Longue Durée* of Nuclear Infrastructures.” In S. Schindler and J. DiCarlo, *The Rise of the Infrastructure State: How US-China Rivalry Shapes Politics and Place Worldwide*, 137-152. Bristol: Bristol University Press.
- 2021 DeBoom, M.J. “Climate Necropolitics: Ecological Civilization and the Distributive Geographies of Extractive Violence in the Anthropocene.” *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 111, no. 3: 900-912.
 - Virginie Mamadouh Outstanding Research Award, Political Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers (2024)
 - Republished in David Butler (ed), *The Anthropocene*. New York City: Routledge (2022)
- 2020 DeBoom, M.J. “Who is Afraid of ‘Debt-Trap Diplomacy’? Geopolitical Narratives, Agency, and the Multiscalar Distribution of Risk.” *Area Development and Policy* 5, no. 1: 15–22.
- 2020 DeBoom, M.J. “Toward a More Sustainable Energy Transition: Lessons from Chinese Investments in Namibian Uranium.” *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development* 62, no. 1, 2-31.
- 2018 DeBoom, M.J. “Nuclear (Geo)Political Ecologies: A Hybrid Geography of Chinese Investment in Namibia’s Uranium Sector.” *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* 46, no. 3, 53-83.

Chapters in Edited Collections

- 2024 DeBoom, M.J. “Of Accessibility, Ambition, and Accountability: Practicing Theory for Worldmaking Beyond the Peer-Reviewed Page.” In F. Menga, C. Nagel, K. Grove, and K. Peters (eds), *Political Geography in Practice*. London: Palgrave.
- 2022 DeBoom, M.J. “Climate Necropolitics: Ecological Civilization and the Distributive Geographies of Extractive Violence in the Anthropocene.” In D. Butler (ed), *The Anthropocene*. New York City: Routledge. [Republished from *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*]
- 2020 DeBoom, M.J. “Sovereignty and Climate Necropolitics: The Tragedy of the State System Goes ‘Green’.” In S. Moisiso, A.E.G. Jonas, N. Koch, C. Lizotte, and J. Luukkonen (eds), *Handbook on the Changing Geographies of the State: New Spaces of Geopolitics*, p. 276-286. Northampton: Edward Elgar.
- 2016 DeBoom, M.J. “The Kimberley Process is Broken.” In M.T. Burnett (ed.), *Resource Conflicts: From Blood Diamonds to Rainforest Destruction*, p. 266-272. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.
- 2016 DeBoom, M.J. “Oil in the Sudan: A Conflict Multiplier, Not the Sole Cause.” In M.T. Burnett (ed.), *Resource Conflicts: From Blood Diamonds to Rainforest Destruction*, p. 228-233. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Edited Book Review Forum

- 2023 DeBoom, M.J., C. Dahlman, L. Dowler, E. Holland, A. Murphy, and K. Dempsey. "Reading Kara E. Dempsey's *An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Conflict, Nationalism, and Reconciliation in Ireland*." *Political Geography* 110: 102999.

Publications Under Review

- R&R DiCarlo, J. and **M.J. DeBoom** (equal authorship). "Six Paths of Global China: A Genealogy of a Contested Geographical Imaginary." *Dialogues in Human Geography*.
- Under Review Narins, T., **M.J. DeBoom**, and J. DiCarlo (equal authorship). "Digital Global China: Technological Power and Agency in the Global South." *Chinese Geographical Science*.

Research Reports, Working Papers, and Policy Briefs (selected)

- 2024 DeBoom, M.J. "Exporting the Nuclear 'China Model': 'Win-Win' Radioactive Development and the Geopolitics of Nuclear Energy in Africa." Working Paper for Tale of Two Asias: Living In and Beyond the Nuclear Age. Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado-Boulder.
- 2019 Contributor to Remmer, D. and R. Andreas, *Making Sense of Namibia China-Relations: Risks and Rewards*. Institute for Public Policy Research and Hanns Seidel Foundation. 31 October.
- 2011 W. Nesbitt, E. Plumb, B. Hambira, M. DeBoom et al. *2011 Human Rights Report: Namibia*. U.S. Embassy to Namibia, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State.
- 2010 M.F. Martin, C.S. Star, L. Lawson, E. Beightel...M. DeBoom, et al. *Eliminating Federal Barriers to Local Housing and Transportation Coordination*. U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 2010 J. Matuszak, K-A. Jones, J. Girard, L. Lawson, K.N. Gibson, K. Holland, J. Wills, M. DeBoom, et al. *The United States of America National Report: Transport, Chemicals, Waste Management, Mining, and Sustainable Consumption and Production*. Submitted to the United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Commission on Sustainable Development-18/19.
- 2010 M. Flores, R. Poynter, S. Stendbach, C. Mittelholtz...M. DeBoom, et al. *A Blueprint for Action on the U.S.-Mexico Border: Report to the President and Congress of the United States*. Thirteenth Report of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (U.S. Presidential Advisory Committee) to the President of the United States of America.
- 2008 P. Hlebowitsh, T. Clow, S. Wieting, J. Peters, D. Moore...M. DeBoom, et al. "Undergraduate Education II: Common Academic Experiences." In *Self-Study for the North Central Association Reaccreditation of the University of Iowa*, p. 144-169.
- 2008 M. DeBoom and S. Wickwire. *Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Source Apportionment Study in Hyderabad, India*. Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2008 S. Wickwire, J. Fitzgerald, and M. DeBoom. *Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) China National Assessment Case Study*. Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Office of Air and Radiation U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2008 S. Wickwire and M. DeBoom. *Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Cost-Benefit Analysis in Seoul, South Korea Report*. Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2008 L. Deluca, S. Wickwire, J. Fitzgerald, and M. DeBoom. *Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Mexico Phase II Report*. Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- 2008 M. DeBoom and S. Wickwire. *Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) National Assessment in China*. Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Media Articles and Editorials

- 2021 DeBoom, M.J. Op-Ed. "Namibians Could Pay the Price for Cleaner Energy in China." *Namibian Mining News*. March 27.
- 2021 DeBoom, M.J. Analysis. "African Countries are Helping China Go Green. That May Have a Downside for Africans." The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*. March 12.
- 2010 DeBoom, M.J. Invited Op-Ed. "Ubuntu and International Responsibility." *The Lamp*. Issue 3, p. 25-26.
- 2010 DeBoom, M.J. Op-Ed. "Human Rights, Politics, and the Iowa Supreme Court." *The Northwest Iowa Review*. Nov. 2010, p. 6.
- 2007 DeBoom, M.J. Analysis. "The Iowa Policy Research Organization: Forging Academic-Policy Relationships." *Iowa Journal*. Spring 2007, p. 3-5.

AWARDS

Research (selected)

- 2024 Virginie Mamadouh Outstanding Research Award
Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2018 1st Place, Graduate Student Paper Competition
Development Geographies Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2018 Earl Cook Award for Best Graduate Student Paper
Energy and Environment Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2017 Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Competition
Environmental Studies Section, International Studies Association
- 2014 Florence Margai Award for Best Graduate Student Paper
Africa Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2013 1st Place, Graduate Student Paper Competition
Communication Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2013 1st Place, Graduate Student Paper Competition
Graduate Student Affinity Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2013 Honorable Mention, "Geography in Focus" Competition
American Association of Geographers
- 2008 Phi Beta Kappa (Junior year inductee), University of Iowa
- 2008 Hancher-Finkbine Medallion (University President's highest honor for scholarship, leadership, and service) (2 student awards/year), University of Iowa

Teaching and Mentoring

- 2023 Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Office of Research, University of South Carolina
- 2022 Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award (\$5,000)
Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina

- 2019 “Innovator” Recognition, Incubator for Teaching Innovation
College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina.
- 2017 Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Award
Graduate School, University of Colorado-Boulder
- 2014 Teaching Assistant Award
Department of Geography, University of Colorado-Boulder

GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

External

Major Fellowships and Grants

- 2018–21 Society of Fellows (three-year postdoctoral fellowship; *declined to accept current position*) (\$187,000)
University of Michigan
- 2019 “Writing for Impact” Research Grant, China-Africa-Research Institute (CARI) (\$1,200)
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
- 2017–18 American Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- 2016 Rosalie Wynn & George Randolph Hearst, Sr. Graduate Fellowship (\$5,000)
William Randolph Hearst Foundation
- 2015 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award #1536313 (\$15,999)
U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF)
- 2015 Evelyn K. Aitken Named P.E.O. Scholar Award (\$15,000)
Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) International
- 2013–16 Graduate Research Fellowship (\$195,000+ total, including tuition)
U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF)
- 2011 Cox Summer Graduate Research Award (Namibia) (\$5,000)
U.S. Department of State
- 2011 “Women of Distinction” Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
Gail Patrick Charitable Trust
- 2008, 09 Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship
Rhodes Trust, Oxford University
- 2009 College National First Team All-Academic Award (\$2,500)
USA Today Newspaper
- 2009 Finalist, Junior Fellows Program
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- 2008 Finalist, Marshall Scholarship
Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission
- 2008 Truman Scholarship (\$30,000)
Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation
- 2008 Udall Scholarship (\$5,000)
Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation
- 2005 U.S. Senate Youth Program, Iowa Delegate (\$5,000)
William Randolph Hearst Foundation

Conference Grants

- 2017 International Studies Association (ISA) (\$250)
2016 American Political Science Association (APSA) (\$200)
2013, 14, 18 Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (\$200-225/year)

Internal

University of South Carolina

- 2024-2027 McCausland Faculty Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina (\$40,000)
2023 “The Geopolitics of Global Development: Investigating China’s Influence as a Green Development Model in Africa.” ASPIRE Grant, Office of the Vice President for Research (\$14,638)
2023 “Backdating the Belt and Road Initiative: Host Country Agency and Geopolitical Negotiation in Chinese Overseas Investments.” Magellan Journey Grant for First-Generation Students (with Ryan Henry, undergraduate), Office of Undergraduate Research (\$1,000)
2022 “Savages, Victims, and Saviors: The Metaphor of Human Rights in Film.” Endowed Research Grant (with Jacquelyn Burnett, undergraduate), Honors Program (\$3,000)
2021 “Culture and Conflict,” Interdisciplinary Working Group Grant, Humanities Collaborative, College of Arts and Sciences (\$5,000; co-PI)
2021 “Bias in the International Criminal Court? Global Justice, Economic Development, and African States,” Magellan Apprentice-Capstone Scholar Grant (with Mary A. Chapin, undergraduate), Office of Undergraduate Research (\$1,000)
2020 “Bias in the International Criminal Court? Global Justice, Economic Development, and African States,” Magellan Mini-Grant (with Mary A. Chapin, undergraduate), Office of Undergraduate Research (\$775)

University of Colorado-Boulder (selected)

- 2018 Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$16,000)
2014, 15 Graduate School Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,000/year)
2014 Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences Fellowship (\$1,000)

University of Iowa (selected)

- 2005–09 Presidential Scholarship (four-year, full-tuition scholarship; 25 awards/year) (\$60,000)
2005–09 William and Effa McMeans and National Merit Finalist/Provost Scholarships (\$12,000)
2009 Collegiate Scholar, Honors Program (top 20 graduating seniors) (\$1,000)
2008 Donald B. Johnson Fellowship, Department of Political Science (1 award/year) (\$5,000)
2008 James D. Robertson Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences (1 award/year) (\$2,500)

INVITED TALKS

Invited Keynotes and Plenary Events

- 2024 “Climate Necropolitics: ‘Green’ Development, Climate Justice, & the Distributive Geographies of Green Hydrogen.” Workshop on *Examining Facets of Justice in Climate Responses and Operationalizing Transformative Climate Justice*. Institute of Energy and the Environment, Pennsylvania State University. State College, PA. October 25.
- 2023 “Takeaways from the 2023 BRICS Summit.” Plenary Panelist. South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA). Johannesburg, South Africa: Aug. 25.
- 2022 “Climate Coloniality as Atmospheric Violence.” Respondent to “The Unbearable Heaviness of Climate Colonialism” by Farhana Sultana. *Political Geography* Plenary. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Virtual: Feb. 25.
- 2021 “African Agency in Chinese Infrastructural Investments.” Plenary Panelist. Meeting of the Africa/China Working Group prior to 2021 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation. Johannesburg, South Africa (virtual): Oct. 15.
- 2019 “A Geographical Perspective on ‘Debt-Trap Diplomacy.’” Respondent to “Chinese Debt-Trap Diplomacy: The Rise (and Fall) of a Meme” by Deborah Brautigam. *Area Development and Policy* Plenary. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Washington, DC: April 4.
- 2019 “What’s Next? Perspectives on Global Change from Southern Africa.” Dinner Speaker. Annual Meeting of the Northwest Iowa Chapter of P.E.O. International. Sheldon, IA: June 4.
- 2019 “Placing a Movement: Social and Spatial Justice in a Changing World.” Luncheon Speaker. 150th Anniversary Convention of P.E.O. International. Des Moines, IA: June 1.
- 2014 “Policy-Relevant Scholarship, Undergraduate Research, and the Value of a University of Iowa Education.” University President’s Featured Banquet Speaker. University of Iowa Foundation Annual Reception. Denver, CO: March 26.
- 2013 “Women Who Are Changing the World.” Plenary Panelist. Norma M. Andrisek National Leadership Conference. Miami University. Miami, OH: July 2.
- 2010 “Rape as a Weapon of War in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” Plenary Presenter. VDay DC Workshop on Women’s Issues. Washington, DC: Feb. 12.
- 2008 “Ubuntu: International Responsibility and Service Learning.” Featured Speaker. Pre-Game Brunches, University of Iowa Foundation. Iowa City, IA: Sept. 6 and 27, Oct. 18.

Invited Research Colloquia, Lectures, and Workshop Presentations

- 2024 With J. DiCarlo. “Locating Global China in the Global South: China’s Rise as a Green Development Actor.” Workshop Speaker. *Rethinking d/Development through Cold War Histories and Presents*. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK: December 12-13.
- 2023 “Placing the Global Green Hydrogen Rush: The Geopolitics of Energy Transition from Namibia.” Colloquium Speaker. Department of Geosciences, University of Arkansas. Fayetteville, AR: Dec. 1.
- 2023 “The ‘China Model’ Goes Nuclear: Radioactive Development and Green Technopolitics in Namibia.” Workshop Speaker. *Fallout: Asian Networks of Nuclearity*, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: Oct. 27.
- 2022 “Radioactive Strategies: Geopolitical Rivalries, African Agency, and the *Longue Durée* of Nuclear Infrastructures in Namibia.” Lecture. Escuela de Política y Gobierno (School of Politics and Government), Universidad Nacional de San Martín (National University of San Martín). San Martín, Argentina: Aug 8.

- 2022 “Extracting the State: Global China, Infrastructure, and Developmental State-Making in Namibia.” Workshop Speaker. *The BRI and Peripheral Imaginaries: Evidence from the Developing World*. Assessment of China’s BRI Project, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA: May 5-7.
- 2022 “The Implications of China’s Influence as a Development Model for African Politics.” Presenter. Conflict & Culture Interdisciplinary Working Group, University of South Carolina. Jan. 24.
- 2021 “Climate Necropolitics: Ecological Civilization and the Distributive Geographies of Extractive Violence in the Anthropocene.” Brown Bag Talk. Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina. Nov. 15.
- 2021 “China’s Ecological Civilization and Uranium Mining in Namibia: Who Bears the Costs of ‘Going Green’?” Guest Speaker. International Studies Program, Boston College. April 15.
- 2018 “Extracting South-South Solidarity: Chinese Investment, Resource Nationalism, and the Politics of Mining in Namibia.” Colloquium Speaker. Confucius Institute, University at Albany (State University of New York). Albany, NY: Feb. 16.
- 2015 “Theorizing Resource-Based Development in the Global South.” Presenter. Conference on Social Sciences and Development, University of Namibia. Windhoek, Namibia: Nov. 4-5.
- 2015 “Predictors of Namibians’ Opinions on China, South Africa, and the U.S.” Presenter. Namibia Development Forum. Windhoek, Namibia: Oct. 15.
- 2007 “Iowa Policy Research Organization: Connecting Academia to Policy.” Presenter. Research in the Capitol (RIC), Iowa Legislature. Des Moines, IA: Feb. 26.
- 2006 “Student Perspectives on Service Learning in a Policy Context.” Presenter. Shambaugh Service Learning Conference, University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA: June 4.

CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

Conferences and Workshops Organized

- 2024 36th Annual Political Geography Pre-Conference to the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Co-organized with Kate Coddington. Department of Geography, University of Hawai’i. Honolulu, HI: April 15.
- 2024 1st Annual Political Geography Early Career Article Workshop. Co-organized with Kate Coddington. Virtual: Jan. 22-26.
- 2023 35th Annual Political Geography Pre-Conference to the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Co-organized with Kara Dempsey. Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: March 22.
- 2022 34th Annual Political Geography Pre-Conference to the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Co-organized with Kara Dempsey. Virtual: Feb. 18.

Paper and Panel Sessions Organized

- 2024 Organizer and Chair. Stanley Brunn Early-Career Lecture in Political Geography. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Honolulu, HI: April 16.
- 2023 Organizer and Chair. Author-Meets-Critics Session for *An Introduction to the Geopolitics of Conflict, Nationalism, and Reconciliation in Ireland* by Kara Dempsey. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Denver, CO: March 24.
- 2018 Co-Organizer. “Shadow States: Rethinking State-Society Relations.” Paper session. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1.

- 2017 Co-Organizer and Chair. “Neo-Extractivism, Resource Nationalism, and ‘New’ Geographies of Resource Governance and Development.” **Four** paper sessions and **one** panel co-organized with Emily Billo. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA: April 8.
- 2015 Co-Organizer. “BRICS in Africa: Shifting Geographies of South-South Cooperation.” **Two** paper sessions co-organized with Ding Fei. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL: April 22.

Additional Sessions as Discussant, Panelist, or Chair

- 2022 Panelist. “Political Geography at 40: Reflections on the Practice of the Sub-Discipline II.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Virtual: March 1.
- 2020 Chair. “Geopolitical Infrastructures.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Denver, CO. [Cancelled due to Covid-19]
- 2018 Discussant. “Shadow States: Rethinking State-Society Relations.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1.

Paper Presentations

- 2024 With J. DiCarlo. “A Genealogy of Global China: Routes and Routes of a Contested Concept.” Early Career Article Workshop Series, Political Geography Specialty Group. Virtual: Jan. 23.
- 2023 With Jacquelyn Burnett (*undergraduate*). “Savages, Victims, and Saviors: Human Rights in Film.” Discover USC Conference. Columbia, SC: April 19.
 - First Place, Morning Session
- 2023 “Radioactive Strategies: Geopolitical Rivalries, African Agency, and the *Longue Durée* of Nuclear Infrastructures in Namibia.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Denver, CO: March 24.
- 2022 With Mary A. Chapin (*undergraduate*). “The National Politics of Global Justice: Portrayals of the ICC in Kenyan Media.” Discover USC Conference. Columbia, SC: April 22.
 - First Place, Afternoon Session
- 2021 “The Extractive Imperative Meets Rising China: A Multi-Scalar Analysis of Development and Distributive Politics in Namibia.” General Conference of the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI). The Hague, The Netherlands: July 6.
- 2021 With Mary A. Chapin (*undergraduate*).* “Bias in the International Criminal Court? African States and International Justice.” Discover USC Conference. Virtual: April 23.
 - Excellent and Outstanding Achievement Award
- 2021 “Infrastructures of the Trickster Developmental State in Namibia.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Virtual: April 11
- 2020 “Spatializing Rights: Africa-China Relations and the Geopolitics of Rights Claims in Namibia.” African Studies Association. Virtual: Nov. 18
- 2020 “Necropolitics Goes ‘Green’: Climate Change Mitigation and Extractivist Violence.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Virtual: April 9.
- 2020 “Resource Nationalism, State Capitalism, and the Necropolitics of ‘Just’ Energy Transitions.” Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) Annual Conference. Lexington, KY: Feb 29.
- 2019 “The Geopolitics of Human Rights in Africa-China Relations.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Washington, DC: April 3.

- 2018 “A Postcolonial Analysis of Chinese Investments in Namibia's Uranium Sector.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1.
- 2018 “Nuclear Geopolitical Ecologies: A Hybrid Geography of Chinese Investment in Namibian Uranium.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, LA: April 10.
- 2018 “Materiality, Sustainability, and the Politics of Namibia’s Marine Extractive Frontier.” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference. New Orleans, LA: April 9.
- 2017 “States of Extraction: Chinese Investment, Nuclearity, and the (Geo)Political Ecologies of Neo-Extractivism in Namibia.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Boston, MA: April 8.
- 2017 “Extracting Place and Placing Extraction: The Multi-Scalar Politics of Marine Phosphate Mining and New Extractivism in Namibia.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. Baltimore, MD: Feb. 24.
- 2016 “Resource-Based Development and the Politics of Chinese Investment in Namibia.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA: Sept. 1.
- 2016 “Place-Based Politics of Marine Phosphate Mining: Social Movements, Development, Justice.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. San Francisco, CA: April 1.
- 2016 “Solidarity in (Anti-)Politics: Chinese Investment and the New Developmental State in Namibia.” Political Geography Pre-Conference. San Francisco, CA: March 28.
- 2015 “Extracting South-South Solidarity: BRICS, the State, and Natural Resource Governance in Namibia.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Chicago, IL: April 22.
- 2014 “The View from Namibia: (Geo)politics of Knowledge in the New Scramble for Africa.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Tampa, FL: April 10.
- 2013 “The Politics of Foreign Investment in Namibia: A Mixed Methods Approach.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Los Angeles, CA: April 10.
- 2013 With J. O’Loughlin, A. Linke, and F. Witmer: “Violent Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa 1980-2009: Border Effects, Resource Endowments, and State Responses.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Los Angeles, CA: April 10.
- 2013 “Natural Resource Policy and Perceptions of Foreign Investment in Namibia’s Mining Sector.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO: March 21.
- 2012 “Namibia for Namibians? Modeling Namibians’ Opinions on China, South Africa, and the U.S.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Philadelphia, PA: Dec. 1.
- 2009 “A Resource-Based Development Success Story? Lessons from Botswana.” University of Iowa International Studies Conference. Iowa City, IA: May 8.

Research and Grant-Writing Workshops and Training

- 2024-25 PROPEL NSF Proposal Bootcamp. University of South Carolina. Aug. 2024-May 2025
- 2024 NSF CAREER Bootcamp. University of South Carolina. January-June 2024.
- 2020 Summer Course on Grant Writing in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SCG) (competitive selection). Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) at the University of Mississippi. Virtual: May 18-22.
- 2019 China-Africa Research Initiative (CARI) “Writing for Impact” Public Outreach Workshop (competitive selection). The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Washington, DC: Oct. 10-12.

2019 Geographic Faculty Development Alliance Workshop. American Association of Geographers and The George Washington University. Washington, DC: June 23-29.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2024– Member, National Committee for US-China Relations (NCUSCR) (by nomination)

2022– Research Associate, Second Cold War Observatory (global scholarly network focused on the implications of US-China rivalry for politics, economics, and ecologies around the world)

2018– Faculty Associate, Critical Ecologies Lab, University of South Carolina

2015– Research Affiliate, University of Namibia

2021–22 Conflict & Culture Interdisciplinary Working Group, Humanities Collaborative, University of South Carolina

2017–19 Member, Earth System Governance Taskforce on Oceans, Lund University

2012 Research Assistant to John O’Loughlin, Geography, University of Colorado-Boulder. “Climate Change/ Variability and Armed Conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa.” National Science Foundation.

2009 Survey Research Assistant to Dr. David Redlawsk, Political Science, University of Iowa. “Public Opinion on Local Community Organizations.”

2006–2007 Research Assistant to Dr. Tom Rice, Political Science, University of Iowa. “Iowa Policy Research Organization: Honors Service Learning and Legislative Research.”

TEACHING

Pedagogical Grants

2020 Teaching Online Course Development Grant, Center for Teaching Excellence (\$500)

2019 Open Educational Resources Faculty Grant, University of South Carolina Libraries (\$500)

Pedagogical Training

2020 Online Teaching Certificate. Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina.

2017 College Teaching Certificate. Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado at Boulder.

Courses

University of South Carolina

GEOG 121: Geographies of Global Change (new online course; re-designed in-person course)

- F18, S19, F20, S21, S22, F22, F23, F24, S25

GEOG 228: Geography of Africa (re-designed course)

- S19, S20

GEOG/GLBL ST 380: Global Geography of Human Rights (new course; cross-listed with Global Studies)

- S21, F21

GEOG 515: Political Geography (re-designed course)(combined undergraduate & graduate)

- S20, S22

GEOG 730: Seminar in Environmental Geography (graduate)

- “Climates of Violence,” F21
- “Geopolitical Economy of Energy Transition: Development, Extraction, Justice,” S25

GEOG 735: Advanced Seminar in Political Geography (graduate)

- “Nationalism, Geopolitics, and Conflict,” F24
- “Colonialism, Imperialism, Worldmaking,” F23

SCHC 437: Honors Proseminar: Geographies of Human Rights (new course)

- F20

University of Colorado-Boulder

GEOG 1972: Geographies of Global Change—Lead Teaching Assistant (1)

GEOG 1982: World Regional Geography—Instructor of Record (1); Lead TA (1); TA (1)

GEOG 2412: Environment and Culture—TA(1)

GEOG 3862: Geography of Africa—TA(1)

GEOG 3682: Geography of International Development—TA(1)

GEOG 4712: Political Geography—Instructor of Record (1); TA(2)

University of Iowa

HONR 3100: Policy Research Practicum (Honors; service learning)—TA(1)

HONR 3210: Legislative Policy Research (Honors; service learning)—TA(1)

ADVISING and MENTORING

Invited Presentations

- 2021 “Strategies for Success—and Staying Sane—On the Academic and Beyond-Academic Job Markets.” Guest Speaker. Presidential Fellows Program. Graduate School, University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC: Sept. 10.
- 2019 “Strategies for Success in Graduate School.” Tea Talk Discussant. Geography Student Association. University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC: Sept. 13.
- 2018 “Addressing Inequality at Multiple Scales: Inclusivity in Higher Education from Namibia to Colorado.” Colloquium Speaker. Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, OK: Feb 2.
- 2017 “Thriving in Graduate School.” Panelist. Department of Geography. University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: Nov. 15.
- 2012 “An Introduction to the Truman Scholarship.” Panelist. Top Scholarships Office. University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: Sept. 25
- 2012 “Pursuing Graduate Studies in Geography.” Panelist. Department of Geography. University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: Oct 25.
- 2008 “Undergraduate Service Learning and Policy Research.” Guest Speaker. Department of Political Science Annual Advisory Board Meeting. University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA: Nov. 8.

Research Group

- 2020– Violence & International Transitions from Africa Lab (VITAL), University of South Carolina
- Current: Bianca Malkoc (PhD)
 - Alumni (current position): Donna Birdsong (Development & Outreach Associate, Human Rights Watch), Jacquelyn Burnett (Associate Consultant, Managed Land Team, ESRI-DC), Mary A. Chapin (J.D. Student, Northeastern University), Alexander Fulham (M.S. Student, University of South Carolina), Mason Joiner (Geographic Information Scientist, U.S. Department of Defense), Andrew Prado-Alipui (Country Support Coordinator, Panagora Group/USAID), Whitney Westbrook (Project Coordinator, Chatham House-London)

Graduate Advising

PhD Chair

- Current Bianca Malkoc, PhD in Geography. Geopolitics of Critical Transition Minerals, Infrastructure, and the Lobito Corridor in Africa. University of South Carolina
- Presidential Fellowship, Graduate School, University of South Carolina
 - Field Study Award, Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Specialty Group, AAG

Master's Chair

- 2024 Andrew Prado-Alipui, M.A. in Geography. "Narratives in Motion: The New Era of Dam Building in East Africa." M.A. in Geography. University of South Carolina
- Current Position: Country Support Coordinator, Panagora Group/USAID

PhD Committee Member

- Current Jill Thornton, PhD in Geography. "The Christian Geopolitical Imagination: Practices of Foreign Missionaries in Germany." University of South Carolina
- 2021 Beth Nelson, PhD in Geography. "Politics of Belonging: Identity, Integration, and Spatial Practices of Algerian Immigrants and Their Descendants in Paris." University of South Carolina

Master's Committee Member

- Current Jenna Haver, M.A. in Geography. "Reluctant Transitions: Place and Post-Extraction Politics in Southeastern Ohio." University of South Carolina.
- 2022 Ritvik Shukla, M.A. in Earth and Environmental Resources Management. "The Impact of Framing on Natural Gas Pipeline Siting in Virginia." University of South Carolina.
- 2021 Teresa Norman, M.A. in Earth and Environmental Resources Management. "Assessing Climate Change Planning in South Carolina's Low Country: Exploring the Impacts of Climate Change Policy on African American Communities." University of South Carolina.

Undergraduate Advising

Honors Thesis Chair

- 2023 Jacquelyn Burnett (Geography; Global Studies). "Savages, Victims, and Saviors in Film: The Metaphor of Human Rights Brought to Life Onscreen." University of South Carolina.
- Honors College Endowed Research Grant (2022); First Place Award, Discover USC (2023)
- 2022 Donna Birdsong (International Studies). "Ineffective Intervention: Analyzing the Failed Response of the United Nations to the 1994 Rwandan Genocide." University of South Carolina.
- 2022 Mason Joiner (Geography; Statistics). "Slow Violence and Racial Capitalism: Understanding Mass Incarceration Through a Case Study of the California Prison System." University of South Carolina.
- 2022 Whitney Westbrook (International Studies). "Gendered Effects: Why Including Women in Peacebuilding Processes Leads to Lasting, Sustainable Peace." University of South Carolina.
- 2020 Tanner Reagle (Economics; Geography). "Economies and Institutions: An Analysis of Colonialism in the Democratic Republic of the Congo." University of South Carolina.

Other Undergraduate Research Mentorship

- 2022– Ryan Henry (International Business). “Backdating the Belt and Road Initiative: Host Country Agency and Geopolitical Negotiation in Chinese Overseas Investments.”
- Magellan Journey Grant for First-Generation Students (2023)
- 2019–23 Mary A. Chapin (International Studies). “Bias in the International Criminal Court? Global Justice, Economic Development, and African States.”
- Magellan Mini-Grant (2020); Magellan Apprentice-Capstone Grant (2021); First Place and Achievement Awards, Discover USC (2021 & 2022)

SERVICE

Scholarly Service

Editorial Boards

- 2024– Editorial Board, *Environment and Security* (Sage)
- 2022– Editorial Board, *Encyclopedia of Geopolitics* (Edward Elgar)

Leadership

- 2023– President, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (elected)
- 2022– Visiting Geographical Scientist Speaker’s List, American Association of Geographers (nominated)
- 2021–23 Vice President, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (elected)
- 2020–23 Finance Director, Africa Specialty Group and *African Geographical Review*, American Association of Geographers (elected)
- 2018–20 Board Member, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (elected)

Committees

- 2021–23 Selection Committee, Graduate Research Award, Africa Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers
- 2016, 2017 Selection Committee, Kwando Konadu-Agyeman Distinguished Scholar Award in African Geography, Africa Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers
- 2015 Search Committee for *African Geographical Review* Associate Editor, Africa Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers

Reviews

- Grants Ad-hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Sciences Program (1)
- Books Routledge (2); Rowman & Littlefield Press (1)
- Journals 34 manuscript reviews for 21 journals: *Africa Spectrum*; *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*; *Antipode*; *Area*; *Area Development and Policy*; *East Asia Forum Quarterly*; *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*; *Environment and Security*; *GeoHumanities: Space, Place, and the Humanities*; *GeoJournal*; *Geopolitics*; *Globalizations*; *Historical Social Research/Historische Sozialforschung*; *Journal of Political Ecology*; *Journal of Settlements and Spatial Planning*; *Political Geography*; *Progress in Human Geography*; *Statistics, Politics, and Policy*; *Studies in Comparative International Development*; *Territory, Politics, Governance*; *World Development*

Institutional Service

University of South Carolina

University Service

- 2023– LGTBQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus
- 2018– Mentor for First-Generation College Students (n=12; via TRIO and students in my courses)
- 2021; 24– Truman Scholarship Interview Panel, National Fellowships and Scholar Programs
- 2023-24 Faculty Committee, First-Generation Center at The University of South Carolina
- 2019–23 Udall Scholarship Campus Committee, National Fellowships and Scholar Programs
- 2022-23 Curriculum Review Committee, African Studies Program, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies
- 2018–20 Geography Senator, Faculty Senate

Departmental Service

- 2021– Chair, Undergraduate Recruitment Committee
- 2020–22; 24– Curriculum Committee
- 2019–20; 23-24 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2022–23 Development and Alumni Engagement Committee
- 2021 Advisory Committee for Department Self-Study
- 2018–22 Undergraduate Academic Advisor (n=18) (emphasis on first-generation students)

University of Colorado at Boulder (selected)

- 2014–18 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Mentor (n=9), Institute of Behavioral Science
- 2013–18 Truman, Rhodes, and Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee/Mentor (n=10)
- 2011–18 Co-Founder and Mentor, First-Gen Mentoring Cooperative (n=13)
- 2012–13 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Geography

University of Iowa (selected)

- 2013–14 Ex-Officio Member, Undergraduate Research Fellowships Committee, Honors Program
- 2007–10 Mentor for First-Generation Students (n=8)
- 2008–09 University Liaison, Iowa City Foreign Relations Council
- 2008–09 Student Representative, Presidential Charter Committee on Campus Planning
- 2006–08 Student Representative, Honors Program Advisory Committee
- 2006–07 Founding Member, Iowa Policy Research Organization (IPRO)
- 2006–07 Student Representative, Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Committee

MEDIA and POLICY COVERAGE

- 2024 Research featured in Y. Pan “To Secure Kazakhstan’s Uranium, Chinese Players Were Compelled to Accommodate Local Partners.” Policy Brief. *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. March 26.
- 2022 Research featured in the “Top Africa Stories of the Year 2021” by *This Week in Africa*. Jan. 1.

- 2022 Interviewed for televised report on climate change-related drought in Africa prior to COP27, *BBC World News*, Sept. 5.
- 2021 Research featured in *Uranium in Namibia: Yellowcake Fever*, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (French Institute of International Relations). Paris: Dec. 1.
- 2021 Research featured in “Episode 47: The Resurgence of Africa’s Conflict Diamonds” by The Red Line Podcast. July 11.
- 2021 Profile: “Chinese Green Energy Plan Comes with Human Cost: Geographer Examines Links Between Mining and Climate Change Mitigation Strategies” in *USC Today*. March 29.
- 2021 Research featured in *This Week in Africa*, a weekly bulletin on democracy, development, and daily life in Africa. March 12.
- 2018 Research featured in “China-Namibia Uranium Cooperation” on the Official Blog of U.S. Ambassador David H. Shinn. June 4.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

African Studies Association (ASA), American Association of Geographers (AAG), European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), International Studies Association (ISA), SouthEast Africanist Network (SEAN)