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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

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	Field Organizer Iowa Democratic Party
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

DeBoom, M.J. "Hedging Energy Transition: Oil, Green Hydrogen, and Low-Carbon Resilience as State Strategy in Namibia." *Geoforum* 161: 104267.

2025 DeBoom, M.J. "Displaced Decarbonization: Climate Necropolitics and the Contested Spatialities of Green Hydrogen in Namibia." Environment & Planning C: Politics and Space. https://doi.org/10.1177/23996544251332856 DiCarlo, J. and M.J. DeBoom.* "Six Paths of Global China: A Genealogy of a Contested 2025 Geographical Imaginary." Dialogues in Human Geography. *Equal authorship https://doi.org/10.1177/2043820625134556 2024 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. DeBoom, M.J. "Nuclear (Geo)Political Ecologies: A Hybrid Geography of Chinese Investment in 2018 Namibia's Uranium Sector." Journal of Current Chinese Affairs 46, no. 3, 53-83. **Edited Book Chapters** *Forthcoming* DeBoom, M.J. "Waste, Wind, and Water: The Tailings of Nuclear China in Namibia." In T. Oakes and K. Goldfarb (eds), Living in Nuclear Asia: Sociotechnical Perspectives on Nuclear Power Development, Risk, and Vulnerability. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. DeBoom, M.J. "Of Accessibility, Ambition, and Accountability: Practicing Theory for 2024 Worldmaking Beyond the Peer-Reviewed Page." In F. Menga, C. Nagel, K. Grove, and K. Peters (eds), Political Geography in Practice: Theories, Approaches, Methodologies, p 35-52. 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. Moisio, A.EG. 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.

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.

Encyclopedia Entries

- Forthcoming DeBoom, M.J. "Climate Change." In C. Flint (ed), Encyclopedia of Geopolitics. Northampton: Edward Elgar.
- Forthcoming DeBoom, M.J. "Development." In C. Flint (ed), Encyclopedia of Geopolitics. Northampton: Edward Elgar.
- Forthcoming DeBoom, M.J. "Resources." In C. Flint (ed), Encyclopedia of Geopolitics. Northampton: Edward Elgar.

Edited Book Review Fora

- DeBoom, M.J., R. Stock, I. Ajibade, N. Padilla, and F. Sultana. "Confronting Climate Coloniality: Decolonizing Pathways for Climate Justice." *AAG Review of Books*.
- 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.

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

- DeBoom, M.J. "Exporting the Nuclear 'China Model': 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. <i>Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) China National Assessment Case Study.</i> Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Office of Air and Radiation U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
2008	S. Wickwire and M. DeBoom. <i>Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Cost-Benefit Analysis in Seoul, South Korea Report.</i> 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. <i>Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Mexico Phase II Report.</i> Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
2008	M. DeBoom and S. Wickwire. <i>Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) National Assessment in China</i> . 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." <i>Namibian Mining News</i> . March 27.
2021	DeBoom, M.J. Analysis. "African Countries are Helping China Go Green. That May Have a Downside for Africans." The Monkey Cage, <i>The Washington Post</i> . March 12.
2010	DeBoom, M.J. Invited Op-Ed. "Ubuntu and International Responsibility." <i>The Lamp.</i> Issue 3, p. 25-26.
2010	DeBoom, M.J. Op-Ed. "Human Rights, Politics, and the Iowa Supreme Court." <i>The Northwest Iowa Review</i> . Nov. 2010, p. 6.
2007	DeBoom, M.J. Analysis. "The Iowa Policy Research Organization: Forging Academic-Policy Relationships." <i>Iowa Journal.</i> 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

Fellowships and Grants

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," 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 Travel 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

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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: African 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 plus room/board 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, Plenary Events, and Colloquia—Academic	
2025	"Climate Necropolitics: Chinese Investment, Namibian Resource Nationalism, and the Distributive Geopolitics of Uranium." Colloquium Speaker. Chu Program in Asia-Pacific Studies. Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada: April 11.
2024	"Climate Necropolitics: The Distributive Geographies of Energy Transition from Namibia." Keynote Speaker. Workshop on Examining Facets of Justice in Government and Public Climate Responses and Operationalizing Transformative Climate Justice. Institute of Energy and the Environment, Pennsylvania State University. State College, PA. October 25.
2023	"Scaling Decarbonization: The Geopolitics of Energy Transition from Namibia." Colloquium Speaker. Department of Geosciences, University of Arkansas. Fayetteville, AR: Dec. 1.
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	"Climate Coloniality as Atmospheric Violence." Invited respondent to "The Unbearable Heaviness of Climate Colonialism" by Farhana Sultana. <i>Political Geography</i> Plenary. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Virtual: Feb. 25.
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.
2019	"A Geographical Perspective on 'Debt-Trap Diplomacy." Invited respondent to "Chinese Debt-Trap Diplomacy: The Rise (and Fall) of a Meme" by Deborah Brautigam. <i>Area Development and Policy</i> Plenary. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Washington, DC: April 4.
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.
2018	"Addressing Inequality at Multiple Scales: From Chinese Investment in Namibia to Inclusivity in Higher Education." Colloquium Speaker. Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, OK: Feb 2.
2015	"Theorizing Resource-Based Development in the Global South." Featured Lecture. 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." Featured Lecture. Namibia Development Forum. Windhoek, Namibia: Oct. 15.

2007 "Iowa Policy Research Organization: Connecting Academia to Policy." Featured Presenter. Research in the Capitol (RIC), Iowa Legislature. Des Moines, IA: Feb. 26.

Invited Keynotes and Plenary Events—Policy and Public

2023	"Dialogue on EU-Namibia Strategic Partnership." Plenary Panelist. Closed-door session on Critical Raw Materials (CRM) prior to EU-Namibia Business Forum. European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). Brussels, Belgium: Oct. 23.
2023	"Takeaways from the 2023 BRICS Summit." Plenary Panelist. South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA). Johannesburg, South Africa: Aug. 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	"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 Panelist. VDay DC Workshop on Women's Issues. Washington, DC: Feb. 12.
2008	"Ubuntu: International Responsibility and Service Learning." Keynote Speaker. Pre-Game Brunches, University of Iowa Foundation. Iowa City, IA: Sept. 6 and 27, Oct. 18.

Invited Workshop Presentations

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2024	With J. DiCarlo. "Global China as Development? Geopolitical Worldmaking and China's Global Development Initiative." Workshop Speaker. Rethinking d/Development through Cold War Histories and Presents. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK: December 12-13.
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	"Extracting the State: Global China, Infrastructure, and Developmental State-Making in Namibia." Workshop Speaker. <i>The BRI and Peripheral Imaginaries: Evidence from the Developing World.</i> 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.

CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

Conferences and Workshops Organized

2025 37th Annual Political Geography Pre-Conference and DeTour. Co-organized with Kate Coddington. School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability (University of Michigan) and Department of Geography (Michigan State University). March 22-23.

- 2024 36th Annual Political Geography Pre-Conference and DeTour. Co-organized with Kate Coddington. Department of Geography, University of Hawai'i. Honolulu, HI: April 14-15. 2024 1st Annual Political Geography Early Career Article Mentoring and Workshop Series. Coorganized 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 2025 Organizer and Chair. Stanley Brunn Early-Career Lecture in Political Geography (Speaker: Galen Murton). American Association of Geographers. Detroit, MI: March 24. [Postponed to 2026]. 2024 Organizer and Chair. Stanley Brunn Early-Career Lecture in Political Geography (Speaker: Azmeary Ferdoush). 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. American Association of Geographers. Denver, CO: March 24.
- Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1.

 Co-Organizer and Chair. "Neo-Extractivism, Resource Nationalism, and 'New' Geographies of
- 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. American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA: April 8.

Co-Organizer. "Shadow States: Rethinking State-Society Relations." Paper session. African

Co-Organizer. "BRICS in Africa: Shifting Geographies of South-South Cooperation." **Two** paper sessions co-organized with Ding Fei. American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL: April 22.

Sessions as Discussant, Panelist, or Chair

- 2025 Chair. "Africa-China Engagements Part II: Examining Diplomacy and Soft Power in Africa's Past and Present Relations with China and the West." African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Nov. 20.
- 2025 Panelist. Author-Meets-Critics: Farhana Sultana's *Confronting Climate Coloniality: Decolonizing Pathways for Climate Justice.* American Association of Geographers. Detroit, MI: March 25.
- Discussant. "Revisiting Resilience: A New Age of Intervention? New Forms of Politics?" American Association of Geographers. Detroit, MI: March 28.
- Panelist. "Political Geography at 40: Reflections on the Practice of the Sub-Discipline II."

 American Association of Geographers. Virtual: March 1.
- 2020 Chair. "Geopolitical Infrastructures." American Association of Geographers. Denver, CO. [Cancelled due to Covid-19]
- 2018 Discussant. "Shadow States: Rethinking State-Society Relations." African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1.

Paper Presentations

2018

2025 "Displaced Decarbonization: The Contested Spatialities of Energy Transition in Namibia." African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Nov. 20.

2025 "Placing the Global Green Hydrogen Rush: Climate Necropolitics and the Contested Spatialities of Energy Transition from Namibia." American Association of Geographers. Detroit, MI: March 2025 With T. Narins (presenting author) and J. DiCarlo. "Digital Global China: Centering Technological Power and Agency in the Global South." American Association of Geographers. Detroit, MI: March 26. 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 J. Burnett (undergraduate, presenting author). "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." American Association of Geographers. Denver, CO: March 24. 2022 With M.A. Chapin (undergraduate, presenting author). "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. With M.A. Chapin (undergraduate, presenting author). "Bias in the International Criminal Court? 2021 African States and International Justice." Discover USC Conference. Virtual: April 23. Excellent and Outstanding Achievement Award "Infrastructures of the Trickster Developmental State in Namibia." American Association of 2021 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." American Association of Geographers. Virtual: April 9. "Resource Nationalism, State Capitalism, and the Necropolitics of Just' Energy Transitions." 2020 Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE). Lexington, KY: Feb 29. 2019 "The Geopolitics of Human Rights in Africa-China Relations." American Association of Geographers. Washington, DC: April 3. 2018 "A Postcolonial Analysis of Chinese Investments in Namibia's Uranium Sector." African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1. "Nuclear Geopolitical Ecologies: A Hybrid Geography of Chinese Investment in Namibian 2018 Uranium." American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, LA: April 10. "Materiality, Sustainability, and the Politics of Namibia's Marine Extractive Frontier." Political 2018 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." 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." International Studies Association. Baltimore, MD: Feb. 24.

2016	"Resource-Based Development and the Politics of Chinese Investment in Namibia." Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA: Sept. 1.
2016	"Place-Based Politics of Marine Phosphate Mining: Social Movements, Development, Justice." 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." American Association of Geographers. Chicago, IL: April 22.
2014	"The View from Namibia: (Geo)politics of Knowledge in the New Scramble for Africa." American Association of Geographers. Tampa, FL: April 10.
2013	"The Politics of Foreign Investment in Namibia: A Mixed Methods Approach." American Association of Geographers. Los Angeles, CA: April 10.
2013	With J. O'Loughlin (<i>presenting author</i>), A. Linke, and F. Witmer: "Violent Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa 1980-2009: Border Effects, Resource Endowments, and State Responses." American Association of Geographers. Los Angeles, CA: April 10.
2013	"Natural Resource Policy and Perceptions of Foreign Investment in Namibia's Mining Sector." Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO: March 21.
2012	"Namibia for Namibians? Modeling Namibians' Opinions on China, South Africa, and the U.S." 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	d 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	
2025–	Member, Working Group on Energy, Extraction, & Resources, China in Europe Research Network (CHERN)
2024–	Member, National Committee for US-China Relations (NCUSCR) (by nomination)
2024– 2022–	Member, National Committee for US-China Relations (NCUSCR) (by nomination) Research Associate, Second Cold War Observatory
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2022–	Research Associate, Second Cold War Observatory

2021-22

South Carolina

Conflict & Culture Interdisciplinary Working Group, Humanities Collaborative, University of

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 David Redlawsk, Political Science, University of Iowa. "Public Opinion on Local Community Organizations."
2006–2007	Research Assistant to 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: Global Change (new online course; re-designed in-person course)

• F18, S19, F20, S21, S22, F22, F23, F24, S25, S26

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

• S19, S20, F22

GEOG/GLST 380: Global 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)

"Geopolitical Economies and Ecologies of Energy Transition," S25

GEOG 735: Advanced Seminar in Political Geography (graduate)

- "Nationalism, Geopolitics, and Conflict," S20
- "Climates of Violence," F21
- "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 on the Academic and Beyond-Academic Job Markets." Guest Speaker. Presidential Fellows Program. Graduate School, University of South Carolina: Sept. 10.
2019	"Strategies for Success in Graduate School." Tea Talk Discussant. Geography Student Association. University of South Carolina: Sept. 13.
2017	"Thriving in Graduate School." Panelist. Department of Geography. University of Colorado-Boulder: Nov. 15.
2012	"An Introduction to the Truman Scholarship." Panelist. Top Scholarships Office. University of Colorado-Boulder: Sept. 25
2012	"Pursuing Graduate Studies in Geography." Panelist. Department of Geography. University of Colorado-Boulder: Oct 25.
2008	"Undergraduate Service Learning and Policy Research." Guest Speaker. Department of Political Science Annual Advisory Board Meeting. University of Iowa: Nov. 8.
2006	"Student Perspectives on Service Learning in a Policy Context." Presenter. Shambaugh Service Learning Conference, University of Iowa: June 4.

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 Lands Team, ESRI-DC), Mary A. Chapin (J.D. Student in International Law, Northeastern University), Alexander Fulham (graduated M.S. Student, University of South Carolina), Ryan Henry (current BS student in Finance, Darla Moore), Mason Joiner (Geographic Information Scientist, U.S. Department of Defense), Andrew Prado-Alipui (Country Support Coordinator, Panagora Group/USAID), Tanner Reagle (Senior Research Analyst, CBRE), Whitney Westbrook (Project Coordinator, Chatham House-London)

Graduate Advising

PhD Chair

Current

Bianca Malkoc, PhD in Geography. "Geopolitical Ecology of Critical Transition Minerals in Serbia." 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." 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 Working with Refugees 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

2025 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

Jacquelyn Burnett (Geography; Global Studies). "Savages, Victims, and Saviors in Film: Mutua's 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.

Additional 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

2025– Editorial Board, *Political Geography* (Elsevier)

2024 Editorial Board, Environment and Security (Sage)

2022–25	Editorial Board, Encyclopedia of Geopolitics (Edward Elgar)
<u>Leadership</u>	
2025—	President Emeritus, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2022–	Visiting Geographical Scientist Speaker's List, American Association of Geographers (nominated)
2023–25	President, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (elected)
2021–23	Vice President, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (elected)
2020–23	Finance Director, Africa Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (elected)
2018–20	Board Member, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (elected)
Committees	
2021–23; 2025	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 <i>African Geographical Review</i> 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	40 manuscript peer reviews for 26 journals: Africa Spectrum; African Studies Review; Annals of the American Association of Geographers; Antipode; Area, Area Development and Policy; Climate and Development; East Asia Forum Quarterly; Economic Geography; Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space; Environment and Security; Geoforum; GeoHumanities: Space, Place, and the Humanities; GeoJournal; Geopolitics; Globalizations; Historical Social Research/Historische Sozialforschung; Journal of Political Ecology; Journal of Settlements and Spatial Planning; npj Clean Energy; Political Geography; Progress in Human Geography; Statistics, Politics, and Policy; Studies in Comparative International Development; Territory, Politics, Governance; World Development
Institutional S	ervice
University of So	outh Carolina
University Service	
2023–	LGTBQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus
2018–	Mentor for First-Generation College Students (n=14; via TRIO and students in my courses)
2023-24	Faculty Committee, First-Generation Center at The University of South Carolina
2019–23	Udall Scholarship Campus Committee, National Fellowships and Scholar Programs
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Truman Scholarship Interview Panel, National Fellowships and Scholar Programs

2022-23

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Area Studies

Geography Senator, Faculty Senate

Curriculum Review Committee, African Studies Program, Walker Institute of International and

Departmental Service 2020-22; 24-Curriculum Committee 2025-Peer Teaching Review Committee 2021-25 Chair, Undergraduate Recruitment 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=7), Institute of Behavioral Science 2013-18 Truman, Rhodes, and Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee/Mentor (n=10) Co-Founder and Mentor, First-Gen Mentoring Cooperative (n=13) 2011 - 182012-13 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 Internationals (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. Research featured in This Week in Africa, a weekly bulletin on democracy, development, and daily 2021 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)