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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2018– Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina

## 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*  
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

## PUBLICATIONS

### Scholarly Publications

- 2023 Schindler, S., I. Alami, J. DiCarlo, N. Jepson, S. Rolf, M. Bayırbağ, L. Cyuzuzo, M. DeBoom, et al. [“The Second Cold War: US-China Competition for Centrality in Infrastructure, Digital Production, and Finance Networks.”](#) *Geopolitics*. DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2023.2253432.
- 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 Namibia.”](#) In Seth Schindler and Jessica DiCarlo (eds), *The Rise of the Infrastructure State: How US-China Rivalry Shapes Politics and Place Worldwide*, p. 137-152. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.
- 2022 DeBoom, M.J. 2022. [“Climate Necropolitics: Ecological Civilization and the Distributive Geographies of Extractive Violence in the Anthropocene.”](#) In David Butler (ed), *The Anthropocene*. New York City, NY: Routledge. [Republished contribution from *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*]
- 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.
- 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. [“Sovereignty and Climate Necropolitics: The Tragedy of the State System Goes ‘Green.’”](#) In Moisiu, Sami, Andrew E.G. Jonas, Natalie Koch, Christopher Lizotte, and Juho Luukkonen, (eds), *Handbook on the Changing Geographies of the State: New Spaces of Geopolitics*, p. 276-286. Northampton, UK: Edward Elgar.
- 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.”](#) Special Issue on “Political Ecology of a Rising China.” *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* 46, no. 3, 53-83. [backdated to 2017]
- 2016 DeBoom, M.J. [“The Kimberley Process is Broken.”](#) In Burnett, Mark T. (ed.), *Resource Conflicts: From Blood Diamonds to Rainforest Destruction*, p. 266-272. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2016 DeBoom, M.J. [“Oil in the Sudan: A Conflict Multiplier, Not the Sole Cause.”](#) In Burnett, Mark T. (ed.), *Resource Conflicts: From Blood Diamonds to Rainforest Destruction*, p. 228-233. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

### Op-Eds and Media Articles

- 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 Washington Post*. March 12.
- 2010 DeBoom, M.J. Invited Editorial. “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 Honors Journal*. Spring 2007, p. 3-5.

### Research Reports and Policy Briefs

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

### **Broader Impact: Media and Public Coverage**

- 2022 Research featured in the "[Top Africa Stories of the Year 2021](#)" by "This Week in Africa." January 1.
- 2022 Interviewed for televised report on [drought in Africa](#) in the context of international climate change pre-Conference of the Parties 27 (COP-27), BBC World News, September 5.
- 2022 Featured in "[Lessons in Geography—and Global Citizenship](#)" in *USC Today*. November 9.
- 2021 Research used as foundation for [Uranium in Namibia: Yellowcake Fever](#), Institut Français des Relations Internationales (French Institute of International Relations). Paris, France: December 1.
- 2021 Research featured in "Episode 47: The Resurgence of Africa's Conflict Diamonds" by [The Red Line Podcast](#). July 11.
- 2021 Research featured in "[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 by Jeffrey Paller. March 12.

2018 Research featured in [“China-Namibia Uranium Cooperation”](#) on the Official Blog of U.S. Ambassador David H. Shinn. June 4.

## GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

### External

#### Major Fellowships and Grants

2018–21 Society of Fellows (three-year postdoctoral fellowship; *declined to accept position at University of South Carolina*) (\$187,000)  
University of Michigan

2019 “Writing for Impact” Researcher Program, 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)  
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 (\$2500)  
*USA Today* Newspaper

2009 Finalist, Fulbright Scholarship (United Kingdom)  
Fulbright Scholar Program

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 (\$200-250/year)

**Internal**

*University of South Carolina*

- 2023 “The Geopolitics of Global Development: Investigating China’s Influence as a 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 (with Ryan Henry, undergraduate student in International Business and Finance), Office of Undergraduate Research (\$1,000)
- 2022 “Savages, Victims, and Saviors in Film: The Metaphor of Human Rights.” Endowed Research Grant (with Jacquelyn Burnett, undergraduate student in Geography and Global Studies), University of South Carolina Honors Program (\$3,000)
- 2021 “Culture and Conflict,” co-PI, Interdisciplinary Working Group Grant, Humanities Collaborative, College of Arts and Sciences (\$5,000)
- 2020 “Bias in the International Criminal Court? Global Justice, Economic Development, and African States,” Magellan Apprentice-Capstone Scholar Grant (with Mary A. Chapin, undergraduate student in International Studies), 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 student in International Studies), Office of Undergraduate Research (\$775)
- 2020 Getting Started Teaching Online Course Development Grant, Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) (\$500)
- 2019 South Carolina Open Educational Resources (SCoer!) Faculty Grant, University of South Carolina Libraries (\$500)

*University of Colorado-Boulder*

- 2018 Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$16,000)

- 2012–18 Graduate School Conference Travel Grant (\$300/year)
- 2017 Department of Geography DeSana Research Grant (\$500)
- 2014, 15 Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,000/year)
- 2014 Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences Fellowship (\$1,000)
- 2012 United Government of Graduate Students Travel Grant (\$300)

*University of Iowa*

- 2005–09 Presidential Scholarship (four-year, full-tuition scholarship; 25 awards/year) (\$15,000/year)
- 2005–09 William and Effa McMeans and National Merit Finalist/Provost Scholarships (\$3,000/year)
- 2009 Collegiate Scholars Award, 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 Social Sciences (1 award/year) (\$2,500)

**AWARDS**

- 2023 [Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award](#)  
Office of Research, University of South Carolina
- 2022 [Visiting Geographical Scientist](#) (nomination-based)  
American Association of Geographers
- 2022 [Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award](#)  
University of South Carolina
- 2018 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- 2017 Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching  
Graduate School, University of Colorado-Boulder
- 2014 Best Teaching Assistant Award  
Department of Geography, University of Colorado-Boulder
- 2014 Florence Margai Award for Best Graduate Student Paper  
Africa Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

- 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Graduate Student Paper Competition  
Communication Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
- 2013 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (President’s highest honor for scholarship, leadership, and service) (2 awards/year), University of Iowa

## INVITED TALKS

### Invited Keynotes and Plenary Events

- 2022 “Climate Coloniality as Atmospheric Violence.” Invited Response to “The Unbearable Heaviness of Climate Colonialism” by Farhana Sultana (Syracuse University). *Political Geography* (journal) Plenary Lecture. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. New York City, NY: February 25.
- 2021 “African Agency in Chinese Infrastructural Investments.” Invited Panelist. Meeting of the Africa/China Working Group prior to the 2021 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Ministerial Session: Oct. 15.
- 2019 “Placing a Movement: Social and Spatial Justice in a Changing World.” Invited Luncheon Speaker. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention of Philanthropic Educational Association (P.E.O.) International. Des Moines, IA: June 1.
- 2019 “A Geographical Perspective on ‘Debt-Trap Diplomacy.’” Invited Commentator on “Chinese Debt-Trap Diplomacy: The Rise (and Fall) of a Meme” by Deborah Brautigam (Johns Hopkins University SAIS). *Area Development and Policy* Annual Plenary Lecture. American Association of Geographers. Washington, DC: April 4.
- 2014 “Policy-Relevant Scholarship, Research, and the Value of a University of Iowa Education.” President’s Featured Banquet Speaker. University of Iowa Foundation Annual Reception. Denver, CO: March 26.
- 2013 “Women Who Are Changing the World.” Invited Plenary Panelist. Norma M. Andrišek National Leadership Conference. Miami University. Miami, OH: July 2.

### Invited Research Colloquia, Lectures, and Workshops

- 2023 Invited workshop presenter, *Fallout: Asian Networks of Nuclearity*, Tale of Two Asias Project, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado-Boulder: October 27.
- 2022 “Radioactive Strategies: Geopolitical Rivalries, African Agency, and the *Longue Durée* of Nuclear Infrastructures in Namibia.” Invited Lecture. Escuela de Política y Gobierno (School of Politics and Government), Universidad Nacional de San Martín (National University of San Martín) (UNSAM). San Martín, Argentina: Aug 8.

- 2022 “Extracting the State: Global China, Infrastructure, and Developmental State-Making in Namibia.” Invited paper for the workshop, *The BRI and Peripheral Imaginaries: Evidence from the Developing World*. Assessment of China’s Belt and Road Initiative Project, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA: May 5-7.
- 2022 “The Implications of China’s Influence as a Development Model for Politics in Southern Africa.” Brown Bag Talk. Conflict & Culture Interdisciplinary Working Group and Carolinas Conflict Consortium. University of South Carolina. January 24.
- 2021 “Climate Necropolitics: Ecological Civilization and the Distributive Geographies of Extractive Violence in the Anthropocene.” Brown Bag Talk. Walker Institute. University of South Carolina. November 15.
- 2021 “China’s Ecological Civilization and Uranium Mining in Namibia: Who Bears the Costs of ‘Going Green’?” Invited Speaker. International Studies Program. Boston College. April 15.
- 2019 “What’s Next? Perspectives on Global Change from Southern Africa.” Invited Dinner Speaker. Annual Meeting of the Northwest Iowa Chapter of Philanthropic Educational Association (P.E.O.) International. June 4.
- 2018 “Extracting South-South Solidarity: Chinese Investment, Resource Nationalism, and the Politics of Mining in Namibia.” Invited Colloquium Speaker. Confucius Institute Speaker Series. 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.” Invited Colloquium Speaker. Department of Geography. Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, OK: Feb 2.
- 2015 “Theorizing Resource-Based Development in the Global South.” Invited Presenter. University of Namibia Conference on Social Sciences and Development. Windhoek, Namibia: Nov. 4-5.
- 2015 “Predictors of Namibians’ Opinions on China, South Africa, and the U.S.” Invited Presenter. Namibia Development Forum. Windhoek, Namibia: Oct. 15.
- 2010 “Rape as a Weapon of War in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” Invited Presenter. VDay DC Workshop on Women’s Issues. Washington, DC: Feb. 12.
- 2008 “Ubuntu: International Responsibility and Service.” Featured Speaker. University of Iowa Foundation Pre-Game Brunches. Iowa City, IA: Sept. 6 and 27, Oct. 18.
- 2007 “Iowa Policy Research Organization: Connecting Academia to Policy.” Invited Presenter. Research in the Capitol (RIC), Iowa Legislature. Des Moines, IA: Feb. 26.
- 2006 “Student Perspectives on Service-Learning in a Policy Context.” Invited Presenter. Shambaugh Service-Learning Conference, University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA: June 4.

### **Invited Presentations on Teaching and Mentoring**

- 2021 “Strategies for Success—and Staying Sane—On the Job Market.” Invited Speaker, Presidential Fellows Program. Graduate School, University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC: Sept. 10



- 2019 [“Innovator” Nominated Contributor to “Conversations About Teaching.”](#) Incubator for Teaching Innovation, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina.
- 2019 “Strategies for Success in Graduate School.” Invited Tea Talk Discussant, Geography Student Association. University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC: Sept. 13.
- 2017 “Thriving in Graduate School.” Invited Panelist, Department of Geography. University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: Nov. 15.
- 2012 “An Introduction to the Truman Scholarship.” Invited Presenter, Top Scholarships Office. University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: Sept. 25
- 2012 “Pursuing Graduate Studies in Geography.” Invited Panelist, Department of Geography. University of Colorado-Boulder. Boulder, CO: Oct 25.
- 2008 “Undergraduate Service Learning and Policy Research.” Invited Speaker, Department of Political Science Annual Advisory Board Meeting. University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA: Nov. 8.

## RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

### Workshops with Competitive Selection

- 2020 Summer Course on Grant Writing in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SCG) (competitive interdisciplinary selection). Funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and hosted by the University of Mississippi. Virtual: May 18-22.
- 2019 China-Africa Research Initiative (CARI) “Writing for Impact” Researcher Workshop (competitive interdisciplinary selection). Hosted by the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Washington, DC: October 10-12.

### Other Workshops

- 2020 Faculty Development Program (FDP) (8 sessions), College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC. Aug. 2019-Dec. 2020.
- 2019 Geographic Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA) Workshop for Early Career Faculty. Hosted by the American Association of Geographers and George Washington University. Washington, DC: June 23-29.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Conferences and Workshops Organized

- 2024 [36<sup>th</sup> 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 [1<sup>st</sup> Annual Political Geography Early Career Article Workshop](#). Co-organized with Kate Coddington. Virtual. January 22-27.
- 2023 [35<sup>th</sup> 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 [34<sup>th</sup> Annual Political Geography Pre-Conference](#) to the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Co-organized with Kara Dempsey. Virtual, 45 participants. February 18.

### **Paper and Panel Sessions Organized**

- 2023 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 “Shadow States: Rethinking State-Society Relations.” Paper session. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1.
- 2017 “Neo-Extractivism, Resource Nationalism, and ‘New’ Geographies of Resource Governance and Development.” **Four** paper sessions and **one** panel co-organized with Emily Billo (Goucher College). American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA: April 8.
- 2015 “BRICS in Africa: Shifting Geographies of South-South Cooperation.” **Two** paper sessions co-organized with Ding Fei (University of Minnesota), Abdi Samatar (Chair, University of Minnesota), and Pdraig Carmody (Discussant, Trinity College Dublin). American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL: April 22.

### **Sessions as Chair, Discussant, or Panelist**

- 2023 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.
- 2022 Panelist. “Political Geography at 40: Reflections on the Practice of the Sub-Discipline II.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. New York City, NY: March 1.
- 2020 Chair (Invited). “Development Impacts of Chinese Activities in Africa.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Washington, DC (virtual): Nov. 20.
- 2020 Chair (Invited). “Geopolitical Infrastructures.” Session organized by Mary Mostafanezhad (University of Hawai’i) and Galen Murton (James Madison University). Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Denver, CO. [Cancelled due to Covid-19]
- 2019 Chair (Invited). “Infrastructures and the Environment.” Session organized by Kenneth Madsen (Ohio State University-Newark) and Afton Clarke-Sather (University of Minnesota-Duluth). Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference. Washington, DC: April 2.
- 2018 Discussant. “Shadow States: Rethinking State-Society Relations.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA: Dec. 1.
- 2017 Chair. “Geographical Perspectives on Neo-Extractivism.” Panel Session. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA: April 8.
- 2017 Chair. “Violence, Criminalization, and Protest in Extractive Industries.” Paper Session. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA: April 8.

2017 Chair. "Extractivisms Beyond Mining." Paper Session. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA: April 8.

### Presentations

2023 With Jacquelyn Burnett (undergraduate student and presenting author). "Savages, Victims, and Saviors in Film: Human Rights Brought to Life Onscreen." Discover USC Conference. Columbia, SC: April 19.

- Awarded First Place, Morning Session (Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences B)

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 student and presenting author). "The National Politics of Global Justice: Portrayals of the ICC in Kenyan Media." Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference. Virtual: Feb. 18.

2022 With Mary A. Chapin (undergraduate student and presenting author). "The National Politics of Global Justice: Portrayals of the ICC in Kenyan Media." Discover USC Conference. Columbia, SC: April 22.

- Awarded First Place, Afternoon Session (Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences E)

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 student and presenting author). "Bias in the International Criminal Court? African States and International Justice." Discover USC Conference. Virtual: April 23.

- Recognized with the Excellent and Outstanding Achievement Award

2021 "Infrastructures of the Trickster Developmental State in Namibia." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Seattle, WA (virtual): April 11

2020 "Spatializing Rights: Africa-China Relations and the Geopolitics of Rights Claims in Namibia." African Studies Association. Washington, DC (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 in Namibia: Social Movements, Justice, and Development.” 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 AFFILIATIONS and COLLABORATIONS

- 2022– Research Associate, [Second Cold War Observatory](#) (global network of scholars researching the implications of US-China rivalry for politics, economics, and culture around the world)

- 2021– Research Lab, University of South Carolina
- Current Members: Ryan Henry, Bianca Malkoc, Andrew Prado-Alipui
  - Alumni:
    - Donna Birdsong (Miami Development & Outreach Associate, Human Rights Watch)
    - Jacquelyn Burnett (Associate Consultant, Managed Land Team, ESRI-DC)
    - Mary A. Chapin (Law Student, University of Massachusetts)
    - Mason Joiner (Geographic Information Scientist, U.S. Department of Defense)
    - Whitney Westbrook (Research Program Manager, Chatham House-London)
- 2018– Affiliate, African Studies Program, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina
- 2018– Affiliate, Center for Asian Studies, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina
- 2018– Faculty Member, [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, University of Colorado-Boulder “Climate Change/ Variability and Armed Conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa.” National Science Foundation Environment, Society, and Economy/Interdisciplinary Behavioral Social Science Program.
- 2009 Survey Research Assistant to Dr. David Redlawsk, Political Science, University of Iowa “Public Opinion on Local Community Organizations.”
- 2006–2007 Assistant to Dr. Tom Rice, Political Science, University of Iowa “Iowa Policy Research Organization: Honors Service Learning and Legislative Research.”

## TEACHING

### Pedagogical Development and Training

- 2020 Certificate of Completion, Getting Started Teaching Online Program (four-week course). Center for Teaching Excellence. University of South Carolina. May-June 2020.
- 2019 Geographic Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA) Workshop for Early Career Faculty. Hosted by the American Association of Geographers and George Washington University. Washington, DC. June 23-29.
- 2018-2019 Graduate, New Faculty Academy. Center for Teaching Excellence. University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC. Aug. 2018-May 2019.
- 2017 Certificate in College Teaching. Graduate Teacher Program. University of Colorado at Boulder. Boulder, CO.

## Courses

### University of South Carolina

#### *Courses*

- GEOG 121: Globalization and World Regions (re-designed course; in-person and online versions)
- Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Spring 2022; Fall 2022; Fall 2023
- GEOG 228: Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (re-designed course)
- Spring 2019; Spring 2020
- GEOG 380: Global Geography of Human Rights (new course)
- Spring 2021 (as GEOG 310: Special Topics); Fall 2021
- GEOG 515: Political Geography (re-designed course)(combined undergraduate & graduate)
- Spring 2020; Spring 2022
- GEOG 735: Seminar in Political Geography (graduate)
- “Nationalism, Geopolitics, and Conflict”: Spring 2020
  - “Climates of Violence”: Fall 2021
  - “(Anti)-Coloniality as Worldmaking”: Fall 2023
- SCHC 437: Honors Proseminar: Global Geography of Human Rights (new course)
- Fall 2020

#### *Independent Studies*

- GEOG 399: Research Methods for Discourse Analysis in Geography (Spring 2020, Alex Fulham)
- GEOG 705: Geopolitics of Conflict in Africa (Spring 2022, Alex Fulham)
- GEOG 705: Geopolitics of Africa-China Relations (Spring 2021, Jill Martin)

### University of Colorado-Boulder

#### *Instructor of Record*

- GEOG 1982: World Regional Geography (Summer 2017)
- GEOG 4712: Political Geography (Fall 2017)

#### *Lead Teaching Assistant*

- GEOG 1972: Geographies of Global Change (Spring 2017)
- GEOG 1982: World Regional Geography (Fall 2016)

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- GEOG 2412: Environment and Culture (Fall 2011)
- GEOG 3862: Geography of Africa (Spring 2012)
- GEOG 3682: Geography of International Development (Summer 2012)
- GEOG 4712: Political Geography (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

### University of Iowa

#### *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*

- HONR 3100: Policy Research Practicum (Honors and service learning) (Spring 2006)
- HONR 3210: Legislative Policy Research (Honors and service learning) (Fall 2006)

## **ADVISING and MENTORING**

### **Graduate Advising**

#### PhD Chair (in progress)

2023– Bianca Malkoc, PhD in Geography. Research topic: Chinese investment in global infrastructures. University of South Carolina

#### Master's Chair (in progress)

2022– Andrew Prado-Alipui, M.A. in Geography. “Narratives in Motion: The New Era of Dam Building in East Africa.” Proposal defended: May 2023. University of South Carolina

#### PhD Committee Member (in progress)

2023– Jill Thornton, PhD in Geography. Research topic: Geopolitical practices of foreign missionaries in Germany. University of South Carolina

#### PhD Committee Member (completed)

2021 Beth Nelson, PhD in Geography. “Politics of Belonging: Identity, Integration, and Spatial Practices of Algerian Immigrants and Their Descendants in Paris, France.” University of South Carolina.

#### Master's Committee Member (completed)

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.

#### Non-Committee Research Mentorship (completed)

2021 Robert Gudea (PhD, Geography): Supervisor for pre-PhD summer research assistantship

### **Undergraduate Advising**

#### Honors Thesis Chair (completed)

2023 Jacquelyn Burnett (Geography and Global Studies). “Savages, Victims, and Saviors in Film: The Metaphor of Human Rights Brought to Life Onscreen.” University of South Carolina Honors College.

- Honors College Endowed Research Grant
- William A. Mould Senior Thesis Award nominee
- First Place Award, 2023 Discover USC

2022 Donna Birdsong (International Studies). “Ineffective Intervention: Analyzing the Failed Response of the United Nations to the 1994 Rwandan Genocide.” University of South Carolina Honors College.

- 2022 Mason Joiner (Geography). “Slow Violence and Racial Capitalism: Understanding Mass Incarceration Through a Case Study of the California Prison System.” University of South Carolina Honors College.
- 2022 Whitney Westbrook (International Studies). “The Girl Effect: Why Including Women in Peacebuilding Processes Leads to Lasting, Sustainable Peace.” University of South Carolina Honors College.
- 2020 Tanner Reagle (Economics and Geography), “Economies and Institutions: An Analysis of Colonialism in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” University of South Carolina Honors College.

#### Other Undergraduate Research Mentorship

- 2022– Ryan Henry (undergraduate, International Business): “Backdating the Belt and Road Initiative: Host Country Agency and Geopolitical Negotiation in Chinese Overseas Investments.”
- Magellan Journey Grant for undergraduate research
- 2019–23 Mary A. Chapin (undergraduate, International Studies): “Bias in the International Criminal Court? Global Justice, Economic Development, and African States.”
- Magellan Apprentice-Capstone Grant and Magellan Mini-Grant
  - Excellent and Outstanding Achievement Award, 2021 Discover USC
  - First Place Award, 2022 Discover USC
  - Published [“International Human Rights Protection Before the International Criminal Court”](#) in *Caravel* (USC Undergraduate Research Journal), 2022 issue
- 2020 Alex Fulham (undergraduate, Geography): Mentor for independent research on the geopolitics of mining in Africa

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to the Discipline**

#### Editorial Boards

- 2022– Editorial Board, *Encyclopedia of Geopolitics*. Chair: Colin Flint (Chief Editor), with Jennifer Fluri, Alun Jones, Virginie Mamadouh, Sami Moisiso, Jo Sharp; James Tyner, and Takashi Yamazaki (Editorial Board). Edward Elgar Publishing. Anticipated publication: 2024.

#### Leadership

- 2023– President, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (two-year elected term)
- 2022– [Visiting Geographical Scientist](#) Speaker’s List, American Association of Geographers
- 2021–23 Vice President, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (two-year elected term)
- 2020–23 Finance Director, Africa Specialty Group and *African Geographical Review*, American Association of Geographers (three-year elected term)



2018–20 Board Member, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers (two-year elected term)

### Committees

2021–; 2018-20 Professional Awards Committee, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

2021–23 Graduate Research Award Committee, Africa Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

2016, 2017 Selection Committee Member, Kwando Konadu-Agyeman Distinguished Scholar Award in African Geography, Africa Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

2015 Search Committee for *African Geographical Review* Associate Editor, Africa Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers

### Reviews

Grants Ad-hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF) Geography and Spatial Sciences (GSS) Program (1: 2019)

Books Rowman & Littlefield Press (1: 2018); Routledge (1: 2023)

Manuscripts Reviews (26) for the following journals: *Africa Spectrum* (1: 2021), *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* (2: 2021); *Antipode* (1: 2022); *Area* (2: 2021); *Area Development and Policy* (1: 2019), *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* (2: 2021(1); 2022(1)); *GeoHumanities: Space, Place, and the Humanities* (2: 2022 (1); 2023(1)); *GeoJournal* (1: 2022); *Historical Social Research/Historische Sozialforschung* (1: 2023); *Journal of Political Ecology* (2: 2019), *Journal of Settlements and Spatial Planning* (1: 2018), *Political Geography* (2: 2013(1), 2014(1)); *Statistics, Politics, and Policy* (1: 2022); *Territory, Politics, Governance* (4: 2018(1); 2019(2); 2021(1)); *World Development* (3: 2018(1); 2019(1); 2020(1))

## **Institutional Service**

### University of South Carolina

#### *University Service*

2020– LGTBQ+ Safe Zone Ally Program, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

2019–23 Udall Scholarship Campus Committee, National Fellowships and Scholar Programs, Office of the Provost

2022-23 Curriculum Review Committee, African Studies Program, Walker Institute of International Studies

2021 Truman Scholarship Practice Interview Panel, National Fellowships and Scholar Programs

2018–20 Geography Representative, Faculty Senate

*Departmental Service*

- 2021– Chair, Recruitment Committee
- 2023–; 2019–20 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2022–23 Development and Alumni Engagement Committee
- 2020–22 Curriculum Committee
- 2020–22 Department Scribe
- 2021 Working Group on GEOG 103/121/210
- 2021 Advisory Committee for Department Self-Study
- 2018–21 Undergraduate Academic Advisor (n=18, cumulative) (emphasis on first-gen students)
- Ad-Hoc
- 2023 Annual Review for Instructor (1)
- 2019 Peer Teaching Review for Instructor (1)

University of Colorado at Boulder

- 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 Mentor for First-Generation and Historically-Marginalized Students (n=13)
- 2012–13 Geography Representative, United Government of Graduate Students
- 2012–13 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Geography

University of Iowa

- 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

## **PROFESSIONAL POLICY and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2011 Development and Political Affairs Fellow  
U.S. Embassy in Windhoek, Namibia
- 2010–2011 Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State  
Legislative Research Assistant to Senator J. Bolkcom  
Office of the Minority Leader  
Iowa Senate
- 2010 Field Organizer (Davenport, IA)  
Iowa Democratic Party
- 2010 U.S. Transport Sector Representative  
U.S. Government Coordination Team  
18<sup>th</sup> Session of the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)
- 2009–2010 Environmental Policy Analyst/Truman-Albright Fellow  
Office of Safety, Energy, and Environment  
Office of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation
- 2008–2010 Youth Representative, “Kick the Carbon Habit” Campaign  
Regional Office of North America  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 2008 Community Programs Organizer  
Cato Crest Community Center (informal settlement in Durban, South Africa)
- 2008 International Cooperation Branch Intern  
Integrated Environmental Strategies (IES) Program, Climate Change Division  
Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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