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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD Geography, Rutgers University

Dissertation title: “The River-Border Complex: Governing Flows in South Asia”

Received the Nystrom Dissertation Award from the American Association of Geographers

MSc Biological Oceanography, University of Hawaii

BSc Biology and Environmental Studies, with Distinction, University of Victoria

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor (2024–)

Graduate Chair (2023–)

Director, Climate Justice Field School (2024–)

Department of Geography, Environment, and Urban Studies

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Assistant Professor (2018–2024)

Department of Geography, Environment, and Urban Studies

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Visiting Research Scholar (2018–2019)

Center for Southeast Asian Studies

Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

Assistant Professor (2017–2018)

Department of Geography

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

A.W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow (2015–2017)

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Department of South Asia Studies

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

COURSES OFFERED

Graduate

Climate Change & Security

Political Ecology

Research Design

The Politics of Water

Undergraduate

Environment and Society

Global Capitalism, Labor, and the Environment

AWARDS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Public Policy Lab Faculty Fellowship

August 2025–May 2026

KITLV Visiting Fellowship	June–August 2025
Office of the Vice-President for Research Humanities and Arts Bridge Award	April 2024
Mansfield-Luce Asia Scholar	November 2023–October 2024
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award	June - December 2022
American Association of University Women American Fellowship (alternate)	April 2021
Center for the Humanities at Temple (CHAT) Faculty Fellowship	December 2020
American Institute of Bangladesh Studies Conference Travel Award	April 2019
UC Berkeley Formal Demography Workshop Grant	March 2019
Kyoto University Center for Southeast Asian Studies Research Fellowship	November 2017
Institute of Human Geography Grant	November 2017
CAORC Multi-Country Research Fellowship	April 2017
U.S. Global Change Research Program Workshop Grant	February 2017
J. Warren Nystrom Dissertation Award	April 2016
Rutgers Graduate School Conference Travel Award	July 2014
Rutgers University Excellence Fellowship in Geography	April 2014
American Institute of Bangladesh Studies Conference Travel Award	February 2014
Fulbright IIE Graduate Research Fellowship	April 2013
American Inst. of Indian Studies Advanced Language Scholarship	March 2013
U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship	February 2013
American Institute of Bangladesh Studies Junior Fellowship	November 2012
Rutgers University Excellence Fellowship in Geography	August 2012
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship – Honorable Mention	April 2012
Rutgers Graduate School Special Study Award	April 2012
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship	March 2012
South Asia Summer Language Institute Scholarship	March 2012
U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship	February 2012
American Institute of Bangladesh Studies Conference Travel Award	February 2012
Rutgers Graduate School Conference Travel Award	November 2011
South Asian Studies Research/Travel Award	May 2011
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship – Honorable Mention	2005, 2006

PUBLICATIONS (Thomas, also published as Weersing)

Peer-reviewed research articles

Jang, H. and K. Thomas. 2025. Tourism, resource nationalism, and the making of South Korea’s “whale city.” *Geopolitics*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2025.2453487>

Thomas, K. and K. Rhiney. 2025. Moving beyond a climate politics of justice with no peace. *Climate and Development*. 16(9): 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17565529.2024.2444329>

Baird, I. *et al.* 2024. Ruin-of-the-rivers? A global review of run-of-the-river dams. *Environmental Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00267-024-02062-5>

Thomas, K. 2024. Accumulation by adaptation. *Geography Compass*. 18(1): e12731. <http://doi.org/10.1111/gec3.12731>

Jang, H., and K. Thomas. 2024. The geopolitics of whaling and Japanese colonialism in Korea. *Territory, Politics, Governance*. 12(1): 50–71. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2022.2138524>

- Thomas, K. 2023. Compelled to compete: Rendering climate change vulnerability investable. *Development and Change*. 54(2): 223–250. <http://doi.org/10.1111/dech.12756>
- Kelley, L., S. Shattuck, and K. Thomas. 2022. Cumulative socio-natural displacements: Reconceptualizing climate displacements in a world already on the move. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. 112(3): 664–673. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24694452.2021.1960144>
- Thomas, K. 2021. International rivers as border infrastructures: En/forcing borders in South Asia. *Political Geography*. 89: 102448. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2021.102448>
- Strube, J. and K. Thomas. 2021. Damming Rainy Lake and the ongoing production of hydro-colonialism in the US-Canadian Boundary Waters. *Water Alternatives*. 14(1): 19–41. <http://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/alldoc/articles/vol14/v14issue1/607-a14-1-2/file>
- Thomas, K. 2020. The problem with solutions: Development failures in Bangladesh and the interests they obscure. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. 110(5): 1631–1651. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24694452.2019.1707641>
- Thomas, K. 2020. Shifting baselines of disaster mitigation. *Climate and Development*. 12(2): 147–150. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17565529.2019.1605875>
- Thomas, K. and B. Warner. 2019. Weaponizing vulnerability to climate change. *Global Environmental Change*. 57: 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2019.101928>
- Thomas, K. *et al.* 2019. Explaining differential vulnerability to climate change: a social science review. *WIREs Climate Change*. 10(2): e565. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/wcc.565>
- Hardy, D. *et al.* 2018. Social Vulnerability: Social Science Perspectives on Climate Change, Part 1. Washington DC: United States Global Change Research Program.
- Thomas, K. 2017. The Ganges Water Treaty: 20 years of cooperation, on India's terms. *Water Policy*. 19(4): 724–740. <https://doi.org/10.2166/wp.2017.109>
- Thomas, K. 2017. Governing international rivers in the Anthropocene. IN: Clarke-Sather *et al.* The shifting geopolitics of water in the Anthropocene. *Geopolitics*. 22(2): 332–359.
- Thomas, K. 2017. The river-border complex: A border-integrated approach to transboundary river governance illustrated by the Ganges River and Indo-Bangladeshi border. *Water International*. 42(1): 34–53. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02508060.2016.1247236>
- Bryant, J. *et al.* 2016. Diversity and activity of communities inhabiting plastic debris in the North Pacific Gyre. *mSystems*. 1(3): e00024-16.
- Thomas, K. 2012. Water Under the Bridge? International Resource Conflict and Post-Treaty Dynamics in South Asia. *South Asia Journal*. 5: 11–28.
- Weersing, K. and R. Toonen. 2009. Population genetics, larval dispersal, and demographic connectivity in marine systems. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*. 393: 1–12. *Feature Article*.
- Gaidos, E. *et al.* 2007. The Precambrian emergence of animal life: A geobiological perspective. *Geobiology*. 5(4): 351–373.
- Woodson, C.B. *et al.* 2007. Local diurnal upwelling driven by sea breezes in northern Monterey Bay. *Continental Shelf Research*. 27: 2289–2302.

Peer-reviewed education articles

Thomas, K. 2019. Water security across borders. *Geography Review*. 32(3): 34–37.

Thomas, K. 2017. The “mundane violence” of international water conflicts. *Education About Asia*. 22(2): 36–41.

Thomas, K., B.C. Bruno, K. Achilles, S.B. Sherman. 2011. A Watery-Who Dunit: The case of the missing zooxanthellae. *Science Scope*. 34(7): 44–54.

Weersing, K., J. Padilla-Gamiño, and B.C. Bruno. 2010. What microbe are you? *The Science Teacher*. 77(6): 40–44.

Book sections and chapters

Kuhl, L. et al. Obstructing global and local climate adaptation. *Global Assessment of Climate Obstruction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Under review*.

Thomas, K., L. Kelley, and A. Shattuck. Violent displacement and volumetric change. IN: M. Mostafanezhad and W. Dressler (Eds.), *Violent Atmospheres*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. *In press (due May 2025)*.

Thomas, K. Enduring infrastructure. 2021. IN: S. O’Lear (Ed.), *A Research Agenda for Geographies of Slow Violence*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. pp. 107–122.
<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788978033.00011>

Thomas, K. 2020. Analyzing borders seriously: the river-border complex. IN: M. Zeitoun, N. Mirumachi, and J. Warner (Eds.), *Water Conflicts: Analysis for Transformation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp. 39–40.

Public scholarship

Bruku, C., and K. Thomas. 2024. On again, off again: Ghana’s struggles with electricity unreliability, equity and sustainability. *Undisciplined Environments*.
<https://undisciplinedenvironments.org/2024/01/09/on-again-off-again-ghanas-struggles-with-electricity-unreliability-equality-and-sustainability/>

Carlson, A., and K. Thomas. 2023. Minimizing human-animal conflict with convivial conservation. *Edge Effects*. <https://edgeeffects.net/convivial-conservation/>

Newnam, E., and K. Thomas. 2023. Convivial conservation of novel ecosystems. *Undisciplined Environments*. <https://undisciplinedenvironments.org/2023/06/29/convivial-conservation-of-novel-ecosystems/>

Gomes, V., and K. Thomas. 2021. Chester is choking: What is beyond environmental racism? *Uneven Earth*. <http://unevenearth.org/2021/12/chester-is-choking/>

Johnson, S., and K. Thomas. 2021. Green gentrification in South Philly. *Edge Effects*.
<https://edgeeffects.net/green-gentrification/>

Torchio, P., and K. Thomas. 2021. Tracing the ecological crisis along the U.S.-Mexico border to national security policy. *Undisciplined Environments*.
<https://undisciplinedenvironments.org/2021/10/27/tracing-the-ecological-crisis-along-the-u-s-mexico-border-to-national-security-policy/>

Joseph, C., and K. Thomas. 2021. It's Time to Decolonize the Great Lakes. *Edge Effects*. <https://edgeeffects.net/indigenous-water-governance/>

Jang, H. and K. Thomas. 2021. On Being Loved to Death: The Tourism, Black Pig and Groundwater Nexus on Jeju Island. *Undisciplined Environments*. <https://undisciplinedenvironments.org/2021/09/14/on-being-loved-to-death-the-tourism-black-pig-and-groundwater-nexus-on-jeju-island/>

Thomas, K. 2019. Putting climate change in its place. *Environmental Scientist*. 28(4): 10–13. <https://www.the-ies.org/resources/reframing-and-responding>

Thomas, K. 2019. Shifting deltas: Multi-sited fieldwork in Bangladesh and Viet Nam. Center for American Overseas Research Centers. <https://www.caorc.org/single-post/2019/04/18/Shifting-Deltas-Multi-sited-Fieldwork-in-Bangladesh-and-Viet-Nam>

Thomas, K. 2019. Causes of unequal climate change vulnerability. *Advanced Science News*. <https://www.advancedsciencenews.com/causes-of-unequal-climate-change-vulnerability/>

Thomas, K. 2017. Is India sharing the Ganga's water fairly? *The Third Pole*. <https://www.thethirdpole.net/2017/08/18/is-india-sharing-the-gangas-water-fairly/>

Media coverage

Sadegh, M., J. Abatzoglou, M.R. Alizadeh. 2022, February 10. Heat waves hit the poor hardest – a new study calculates the rising impact on those least able to adapt to the warming climate. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/heat-waves-hit-the-poor-hardest-a-new-study-calculates-the-rising-impact-on-those-least-able-to-adapt-to-the-warming-climate-175224>

Tormos-Aponte, F., G. García-López, and M.A. Painter. 2021. Hurricanes may not discriminate, but governments and utility companies do, our research finds. *The Washington Post*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/09/23/hurricanes-may-not-discriminate-governments-utility-companies-do-our-research-finds/>

Tabil, S. 2020, February 25. A failure lurking beneath our development. *The Dhaka Tribune*. <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2020/02/25/a-failure-lurking-beneath-our-development>

INVITED LECTURES

The political economy of climate security. Levitt Center Program on Inequality and Equity. Hamilton College. 13 March 2025. Clinton, NY.

The global financialization of climate change adaptation. Hightower Endowed Lecture. Department of Environmental Sciences. Emory University. 19 November 2024. Atlanta, GA.

Sacrifice flows: Racial capitalism and uneven geographies of development. Seminar in Critical Development Studies. Cornell University. 1 November 2024. Ithaca, NY.

Against sacrifice zones. Department of Geography Lecture Series. Rutgers University. 13 September 2024. New Brunswick, NJ.

Rivers, borders, and other spaces of [in]security. Ganges-Brahmaputra Transboundary River Water Webinar Series. Samueli School of Engineering. University of California, Los Angeles. 26 March 2024. Virtual event.

Casualty, accomplice, culprit: The many roles of rivers in Asia's changing climate. Department of Environmental Studies Lecture Series. Ashoka University. 15 February 2024. Virtual event.

Infrastructural violence, fast and slow. University of Oslo. 15 December 2023. Oslo, Norway.

Intersectional vulnerability. Sustainability Hub Seminar. Norwegian University of Life Sciences. 14 December 2023. Ås, Norway.

Taking climate vulnerability to market. Asia in Depth Seminar Series. Georgetown University. 16 November 2023. Washington, D.C.

Buying into adaptation: Agrarian commodities as climate fix. Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies Seminar Series. University of Kyoto. 23 June 2023. Kyoto, Japan.

Engineering Environmental Justice. Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology Student Symposium. Penn State University. 15 April 2023. University Park, PA. Keynote address.

The Dirty Business of Climate Change Adaptation. Association of Interdisciplinary Studies. Temple University. University of California at Berkeley. 6 April 2023. Philadelphia, PA.

The Immanent Violence of Infrastructure. Alive and Infrastructured: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Rivers. 8 February 2023. Virtual event.

Environmental Hazards and Vulnerability in Asian Deltas. Fulbright Alumbus Documentary Lecture. Can Tho University. 4 November 2022. Can Tho, Vietnam.

Climate justice: Challenges and Prospects. Global Solutions Lab. Chestnut Hill College. 15 June 2022. Virtual event.

Climate Change and Western Imperialism. Association of Interdisciplinary Studies. Temple University. 8 March 2022. Philadelphia, PA.

Compelled to compete: Rendering climate change vulnerability investable. Development Geographies Specialty Group/German Development Institute seminar series. 13 January 2022. Virtual event.

The Unbearable Whiteness of Adaptation to Climate Change. Center for Climate Justice. University of California. 5 November 2021. Virtual event.

Adapting to Delta Plans: Climate change, infrastructure, and subject formation in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta. International Research Institute for Climate and Society. Columbia University. 1 June 2021. Virtual event.

Deltas of change. Pardee Keynote Symposium. Geological Society of America Annual Meeting. 29 October 2020. Virtual event.

Tracing the cracks in climate fragility logics. Department of Geography. Portland State University. 27 November 2019. Portland, OR.

Weaponizing vulnerability to climate change. Center for the Humanities at Temple Climate Speaker Series. Temple University. 14 November 2019. Philadelphia, PA.

Salt, Sweet, Acid, Heat: Recipes for disaster in the Mekong Delta. Department of Geography and the Environment seminar series. Villanova University. 24 October 2019. Villanova, PA.

Capitalizing on climate change in the Mekong Delta. Northwest Power and Conservation Council. 21 November 2018. Portland, OR.

Private interests in the public good: Financing climate change adaptation in the Mekong Delta. Department of Geography and Environment seminar series. University of Hawai'i. 15 November 2018. Honolulu, HI.

Business as usual: The unchanging climate of development in Vietnam. Center for Southeast Asian Studies Colloquium. Kyoto University. 25 October 2018. Kyoto, Japan.

Sweating the small stuff: A One Health journey from microbes to microplastics. One Health Committee Lecture. Penn State University. 1 October 2018. University Park, PA. Webinar.

Streams of consciousness: A political ecology of hazards and development in the Ganges and Mekong Deltas. Department of Geography. Dartmouth College. 23 February 2018. Hanover, NH.

Troubled waters: Politics, power, and profit in two Asian river basins. Environmental Studies. Bryn Mawr College. 29 November 2017. Bryn Mawr, PA.

Locating the border in transboundary river governance. Water Security Research Centre. University of East Anglia. 20 November 2017. Norwich, UK.

International river or river-border complex? The Geopolitics of Water Symposium. Drexel University. 19 July 2017. Philadelphia, PA.

The business of climate change: Adaptation finance in Vietnam and Bangladesh. Weatherhead East Asian Institute. Columbia University. 24 March 2017. New York City, NY.

Fluid problems, fixed solutions: Water policy and environmental justice in South and Southeast Asia. Environmental Studies. Franklin & Marshall College. 10 November 2016. Lancaster, PA.

Hydrological crises in Bangladesh: Does conventional wisdom hold water? Asian Studies Program Lecture Series. University of Delaware. 12 April 2016. Newark, DE.

Shifting Regimes of Water Rights. Globalization TrendLab Preconference Workshop. University of Pennsylvania. 22 March 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

Floodwater management in Bangladesh: A cautionary tale. Keynote address for Model United Nations Conference on Water. University of Pennsylvania. 18 January 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

Water: A Human Right. Student Sustainability Association at Penn Element Series. University of Pennsylvania. 23 November 2015. Philadelphia, PA.

Of dirges and deluges: Instrument-effects of development in Bangladesh. Center for South Asia Lecture Series. University of Wisconsin. 19 February 2015. Madison, WI.

Trash talk: Marine debris in the Pacific Ocean. Featured speaker at the Surfrider Foundation Executive Committee Meeting. 19 May 2009. Honolulu, HI.

Trash talk: Marine debris in the Pacific Ocean. Featured speaker at the Hawaii Water Environment Association Quarterly Luncheon. 28 January 2009. Honolulu, HI.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

Unpacking the intersecting inequalities that contribute to vulnerability in the context of the climate change crisis. Towards integrated climate change resilience in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta Symposium. Can Tho University. 12 December 2023. Can Tho, Vietnam. Hybrid event.

Competing to adapt to climate change in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta. Thinking Material Workshop. Kyushu University. 18 September 2021. Virtual event.

Finance and Equity in Climate Programming. Environmental and Natural Resource Management Roundtable. USAID. 13 July 2021. Virtual event.

Financing Just Transitions During a Time of Climate Catastrophe? A Decolonial Imperative. Environmental and Natural Resource Management Seminar Series. USAID. 5 May 2021. Virtual event.

Looking backward to move forward: Historicizing climate disaster risk in Asia. Human Response to Disaster in Southeast Asia. Kyoto University. 14–15 January 2019. Kyoto, Japan.

Bordering non-water flows: Explaining upstream-downstream power asymmetries in the Ganges Basin. Association of American Geographers Meeting. 29 April–2 May 2016. San Francisco, CA.

Mobilizing Transnational Actors. Water: Scarcity, Excess, and the Geopolitics of Allocation. Globalization TrendLab. University of Pennsylvania. 23–24 March 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

Farming out responsibility: Human rights and injustice in Bangladesh's shrimp industry. A New Politics of Human Rights: Rethinking Violence, Health, Land and Water in the Twenty-First Century. University of Wisconsin. 6–7 November 2015. Madison, WI.

Research Through the Ages: The C-MORE Scholars Program and Cascadia Research. Interview with Carlie Wiener, Hawaii's Tomorrow 760AM. 29 January 2014. Honolulu, HI.

Lessons from our litter: Marine debris in the classroom. 17th Annual Hawaii Conservation Conference. 28–30 July 2009. Honolulu, HI.

Scientists launch new investigation in Pacific plastic patch. Interview with Barbara Heggen, Radio Australia. 21 August 2008.

Population genetics, larval dispersal, and demographic connectivity in marine systems. 16th Annual Hawaii Conservation Conference. 29–31 July 2008. Honolulu, HI.

Population genetics, larval dispersal, and demographic connectivity in marine systems. 11th International Coral Reef Symposium. 7–11 July 2008. Fort Lauderdale, FL.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Workshop Participation

Authors Meet Critics: *Doing Political Ecology*, Edited by Gregory Simon and Kelly Kay. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 24–28 March 2024. Detroit, MI. Panelist.

Author Meet Critics: *Delta Futures* by Jason Cons. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 24–28 March 2024. Detroit, MI. Panelist.

Reflections on extraction. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. 22–24 February 2024. Lexington, KY. Panelist.

Agribusiness and Environmental Conflicts. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. 22–24 February 2024. Lexington, KY. Discussant.

Neoliberal Natures: Market Environmentalism and Abolition Ecologies in the Anthropocene Symposium. Princeton University. 8 December 2023. Princeton, NJ. Panelist.

Vulnerability Beyond Indicators. Concordia University. 1 October 2023. Montreal, QB.

Understanding adaptation as labor: Implications for critical climate research. 23–27 March 2023. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. Panelist.

Land Technologies: Interrogating Tools of Governance in the Colonial Present. Cornell University. 8–12 August 2022. Ithaca, NY.

Linking climate actions with more just development. 25 February – 1 March 2022. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York City, NY. Panelist.

Natural borders and the contradictions of containment. Third Annual Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World. Perry World House. 29–30 April 2021. Philadelphia, PA. Presenter.

Inter-Asia Academy: Integration and Disintegration. Ecologies cluster. 15–28 February 2021. Social Science Research Council. Co-leader with Britt Crow-Miller.

Ordering the Anthropocene: Law & Environment in the Indian Ocean World. 4 October 2019. Drexel University, Philadelphia. Presenter.

Blue Collar Geographers. 3 April 2019. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. Panelist.

Connectivity and ‘Cartographic Anxieties’: Territory, borders, and geopolitics in ‘Zomia’ Asia. 1 October 2018. Graduate School of Asian and African Studies. Kyoto University, Kyoto. Presenter.

Japan-ASEAN Platform on Transdisciplinary Studies. 10 July 2018. Kyoto University, Kyoto. Discussant.

Climate Finance Architecture - Enhancing collaboration, seizing opportunities. Forum of the United Nations Standing Committee on Climate Finance. 5–6 July 2018. Songdo Convensia, Songdo. Observer with the Research and Independent Non-governmental Organizations (RINGO) Delegation.

Green Infrastructure? A Symposium on the Technologies of Nature and the Nature of Technologies. 10 May 2018. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Discussant.

Rising to Coastal Challenges: Social Science Perspectives on Research Needs for Responding to Rising Seas. 6 December 2017. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, D.C. Invited participant.

Fiji 2017 United Nations climate change conference (COP 23). 13–17 November 2017. World Conference Center, Bonn. Observer with the American Association of Geographers Delegation.

Social Science Perspectives on Climate Change. United States Global Change Research Program Workshop. 8–10 March 2017. NASA Headquarters, Washington D.C. Invited participant.

Asia Symposium: Vulnerability, Security, and Environmental Risk. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. 29 April–2 May 2016. San Francisco. Discussant.

Water: Scarcity, Excess, and the Geopolitics of Allocation. 23–24 March 2016. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Panelist.

Land, Water and the Environment: The Politics of Rights. 7–8 November 2014. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Panelist.

Fifth Annual Upper Midwest Nature-Society Workshop. 11–12 October 2014. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Presenter.

Counting our gains: Sharing experiences on identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary water cooperation. 22–23 May 2014. United Nations, Geneva. Participant.

The Seventh International Workshop on Hydro-Hegemony: Contesting Hegemony. 10–11 May 2014. University of East Anglia, London. Panelist.

Sha-ken Social Science Dissertation Workshop. 4 April 2013. University of Tokyo, Tokyo. Presenter.

Panels Organized

Climate justice otherwise: Beyond liberal formations of climate justice. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 24–28 March 2024. Detroit, MI. Co-organized with Kevon Rhiney.

Transformative adaptation: Navigating between rhetoric and reality. Adaptation Futures Conference. 2–6 October 2023. Montreal, QC.

Scientific knowledge and expertise in contemporary Southeast Asian rural development. Association for Asian Studies Conference. 24–27 March 2022. Honolulu, HI. Co-organized with Jenny Goldstein.

Liberalism's limits for climate justice. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 25 February–1 March 2022. New York City, NY. Co-organized with Kevon Rhiney.

Conceptualizing Climate Displacement in an Agrarian World Already on the Move. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 25 February–1 March 2022. New York City, NY. Co-organized with Lisa Kelley and Annie Shattuck.

What makes climate change colonial...and how can it be addressed as such? Global Studies webinar. 11 March 2021. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Webinar.

[Re]producing and weaponizing vulnerability to climate change. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 6–10 April 2020. Denver, CO. Co-organized with Ben Warner.

Prospects and pitfalls of transboundary climate change responses. An expert workshop on climate change adaptation. Kyoto University IPCC Week 2019. 7 May 2019. Kyoto University, Kyoto.

Linkage and Disjuncture: Rural-urban connectivity and livelihood change in Viet Nam. Center for Southeast Asian Studies Seminar. 24 April 2019. Kyoto University, Kyoto.

Re-envisioning “sustainable” deltas through critical physical geography. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 10–14 April 2018. New Orleans, LA. Co-organized with Kimberly Rogers.

Bounding Space: Natural resources, borders, and state formation in Asia. Association for Asian Studies Conference. 26–29 March 2015. Chicago, IL.

Political Ecologies of Resolution: Assumptions, Policies, and Unintended Consequences. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. 24–28 February 2012. New York City, NY. Co-organized with Kathleen O'Reilly.

Climate Change, Equity, and Social Justice in South Asia. Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. 21–23 October 2011. Princeton, NJ.

Papers Presented

Against sacrifice zones. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 24–28 March 2024. Detroit, MI.

Making Transformative Adaptation Fit for Purpose. Adaptation Futures Conference. 2–6 October 2023. Montreal, QC.

Defetishizing the adaptive commodity. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 23–27 March 2023. Denver, CO.

Climate change adaptation as disaster colonialism. 2nd World Forum on Climate Justice. 21–23 September 2021. Virtual event.

Competing to adapt: The biopolitics of climate finance in Southeast Asia. Climate Change Adaptation Finance: Normative and Empirical Perspectives. 6–7 September 2021. Virtual event.

Cumulative socio-natural displacements: Reconceptualizing climate displacements in a world already on the move. 8th EUGEO Congress on the Geography of Europe. 28 June–1 July 2021. Virtual event.

Natural borders and the contradictions of containment. Third Annual Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World. Perry World House. 29–30 April 2021. Philadelphia, PA.

Competing to adapt: The biopolitics of climate finance in Southeast Asia. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 7–11 April 2021. Virtual event.

River borders and securitizing infrastructures in South Asia. Ordering the Anthropocene: Law & Environment in the Indian Ocean World. 4 October 2019. Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Should they stay or should they go? Land-use, livelihood, and demographic change in southern Viet Nam. Center for Southeast Asian Studies Seminar. 24 April 2019. Kyoto University, Kyoto.

Perfect environments for investment: disaster capitalism and climate change in Vietnam and Bangladesh. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. 3–7 April 2019. Washington, DC.

River borders and securitizing infrastructures in South Asia. Political Geography Specialty Group Preconference. 9 April 2018. New Orleans, LA.

The Ghost of Climates Past: Shifted baselines of disaster mitigation in Vietnam and Bangladesh. Association for Asian Studies Conference. 22–25 March 2018. Washington, DC.

Denaturing state borders: Floating fences, fugitive resources, and river flows in South Asia. 24th Annual Critical Geography Conference. 27–28 October 2017. University Park, PA.

Foreign investment in Vietnam's water sector: Lessons from Bangladesh. The 12th International Symposium on Southeast Asian Water Environment. 28–30 November 2016. Hanoi.

Dying for development: Foreign aid, flood control, and food production in Bangladesh. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. 21–25 April 2015. Chicago, IL.

Fault Lines: Rivers and borders in the formation of the South Asian state. Association for Asian Studies Conference. 26–29 March 2015. Chicago, IL.

Undercurrents: Non-water flows along a transboundary river. 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia. 16–19 October 2014. Madison, WI.

The costs of cooperation: Transboundary negotiations and international transactions in South Asia. Political Geography and the Environment, a meeting of the International Geographical Union Commission on Political Geography. 19–20 June 2014. Eugene, OR.

Undercurrents: Non-water flows along a transboundary river. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. 27 February–1 March 2014. Lexington, KY.

Beyond Treaties: 'International' River Governance in South Asia. Water and Waste Conference: The Future of Water and Sanitation in India. 7–9 February 2013. New Brunswick, NJ.

Water Under the Bridge? International Resource Conflict and Post-Treaty Dynamics in South Asia. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. 24–28 February 2012. New York City, NY.

Negotiating Water Equity in South Asia. Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference. 21–23 October 2011. Princeton, NJ. Panel Chair.

Transport of marine debris by surface ocean currents. National Marine Educators Association Annual Conference. 29 June–3 July 2009. Asilomar, CA.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Discipline and Disobedience in Youth Climate Activism. Teen Leadership Institute. 20 March 2021. Links, Inc. Virtual event.

What makes climate change colonial...and how can it be addressed as such? Global Studies webinar. 11 March 2021. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

International water conflicts. Online interview. *The Curious Geographer*. 4 June 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJIL8m03r6E>

Climate Justice Public Forum: The Consequences of a Changing Climate on Communities Around the World. 30 October 2017. Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

Annals of the American Association of Geographers

Political Geography

Climate and Development

National Science Foundation

National Endowment for the Humanities

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

UK Economic and Social Research Council

European Research Council

Austrian Science Fund

Journal of Peasant Studies

Geopolitics

Area

Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change

The Professional Geographer

Ecography

Human Geography

Water International

Regional Environmental Change

Delaware Sea Grant

Journal of the History of International Law

International Politics

Asia Pacific Viewpoint

South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies

South Asia Journal

Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change

Social Science and Medicine

Ecological Restoration

Atmospheric and Climate Sciences

Council of American Overseas Research Centers

University Service

Graduate Chair – Temple University, Pennsylvania. 2023–

Nature-Society Workshop Organizer – Temple University, Pennsylvania. 2023

Undergraduate Research Supervisor – Temple University, Pennsylvania. 2020

Undergraduate Research Supervisor – Penn State University, Pennsylvania. 2018

Undergraduate Geography Student Mentor – University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin. 2014–2015

Undergraduate Student Research Mentor – Rutgers University, New Jersey. 2012

Professional Development Forum Coordinator – Rutgers University, New Jersey. 2012
Energy Auditor – Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii, Hawaii. 2008
Moderator – Aloha Bowl. University of Hawaii, Hawaii. 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010

External Service

Fellowships Panel Reviewer – Council of American Overseas Research Centers, DC. 2023
PGSG Faculty Board Member – American Association of Geographers, DC. 2021–2023
Fellowships Panel Reviewer – National Endowment for the Humanities, DC. 2021
Inter-Asia Academy Ecologies Cluster Co-Lead – Social Science Research Council, DC. 2021
CAPE Chair – American Association of Geographers, DC. 2018–2020
CAPE Councilor At-Large – American Association of Geographers, DC. 2016–2018
Social Sciences and Sea Level Framing Meeting – National Academies, DC. 2017
Volunteer Fundraiser – Bread & Roses Community Fund, Pennsylvania. 2017
Editorial Board Member – Journal of Gender and Water, Pennsylvania. 2016–2017
Editorial Associate – South Asia Journal, Dhaka, Bangladesh. 2012–2013
Fund Raising Volunteer – Hawaii Public Radio, Hawaii. 2008–2010
Board Member – Hawaii Ultimate Frisbee Association, Hawaii. 2006–2009
Web News Editor – Vancouver Aquarium, British Columbia. 2003–2004

STUDENT ADVISING

Advisor

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 Elizabeth Newnam - PhD Geography, Temple University 2024–
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 Tasfia Tasnim – PhD Environmental Science, SUNY-ESF 2024–

Capstone Advisor

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Hanbyeol Jang – PhD Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University (chair) 2019–2024
 Matthew Marcus – PhD Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University (member) 2020–2023
 Sarah Heck – PhD Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University (committee member) 2023
 Ramzi Tubbeh – PhD Geography, Penn State University (external member) 2017–2022
 Phan Ky Trung – MA Water Res. Mgt., University of Southampton (external mentor) 2019–2020
 Denise Forrest – MA Environmental Studies, University of Pennsylvania 2016–2018
 Ruchi Patel – MA Geography, Penn State University (committee member) 2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Association of Geographers since September 2011

Association for Asian Studies
American Association of University Women
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