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ACADEMIC DEGREES AND POSITIONS:

Colorado School of Mines Golden, CO
Graduate Certificate December 2024
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Geoinformatics

The George Washington University Remote
Visiting Scholar June 2022-June 2023
Sigur Center for Asian Studies

Czech Academy of Sciences Prague, Czech Republic
Postdoctoral Research Fellow February 2021-February 2022
Oriental Institute

University of Colorado Boulder Boulder, CO
PhD in Political Geography May 2019
Institute for Behavioral Science

Chair: John O'Loughlin
Dissertation: "Uneven State Territorialization: Governance, Inequality, and Survivance in Xinjiang, China"

University of Colorado Boulder Boulder, CO
MA in Geography May 2014

Chair: John O'Loughlin
Master's Thesis: "Uneven Housing Development and the Spatial Negotiation of Class in Nanjing, China"

The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs Washington, DC
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs May 2011
Minors: Asian Studies; Chinese Language and Literature

Advisor: Edward McCord
Elliott School Honors Thesis: "Ethno-Diplomacy and the International Uyghur Political Movement: An Analysis of Chinese-Turkish Relations."

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Journal Articles

Cabras, G. and S. Tynen. 2025. "Visual Propaganda in Northwest China: Exploring Cultural

Representations.” *Central Asian Survey*. DOI: 10.1080/02634937.2025.2458532.

- Tynen, S.** 2021. “‘Keep Withstanding’: Territory in the Body, Home and Market in Xinjiang, China.” *Political Geography* 84. DOI: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2020.102310.
- Tynen, S.** 2021. “Belonging between Inclusion and Exclusion: Dimensions of Ethno-Cultural Identity for Uyghur Women in Xinjiang, China.” *Geopolitics* 26 (4): 1243-66. DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2019.1686360.
- Tynen, S.** 2020. “Dispossession and Displacement of Migrant Workers: The Impact of State Terror and Economic Development on Uyghurs in Urban Xinjiang.” *Central Asian Survey* 39 (3): 303-323. DOI: 10.1080/02634937.2020.1743644.
- Tynen, S.** 2020. “State Territorialization through *Shequ* Community Centers: Bureaucratic Confusion in Xinjiang, China.” *Territory, Politics, Governance* 8 (1): 7-22. DOI: 10.1080/21622671.2019.1643778.
- Ryan, C. and **S. Tynen.** 2020. “Fieldwork Under Surveillance: Rethinking Relations of Trust, Vulnerability, and State Power.” *Geographical Review* 110 (1-2): 38-51. DOI: 10.1111/gere.12360.
- Tynen, S.** 2019. “Lived Space of Urban Development: The Everyday Politics of Spatial Production in Nanjing, China.” *Space and Culture* 22 (2): 172-188. DOI: 10.1177/1206331218774480.
- Guo, H. and **S. Tynen.** 2016. “Social Distance, Ethnicity, and Religion in Northwest China: A Survey of Inter- and Intra-Group Attitudes among Han, Hui, and Tibetan Students.” *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 56 (6): 679-712. DOI: 10.1080/15387216.2016.1160253.

Forthcoming Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Tynen, Sam.** Forthcoming. “Loving and Hiding with Nowhere to Go: Navigating Heteronormative Control for LGBT Uyghurs in Xinjiang, China.” Submission to *Journal of Asian Studies* for special issue on “Redefining Ethnicity in the Xi Era: Domestic and International Implications of China’s Ethnic Governance.”

Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Book Chapters

- Tynen, S.** 2022. “Triple Dispossession in Northwestern China.” In *Xinjiang Year Zero*, edited by Darren Byler, Ivan Franceschini and Nicholas Loubere, Chapter 8. Sydney: Australian National University Press. DOI: 10.22459/XYZ.2021
- Tynen, S.** 2019. “Development and Inequality in Urban China: The Privatization of Homeownership and the Transformation of Everyday Practice.” In *Neoliberal Urbanism: Contested Cities and Housing in Asia*, edited by Yi-Ling Chen and Hyun Bang Shin, 147-170. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Other Scholarly Publications

Tynen, S. 2019. “Uneven State Territorialization: Governance, Inequality, and Survivance in Xinjiang, China.” PhD dissertation, University of Colorado Boulder.

Tynen, S. 2014. “Uneven Housing Development and the Spatial Negotiation of Class in Nanjing, China.” Master’s thesis, University of Colorado Boulder.

Tynen, S. 2011. “Ethno-Diplomacy and the International Uyghur Political Movement: The Puzzle of Chinese-Turkish Relations.” *The Elliott School of International Affairs Undergraduate Scholars Journal* 2: 20-45. The George Washington University: Washington, DC.

Review Essays

Tynen, S. 2021. “Islamophobia, Terrorism and the Uyghurs: When Minorities in China Find Themselves on the Wrong Side of the Counterterrorism Discourse.” *Geopolitics*. DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2021.1924939.

Book Reviews

Tynen, S. 2020. “Uyghur Conceptions of Family and Society. By Xiaowei Zang. London: Routledge, 2017.” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 79, no. 4: 1004-1006.

Outreach Articles

Tynen, Sam. 2022. “LGBTQ Uyghurs live trapped between layers of trauma.” *SupChina*, June 22. <https://supchina.com/2022/06/22/lgbtq-uyghurs-live-trapped-between-layers-of-trauma>.

Tynen, Sam. 2022. “Between Islamophobia and homophobia: Life as an LGBTQ Uyghur in China.” *SupChina*, June 9. <https://supchina.com/2022/06/09/between-islamophobia-and-homophobia-life-as-an-lgbtq-uyghur-in-china>.

Klimeš, Ondřej and **Sam Tynen.** 2021. “Assimilation or Islamophobia? Uyghurs and China’s Counter-Terrorist Discourse after 2001.” *9/11 Legacies*, September 8. <http://911legacies.com/Assimilation%20or%20Islamophobia.htm>

Tynen, Sam. 2021. “‘What Are Your Pronouns?’: Creating Queer and Gender Inclusive Spaces in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu: Part 3.” *Roll the Same: Championing Equality in Jiu-Jitsu*. <https://bit.ly/pronounsqueer3>

Tynen, Sam. 2021. “‘What Are Your Pronouns?’: Creating Queer and Gender Inclusive Spaces in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu: Part 1.” *Roll the Same: Championing Equality in Jiu-Jitsu*. <https://bit.ly/pronounsqueer>.

Tynen, S. 2021. “Shut Up and Train: A 2020 Survey of Sexual Harassment and Assault in the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Community.” *Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu SafeGuard*. <https://bit.ly/bjjreport>.

Tynen, S. 2021. “Queer Culture in China.” *BConnected Colorado*, March 8. <https://bconnectedcolorado.com/queer-culture-in-china>.

- Tynen, S.** 2020. "I Was in China Doing Research When I Saw My Uighur Friends Disappear." *The Conversation*, March 9. <https://theconversation.com/i-was-in-china-doing-research-when-i-saw-my-uighur-friends-disappear-127166>.
- Tynen, S.** 2020. "Finding Myself in China." *BConnected Colorado*, September 28. <https://bconnectedcolorado.com/finding-myself-in-china>.
- Tynen, S.** 2019. "Jiu-Jitsu: A Universal Language." *Easton Training Center*, December 5. <https://eastonbjj.com/brazilian-jiu-jitsu/2019/jiu-jitsu-a-universal-language>.
- Tynen, S.** 2012. "Jiu-Jitsu Junkie Abroad." *The Nanjinger*, December: 36-37. <https://www.thenanjinger.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/TheNanjinger-Volume3-Issue3-Dec2012.pdf>.
- Tynen, S.** 2012. "A Letter from Nanjing: The Chinese Version of the Immigrant 'Problem'." *Asia on E Street*, September 4. <http://asiaonestreet.blogspot.com/2012/09/alumni-guest-post-letter-from-nanjing.html>.
- Tynen, S.** 2012. "Fitness Experience Differs in China: 'A Chinese girl would never do what you're doing.'" *The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, August 13: p. C2.
- Tynen, S.** 2012. "Celebrating *Chunjie* in Old Nanjing." *The China Beat*, February 7. <http://www.thechinabeat.org/?p=4099>
- Tynen, S.** 2012. "What the Chinese New Year means for local Nanjingese." *The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, February 6: p. B2.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2018 **Gilbert F. White Doctoral Fellowship (\$15,000)**
University of Colorado Boulder
Dissertation Completion Award
- 2016-17 **Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DDRI 1633894; \$16,000)**
National Science Foundation
Geography and Spatial Sciences
Research Project: State and Society in Xinjiang, China: Negotiating Governance, Migration, and Citizenship
- 2014-17 **Graduate Research Fellowship Program (DGE 1650115; \$132,000)**
National Science Foundation
Research Project: Political Economy of Urban Real-Estate: Diversity in Chinese Cities
- 2013 **East Asia and Pacific Summer Intensive (EAPSI 1311118; \$5,000)**
National Science Foundation
Research Project: (In)Visible boundaries: Socioeconomic Identity in the Urban Landscape of China

2011-12 **Fulbright Scholarship (\$18,000)**
 U.S. Department of State Student Research Program
 *Research Project: Ethnography of Urban Redevelopment in Nanjing:
 Impacts on Socioeconomic Segregation and Local Identity*

AWARDS:

2020 University of Colorado Center for Asian Studies Speaker Series Grant (\$500)
2014-18 University of Colorado Graduate School Conference Travel Grant (\$300)
2014 Urban Geography Specialty Group Travel Grant (\$200)
2013 United Government of Graduate Students Travel Grant (\$300)
2011 George Washington Special Department Honors in International Affairs, 2011
2011 George Washington International Affairs Honors Program Thesis Award (\$500)
2011 George Washington Sigur Center for Asian Studies Travel Grant (\$700)
2008-11 George Washington University Board of Trustees Scholarship (\$20,000/year)
2008-11 George Washington University Alumni Scholarship (\$20,000/year)
2008 Heston Husler Memorial Fund Grant for Exceptional Community Service (\$1,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Lead Instructor

2023 Program for Teaching East Asia Course on “Genocide and Uyghurs in China” (20 high school teachers)
2022 Program for Teaching East Asia Course on “Genocide and Uyghurs in China” (15 high school teachers)
2020 Program for Teaching East Asia Course on “Borders, Migrations, and Ethnicities: Three Case Studies for Teaching about China Today” (14 high school teachers)
2020 12-Week Publication Bootcamp (108 graduate students and postdocs)
2020 Publish Not Perish Workshop Series (21 graduate students and postdocs)
2019 12-Week Publication Bootcamp (26 graduate students and postdocs)
2019 Getting Started Seminar (18 graduate students)

Instructor of Record

2022 Social Studies (145 Middle School students)
2018 World Regional Geography (17 undergraduates)

Lead Teaching Assistant

2018-2019 Geographies of Global Change (170 undergraduates and 3 teaching assistants)

Teaching Assistant

2014 World Regional Geography (276 undergraduates)

2013 Political Geography (44 undergraduates)
2012 Human Geographies (294 undergraduates)
2012 World Regional Geography (321 undergraduates)

UNIVERSITY TEACHING QUALIFICATION:

Science Communication Advances Research Excellence, Trained Moderator, University of Texas
Requirements for completion included: 15 hours of workshops on coaching and teaching academic and scientific writing to graduate students as a way to improve diversity in the sciences.

Certificate in College Teaching, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado
Requirements for completion included: 40 hours of workshops in pedagogy; teaching observations and videotape consultations for feedback and improvement on teaching; Universal Design for Learning training; classroom technology training; information literacy training; diversity and inclusivity training.

PRESENTATIONS:

Sessions Organized and Chaired

Discussant, “‘Reformation’ Beyond the Gate: State Power and the Making of Bare Life in the Xinjiang Uyghur Region.” Association of Asian Studies meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 2022.

Organizer, “Uyghur Voices: ‘Never Again’ Is Now.” Center for Asian Studies Speaker Series, Boulder, Colorado, March 2020.

Organizer, “Indigeneity and Settler Colonialism in the Asian Context: Dispossession in Xinjiang.” Central Eurasian Studies Society meeting, Washington, DC, October 2019.

Organizer, “Urban Authoritarianism: Social Control, Development, and Security in Xinjiang, China.” Association of Asian Studies meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 2019.

Chair of Author-Critic Forum, “The Geopolitics of Spectacle: Space, Synecdoche, and the New Capitals of Asia.” Central Eurasian Studies Society meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2018.

Organizer and Discussant, “Planetary Illiberal Geographies: Territories, Space and Power.” Association of American Geographers meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2018. Co-organized with Jason Luger of University of California-Berkeley.

Discussant, “Urbanization and Development on the Chinese Frontier: The Political Stakes of ‘Progress.’” Association of American Geographers meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2015.

Conference Papers

Tynen, Sam and Sonya Imin. “Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality under Chinese Colonialism:

Intersectional Marginalization of LGBTQ+ Uyghur Women in Ürümchi from 2016-2017.” Conference on “Thinking gender and queer theory into our approaches of colonialism across East Turkestani contexts,” University of Grenada, Grenada, Spain, December 13, 2024.

- Tynen, Sam. “Loving and Hiding with Nowhere to Go: Navigating Heteronormative Control for LGBT Uyghurs in Xinjiang, China.” Conference on “International Uyghur Studies 2021: Producing and Transmitting Uyghur Cultural Artefacts,” Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, France, November 4, 2021.
- Tynen, Sam. “Escaping Oppression in Physical and Psychological Spaces with Leisure: Breathing during the Suffocation.” Conference on “The Xinjiang Crisis: Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, Justice,” Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom, September 1, 2021.
- Tynen, S. “Escaping Oppression in Physical and Psychological Spaces: Consumerism and Leisure to Breathe among Suffocation.” Conference on “Redefining Ethnicity in a Uni-Nationalizing China,” Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, March 12, 2021.
- Tynen, S. “State Territorialization through Community Centers: Bureaucratic Confusion, Police Terror, and Mistrust in Xinjiang, China.” Association of Asian Studies meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 22, 2019.
- Tynen, S. “‘We Came with High Hopes for a New Life’: Dispossession, Development, and the Urban.” Central Eurasian Studies Society meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 27, 2018.
- Tynen, S. “State Territorialization through Bureaucratic Control: Authoritarian Governance at the Neighborhood Level (“shequ”) in China.” American Association of Geographers meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 14, 2018.
- Tynen, S. “Queer Geographies of China: Gender, Sexuality, and Ethno-Religious Identity.” Presented as a panelist for “Positionality, Gender and Fieldwork: An Intercampus Dialogue on Institutional Practices and Fieldwork Experiences.” Association of American Geographers meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 14, 2018.
- Tynen, S. “Scalar Citizenships and Belonging: Global Islam and Lived Experience in Northwest China.” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference at the American Association of Geographers meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 9, 2018.
- Tynen, S. “Ignoring the State: Bureaucracy and Lived Space in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Regions, China.” Social Science History Association meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 25, 2017.
- Tynen, S and Joanne Smith Finley. “Exclusion as Business: ‘Pure’ Halal Spaces and Survival in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China.” Central Eurasian Studies Society meeting, Seattle, Washington, October 6, 2017.
- Tynen, S. “Social Membership and State Control: Cultural Practices and Socioeconomic Inequality

in Ürümchi, China.” International Uyghur Studies Conference, Moscow, Russia, October 26, 2016.

- Tynen, S. “State, Market, and Society in Urban China: The Privatization of Homeownership and the Transformation of Everyday Practice.” Presented as a panelist for “Contesting Urban Space in East Asia: Recasting Neoliberalism upon Housing.” Association of American Geographers meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 24, 2015.
- Tynen, S. “Contested Modernities in a Mobile China: Migrants in Ürümchi and Street Vendors in Guiyang.” Association of American Geographers meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 23, 2015.
- Tynen, S. “Challenging Citizenship in Xinjiang: Coercion and Consent of Cultural Hegemony in Uyghur Society.” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-conference at the Association of American Geographers meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 20, 2015.
- Tynen, S. “Dilapidated Landscapes: Contesting Urban Modernity in Old Nanjing.” Association of American Geographers meeting, Tampa, Florida, April 11, 2014.
- Tynen, S. “The Negotiation of Urban Citizenship in the Uneven Housing Development of Nanjing.” Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-conference at the Association of American Geographers meeting, Tampa, Florida, April 6, 2014.
- Tynen, S. “State, Market, and Society in Urban China: The Privatization of Homeownership and the Formation of the Middle Classes,” presented in a paper session at the Urban Affairs Association meeting, San Antonio, Texas, March 5, 2014.
- Tynen, S. “Rearticulating Citizenship in Urban China: Rural Migrant Workers, Inner-Quality, and ‘Civilized’ Behavior.” Critical Geography Conference, Boulder, Colorado, February 15, 2014.

Invited Talks

- Tynen, S. “Uyghur Muslims in China: Contemporary Ethnic Conflict and Territory.” Arizona State University, Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies. Critical Language Institute, June 2022.
- Tynen, S. “The Uyghur Crisis Explained: A Panel with Experts and Activists.” World Denver, May 2021.
- Tynen, S. “The Uyghur Crisis and Islam in East Asia: A Workshop for Teachers.” Arkansas National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), April 2021.
- Tynen, S. “Uyghur Muslims in China: Contemporary Ethnic Conflict and Territory.” Czech Academy of Sciences Seminar Series, March 2021.
- Tynen, S. “Uyghurs in China: Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict.” Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, March 2021.
- Tynen, S. “Nationalism and Ethnicity in China.” Imagine Dragons Education, November 2020.

- Tynen, S. "Current State of Uyghurs and Kazakhs in China." Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, June 2020.
- Tynen, S. "Body and the Nation: Case Study of Xinjiang, China." Sacramento State University, February 2020.
- Tynen, S. "Fear and Control of Minorities." Islamic Center of Boulder Human Rights Activism Night, Boulder, Colorado, January 2020.
- Tynen, S. "Uneven State Territorialization: Governance, Inequality, and Survivance in Xinjiang, China." Geography Department Colloquium, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, April 2019.
- Tynen, S. "Bureaucratic Control and Violence in Xinjiang, China." Center for Asian Studies Roundtable on Xinjiang: Perspectives from the Field at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, March 2019.
- Tynen, S. "Service, Safety, and Fear in Community Centers: Bureaucratic Confusion and Mistrust in Xinjiang, China." Center for Asian Studies Luncheon Series at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, December 2018.
- Tynen, S. "Authoritarian Governance at the Neighborhood Level in China." Global Affairs Club and Global Citizen Lab lecture series for the Global Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2018.
- Tynen, S. "*Sheher Tereqqiyati we Sheher Ahalilerning Hazirqi Zaman Turmushi: Ürümchi Asasida* [Urban Development and Urban Residents' Contemporary Lives: Ürümchi as a Case Study]," presented in Uyghur for the Xinjiang University Sociology Institute Ethnic Minorities Research Center visiting scholar lecture series, Ürümchi, Xinjiang, China, June 2017.
- Tynen, S. "(In)Visible Boundaries: The Spatialization of Class in the Uneven Housing Development of Nanjing." Brown Bag Lecture Series at the Center for Asian Studies at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, September 2013.
- Tynen, S. "Old Nanjing: Life Under the Threat of Demolition." Johns Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies Visiting Scholar Lecture Series, Nanjing, China, May 2012.
- Tynen, S. "Life in Old Nanjing." Council on International Educational Exchange Intensive Chinese Language and Culture Lecture Series, Nanjing, China, April 2012.
- Tynen, S. "Ethno-Diplomacy and the Transnational Uyghur Political Movement: A Comparative Study on Sino-Turkish and Sino-Kazakh Relations." George Washington Elliott School of International Affairs Honors Program, Washington, DC, May 2011.
- Tynen, S. "Ethno-Diplomacy and the International Uyghur Political Movement." Research Conference for Uyghur Human Rights, Sydney, Australia, March 2011.

Guest Lectures

- “State Territory and Ethnic Nationalism: Case Study of Xinjiang, China.” Geography course at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 2019.
- “State Territory and Ethnic Nationalism: Survivance in Xinjiang, China.” Geography course at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, February 2019.
- “State Territory and Ethnic Nationalism: Governance and Resistance in Xinjiang, China.” Geography course at Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, January 2019.
- “History of Ethnicity and *Minzu* Classification in China.” Geography of China course at University of Colorado Boulder, September 2018.
- “Xinjiang: Ethnicity and Conflict.” AP Human Geography course at Boulder High School, Boulder, Colorado, February 2018.
- “The Chinese Version of the Immigrant ‘Problem.’” AP Human Geography course at Boulder High School, Boulder, Colorado, January 2018.
- “Xinjiang: ‘New Frontier.’” Geography of China course at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, November 2017.
- “East Asian Migration, Urbanization, and Globalization: A Case Study of Uneven Housing Development in Urban China.” World Regional Geography course at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, May 2014.
- “Neoliberalization and Globalization: A Case Study of Uneven Housing Development in Urban China.” Geographies of International Development course at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, May 2014.
- “Dissent Over Space: Housing Development in Urban China.” University of Colorado Political Geography course, Boulder, Colorado, Fall 2013.
- “(In)Visible Boundaries: The Spatialization of Class,” National Science Foundation East Asian and Pacific Summer Intensive Conference, Beijing, China, Summer 2013.
- “The Making of Global Cities in China.” University of Colorado World Regional Geography course, Boulder, Colorado, Fall 2012.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- 2021 **1 month of ethnographic fieldwork in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan-** wrote field notes, gathered textual material, facilitated informal and semi-structured interviews, conducted participant-observation with LGBT advocacy organizations.
- 2016-17 **16 months of ethnographic fieldwork in Ürümchi, China-** wrote field notes, gathered textual material, facilitated informal and semi-structured interviews, conducted participant-observation, one-on-one tutoring for Uyghur language study

- 2015 **6 months of ethnographic fieldwork in Ürümchi, China-** wrote field notes, facilitated informal interviews, wrote and distributed preliminary questionnaire survey, enrolled in intensive and immersive Uyghur as a Second Language courses
- 2014 **4 months of ethnographic fieldwork in Ürümchi, China-** wrote field notes, conducted informal interviews and participant-observation, enrolled in intensive and immersive Uyghur as a Second Language courses
- 2014 **4 months of ethnographic field work in Nanjing and Guiyang, China-** gathered field notes and conducted informal interviews
- 2013 **4 months of ethnographic field work in Nanjing, China-** conducted formal, structured, recorded interviews, and transcribed and translated interviews
- 2011-12 **11 months of ethnographic field work in Nanjing, China-** conducted participant observation, and conducted informal and formal recorded interviews.

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

- 2021— Expert Affidavit and Testimony Provider for Uyghur Refugees (1 case)
- 2019— Manuscript Reviewer for *Geografiska Annaler* (1), *Journal of Urban Affairs* (1), *Central Asian Survey* (1), *Cities* (1), *Urban Studies* (1), *Geographical Review* (2), *Space and Culture* (1), *Eurasian Geography and Economics* (1), *Political Geography* (1), *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* (1), *Patterns of Prejudice* (1), *Sextant* (1), Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (1), Australian Strategic Policy Institute (1)
- 2021 Participant at “Ethics Workshop: Now and in the Future of Images From the Uyghur Region”
- 2018 Graduate School Peer Mentoring Program, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2018 Grant Writing Mentor for National Science Foundation Graduate Research Program, Institute of Behavioral Science
- 2018 Dissertation Working Group Leader and Mentor, Institute of Behavioral Science
- 2018 Search Committee Member for Training Director, Institute of Behavioral Science
- 2018 Manuscript Reviewer for *Central Asian Studies* (1)
- 2016 Manuscript Reviewer for *Eurasian Geography and Economics* (1)
- 2015 Reviewer for the National Geographic Society research awards (1)

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- 2023— Volunteer, BConnected Colorado LGBT Community Organizers Group
- 2023-25 Volunteer Coach, Pangea Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, Denver, Colorado
- 2019-21 Manager of the freemymom.org website for Rahile Dawut Freedom Campaign
- 2021 Roll the Same: Championing Equality in Jiu-Jitsu, Contributor
- 2019-21 Colorado Uyghur Advocacy Group

2020 Safe Guard: Safe Jiu-Jitsu Training Environments, Team Member
 2019-21 #FreeRahile Political and Social Media Advocacy Campaign Team Leader
 2018-19 Camp Manager, Adventure JiuJitsu Camps
 2017-18 LGBTQ+ Writing Group Leader and Facilitator, Out Boulder County
 2018 Three Minute Thesis Academic Communication Competition, CU Graduate School
 2018 Volunteer Teaching Assistant, Boulder High School AP Human Geography
 2014-17 Volunteer Coach, Qingyuan Martial Arts Academy in Ürümchi, China
 2013 Volunteer Coach, Frontier Asia Brazilian JiuJitsu Martial Arts Academy
 2010 English Teacher, Jiangsu Province Physical Education Bureau
 2008-9 Volunteer, Community Service Leadership Corps
 2008-9 Tutor, Chicago Public Schools Homeless Education Program

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2023— **Data and GIS Analyst**
 Hovland Consulting

2019-21 **Graduate Program Manager**
 University of Colorado Boulder

2011 **Research Assistant**
 National Endowment for Democracy
 Asia, Middle East & North Africa, and Global Programs

2011 **Vice President**
 George Washington University
 Organization of Asian Studies

2011 **Editorial Assistant**
 George Washington University
 Institute for International Economic Policy

2008-9 **Research Assistant**
 Office of the Secretary of Defense
 Military Community and Family Policy

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017-2022 Central Eurasian Studies Society
 2014-2022 Association for Asian Studies
 2013-2020 Association of American Geographers

LANGUAGES:

Mandarin Chinese: Spoken Professional Working Proficiency, Written Working Proficiency
 Uyghur (Turkic): Spoken Professional Working Proficiency, Written Working Proficiency

Czech: Elementary Proficiency
Spanish: Elementary Proficiency