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Education

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| 2017 | Ph.D. | Cornell University, City and Regional Planning |
| 2006 | M.A. | University of Hawaii at Manoa, Anthropology |
| 2003 | B.A. | New College of Florida, Anthropology |

Academic Positions

Bryn Mawr College Assistant Professor, Growth and Structure of Cities	Bryn Mawr, PA 2018–present
Xinjiang Normal University Visiting Scholar	Urumqi, China 2012–2014

Research Areas

Chinese planning and urbanization; Chinese transnational development; Uyghur ethnopolitics; conflict and post-conflict urbanism; critical development studies; urban theory

Publications

Manuscripts in Preparation, Monograph

Coercing Urbanism: Toward a Totalitarian Politics of Land in Xinjiang

Invited Journal Articles

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| 2020 | "Toward a Totalitarian Development Policy in Xinjiang [Sincan'da Totaliter Bir Kalkınma Politikasına Doğru]." <i>Türkiye Günlugu</i> , no. 143 (Summer): 69–92. |
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Book Reviews

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| 2018 | "Constructing, Creating, and Contesting Cityscapes: A Socio-Anthropological Approach to Urban Transformation in Southern Xinjiang, People's Republic of China, by Malden Kobi." <i>The China Journal</i> 79 (January): 166–68. |
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Public and Digital Scholarship

- 2022 "Spatiocide as Spectacle, Part 1: Planning and the Symbolic Death of Old Kashgar." PLATFORM, October 10, 2022. <https://www.platformspace.net/home/spatiocide-as-spectacle-part-1-planning-and-the-symbolic-death-of-old-kashgar>.
- 2022 "Spatiocide as Spectacle, Part 2: Haussmannization, Ossification, and the Symbolic Death of Old Kashgar." PLATFORM, October 24, 2022. <https://www.platformspace.net/home/spatiocide-as-spectacle-part-2-haussmannization-ossification-and-the-symbolic-death-of-old-kashgar>.
- 2022 "Spatiocide as Spectacle, Part 3: Imperialist Fantasy-Making and the Symbolic Death of Old Kashgar." PLATFORM, November 11, 2022 <https://www.platformspace.net/home/spatiocide-as-spectacle-part-3-imperialist-fantasy-making-and-the-symbolic-death-of-old-kashgar>.

Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Presentations at Meetings and Conferences

- 2025 "The City as Chess Eye: Assessing the Role of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps in the Production of Urban Space during Xinjiang's Totalitarian Turn." International Conference on China Urban Development, University College London [forthcoming].
- 2024 "'Integrate the Division and the City:' Carceral Urbanism in Xinjiang's Totalitarian Turn." Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, New York City, NY
- 2023 "Integrate the Division and the City: Forced Labor, Urban Development, and the Rescaling of Statehood in Xinjiang's Totalitarian Turn" Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Chicago, IL
- 2022 "The Revanchist Center: Toward a Totalitarian Politics of Land in Urban Xinjiang." Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- "Toward a Totalitarian Politics of Land in Kashgar." Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- 2020 "The Revanchist Center: Toward a Totalitarian Politics of Land in Urban Xinjiang." Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (cancelled due to pandemic)
- "Between Cultural and Ethnic Genocide." Frontiers of Prevention, Institute of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention at Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY. (cancelled due to pandemic)
- 2019 "Control the South: Spatial Development and Social Control in Twenty-First-Century Urumqi." Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

- 2017 "Buying In or Selling Out? Development, Identity Politics, and the Construction of Enclave Urbanism in Xinjiang." Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto.
- Urbanism in Post-Riot Urumqi" International Conference on China Urban Development, London "Author Meets Critics: Oil and Water: Being Han in Xinjiang." Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto.
- 2016 "Stuck in the Middle: Class-based Identity Politics and the Making of Enclave Urbanism in the Uyghur City." Association of College Schools of Planning Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- 2015 "Buying in or Selling Out? Middle-Class Sensibilities in the Uyghur City." Second International Conference on Uyghur Studies, Paris.
- "Growing Out of the Master Plan: The Political Logic of Development in Urumqi, 1755-2015." Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Chicago.
- "Growing Out of the Master Plan: The Political Logic of Development in Twenty-first Century Urumqi." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa.
- 2014 "Control the South: The Spatial Logic of Suburban Development Planning in Urumqi Before and After the '7-5' Riots" Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa.

Invited Lectures, Presentations, Roundtables and Workshops

- 2024 "Spatiocide as Spectacle: The Symbolic Violence of Development in Kashgar." Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2023 "Spatiocide as Spectacle: The Symbolic Violence of Development in Kashgar." Harvard MIT UBC Urban China Conference, Cambridge MA
- 2022 "The City and the Division Become One: Forced Labor, Urban Development, and the Rescaling of Statehood in Xinjiang." School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.
- 2020 "Between Cultural and Ethnic Genocide: Unmaking China's 'New Frontier'" School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.
- "Toward a Totalitarian Politics of Land in Xinjiang," Brandeis University, Boston
- 2019 The Human Rights Crisis in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (Panel Lecture), Shorenstein APARC, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- "The Future of Ethnic Autonomy in Xinjiang" (Roundtable). Association of Asian Studies, Denver, CO

“7-5 Ten Years On: The Fight for the Soul of Xinjiang,” in *A Year of Anniversaries: China and Germany in Perspective* (Panel Lecture). Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA

2018 “The Making of a Crisis: An Ethnopolitical History of Reform-Era Xinjiang.” Library of Congress Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C.

Grants and Fellowships

External Awards

2020 Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Program in China Early Career Fellowship

Internal Awards – Competitive

2021–2024 Digital Bryn Mawr Project Grant

2019 Bryn Mawr Data Science Professional Development Grant

2016 Cornell University SAGE Fellowship

2013–2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Award (Uyghur)

2013 Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Fellowship

2012 Lee Teng-Hui Fellowship in World Affairs

2004–2006 East West Center Student Affiliate

2004 Foreign Language and Area Studies Award (Mandarin)

Courses Taught

Bryn Mawr College

Urban Culture and Society (introductory lecture course)

Research Methods in Planning and Policy Analysis (intermediate quantitative methods)

Cities of the Global South (intermediate survey)

Comparative Urbanism: Divided Cities (writing-intensive core course)

Comparative Urbanism: Post-Conflict Urbanism (writing-intensive core course)

The Chinese City (advanced seminar)

Urban Theory (advanced seminar)

Senior Seminar (undergraduate thesis course)

Service

Service to the College - Selected

2023–present	Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Mentor
2020, 2022–present	Hanna Holborn Gray Summer Research Fellowship Faculty Advisor
2019–present	Member, Data Science Steering Committee
2023	Guest lecturer on Xinjiang politics for MEST B235: Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies
	Guest lecturer on architecture and design in Kashgar for CITY B190: Form of the City
2021–2023	Member, Chair, Committee on Libraries, Information, and Computing
2022–2023	Member, Advisory Council
2019–2023	Mentor and academic workshop leader, First Generation and Low Income Students Program (Bryn Mawr) and Horizons/Chesick Scholars Program (Haverford)
2020	Outside Chair, PhD Committee for Meg Hankel
2019	Faculty Organizer, Bi-Co teach-in: The Crisis in Xinjiang (cancelled due to pandemic)
	Member, Hanna Holborn Gray Fellowship Committee
2019	Guest lecturer on internal colonialism in Xinjiang for CITY B229: Comparative Urbanism (Post-Colonial Urbanism)
2018	Member, Bi-Co Global Asia Consortium

Service to the Academy and the Public - Selected

2018–present	Creator and curator of Uyghur Studies open-access Zotero library
2024	Interview and background research for article “China Is Becoming Much Harder for Western Scholars to Study.” Chun Han Wang, Wall Street Journal
	Interview and background research for article “Researchers grapple with the tightened data landscape in China.” Han Chen, Radio Free Asia
2023	In-depth interview for special report: “China Studies in an Uncertain Age.” Emily Baum, Henry Luce Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies
2022	Reviewer, SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship
2021	Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, panel organizer

2019	Interview and editorial advising for long-form piece on the crisis in Xinjiang, Jaime Fisher, New York Times Magazine
	Interview to provide ethnopolitical context of coverage, Steven Lee Meyers, New York Times
	Interview on Coronavirus-related lockdown in Xinjiang, Yuan Yang, Financial Times
2018	Interview to provide ethnopolitical context of coverage, David Rennie, Economist Magazine
	Presentation on the past and present of the Crisis in Xinjiang to members of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress
2015–2016	Developer and content creator for Uyghur Studies Initiative website

Ad-Hoc Manuscript Reviewing

Journal of Planning Education and Research
Central Asian Survey