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Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

- 2015 – Current: PhD Candidate, University of Kentucky  
Research focused on political geography of border-making through China's *hukou* system.  
Advisor: Patricia Ehrkamp
- 2015 MA, University of Kentucky Department of Geography  
Thesis: Regulating Urban Belonging: China's Hukou System as Intra-National Bordering Process
- 2011 BA, Macalester College  
Cum Laude  
International Studies, Latin American Studies.  
Honors Thesis in Latin American Studies

**Academic certificates**

- 2017 Graduate Certificate in Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky
- 2016 Advanced summer language training, Shanghai Jiaotong University

**Peer-reviewed articles**

Bordering Shanghai: China's hukou system and processes of urban bordering. *Geoforum*, 80: 93-102, 2017

Material Interventions on the U.S.-Mexico Border: Investigating a Sited Politics of Migrant Solidarity. *Antipode* 47(5): 1243-1260, 2015

### **Academic conferences – Research presentations**

- 2016 *Regulating urban belonging: China's hukou system and processes of intra-national bordering.* Paper presented in “China's Urban Transformation: Multidisciplinary Research on Urban China,” session at International Geographical Congress, Beijing, China, August 22, 2016.
- 2014 *Sites of Struggle: Enacting Pro-Migrant Solidarity on the U.S. - Mexico Border.* Paper presented in “Reimagining Nationalisms: Communities and Borders in Moments of Transition,” session at Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 8, 2014
- 2011 *Arizona to Minnesota: Detention and Solidarity.* Paper presented at Saint Cloud State University Global Goes Local Conference on Conditions of Immigrant Workers and Families, April 12th 2011
- 2011 *Conscientizacion: Framing Processes and Mobilization in the Migrant Solidarity Movement.* Paper presented at University of Texas–Austin ILASSA Conference on Latin America, February 3-5, 2011.

### **Academic workshops and panels**

- 2016 Participant and panel organizer: Solidarities across lines of (under)development and (un)belonging, panel at Conference on Critical Geography, University of Kentucky, October 15, 2016
- 2016 Participant, UCLA-Shanghai Jiaotong University Joint Text and Translation Workshop: New Materials and Inter-disciplinary Methods of Studying Twentieth-Century Chinese History: Issues of Governance in Contemporary China, July 4-11, 2016
- 2015 Participant and panel organizer (with Araby Smyth): “People out of Place”, panel at Conference on Critical Geography, University of Kentucky, October 25, 2015
- 2015 Panel Participant, “Radical Teaching” panel at Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 25, 2015
- 2015 Panel Participant, “Immigration and Law, Migrant Activism, ‘Citizenship after Orientalism’” panel at Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 23, 2015
- 2014 Panel Participant, “STOP criminalizing the Migrant-other ... PROMOTE radical autonomy

resisting borders and b/ordering mechanisms” panel at Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 9, 2014

### **Research grants and fellowships**

University of Kentucky Presidential Fellowship, 2016-2017

University of Kentucky Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship, 2015-16

National Science Foundation East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute, 2014

University of Kentucky Multi-Year Fellowship, 2013-15

### **Awards**

Confucius Institute Graduate Student Summer Travel Scholarship, 2017

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AAG International Geographical Union Conference Travel Grant, 2016

University of Kentucky Royster Award of Special Distinction, 2015-17

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2015: Honorable Mention

University of Kentucky Daniel R. Reedy Quality Achievement Award 2013-15

National Merit Scholarship, 2007

### **Teaching**

Geography 172: Introduction to Human Geography – Instructor of Record, Fall 2017

### **Affiliations**

Association of American Geographers

Founding member, University of Kentucky China Studies Research Group

### **Service**

University of Kentucky Organizing Collective, Conference on Critical Geography, 2016

Departmental Liaison, Geography Graduate Student Union, 2016-2017

Graduate Student Representative, University of Kentucky Geography Department External Relations Committee, 2015-2016

University of Kentucky Organizing Collective, Conference on Critical Geography, 2015

### **Languages**

Spanish – Fluent/Near-native

Mandarin – Advanced (HSK 5-6)