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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, 2003- present  
University of Colorado, Boulder

**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Energy and Resources Group 2003  
M.S. MIT, Technology and Policy Program 1995  
M.S. MIT, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science 1995  
B.S. MIT, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science 1993

**PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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In press **Yeh, Emily T.** "Greening western China: A critical view." *Geoforum*,  
doi:10.1016/j.geoforum.2009.06.004, available online August 6 2009.

In press **Yeh, Emily T.** "Tibet and the problem of radical reductionism." *Antipode*.  
accepted November 2008, expected November 2009, 41(5).

2009 **Yeh, Emily T.** "From wasteland to wetland? Nature and nation in  
China's Tibet." *Environmental History*. 14(1): 103-137.

2008 **Yeh, Emily T.** and Mark Henderson. "Interpreting urbanization in Tibet:  
Administrative scales and discourses of modernization." *Journal of the  
International Association of Tibetan Studies (JIATS)* no. 4, THL# T5563,  
44pp., <http://www.thlib.org/collections/texts/jiats/#jiats=/04/yeh/>

2007 **Yeh, Emily T.** "Tropes of indolence and the cultural politics of development in  
Lhasa, Tibet." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 97(3): 593-  
612.

2007 **Yeh, Emily T.** "Exile meets homeland: Politics, performance and authenticity in  
the Tibetan diaspora." *Environment & Planning D: Society and Space*. 25(4):648-  
667.

2006 **Yeh, Emily T.** and Kunga T. Lama. "Hip-hop gangsta or most deserving of  
victims? Transnational migrant identities and the paradox of Tibetan  
racialization in the USA." *Environment & Planning A*. 38(5): 809-829.

2005 **Yeh, Emily T.** "Green governmentality and pastoralism in Western China:  
'Converting pastures to grasslands'" *Nomadic Peoples*. 9(1): 9-29.

2004 **Yeh, Emily T.** and Joanna I. Lewis. "State power and the logic of reform in  
China's electricity sector." *Pacific Affairs*. 77(3): 437-466.

2004 **Yeh, Emily T.** and Mark Henderson. "Teaching China's environment: Beyond  
the Three Gorges." *Education About Asia*. 9(2):5-11.

2004 **Yeh, Emily T.** "Property relations in Tibet since decollectivization and the  
question of 'fuzziness.'" *Conservation and Society*. 2(1): 108-131.

- 2003 **Yeh, Emily T.** “Tibetan range wars: Spatial politics and authority on the grasslands of Amdo.” *Development and Change*. 34(3):499-523.
- 2003 Henderson, Mark, **Emily T. Yeh**, Peng Gong, Christopher Elvidge, and Kimberly Baugh. “Validation of urban boundaries derived from global nighttime satellite imagery.” *International Journal of Remote Sensing*. 24(3): 595-609.
- 2000 **Yeh, Emily T.** “Forest claims, conflicts, and commodification: The political ecology of Tibetan mushroom -harvesting villages in Yunnan province, China.” *The China Quarterly* 161: 212-226.

#### **PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS**

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- in press Julia Klein, **Emily T. Yeh**, Joseph Bump, Yonten Nyima and Kelly Hopping. “Coordinating environmental protection and climate change adaptation policy in resource-dependent communities: A case study from the Tibetan Plateau.” In James D Ford and Lea Berrang Ford (eds.) *Climate change adaptation in developed nations*. Springer. Accepted July 2009
- 2008 **Yeh, Emily T.** “Living together in Lhasa: Ethnic relations, coercive amity, and subaltern cosmopolitanism.” In Shail Mayaram (ed.) *The Other Global City*. Routledge (Advances in Geography series), pp. 54-85.
- 2007 **Yeh, Emily T.** “Tibetan indigeneity: Translations, resemblances, and uptake.” In Marisol de la Cadena and Orin Starn (eds.) *Indigenous Experience Today*. Berg Publishers (Wenner Gren International Symposium Series), pp. 69-97.
- 2005 **Yeh, Emily T.** “ ‘An Open Lhasa Welcomes You’: Disciplining the Researcher in Tibet.” In Maria Heimer and Stig Thøgersen (eds.) *Doing Fieldwork in China*. University of Hawaii Press, pp. 96-109.

#### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE IATS<sup>1</sup>**

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- 2008 **Yeh, Emily T.** “Modernity, memory, and agricultural modernization in Central Tibet, 1950-1980.” In Robert Barnett and Ronald Schwartz (eds.) *Tibetan Modernities: Notes from the field on cultural and social change*. Boston: Brill, pp. 37-72.
- 2002 **Yeh, Emily T.** “Will the real Tibetan please stand up?: Identity politics in the Tibetan diaspora.” In P.Christiaan Klieger (ed.) *Tibet, self, and the Tibetan diaspora: Voices of difference. Proceedings of the ninth seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies*. Boston: Brill, pp. 229-254.

#### **WORK UNDER REVIEW**

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**Yeh, Emily T.** “Reflections on fieldwork in Tibet” for Chinese edition of Maria Heimer and Stig Thøgersen (eds) *Doing Fieldwork in China*. Chongqing University Press. Submitted June 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> Until the founding of JIATS (*Journal of International Association of Tibetan Studies*), which is published once a year, in 2005, there were no dedicated peer-reviewed Tibetan studies journals or publications. The proceedings of the IATS (which holds one international meeting every 3-4 years) were, and still to a large extent are, the most important publications in the field. Specialized volumes (such as the ones I have published in) are reviewed by both the volume editor and general editor; especially in the case of the 2008 volume, the review process was as rigorous as peer review processes I have experienced.

**Yeh, Emily T.** "Tibetan matsutake harvesting in Diqing: Ten years later." Submitted October 2007 for Chris Coggins and Giovanni da Col (eds.) *Tibetan Natures*. (accepted by editors; volume under review.)

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Invited book reviews**

- 2009 Review of *Sustainable development in Western China: Managing people, livestock and grasslands in pastoral areas* (Edward Elgar, 2008). *China Journal* 62: 134-136.
- 2008 Review of *The Violence of liberation: Gender and Tibetan Buddhist revival in post-Mao China*. (University of California, 2007). *Gender, Place and Culture*. 15(6):652-54.
- 2008 Review of *Forging environmentalism: Justice, livelihood and contested environments* (M.E. Sharpe, 2006). *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 49(2):231-35.
- 2007 Review of *Teaching and learning in Tibet: A review of research and policy publications* (NIAS Press, 2004). *Journal of Asian Studies*. 66(4): 1143-44
- 2007 Review of *House, home, family: Living and being Chinese*. (University of Hawaii Press, 2005). *Education about Asia* 12(2):51-52.
- 2007 Review of *Lhasa: Streets with memories*. (Columbia University Press, 2005). *Journal of Asian Studies*. 66(1): 234-36.
- 2006 Review of *Border landscapes: The politics of Akha land use in China and Thailand* (University of Washington Press, 2005). *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 96(4): 847-49.
- 2006 Review of *State growth and social exclusion in Tibet: Challenges of recent economic growth*. (NIAS Press, 2005) *Journal of Asian Studies* 65(2):415-417.
- 2005 Review of *Changing China: A geographic appraisal* (Westview Press, 2004) in *The Professional Geographer* 57(2): 329-331.
- 2004 Review of *Beyond great walls: Environment, identity and development on the Chinese grasslands of Inner Mongolia* (Stanford University Press, 2002). *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 94(3): 685-86.

### **Encyclopedia entries**

- 2007 "Culture." *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, Paul Robbins, ed. Sage.
- 2007 "Tragedy of the Commons." *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, Paul Robbins, ed. Sage Publications.
- 2007 "Three Gorges Dam." *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, Paul Robbins, ed. Sage Publications.
- 2006 "Political Ecology." *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Barney Warf, ed. Sage Publications: 360-362
- 2006 "Resource." *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Barney Warf, ed. Sage Publications: 410-411

### **Multi-media research articles – Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library (THDL)**

- 2006 Development of web portal of digital ethnography, cross-linked articles, photos, maps, GIS layers, video, and audiotapes. "Lhasa's Cultivated Landscapes." (release

- date) Lhasa Neighborhoods Project, Environmental and Cultural Geography collection of the Tibetan & Himalayan Digital Library. These are full-length research articles (mostly 20-40 pages). Introduction and overview/conceptual framework. <http://www.thdl.org/collections/cultgeo/lhasa/landscapes/><sup>2</sup>
- 2006 "Groves and parks: Social nature in old Lhasa." Lhasa's Cultivated Landscapes, Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library (THDL) <http://www.thdl.org/xml/show.php?xml=/collections/cultgeo/lhasa/landscapes/lcl-lhasa-groves.xml> (4100 words; detailed map overlaid on satellite image)
- 2006 "Wetland management and social nature." Lhasa's Cultivated Landscapes. THDL <http://www.thdl.org/xml/show.php?xml=/collections/cultgeo/lhasa/landscapes/lcl-damra-social-nature.xml> (12,000 words)
- 2006 "The Klu bug neighborhood and pre-1951 vegetable cultivation." Lhasa's Cultivated Landscapes, THDL, <http://www.thdl.org/xml/show.php?xml=/collections/cultgeo/lhasa/landscapes/lcl-lubuk.xml> (10,400 words)
- 2006 "The Hebalin (Wa pa gling) Neighborhood." Lhasa's Cultivated Landscapes, THDL <http://www.thdl.org/xml/show.php?xml=/collections/cultgeo/lhasa/landscapes/lcl-wapaling.xml> (12,200 words)
- 2006 "History of the Lhalu neighborhood." Lhasa's Cultivated Landscapes, THDL <http://www.thdl.org/xml/show.php?xml=/collections/cultgeo/lhasa/landscapes/lcl-lhalu.xml> (5350 words)
- 2006 "Today's peri-urban landscape." Lhasa's Cultivated Landscapes, THDL <http://www.thdl.org/xml/show.php?xml=/collections/cultgeo/lhasa/landscapes/lcl-peri-urban.xml> (5520 words)

### Technical reports

- 2007 "The new socialist countryside and new housing construction around Lhasa." Report commissioned for Tibet Heritage Fund, Berlin, Germany, submitted September, 86 pages text and over 500 photographs.

### Invited contributions, published conference proceedings and published working papers

- 2007 "Repertoires of resistance and the responsibility of 'knowing.'" *Niasnytt: Bulletin of Asian Studies*, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies. 2007. Vol. 1 pp 20-23.
- 2006 "Tourism to Tibet: Context and Recent trends." *Trin-gyi-pho-nya: Tibet's Environment and Development Digest*. 15 November 2006. Issue 18. Tibet Justice Center. <http://www.tew.org/editorial-oped/trin-gyi-pho-nya/1106.html>
- 2005 "Vegetable farming and the question of development in Tibet: Lessons and Prospects." Proceedings of the International Conference on Western Regional Development and Tibetan Rural Development. Beijing China Tibetology Institute, pp. 1-17.
- 2005 "A brief environmental history of the Lhalu wetland." *Trin-gyi-pho-nya: Tibet's Environment and Development Digest*. 13 September 2005. Vol. 3(4), Tibet Justice Center, <http://www.tibetjustice.org/tringyiphonya/num13.html>

<sup>2</sup> The entire THDL site is in the process of being migrated to THL, <http://www.thlib.org> so all of these addresses will change at some point.

- 2000 “Forest policies and perceptions in the Tibet Autonomous Region.” *Mountain People, Forests and Trees: Strategies for Balancing Local Management and Outside Interests*. The Mountain Institute, Mountain Forum, March. pp. 45-46.
- 1998 “Forest products, foreign markets, and conflict between Tibetan mushroom harvesting villages in Southwest China.” *Asia Forest Network, Working Paper Series*. No. 2. Berkeley, CA. <http://www.asiaforestnetwork.org/publications.html>
- 1997 “Importance of non-timber forest products – Collection and marketing of matsutakes in Yunnan province.” *Forestry and Society Newsletter*. 5(2). Institute of Scientific and Technological Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing, PRC

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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*Development as gift: migration, urbanization, and Tibet’s economy of appearances*, book manuscript, planned submission to Columbia University Press, March 2010.

“Blazing pelts and burning passions: Transnational environmentalism, nationalism, and spectacular decommmodification in Tibet” for *Journal of Asian Studies*.

“Crowded mountains, empty towns: caterpillar fungus and the cultural politics of value in Tibet” with Kunga Lama, for submission to *Cultural Geographies*.

## **AWARDS**

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- 2008 2009 Social Science Research Council Book Fellowship
- 2007 Ashby Prize, *Environment & Planning A*, one of two prizes awarded annually for most innovative paper, for “Hip-hop gangsta or most deserving of victims?”

## **SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2009 National Science Foundation, Career competition, Geography and Regional Science, and Cultural Anthropology programs, “CAREER: Culture and Conservation: Transnational environmentalism, sacred lands and community organizations in Tibet” PI. 5 years, notified May 2009. (\$490,780)
- 2009 National Science Foundation, Geography and Regional Science, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Alternative (to) development on the Tibetan Plateau: The case of the anti-slaughter movement.” PI (co-PI: Gaerrang) (\$11,600)
- 2009 IMPART award, CU Boulder. “The gift of development: migration, land use change and Tibet’s economy of appearances.” (\$4000)
- 2008 National Science Foundation, Geography and Regional Science, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Converting pastures to grasslands: State interventions into pastoral livelihoods and grassland ecosystems of Tibet.” PI. (co-PI: Yonten Nyima) (\$12,000)
- 2008 National Science Foundation, Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems Competition. “Collaborative Research: Determinants of grassland dynamics in the Tibetan highlands: Livestock, wildlife, and the culture and political economy of pastoralism.” PI. (collaborative total, 1.053 million USD) 5 years, (\$203,546).
- 2008 National Geographic Society, Conservation Trust, “Culture and conservation:

- Tibetan language environmental education in Chamdo.” 2 years (\$25,000).  
 2007 CU Boulder, Center for Asian Studies, course development award (\$2000)  
 2006 National Science Foundation, Human and Social Dynamics Competition.  
 "Extreme weather events, state interventions, and pastoral livelihoods: Social and  
 ecological impacts of spring snowstorms on the Tibetan Plateau." Co-PI.  
 Subcontract from Colorado State University, total project budget \$618,999.  
 3 years + extension. (\$182,373).  
 2006 CU Boulder Council on Research and Creative Work, Grant-in-Aid, “Extreme  
 weather events, state interventions and pastoral livelihoods: spring snowstorms  
 and vulnerability on the Tibetan Plateau.” (\$7000)  
 2005 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Global Security and  
 Sustainability, Research and Writing Grant. Project title: “Contesting state  
 development: Migration, markets and the transformation of Tibetan landscapes  
 and livelihoods.” (\$75,000)  
 2005 Ford Foundation. Communities in interaction: Discourses of conflict, conversion  
 and coexistence in cosmopolitan contexts. Administered through Centre for  
 Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India. (\$5000)  
 2004 CU Boulder Council on Research and Creative Work, Junior Faculty  
 Development Award (\$5000)  
 2004 CU Boulder Center for Asian Studies, course development travel grant (\$5000)  
 2002 Chancellor’s Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley  
 2000 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship  
 1999 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) STAR 3 year graduate student  
 fellowship, tuition and stipend  
 1999 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship, UC Berkeley  
 1997 Social Science Research Council, International Predissertation Fellowship  
 Program  
 1993 National Science Foundation, 3-year graduate student fellowship, tuition and  
 stipend

Major grant proposals submitted but not funded

- 2008 CU Innovative Seed Grant, Global connections: New cultural formations of a  
 transnational Tibet. \$49,840.  
 2007 CU Innovative Seed Grant, Climate justice on the Tibetan Plateau, \$50,000

**COLLOQUIA, PAPERS, PANELS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited papers**

- 2008 “The state, migrants and market formation in Lhasa” for seminar on “Tibet: The  
 current situation- challenges and possibilities.” Hurdalsjøen, Norway. Norwegian  
 Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Faculty of Law, 3-4 December.  
 2006 “Critical approaches to Tibet’s socioeconomic transformation: the case of  
 peri-urban vegetable farming in Lhasa” for conference on “The contemporary  
 socio-economic and environmental situation in Tibet.” Fairbanks Center,  
 Harvard University, February 3-6.  
 2005 “Living together in Lhasa: Ethnic relations, the state, and the limits of  
 cosmopolitanism” for conference on “Living together in Asian Cities:

- Discourses of Conflict, Co-existence, and Conversion in Cosmopolitan Contexts.” Delhi, India, October 24-27.
- 2005 “Vegetable farming and the question of development in Tibet: Lessons and Prospects.” International Conference on Western Regional Development and Tibetan Rural Development. China Tibetan Studies Center and Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China. September 22-23.
- 2005 Wenner Gren Symposium on “Indigenous Experience Today.” “Indigenous formations and the emergence of the Green Tibetan in Tibet.” Venice, Italy March 17-25.
- 2004 “Is Lhasa urban?: Migration, tourism, and competing Chinese imaginaries of Tibet” Working paper for conference on *Place imaginaries, mobilities, and the limits of representation* University of New South Wales – UTS Center for Research on Provincial China, New South Wales, June 7-9.

### **Colloquia and other invited talks**

- 2009 “The new socialist countryside in Tibet: development as indebtedness engineering” *The Opening of Western China: Problems and Prospects*. University of Kansas, Center for East Asian Studies, April 17.
- 2009 “Environmental protection in China: Political, cultural and ethnic dimensions” Asia’s Ecologies of Development: China and India. Sponsored by East-West Center, Asian Studies Development Program, University of Central Arkansas, 13-14 March.
- 2009 “Methods and Research Models in Human Geography and Environmental Studies” for undergrad/grad/professional workshop “Tibetan Studies and the Social Sciences: Data, Methods, Tools, and Archives” Columbia University, Feb 6-7.
- 2009 “The recent reforms and their implications for land use in Tibet.” Trace Foundation, New York, Feb 5.
- 2009 “The Tibetan Plateau: Environment at Risk.” Latse Contemporary Tibetan Cultural Library, New York, Jan 17.
- 2009 “Climate change adaptation strategies for the Tibetan plateau and their potential implications” Meltdown: The impact of climate change on the Tibetan plateau. New York, Asia Society/ Council on Foreign Relations, Jan 16.
- 2008 University of California Santa Cruz, Department of Environmental Studies, colloquium, 7 April.
- 2008 University of British Columbia, Department of Geography, 2 April
- 2008 University of Toronto, Department of Geography, colloquium, 28 March
- 2008 University of Wisconsin, Dept of Geography, colloquium, 26 March
- 2008 University of Wisconsin-Madison, IGERT Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development in Southwest China, colloquium, 25 March
- 2008 UCLA, Department of Urban Planning, 7 January
- 2007 Simon Fraser University, Department of Geography colloquium, 19 November.
- 2007 “Emergent environmentalisms in Tibet” Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, 16 Nov
- 2007 “Grassroots environmental mobilization on the Tibetan Plateau – the cases of Green Camel and Anchung Sengge Manzhong,” lunch seminar, Mellon-Sawyer

- seminar, Duke University, 25 October.
- 2007 “Transnational environmentalism and nationalism across the Himalayas.” Mellon-Sawyer seminar colloquium, Portents and Dilemmas: Health and Environment in China and India. Duke University. 25 October.
- 2007 “Teaching Challenges of China’s Environmental Degradation and Protection.” 3-hour seminar for community college professors, Asian Studies Development Program, Portland Community College, workshop on “Looking over the wall: understanding the old and new China.” 20 October.
- 2007 “Xibu da kaifa and Tibet’s economy of appearances.” University of Southern California. US-China Studies Institute. 5 October.
- 2007 “New environmental projects in China’s West: A critical view.” University of New Mexico, International Studies Institute lecture series, 17 September.
- 2007 “Ecological and social assumptions of grassland policies on the Tibetan Plateau.” Beijing University, People and Grasslands Network (China). 14 June.
- 2006 “Property rights and pastoralism on the Tibetan plateau” Colorado State University, September 12
- 2006 “From wasteland to wetland?: State environmentalism, history, and social nature in Lhasa, Tibet.” Institute for Asian Research, University of British Columbia, February 27.
- 2005 Yale School of Forestry and the Environment, April 26.

### **Panels organized**

- 2009 Paper session, “Geographies of the gift: gratitude, obligation and exchange”, annual meeting of the AAG, March.
- 2008 Panel on “The politics of protest in Tibet and beyond.” Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Boulder, September.
- 2007 Panel on “The Cultural Politics of Development in China,” for Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Nov.
- 2007 Panel on "Neoliberal China?" for Annual meeting of the AAG, April.
- 2006 Panel on “Opening up Tibet: Political economy and cultural politics of development under the Xibu Da Kaifa campaign” for Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS), April.
- 2006 Panel on “Producing Green Citizens, Locating Green Places,” with Alana Boland, Annual Meeting of the AAG, March.
- 2003 Panel on "The construction of nature reserves in western China." Annual meeting of the AAS. March 27-30.

### **Presentations at professional meetings**

- 2009 “Theorizing ecological migration as green governmentality” IUEAS, Kunming, Yunnan, China. 26-31 July.
- 2009 “Prospects and obstacles for biodiversity conservation on the Tibetan Plateau” Society for Conservation Biology, annual meeting, Beijing, 11-16 July.
- 2009 “Development as gift?: The new socialist countryside, indebtedness engineering and sovereignty in Tibet” for panel on “Geographies of the gift: gratitude, obligation and exchange,” annual meeting of the AAG, March.
- 2009 Author meets critics panel: Aaron Bobrow Strain’s *Intimate Enemies*:

- Landowners, power and violence in Chiapas*; and Participant and chair on panel “The uprising in Tibet: Reflections from one year later”; and participant on panel, “Understanding coupled natural-human systems – developing competitive ideas for the CNH program.” Annual meeting of the AAG, March.
- 2008 Participant and chair, panel on “Politics of protest in Tibet and beyond,” and discussant and chair, panel on “Experiences of globalization in greater China: Materiality representation and resistance.” Western Conference of the AAS, 12-14 Sept.
- 2008 “Conservation, environmental subject-formation and spaces of cultural assertion in Tibet” for panel “Indigenous people and protected areas: conservation through self-determination” AAG annual meeting, Boston, April.
- 2008 Discussant, panel on “Energy, Resources and environment in China” AAG annual meeting, Boston, April.
- 2008 Discussant and chair, panel on “Grasslands, dams and highways: regions, people and infrastructure under development in Tibetan Areas of China, 1980-2005.” Annual meeting of the American Society of Environmental History, Boise, March
- 2007 “Conservation, development and the Green Tibetan.” Annual meeting of the AAA, 29 November; chair.
- 2007 "Blazing pelts and burning passions: Environmentalism, nationalism and sovereignty in Tibet" Annual meeting of the AAG.
- 2007 Discussant and chair, panel on neoliberalism in China, AAG meeting
- 2007 Discussant and chair, panel on "Political ecology, land use and governing development in Western China." Annual meeting of the AAG.
- 2006 "Lhasa Urban: Creative destruction and the economy of appearances." for 11th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Bonn, Germany. August 26- Sept. 2.
- 2006 “Tropes of indolence and the cultural politics of development in Tibet” for panel on “Opening up Tibet” at the Annual Meeting of the AAS, San Francisco, April 6-9; chair.
- 2006 "Greening Lhasa: Nature, nation and the Lhalu wetland” for panel, "Producing Green Citizens, Locating Green Places" Annual Meeting of the AAG, Chicago.
- 2006 Author meets critics panel: Arun Agrawal’s *Environmentality*, Annual meeting of the AAG, March 7-11.
- 2005 "Imagining Environmental Futures in Tibet." Annual Meeting of the AAA. Washington, DC, November 30-Dec 4
- 2005 “How big is Lhasa?” Panel on Chinese cities, with Mark Henderson, Annual Meeting of the AAG Denver, April 6-9.
- 2005 "Migration and marginalization: the political ecology of greenhouse vegetable farming in Lhasa, Tibet." Panel on "Emerging directions in political ecology: migration," Annual meeting of the AAG, Denver, April 6-9.
- 2005 "History, environmentalism and social nature in Tibet." Panel on "Environmental Politics." International Development Studies Conference, Boulder, April 4-5.
- 2004 "History and social memory in Lhasa, Tibet.” Panel on “Minority maps: Discrepancies between State and local histories of China’s landscape,” American Society of Environmental History annual meeting Victoria, Canada, March.

- 2004 "Doing fieldwork under difficult political circumstances." Panel on "Conducting International Fieldwork: opportunities, challenges, and lessons" Annual meeting of the AAG. Philadelphia, March
- 2004 "The politics of social difference among Tibetans in the US and the imagined geographies of homeland" Panel on "Geographies of transnationalism: the politics of migration." AAG annual meeting, Philadelphia, March.
- 2003 "Cultivating vegetables/cultivating control: nature, labor and gender on Lhasa's state farms." Panel on "Modern Tibetan History or Modern? Tibetan? History?" Tenth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Oxford, England. Sept 6-12.
- 2003 "The Lhalu wetland nature reserve: land use change and state environmentalism in Lhasa, Tibet." For panel on "The construction of nature reserves in western China." Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting. March 27-30.
- 2003 "The 'Go West campaign' in Tibet: migration, environment, and state incorporation." Panel on "The Ecologies of China's 'Go West' Strategy." annual meeting of the AAG, New Orleans, March 5-8.
- 2002 "Greenhouse agriculture as a lens on landscape and the politics of place in Tibet." Panel on "Spatial aspects of land use and family dynamics in China." Western Conference of the AAS. Provo, Utah, September 27-28,
- 2000 "Gramsci in the Greenhouse: A Hegemony of Tibetan Indolence?" Stanford-Berkeley Contemporary China Network. UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies, April 24.
- 2000 "Dividing the Tibetan Grasslands: State Strategies of Boundary-Making and their Social and Ecological Effects in China" Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March.
- 1998 "Small-scale Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development on the Tibetan Plateau." Presented at the *International Symposium on the Qinghai-Xizang (Tibetan) Plateau*. Xining, Qinghai, PRC, July 20-24.

### **CU Boulder campus talks and presentations**

- 2009 Department of Geography colloquium, "Ethics in fieldwork in human geography: a panel discussion and debate" 28 August
- 2008 Social justice: What can we learn from Tibet? Cheyenne-Arapahoe Residence Hall, Oct 1.
- 2008 Colloquium for doctoral program in planning and design, 29 Feb, conducting research on the Lhalu wetland
- 2008 Center for Environmental Journalism Fellows' Seminar, 28 Feb.
- 2007 "New environmental projects in China's West" for Teaching East Asia workshop "China's transformations on the eve of the Olympics" 10 November.
- 2007 Department of Geography colloquium, 14 September. "Blazing pelts and burning passions."
- 2007 Center for Asian Studies. Brownbag discussion of *Distorted Propaganda*. March.
- 2007 Department of Geography, *An Inconvenient Truth*, discussion panel, February.
- 2006 Department of Sociology, seminar, April 20
- 2006 Department of Geography colloquium, March 24

- 2004 “Nature, labor and gender on Lhasa’s state farms in the 1950s.” CU Boulder Center for Asian Studies, brownbag February 12
- 2004 How to prepare for the academic job market, Geog department

## **TEACHING**

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### **Courses taught at CU Boulder**

- Geog 6402: Graduate seminar: Comparative environments/readings in political ecology. (spring 2005, 2007, 2008)
- Geog 5100: Special topics - Political ecology. Graduate seminar (spring 2004)  
Special topics – Political economy of development in China (fall 2008)
- Geog 4832: Geography of Tibet. Critical thinking seminar (spring 2009)
- Geog 4822: Environment and Development in China. Critical thinking seminar (fall 2006)
- Geog 4742: Environments and Peoples: political ecology. Critical thinking seminar (fall 2003)
- Geog 3822: Geography of China (spring 2007, spring 2008)
- Geog 2412: Environment and Culture. Fulfills MAPS requirement. (fall 2004, fall 2007).

### **Teaching at UC Berkeley**

- Instructor China's environment: History, policy and sustainability. (Fall 2002)
- Teaching Quantitative approaches to global environmental problem solving (ER102),  
assistant Professors John Harte and Cathy Koshland (Spring 2000)

## **ADVISING**

### **Current students - Major advisor**

- DOCTORAL: Abby Hickcox – “Green belt, white city: Race, class and nature in Boulder, Colorado”
- Yonten Nyima – “Converting pastures to grasslands: State interventions into pastoral livelihoods and grassland ecosystems”
- Kabzung (Gaerrang) – “Alternative (to) development on the Tibetan plateau: The case of the anti-slaughter campaign.”
- Michelle Olsgard Stewart – “The political ecology of ‘Himalayan gold’ in northwest Yunnan, China
- Jennifer Dinaburg – “Making the medicine mountains: Ethnobotany and the conservation of northwest Yunnan”

### **Current students - Committee member**

- DOCTORAL: Lucas Ward, Geography
- Amy Zader, Geography
- Colleen Scanlon-Lyons, Anthropology
- Travis Klingberg, Geography
- Naomi Arcand, Geography
- John Reid-Hresko, Sociology
- Afton Sather-Knutsen, Geography
- Tyler Roberts, Geography

### **Past students – Major advisor**

- DOCTORAL: Margaret Tilton (2004-2005)

MASTERS: Mariyam Medovaya (graduated May 2007)  
“The nature of a nature park: Friction over a protected area in the Altai Republic, Russia.”  
Yaffa Truelove (Dec 2007)  
“On the verge of a water crisis? State discourses and the production of water inequality in Delhi, India.”

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

THESIS: Tehani Pestalozzi, International Affairs (Jan 2007)  
“Addressing obstacles to sustainability in Ladakh.”  
Jimmy Vonesh, Geography (May 2007)  
“Incorporating human perceptions into climate policy: Environmental justice in the Arctic.”

**Past students - Committee member**

DOCTORAL: Vanessa Empinotti, Geography (fall 2007)  
Ian Feinhandler, Geography (fall 2006)  
Micheline van Riemsdijk, Geography (spring 2008)  
Hsien-nu Chang, Geography (2003-2005)  
Molly Holmberg, Geography  
Joni Palmer, Geography

MASTERS: Travis Klingberg, Geography (spring 2007)  
Benson Wilder, Geography (fall 2006)  
Chen Xiao Mei, Anthropology (spring 2006)  
Jessica Sherman, Geography (fall 2005)  
Jessica Lage, Geography (spring 2005)  
Brock McCarty, Geography (spring 2004)  
Brendan Kiernan, Geography (2004-2005)  
Karin McShea, Geography (January 2008)

Outside Member: Michelle Olsgard, Department of Environmental (off campus) Studies, UC- Santa Cruz, PhD committee (April 2008)

UNDERGRAD HONORS: Faith Cameron, Anthropology (spring 2006)  
Eric Celluci, Environmental studies (spring 2007)

**UROPs supervised** Jimmy Vonesh, spring 2007

**Independent studies supervised**

Peter Roper (ecological economics), spring 2004  
Amy Flandrick (political ecology), spring 2004  
Hsien-nu Chang (ethnographic methods), spring 2004  
Mariyam Medovaya (politics of parks and indigenous knowledge), fall 05  
Evan Anderson (renewable energy in the US), spring 2006  
Amy Zader (environmental issues in China), fall 2006  
Yaffa Truelove (urban political ecology/cosmopolitanism), spring 2007  
Yonten Nyima (geographies of pastoralism), spring 2008

### **Teaching enhancement activities**

Access Asia Faculty Development Trip, Mongolia, SIT Study abroad/Freeman Foundation, June 2005

CU Boulder LEAP program participant, January 2004

CU Boulder FTEP (Faculty Teaching Excellence Program) workshop participation, including: "How to manage a large lecture"; "A model for preparing lectures," "Performance in a nutshell," "Teaching through discussion"; "Well written? Well argued!"

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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#### **Reviewer**

Articles (Year –# reviewed): *Asian Geographer* (07-4); *China Environment Series* (04-1); *The China Journal* (08-1); *The China Quarterly* (04-1); *Comparative Studies in Society and History* (07-1); *Conservation and Society* (08-1); *Critical Asian Studies* (05-1); *Cultural Anthropology* (08-1); *Cultural Geographies* (07-1; 08-1); *Geographical Review* (06-1; 07-1); *Geoforum* (08-1; 09-1); *Human Ecology* (04-1); *Journal of Asian Studies* (08-1); *Nomadic Peoples* (08-1); *Pacific Affairs* (06-2, 07-2); *Political Geography* (05-1; 08-2; 09-1)

Book chapters: Earthscan (08-1); M.E. Sharpe (06-3)

Monographs: University of Washington Press (2007)

Project reports: The Shell Foundation

Grants, fellowships, and awards:

National Geographic (04-1); Australia National Council (06-1; 09-1),  
Grawemeyer Award (05-1); Social Science Research Council, IDRF screener, 2005-6;  
National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences Program (07-1,  
08-1, 09-1); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (07-1)

#### **Editorial and advisory boards**

Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library, Environmental and Cultural Geography Collections, 2005 –

Advisory board, Studies in Modern Tibetan Culture series, Rowman & Littlefield Press, 2007 –

*Asian Highlands Perspectives: Local voices, local realities*, Board of editors, 2007 --

International advisory board, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 2008—

#### **Departmental and university service**

2003-04: Department colloquium committee, co-chair.

2004-05: Department diversity committee, chair  
Department graduate committee, member

2005-06: Department diversity committee, chair  
Env-Soc Hire Search Committee, member  
Department personnel committee and executive committee, member  
College-Arts and Sciences Council, Diversity Committee, member  
University-CU Center for Society and Environment, Faculty steering committee

2006-07: Department personnel committee and executive committee, member  
Department undergraduate committee, member  
College - Arts and Sciences Council, Diversity Committee, member

- University - Center for Asian Studies, Executive board, member;
- Center for Asian Studies, Faculty affairs committee, member
- University - Vice Chancellors Awards Committee, member
- 2007-08: Department, colloquium committee, member
- Department, ad-hoc search committee for 2 positions in human geography
- College – Arts and Sciences Council, diversity committee, Chair
- College – Arts and Sciences Council, executive committee, member
- College - Arts and Sciences Council member, department representative
- University – Center for Asian Studies, Executive board, member
- Center for Asian Studies, Faculty affairs committee, member
- 2008-09: Department, undergraduate committee, member
- Department, Arts & Sciences Council, representative
- College – Arts and Sciences Council, diversity committee, member
- University – Center for Asian Studies, Student affairs committee, member
- 2009-10: Department, diversity committee, member, chair (fall)
- Department, Arts & Sciences Council, representative
- College – ASC Diversity committee, member, chair (spring)
- College – ASC Executive committee, member (spring)

**Professional memberships**

- American Association of Geographers
- Association for Asian Studies
- American Anthropological Association
- International Association for Tibetan Studies
- American Society for Environmental History

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- Chinese (Mandarin) - fluent
- Tibetan (Central Tibetan dialect) - fluent