

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1989 Ph.D. Geography, University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: "Beyond the Great Wall: China's Multi-Cultural Frontier Cities" 422 pages. Adviser: James Vance, Jr.
- 1987-88 Senior Advanced Research Student, Dept. of Geography, Peking University
- 1986 M.A. Geography, University of California, Berkeley
Thesis: "The Geography of Neighborhood Change: Idora Park in the Twentieth Century" 138 pages. Adviser: James Vance, Jr.
- 1984 B.A. Sociology, Princeton University, with highest honors (*summa cum laude*)
Thesis: "Palmer Square: A Study in Community Decision Making: Issues in Public Participation for Local Planning in Princeton, New Jersey" 236 pages. Adviser: Robert Liebman. Brown Prize in Sociology.

Academic Employment Record

- 2009-present Professor of Geography, Dept. of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts
- 1999-2009 Associate Professor, Dept. of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts
- 1993-1999 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts
- 1991-1993 Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography, University of New Orleans
- 1991-1993 Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography & Anthropology, Louisiana State University
- 1990-1991 Post-doctoral Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI
- 1990 Visiting Lecturer, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

Service**Discipline (International and National)**

- 2017-present Final Round Moderator, National Geographic Geography Bee, State of Massachusetts
- 2016-present Member, Disciplinary/Ethics Review Board, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
- 2015-present Member, University Research Programs Review Board, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
- 2011-2012 Chair, China Geography Specialty Group, Assoc. of American Geographers
- 2010-2011 Vice-chair, China Geography Specialty Group, Assoc. of American Geographers
- 2009-2010 Secretary, China Geography Specialty Group, Assoc. of American Geographers

University

- 2016-present Steering Committee, UMass School of Earth and Sustainability
- 2013-2015 Chancellor's Joint Task Force on Internationalization
- 2013-present Academic Priorities Council, Faculty Senate
- 2010-2011 General Education Integrative Experience Task Force
- 2006-2007 EASAGE (College of Natural Sciences & Math Committee on Diversity)
- 2000-present Asian and Asian American Studies Certificate Program
- 2000-present Population and Demography Certificate Program
- 1998-1999 Chair, Asian & Asian American Studies Certificate Revision Committee
- 1995-1999 Director, Asian Area Studies Program

Department

- 2013-present Chief Undergraduate Adviser for Geography, Dept. of Geosciences
- 2006-2019 Geography Program Head, Dept. of Geosciences
- 2013-2019 Associate Department Head, Dept. of Geosciences
- 2009-2013 Graduate Program Director for Geography, Dept. of Geosciences,
- 1998-2013 Honors Coordinator for Geography, Dept. of Geosciences

Editorial and Review Positions

- 2018-present Editorial Board member, *Cities*
- 2015-present Member, Social Science and Humanities Panel, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
- 2014-present Editorial Board member, *Urban Design International*

2013	Guest Juror, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University
2013	Guest Juror, Yale School of Architecture, Yale University
2012-present	Member, Standing Review Panel, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
2011-present	Editorial Board member, <i>Urban Morphology</i>
2007-2012	Editorial Board member, <i>Eurasian Geography and Economics</i>
2004-2009	Book Review editor, <i>Urban Morphology</i>
2003-2006	Editorial Board member, <i>The Geographical Review</i>
1992-1993	Book Review editor, <i>Historical Geography</i>

Advising

Primary Adviser - current PhD candidates:	2
Primary Adviser - completed PhDs:	2
PhD Dissertation/Examination Committee Member:	16
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Primary Adviser – current MS candidates:	2
Primary Adviser - completed MS:	13
Master's Thesis Committee Member:	19
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Primary Adviser - Bachelor's Degree with Independent Concentration:	1
Primary Adviser – Undergraduate Honors Thesis:	5
Undergraduate Honors Thesis committee member:	4

Teaching: (*in current course rotation)

Graduate courses:

Asian Urban Development
Geographic Theory and Analysis
 Housing and Urban Development
 Pacific Rim Cities
*Urban Environmental History**
 Urban Morphology

Undergraduate honors courses:

Cities and Environment in China
 Olympic Cities

Undergraduate introductory courses:

Introduction to Human Geography
 Geography of Asia and Africa
 Geography of Europe and the Americas

Undergraduate methodology courses:

*Field Methods in Geography**
*Writing in Geography**

Undergraduate thematic courses:

*Chinese Cities**
 Geography of East Asia
 New England Cities and Towns
 Transportation Geography
*Urban Environmental Issues**
*Urban Geography**
 Urban Issues in the Developing World

Publications (single-authored except where noted)

Books:

- 2013 Wu, Weiping and Gaubatz, Piper. *The Chinese City* (Routledge Press), 324 pages; Second edition under contract for 2020
- 1996 *Beyond the Great Wall: Urban Form and Transformation on the Chinese Frontiers* (Stanford: Stanford University Press) 366 pages.

Articles:

- 2020 Hanink, Dean and Gaubatz, Piper. "Urban China: Sustainability in the 21st Century," submitted to *Geography, Environment and Sustainability*.
- 2019 "New China Square: Chinese public space in developmental, environmental and social contexts," *Journal of Urban Affairs*, DOI:10.1080/07352166.2019.1619459
- 2017 Lin, Sainan and Gaubatz, Piper, "Socio-spatial Segregation in China and Migrants' Everyday Life Experiences: the Case of Wenzhou," *Urban Geography*, 38 (7): 1019-p1038, DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2016.1182287
- 2015 Lin, Sainan and Gaubatz, Piper, "New Wenzhou: Migration, Metropolitan Spatial Development and Modernity in a Third-tier Chinese Model City," *Habitat International*, 50: 214-225.
- 2012 Weiping Wu and Piper Gaubatz, "China's Urban Transformation," *European Financial Review*, August-September 2012: 53-57.
- 2008 "New Public Space in Urban China: Fewer Walls, More Malls in Beijing, Shanghai and Xining," *China Perspectives*, 76(4): 72-83. (also in translation – see next entry).
- "Les Nouveaux Espaces Publics en Chine Urbaine," *Perspectives Chinoises*, 105(4):78-90.
- "Xining's Wangfujing? Commercial Redevelopment, Globalization and Regional Inequality in Urban China," *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 49(2): 1-20.
- "Cong Beijijng, Shanghai, Guangzhou deng Chengshi de Xingtai Gaibian Guocheng Kan Zhongguo Chengshi Xingtai, Jiegou de Zhuanbian," (China's Urban Transformation: Patterns and Processes of Morphological Changes in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou) *Xiandai Chengshi Yanjiu (Contemporary Urban Research)*, 4: 27-43.
- 2007 "The Potential for Chinese Urban Morphology," *Urban Morphology*, 11(2): 147-149.
- 2002 "Looking West Toward Mecca: Islamic Enclaves in Chinese Frontier Cities," *Built Environment*, 28(3): 231-248
- 1999 "Understanding Chinese Urban Form: Contexts for Interpreting Continuity and Change," *Built Environment*, 24(4): 251-270.
- "China's Urban Transformation: Patterns and Processes of Morphological Change in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou," *Urban Studies* 36(9): 1495-1521.

- 1998 "Mosques and Markets: Traditional Urban Form on China's Northwestern Frontiers," *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review*, 9(11): 7-22.
- 1995 "Changing Beijing," *Geographical Review* 85(1): 79-96

Book chapters:

- Forth-coming Gaubatz, Piper and Edgington, David. "East Asia" in Stanley Brunn, Jessica Graybill, Maureen Hays-Mitchell and Donald Zeigler, eds., *Cities of the World: Regional Patterns and Urban Environments*, 7th ed., New York: Rowman and Littlefield.
- 2019 "China's Urban Public Space in Comparative Perspective: Grand Squares and Everyday Life in Dalian," Rebecca Clothey and Richardson Dilworth, eds. *China's Urban Future and the Quest for Stability*, Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press. *In press and available for ordering, pub. date December 2019
- 2014 "Frontiers of Chinese Urbanization," in Christopher Lee, ed. *Common Frameworks: Rethinking the Developmental City in China, Part 2*. Harvard University Graduate School of Design.
- 2007 "Quanqiu hua yu Zhongguo Chengshi Zhongxin Shangwuqu de Fazhan, yi Beijing, Shanghai he Guangzhou wei li," (Globalization and China's Urban Central Business District Development, using the examples of Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou) in Wu, Fulong, Ma, Wanghu, and Zhang, Jingyang, eds. *Zhongguo Chengshi de Zhuanxing yu Zhonggou* (Transition and Restructuring of Chinese Cities) Nanjing: Southeastern University Press, pp. 90-102.
- 2005 "Globalization and the Development of New Central Business Districts in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou," in Fulong Wu and Laurence Ma, eds. *Restructuring the Chinese City: Changing Society, Economy and Space*, New York and Oxford: Routledge Press, pp. 98-121.
- 2004 "Community, History, and Modernity in Japan and the U.S.: Toyokawa and Cupertino in the Late Twentieth Century," in Stanilov, Kiril and Scheer, Brenda, eds. *Suburban Form: an International Perspective*, London: Routledge Press, pp. 17-37.
- 2003 "Planning the Chinese City: Vision, Implementation and Form," in Petruccioli, Attilio, Michele Stella, and Giuseppe Strappa, eds. *The Planned City?* Volume 3. Bari, Italy: Uniongrafica Corcelli Editrice, pp. 805-810.
- 1995 "Urban Transformation in Post-Mao China: Impacts of the Reform Era on China's Urban Form," Davis, D., Kraus, R., Naughton, B. and Perry, E., eds. *Urban Spaces in Contemporary China, The Potential for Autonomy and Community in Post-Mao China* Woodrow Wilson Center Press Series, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, pp. 28-60.

Other publications:

- 2008 “Housing Under the Go-West Policy: an Analysis of Housing Development and Affordability in China’s Western Cities,” China Planning Network [chinaplanningnetwork.org/ ppt2008/7.15/Piper%20Gaubatz.pdf](http://chinaplanningnetwork.org/ppt2008/7.15/Piper%20Gaubatz.pdf)
- 2006 “Grasslands of China,” in *The Berkshire Encyclopedia of China*
Gaubatz, Piper. and Stevens, Stan. "Transforming a 'Sea of Grass': Urbanization, Nomadic Pastoralism, and Agricultural Colonization on the Sino/Manchu-Mongolian Frontier, 550-1937,"
(<http://www.yale.edu/agrarianstudies/papers/23seaofgrass.pdf>), 54 pp.
- 2006 review of *The Form of Cities: Political Economy and Urban Design* by Alexander R. Cuthbert, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, UK, 2006 in *Urban Morphology*
- 2004 review of Hsieh, Chiao Min and Lu, Max (2003) *Changing China: a Geographic Appraisal*. *China Quarterly*, 180: 1107-1108.
- 2003 review of Miao, Pu, *Public Places in Asia Pacific Cities: Current Issues and Strategies* in
review of Xu, Yinong, *The Chinese City in Space and Time*, in *Urban Morphology*
- 2001 review of Zhu, Jieming, *The Transition of China’s Urban Development*, in *Urban Studies*
- 2000 Obituary: “James E. Vance, Jr., 1925-1999” *Urban Morphology*, 4(1), pp. 20-21.
- 1998 review of P.P. Karan and Kristin Stapleton, eds. *The Japanese City*, in *Geographical*
- 1996 review of Søren Clausen and Stig Thøgersen *The Making of a Chinese City: History and Historiography in Harbin* in *China Review International*

Fellowships, Grants, Honors and Awards

- 2018 *Association of American Geographers*, China Geography Specialty Group Service Award.
- 2018 *The University of Massachusetts*, Research Support Fund
- 2017-18 *The University of Massachusetts*, TEFD "Landscape Interpretation in the Pioneer Valley: Integrating Writing, Mapping, Landscape Analysis, and Web and GIS Application Development Skills for Geography Majors."
- 2017 *The University of Massachusetts*, Research Support Fund
- 2016 *The University of Massachusetts*, PMYR Fund
- 2015-16 *The University of Massachusetts*, Fellow, Interdisciplinary Studies Institute, Project: “Public Space in Chinese Cities: Reshaping Chinese Civilization”
- 2015 *The University of Massachusetts*, Flex Grant
- 2015 *The University of Massachusetts*, Research Support Fund
- 2013 *The University of Massachusetts*, Research Support Fund

- 2012 *The University of Massachusetts*, International Programs Office, Internationalization Grant, "Urban Environmental Issues in China"
- 2010-2011 *The University of Massachusetts*, Davis Integrative Experience Fellowship, Competitive fellowship to support development of new a general education program.
- 2006-09 *The Henry Luce Foundation*, U.S.-China Cooperative Program, "Höhhhot: an Environmental History" with Stan Stevens, University of Massachusetts
- 2005-06 *Yale University*, Program in Agrarian Studies, Senior Research Fellow, "Urban Nature: A Political Ecology of a Chinese Frontier City and Its Hinterland, 1572-1911"
- 2005 *Association of American Geographers Anne U. White Fund*, "Environmental Planning, Global Events, and Urban Form in China: Conservation and the Restructuring of Urban Development in Beijing and Kunming" with Stan Stevens, UMass
- 2004-05 *The Henry Luce Foundation*, U.S.-China Cooperative Program, "Höhhhot: an Environmental History" with Stan Stevens, University of Massachusetts
- 1998-05 *National Natural Science Foundation of China*, Program on Regions, "Research on the History of Man-Land Relationships in Northern China". (with Renzhi Hou, Xiaofeng Tang and Hui Deng, Beijing University)
- 2003 Faculty Research Grant – Travel, Univ of Mass, International Seminar on Urban Form, Trani, Italy
- 1998-03 *The Henry Luce Foundation*, U.S.-China Cooperative Program, "People and Environment on the Northern Chinese Frontiers" with Professor Peter Perdue, MIT, and Professors Renzhi Hou, Hui Deng and Xiaofeng Tang, Beijing University
- 2001 Faculty Research Grant – Travel, Univ of Mass, International Seminar on Urban Form, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1999-01 National Geographic Society, "Cities, Urban Hinterlands, and Environment on the Northern Chinese Frontiers."
- 1999 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Postdoctoral Fellowship for American Researchers, "Urban Restructuring in Contemporary Japan: A Case Study of the Nagoya Metropolitan Region," May-August
- 1996-97 Faculty Research Grant – Research, Univ. of Mass., Urban Restructuring in Contemporary Japan
- 1993-94 Committee on Scholarly Communication with China (CSCC) "The Changing Chinese City: A Geographic Analysis of Urban Morphology in Post-Mao China"
- 1990-91 East-West Center, Post-doctoral Fellowship

- 1987-88 Committee on Scholarly Communication with China (CSCC). Fellowship for dissertation research in the P.R.C.
- 1987-88 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (DDRA)
- 1985-89 National Graduate Fellowship, U.S. Dept. of Education
- 1984-85 Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley
- 1984 Highest Honors (*summa cum laude*), Princeton University
- 1984 Brown Prize in Sociology, for outstanding senior thesis, Princeton University
- 1984 Chancellor's Grant for Thesis Research, Princeton University
- 1980 Witter Grant-in-aid, Princeton University

Papers and Invited Lectures:

- 2019 “Chinese Urban Models in the 21st Century,” Keynote Address, 13th Annual Meeting of the International Association of China Planning, Chengdu, China, June 15, 2019.
 “Global Opportunities, Local Challenges: Chinese Cities in the 21st Century,” Light Center for Chinese Studies, Western Michigan University, May 5, 2019.
 “From Pavement to Parks: Transformations of China’s Socialist Public Squares as Social Infrastructure,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 5, 2019
- 2018 “Balancing expectations/frameworks between students with different backgrounds,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 13, 2018
- 2017 “Building an Environmental Justice Framework for Urban China: Challenges and Opportunities for Institutional Reform,” Conference on making cities work for inclusive development in China, Hong Kong Education University, December 5, 2017.
 “Uncomfortable Fit: Contradictions of “Public” and “Private” in Chinese Cities,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 6, 2017
 “Living an outdoor life: Housing, public space and the elderly in Chinese cities,” Conference on The Transformation and Impact of the Chinese Urban Economy, Confucius Institute, SUNY Albany, April 3, 2017.
 “Teaching East Asia Geography,” *National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Teacher’s Workshop*, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, January 21.
- 2016 “Teaching China Geography,” *National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Teacher’s Workshop*, Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion School, Hadley, MA, October 29, 2016
 “Transforming Public Space in Chinese Cities,” Learning from China’s Cities,

Center for Public Policy, Drexel University, September 30, 2016.

- “Beyond Tian’anmen: Public Space and the Transformation of China’s Urban Squares,” *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, March 31, 2016.
- 2015 “Keynote address: What Happens Next? The Diffusion of Urban Planning and Design Strategies to Western China in the Context of Public Space,” *International Conference on Urbanization and Land Development in China’s Interior & Frontier Regions*, *Hong Kong Baptist University*, December 14-15, 2015.
- “Keynote address: Secondary Globalization in Chinese Urban Centers: Lessons for Local Response and Adaptation,” *International Conference on Chinese and African Sustainable Urbanization*, October 24-25, *University of Ottawa*, Ottawa, Canada.
- “Contexts for Urban Change in Asia,” “Dislocation/Urban Experience: Contemporary Photographs from East Asia,” *Smith College Museum of Art*, November 5, 2015.
- “Environmental Urbanism and Public Space in Chinese Cities,” *The New School for Social Research*, New York, NY, April 17, 2015.
- 2014 “Dancing at Dusk: Public Space in Chinese Cities,” *The Ohio State University, Geography Colloquium*, Columbus, OH, September 26, 2014
- “Public Space in Chinese Cities: Environment, Society and Space,” *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Tampa, FL, April 10, 2014.
- “Geography of East Asia,” *National Consortium for Teaching about Asia Workshop*, Clark University, Worcester, MA, March 1, 2014.
- 2013 “Frontier Urbanism in China,” *Harvard Graduate School of Design*, Cambridge, MA, Nov. 7.
- “The Legacy of William Smith Clark,” *Chancellor’s Symposium on William Smith Clark*, *University of Massachusetts*, Amherst, MA, October 18, 2013.
- “Filling the Void: Public Space in Chinese Cities,” *Zube Lecture Series, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning*, *University of Massachusetts*, Sep. 26.
- “Urban Change and *Danwei* in China,” *Yale School of Architecture*, New Haven, CT, Sep. 12.
- “Keynote address: Chinese Cities in the Future: Opportunities and Challenges,” *Environmental and Sustainable Leadership Program for Chinese Mayors*, *Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies*, New Haven, CT., June 25, 2013
- “Three Dimensions of Public Space in Chinese Cities: Squares, Streets and Swords,” *Putting Public Space in its Place*, *Harvard Graduate School of Design*, Cambridge, MA. Mar. 7.
- “Keynote address: Urban Development in Contemporary China,” *Excavating the Image: The Birth of RMB City*, *Smith College Kahn Institute Symposium*, Northampton, MA. January 9.
- 2012 “Keynote address: Chinese Cities: Tradition and Transformation,” *Asia Day*, *Central Connecticut State University*, New Britain, CT. November 8, 2012

- “Environmental Narratives and Urban Change in China,” *Carolina China Center, University of North Carolina*, Chapel Hill, NC, March 30, 2012.
- “Impacts of New Environmental Discourses on China's Urban Development,” *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, New York, NY, February 25, 2012
- 2011 “Shanghai: Transformation of a Megacity,” *University of Massachusetts, History*, Nov. 4.
- “Forces of Change in Urban China: Geography and the ‘New’ Chinese City,” *Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley*, CA, September 16, 2011.
- “Environmental Imperatives and Urban Form: Building a Framework for Understanding the Potential Impacts of New Environmental Discourses,” *18th International Seminar on Urban Form, Montreal, Canada*, August 24, 2011.
- “Urban Transformation and Mega-events in Chinese Cities,” *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA, April 2011
- 2010 “Chinese Urbanization and Development,” *Five College Center for East Asian Studies & Connecticut Geographic Alliance*, Litchfield, CT, March 4, 2010
- “Urban Change in China and Japan,” *Five College Center for East Asian Studies & Massachusetts Geographic Alliance*, Lenox, MA, February 5, 2010
- 2009 Keynote Address “Reconceptualizing the Chinese City: Urban Form in the Context of Rapid Change,” *16th International Seminar on Urban Form, Guangzhou, China* September 4, 2009.
- “Teaching about East Asian Geography,” *Five College Center for East Asian Studies & Massachusetts Geographic Alliance*, South Hadley, MA, December 5, 2009
- “Comparing and Theorizing Chinese Cities,” *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV, March 24, 2009
- “Where is Beijing’s Center? Urban Transformation in Post-Olympics China,” *Quinsigamond College Distinguished Lecture*, Worcester, MA, February 26, 2009.
- 2008 “Chinese Cities: Bringing Down the Walls,” *Five College Center for East Asian Studies & Massachusetts Geographic Alliance*, Northampton, MA, November 6, 2008
- “Housing under the Go-West Policy: an Analysis of Housing Development and Affordability in China’s Western Cities,” *China Planning Network International Conference*, Beijing, China, July 15, 2008
- “The New Shanghai,” *Architecture Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA*

- “Regional Economies and Urban Design in China: Secondary Globalization and the Journey to the West,” Association of American Geographer’s Annual Meeting, Boston, MA April 7, 2008.
- 2007 “Shanghai Surprise: Globalization and the New Chinese City,” Brown Bag Lunch Series, Geography Program, Geosciences Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, March 27, 2007.
- “Three Decades of Research on China Since the 1977 Sino-American Exchange of Geographers,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 19, 2007
- “Transforming a “Land of Grass”: Urbanization, Nomadic Pastoralism, and Agricultural Colonization on the Sino/Manchu-Mongolian Frontier, 1550-1937,” with Stan Stevens, Geography Program faculty colloquium, two sessions, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA March 2007.
- 2006 "From Shanghai to Xining: Isomorphism, Urban Image, and Urban Design in China’s Interior Cities," Fudan University International Urban Forum, Shanghai, China, November 2, 2006.
- " Isomorphism in Chinese Urban Planning: Urban Development, Urban Images, and the Cities of Western China," Yale University Contemporary China Seminar, New Haven, CT, February 13, 2006
- "Transforming a ‘Sea of Grass’: Urbanization, Nomadic Pastoralism, and Agricultural Colonization on the Sino-Mongolian Frontier, 1550-1930," Yale University Program in Agrarian Studies Colloquium, New Haven, CT, April 7, 2006.
- 2005 “Urban Image and Urban Form: Globalization, Glocalization and Chinese World Cities," Shanghai Expo 2010 Metropolis Image Forum, Shanghai, China, January 15, 2005.
- “Globalization, Urban Planning and Development Models, and China's "Go West" Campaign,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, Co, April 6, 2005.
- 2004 “Globalization and the Transformation of the Chinese Urban Landscape: Urban Design in the 21st Century,” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, October 19, 2004
- “Reshaping the Chinese City: the Globalization of the Urban Design Process,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 19, 2004.

- 2003 “ ‘Central Business Districts,’ Globalization and Urban Form in Contemporary Chinese Cities,” International Conference on Globalization, the State, and Urban Transformation in China,” Hong Kong, December 15-17, 2003.
- “Planning the Chinese City: Vision, Implementation and Form,” 10th International Seminar on Urban Form, Trani, Italy, July 6.
- 2002 “Urban Development and Environmental Change in China,” Oxford University, School of Geography, Oxford, England, October 6, 2002.
- “Höhhot: Environmental Impacts of Urban Development on the Mongolian Frontier (1557-1911),” Harvard University Fairbank Center, Cambridge, MA, April 2, 2002.
- “Höhhot: Environmental Impacts of Urban Development on the Mongolian Frontier (1557-1911),” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Asian Studies, Cambridge, MA, April 2, 2002.
- “Höhhot: Environmental Impacts of Urban Development on the Mongolian Frontier (1557-1911),” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 4, 2002.
- “Höhhot: Environmental Impacts of Urban Development on the Mongolian Frontier (1557-1911),” University of Massachusetts Department of Geosciences and Five College Center for East Asian Studies, Amherst, MA, April 1, 2002.
- “Geography of China,” University of Massachusetts, Department of Sociology, Amherst, MA, February 12, 2002.
- 2001 “Peripheral Urban Development in Twentieth Century Japan: A Case Study of the Nagoya Metropolitan Region,” 8th International Seminar on Urban Form, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 6.
- “*Huhehaote: Chengshi Jianshe dui Chengshiwei Huanjing de Yinxiang*,” (Höhhot: Impacts of Urban Development on Local Environments) (in Chinese) Symposium on the history of environment and development in Höhhot, China, Inner Mongolia University, July 2001.
- 2000 “Cutting Edge? Development Zones, New Towns, and Urban Transformation in China and Japan,” University of California, Berkeley, Department of Geography, Berkeley, CA, April 13, 2000.
- “Recent urban change in China,” Rhode Island Geographic Education Alliance’s workshop on China for high school teachers, Providence, Rhode Island, May 2000.
- 1999 “Reshaping Shanghai: Development Zone Planning and the Conceptualization of Urban Space,” 6th International Seminar on Urban Form, Florence, Italy, July 26.

- “Tradition and Transformation: Urban Change in Twentieth Century China,”
School of Letters, Nagoya University, Japan, June 25.
- 1998 “Post-war Urban Transformations in the United States,” Department of Western European and North American Studies, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, December 30.
- “*Zhongguo Xibei Bianjiang de Chuantong Chengshi Xingtai*,” (Traditional Form of Cities on the Northwestern Chinese Frontiers) (in Chinese) Woguo Beifang Lishi Shiqi Rendu Guanxi Ganbian Jizhi Xueshu Guolunhui (Academic Conference on Man-Land Relationships on the Northern Chinese Frontiers), Beijing University, Beijing, China, December 24-25.
- “Metropolitan Development and Restructuring in China and Japan,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- “Misreading the Landscape: “Western” Scenes in Chinese and Japanese Cities,” University of Massachusetts Honors Program, Amherst, MA.
- 1997 “China’s Urban Transformation: the Emerging Morphology of Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou,” 4th International Seminar on Urban Form, Birmingham, England.
- “The New Chinese City: Mapping Urban Change,” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- “Toyokawa and Cupertino: Contrasting Urban Development in Japan and the U.S.,”
Geography Department, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan
- 1996 “Cultural Diversity and Urban Form in Chinese Cities,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC
- “The New Chinese City: Transformation and Change in the Urban Environment,” University of Kentucky. University of Kentucky Geography Dept. and Environmental Sciences Program, Lexington, KY.
- 1994 “*Beijing de Dangdai Bianhua*,” (Contemporary Urban Change in Beijing) (in Chinese) Zhongshan University, College of Earth Sciences, Guangzhou, China
- “*Zhongguo bianjiangqu de chengshi fazhan*,” (Urban Development in China's Frontier Regions) (in Chinese) Beijing University, Dept. of Urban and Environmental Studies, Historical Geography Forum, Beijing, China.
- “*Meiguo de dangdai chengshi lilun he yanjiu fangfa*,” (Contemporary theory and research methods in American urban geography) (in Chinese) Zhongshan University, College of Earth Sciences, Guangzhou, China.

- “*Duozhong zhongzu de qingxing dui Zhongguo chengshi xingtai de yinxiang*,” (Impacts of cultural diversity on Chinese urban form) (in Chinese) Zhongshan University, College of Earth Sciences, Guangzhou, China.
- “Beijing at the Crossroads: Urban Change Under China's Economic Transformation,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA
- 1993 “Urban Form and High Technology in Japan and the U.S.,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA
- “Urban Change in East Asia and the U.S.: Socio-economic Transformations and Urban Form,” Geography Colloquium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- 1992 “Urban Transformations in Post-Mao China,” The Woodrow Wilson Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
- “Urban Transformations in Post-Mao China,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA
- “China's Frontier Cities: 2000 Years of Continuity and Change in Urban Form,” Center for International Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC
- “Traditional Chinese Cities in the Context of Pre-European Asia,” History Department, Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 1991 “Approaches to Field Research in Asian Cities,” Geography Dept., UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.
- 1990 “Beyond the Great Wall: China's Multi-Cultural Frontier Cities,” East-West Center, Honolulu, HI
- “Political, Economic and Social Climates in China during the 1980s,” Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA
- “Frontier Cities of China,” Geography Dept. Colloquium, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA.
- “Tradition and Transformation in Contemporary Chinese Cities,” Geography Dept. Colloquium, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI.
- 1988 “China: Cultural Geography in Context,” Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley