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## **EDUCATION**

UCLA, PhD. 2002.

Yale University. M.E.M. 1995.

Amherst College, B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1990.

## **LANGUAGES**

**Vietnamese:** Spoken (intermediate); Written (basic); Reading (basic).

**French:** Spoken (intermediate); Written (intermediate); Reading (intermediate).

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Academic**

**Clemson University:** 2013 – present.

**Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities:** 2016 – present;

- One of 3 leadership deans of the university's core liberal arts unit: 10 departments, 13 graduate and professional programs, 14 undergraduate majors, 2 minors, 2 interdisciplinary PhD programs, numerous centers and institutes, a Planning & Architecture Library, a Performing Arts Center, an Art Gallery, and 300+ full time faculty (~180 tenured and tenure-track); serve as Dean of the College in Executive Dean's absence
- One of 6 Clemson University Associate Deans for Research who serve as an advisory group to the Vice President for Research in charge of ~\$190 million in annual research expenditures (~\$85 million competitive federal funds) and ~\$500 million in annual external funding proposals; participate in university-wide limited submission decisions; ensure research compliance with support of Office of Sponsored Programs.
- One of 6 Clemson University Associate Deans for Graduate Studies who serve as an advisory group to the Dean of the Graduate School, serving all ~4,500 graduate students at Clemson.

**Director, Pennell Center for Research in Design and Building:** 2015 – present. \$2.5 million endowment.

**Founding Department Chair, Planning, Development and Preservation** (since renamed City Planning & Real Estate Development): 2013 – 2016. Includes one positive faculty/student-review-based reappointment and one final year as "acting" Department Head.

- *Master's in City & Regional Planning (MCRP);*
- *Master's of Real Estate Development (MRED);*

- *Master's of Science in Historic Preservation (MSHP).*

**Professor, City and Regional Planning (Graduate Faculty, Policy Studies PhD Program):** 2013 – present.

**University Representative, South Carolina Campus Compact Presidents' Council:** 2015-2018.

**University Research Facilities Prioritization Committee:** 2015 – 2017.

**Provost's Leadership Fellow:** 2014 – 2016.

**University Leadership Task Force on Graduate Education:** 2014 - 2015

**NYU Stern School of Business, Project Lead:** 2014 - 2016

Indonesia Urban Expansion Initiative

**The East West Center, Adjunct Senior Fellow:** 2002-2005, 2009-present.  
Environmental Change, Vulnerability and Governance Program

**University of Hawai'i at Manoa:** 2002 – 2013.

**Director, Globalization Research Center:** 2007- 2012 (Associate Director, 2006-2007).

**Associate Professor**, Political Science, Urban & Regional Planning (elected Political Science Chair in 2008, but declined so as to focus on research grants): 2007 – 2013 (**Assistant Professor**, 2002-2007). Successfully evaluated for tenure and promotion independently in both departments.

**Director of Planning for the Obama Presidential Initiative**, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: 2012 - 2013.

**University of California at Berkeley, Visiting Scholar:** 2009.  
Institute for Urban and Regional Development.

### **Government Service:**

**U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (SGE Status):** September, 2016 – September 2018. One of 11 voting members appointed by Secretary Anthony Foxx to advise the US Secretary of Transportation.

**New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) Beach Head Advisor:** January 2018 – present. *Ad-hoc* advisor to New Zealand enterprises attempting to establish global markets; contracted by the government agency (NZTE is an agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry of Economic Development) to advise New Zealand businesses and those engaged with New Zealand.

**Hawaii 2050: State Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Development:** 2006 -2008. Serve as one of two UHM faculty on 20-member statewide task force making recommendations to the state legislature and State Auditor. Final legislative report available at <  
[http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Hawaii2050\\_Plan\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Hawaii2050_Plan_FINAL.pdf)>.

### **External Reviewer in Planning and Public Policy/Administration (\*=Full Professor Promotion or Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor):**

### Other Disciplinary Service

**George Mason Critical Infrastructure Higher Education Initiative and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Infrastructure Protection.** Advisory Group Member, 2017-2018.

**Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP),** Nominating and Elections Committee Member, 2016 - present; Chair, Best Journal Article in International Planning Awards Committee, 2016-present;

### Professional Practice (foundations, non-profits, consulting and international development)

**Director, The Ford Foundation Sustainable Metropolitan Communities Initiative:** 1998-2000. Los Angeles, CA.

**Program Associate, The Ford Foundation:** 1996-1998.  
Community and Resource Development Unit, Asset Building Program. New York, NY.

**Project Manager, Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable Development:** 1995-1996.  
Berkeley, CA.

**Consultant, The Naugatuck Valley Project:** 1995.  
Waterbury, CT.

**Project Coordinator, US NGO Forum on Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos:** 1992-1993.  
New York, NY.

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

- **Bronze Medal (Co-Recipient), Viet Nam Urban Planning Awards “Best Regional Plan”** for *Dong Van Karst Plateau Global Geo-Park Planning: Ha Giang Province Until 2030*. Ha Noi, VN: Viet Nam Institute for Urban and Rural Planning. Commissioned by the Prime Minister of Viet Nam.
- **Named a 2015 “HSH Standout Innovator and Thinkers in Housing and Economics”**  
<http://www.hsh.com/finance/housing-economics-innovators-2015.html>.
- **Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) selected research paper as one of 17 out of over 700 abstracts as an ENVISION paper that “push(es) the boundaries of planning research and envision planning’s future through innovative lenses.”** “Planning Frontiers in Saigon and Addis Ababa: Vertically-Integrated Global Urbanization.” Salt Lake City, UT. October 13-16, 2011.
- **The National Science Foundation** (\$1.398 million; award #0909410, Co-PI with Jefferson Fox, East West Center): “Coupled Natural-Human Systems and Emerging Infectious Diseases: Anthropogenic environmental change and avian influenza in Vietnam,” 9/2009 - 8/2012 (description below).
- **The Ford Foundation** (\$910,800; PI): “Improving Planning and Urban Management Research and Education in an Era of Globalization,” 8/2007 - 12/2011 (in partnership with the Ha Noi Architecture University).
- **Social Science Research Council Fellow:** 2006 - 2007.
- **National Institutes of Health, Fellow in Health Disparities:** 2004 – 2007.

- **Renaissance Weekend Invited Participant:** 2006 – present.
- **Environmental Leadership Program National Fellow:** 2000-02. Senior Fellow: 2002-present.
- **University of California** 1998-2002:
  - Cota Robles Scholarship, University of California Office of the President and the UCLA Graduate Division,
  - Institute for Labor and Employment Dissertation Fellowship.
- **Yale University**
  - Southeast Asian Studies Fellow, 1994
  - Tropical Resources Institute Fellow, 1994
  - Agrarian Studies Fellowship, 1994.
- **Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellow** (Viet Nam): 1990 - 1991.

### ***PUBLISHED RESEARCH (Peer Reviewed)***

#### Books and Edited Journal Volumes:

**Spencer, James H.** (drafting). *Double Jeopardy: Colonialism, Race, and the “Indochinese Refugee” Model Minority* (tentative title).

**Spencer, James H.** (full draft complete and under review). *Urbanization and Local Governance: Building Resilient Public Water Works in Southeast Asian Cities*. ~250 pages.

**Spencer, James H.** (2014). *Globalization and Urbanization: The Global Urban Ecosystem*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. 268 pages.

----. (2017). Chinese language rights purchased by the China Social Sciences Press, the publishing house of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (listed as the “Top Think Tank in Asia” by *Foreign Policy*). Reviewed in *Environment and Urbanization*; syllabi selections (Duke, Tufts, Rutgers, SF State, Colorado State, Portland State, etc).

**Spencer, James H.** and Hokulani A. Aikau (eds). (2007). Special guest edited edition on “Indigenous Politics: Political economy and development.” *Alternatives: Global, local, political* 32(1).

#### Book-Length Technical Reports:

**Spencer, James H.**, Priyam Das, Tim Green, Mai Nguyen, Robert Powell, and Luong Thu Thao. (2015). *Dong Van Karst Plateau Global Geo-Park Planning: Ha Giang Province Until 2030*. Ha Noi, VN: Viet Nam Institute for Urban and Rural Planning.

- 50% of an overall project that is the **2019 Bronze Medal Winner**, Viet Nam Urban Planning Awards for “Best Regional Plan.” Awarded by Vietnamese Prime Minister’s office.

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs.** (2010). *The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System*. A Research Report of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Available at <https://www.oha.org/governance/criminal-justice/>.

- **Spencer, James H.:** Conducted all statistical and data analysis and interpretation. Interviewed on KITV News (print and video) at <http://www.kitv.com/news/25200475/detail.html>.

Journal Research Articles:

1. **Spencer, James H.** and Bunnarith Meng. “Resilient Urbanization and Infrastructure Governance: The Case of the Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority, 1993-2007.” (forthcoming). *Water Policy*.
2. **Spencer, James H.**, “Small and Big Infrastructure: A Community Planning Theory of Increments, and Interoperability.” (forthcoming). *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*.
3. Nguyen, Thanh Bao, Erwin van der Krabben, **James H. Spencer**, and Kien T. Truong. (2017). “Collaborative Development: Capturing the Public Value in Private Real Estate Development Projects in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.” *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*. Online published version available at (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264275116309313>).
4. Powell, R. B., T.F. Green, P.J Holladay, K.E. Krafte, M. Duda, M.T. Nguyen, **J.H. Spencer**, P. Das, H. Sui, L.T. Thao. (2017). “Examining Community Resilience to Assist in Sustainable Tourism Development Planning in Dong Van Karst Plateau Geo-Park.” *Tourism Planning and Development*. Online published version available at: (<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21568316.2017.1338202>).
5. Melissa L. Finucane, Nghiem Tuyen, Sumeet Saksena, **James H. Spencer**, Jefferson M. Fox, Nguyen Lam, Trinh Dinh Thau, Tran Duc Vien, and Nancy Davis Lewis. (2017). “Perceived Risk of Avian Influenza in Poultry and Urbanization in Northern Vietnam.” *EcoHealth 14(1)*: 144-54.
6. Saksena, Sumeet, Melissa Finucane, Chinh C. Tran, Nong Huu Duong, **James H. Spencer**, and Jefferson Fox. (2017). “Does Unplanned Urbanization Pose a Disease Risk in Asia? The Case of Avian Influenza in Vietnam.” *Asia Pacific Issues (198)*. Honolulu, HI: The East West Center. Available at <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/system/tdf/private/api128.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=35972>.
7. Irwin, Katherine, Krysia Mossakowski, **James H. Spencer**, Karen Umamoto, Earl S. Hishinuma, Orlando Garcia-Santiago, Stephanie T. Nishimura, and SooJean Choi Misailidis. (2017). “Do Different Dimensions of Ethnic Identity Reduce the Risk of Violence among Asian American and Pacific Islander Adolescents in Hawaii?” *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment 27(3)*: 151-154 (online doi: 10.1080/10911359.2016.1262806).
8. Saksena, S, J. Fox, M. Epprecht, T.C. Chinh, M. Castrence, N.H. Duong, **J.H. Spencer**, L. Nguyen, M. Finucane, T.D. Vien, and B. Wilcox. (2015). “Evidence for the Convergence Model: the Emergence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1) in Viet Nam.” *PLoS ONE 10(9)*.
9. Kontgis, Caitlin Patricia, Annemarie Schneider, Jefferson Fox, Sumeet Saksena, **James H. Spencer**, and Miguel Castrence, “Monitoring Peri-Urbanization in the Greater Ho Chi Minh City Metropolitan Area.” *Applied Geography 53 (2014)*: 377-388.
10. Saksena, Sumeet, Jefferson Fox, **James H. Spencer**, Miguel Castrence, Michael DiGregorio, Michael Epprecht, Nargis Sultana, Melissa Finucane, Lam Nguyen and Tran D. Vien, “Classifying and Mapping the Urban Transition in Vietnam.” (2014). *Applied Geography 50(2014)*: 80-89.
11. Finucane, Melissa L., Nghiem, Tuyen, Saksena, Sumeet, Nguyen, Lam, Fox, Jefferson, **Spencer, James H.**, Trinh Dinh, Thau. (2014). “An Exploration of How Perceptions of the Risk of Avian Influenza in Poultry Relate to Urbanization in Vietnam.” *EcoHealth 11 (1)*: 73-82.
12. **Spencer, James H.** (2013). “The Urban Health Transition Hypothesis: Empirical evidence of an avian influenza Kuznets curve in Viet Nam?” *Journal of Urban Health 90(2)*: 343-357.

13. Ka'opua, Lana, Amanda Peterutti, R. Nalani Takushi, **James H. Spencer**, Soon H. Park, Shalia K. Kamakele, Kaipō C. Kukahiko. (2012). "The Lived Experience of Native Hawaiians Exiting Prison and Re-Entering the Community." *Journal of Forensic Social Work* 2(2): 141-161.
14. **Spencer, James H.**, Petrice R. Flowers, and Jungmin Seo. (2012). "Post-1980s Multicultural Immigrant Neighbourhoods: Koreatowns, Spatial Identities and Host Regions in the Pacific Rim." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 38(3):437-461.
15. **Spencer, James H.** (2011). "Community and Household Perceptions in Urban Services Demand: Results for Health and Pollution Risk in Viet Nam." *Journal of the American Planning Association* 77(4): 354-367.
16. **Spencer, James H.** and Craig Guzinsky. (2010) "Periurbanization, Public Finance and Local Governance of the Environment: Lessons from small-scale water suppliers in Gresik, Indonesia." *Environment and Planning A* 42(9): 2131-2146.
17. **Spencer, James H.** (2010). "An Emergent Landscape of Inequality in Vietnamese Cities." *Globalizations* 7(3): 431-443.
  - a. Reprint: **Spencer, James H.** (2011). "An Emergent Landscape of Inequality in Vietnamese Cities," in *Global Ideologies and Urban Landscapes*, eds. Manfred Steger and Anne McNevin. New York: Routledge.
18. **Spencer, James H.**, Katherine Irwin, Karen Umemoto, Orlando Garcia-Santiago, Stephanie T. Nishimura, Earl S. Hishinuma, David T. Mayeda, and SooJean Choi-Misailidis. (2009). "Exploring the Hypothesis of Ethnic Practice as Social Capital: Violence Among Asian/Pacific Islander Youth in Hawai'i." *International Journal of Social Psychiatry* 55(6): 506-524.
19. **Spencer, James H.** (2008). "Household Strategies for Securing Clean Water: The demand for piped water in Viet Nam's peri-urban settlements." *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 28(2): 213-224.
20. **Spencer, James H.**, Bunnarith Meng, Nguyen Thien Hao and Craig Guzinsky. (2008). "Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal Number 7 in Southeast Asia." *Development* 52(1): 245-251.
21. **Spencer, James H.** (2007). "Health, Human Security and the Peri-Urban Transition in the Mekong Delta: Market reform, governance and new analytic frameworks for research in Southeast Asia." *International Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies* 3(2): 43-64.
22. **Spencer, James H.** (2007). "A Retrospective Look at the Political Economy of Market Reform: the Formation of Socio-Spatial Identities in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam." in *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 32(1): 99-128.
23. Aikau, Hokulani K. and **James H. Spencer**. (2007). "Introduction: Local Reaction to Global Integration - The Political Economy of Development in Indigenous Communities," in *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 32(1): 1-8.
24. **Spencer, James H.** (2007). "Innovative Systems to Create Peri-Urban Infrastructure: Assessment of a Local Partnership to Provide Water to the Poor in Vietnam," in *International Development Planning Review* 29(1): 1-22.
25. **Spencer, James H.** (2007). "Neighborhood Economic Development Effects of the Earned Income Tax Credit in Los Angeles: Poor places and policies for the working poor." *Urban Affairs Review* 42(6): 851-873.

26. Kapan, Durrell D., Shannon N. Bennett, Brett Ellis, Jefferson Fox, Nancy D. Lewis, **James H. Spencer**, Sumeet Saksena, and Bruce A. Wilcox. (2006). "Avian Influenza (H5N1) and the Evolutionary and Social Ecology of Infectious Disease Emergence," in *EcoHealth* 3(3): 187-94.
27. **Spencer, James H.** and Thao N. Le. (2006). "Parent Refugee Status, Immigration Stressors and Southeast Asian Youth Violence," in *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 8(4): 359-368.
28. **Spencer, James H.** (2005). "How to Think About Place and People Approaches to Poverty: The Significance of the Earned Income Tax Credit as Neighborhood Investment," in *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 24(3): 292-303.
29. **Spencer, James H.** (2004). "People, Places and Policy: A Politically-Relevant Framework for Labor Market Efforts to Reduce Concentrated Poverty and Joblessness," in *Policy Studies Journal* 32(4): 545-68.  
  
Reprint: (2005). "People, Places and Policy: A Politically-Relevant Framework for Labor Market Efforts to Reduce Concentrated Poverty and Joblessness." Knowledgeplex: the affordable housing and community development resource for professionals. Washington, DC: Fannie Mae Foundation.
30. **Spencer, James H.** (2004). "Los Angeles Since 1992: How Did the Economic Base of Riot-torn Neighborhoods Fare After the Unrest?" *Race, Gender and Class* 11(1): 94-115.
31. **Spencer, James H.** and Paul Ong. (2004). "An Analysis of the Los Angeles Revitalization Zone: Are Place-Based Investment Strategies Effective Under Moderate Economic Conditions?" in *Economic Development Quarterly* 18(4): 368-83.
32. **Spencer, James.** (2001). "Technology and Urban Poverty: Understanding the Barriers to Equality," in *Projections: The MIT Student Journal of Planning* vol.2: 24-49.
33. **Spencer, James H.** (2000). "Why the Spatial Mismatch Hypothesis Still Matters," in *Critical Planning*. vol.7: 63-86.
34. Schecter, Arnold, Olaf Papke, Michael Ball, Hoang Dinh Cau, Le Cao Dai, Nguyen Quang Minh, Hoang Trong Quynh, Nguyen Ngoc Thi Phuong, Pham Hoang Phiet, Huynh Kim Chi, Dieu Thu Vo, John D. Constable, and **James Spencer**. (1992). "Dioxin and Dibenzofuran levels of blood and adipose tissue of Vietnamese from various locations in Vietnam in proximity to Agent Orange spraying," in *Chemosphere* 25 (7-10-25): 1123-1128.

#### Journal Articles Under Review:

35. **Spencer, James H.**, Melissa Finucane, Jefferson Fox, Sumeet Saksena, and Nargis Sultana. "Emerging Infectious Disease, the Built Landscape, and Urban Planning: Evidence on Avian Influenza in Viet Nam." (*revise & resubmit*).
36. Nguyen, Thu, and **James H. Spencer**. "Tenure Security and Housing Investment: A study of Bangladeshi Poor Settlements." (*revise & resubmit*).
37. **Spencer, James H.** "Micro-Disequilibrium, Real Estate Investment Growth, and Housing Discrimination: Exploring the Effect of Use Versus Exchange Valuation for Residential Estimates in Poor Communities Using Zillow." (*under review*).
38. **Spencer, James H.** "Grassroots Globalization: Africa, Asia, and Globally-Informed Local Planning." (*under review*).

39. Umemoto, Karen, **James H. Spencer**, Tai-An Miao and Saiful Momen. “Looking at the Domino Effect in Disproportionate Minority Contact Research.” (*under review*).
40. **Spencer, James H.** “The Second Green Revolution: Globalization, agro-industrial urbanization, and transition in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam.” (*under review*).

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters and Technical Reports:

41. Finucane, Melissa L., Jefferson Fox, Sumeet Saksena, and **James H. Spencer**. (2014). “A Conceptual Framework for Analyzing Social-Ecological Models of Emerging Infectious Diseases.” In *Understanding Society and Natural Resources: Forging New Strands of Integration Across the Social Sciences*, Eds., Michael J. Manfredi, Jerry J. Vaske, Andreas Reckemmer, Esther A. Duke. New York: Springer. Pp. 93-109.
42. Sumeet Saksena, Jefferson Fox, Michael Epprecht, Chinh Tran, Miguel Castrence, Duong Nong, **James Spencer**, Nguyen Lam, Melissa Finucane, Tran Duc Vien, and Bruce Wilcox. (2014). “Role of Urbanization, Land-Use Diversity, and Livestock Intensification In Zoonotic Emerging Infectious Diseases.” East-West Center Working Papers: Environment, Population, and Health Series, No. 6. Available at: <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/role-urbanization-land-use-diversity-and-livestock-intensification-in-zoonotic-emerging>.
43. Melissa L. Finucane, Nghiem Tuyen, Sumeet Saksena, **James H. Spencer**, Jefferson Fox, Nguyen Lam, Trinh Dinh Thau, Tran Duc Vien, and Nancy D. Lewis. (2014). “Perceived Risk of Avian Influenza in Poultry Varies with Urbanization in Vietnam.” East-West Center Working Papers: Environment, Population, and Health Series, No. 5. Available at: <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/perceived-risk-avian-influenza-in-poultry-varies-urbanization-in-vietnam>.
44. Duong Nong, Christopher Lepczyk, Tomoaki Miura, Jefferson Fox, **James Spencer**, and Qi Chen. (2014). “Quantify Spatiotemporal Patterns of Urban Growth in Hanoi Using Time Series Spatial Metrics and Urbanization Gradient Approach.” East-West Center Working Papers: Environment, Population, and Health Series, No. 2. Available at: <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/quantify-spatiotemporal-patterns-urban-growth-in-hanoi-using-time-series-spatial-metric>.
45. Nong, Duong; Castrence, Miguel; Miura, Tomoaki; Fox, Jefferson; **Spencer, James H.**; Chen, Qi. (2014). “Built-up area change analysis in Hanoi using support vector machine classification of Landsat multi-temporal image stacks.” East-West Center working papers. Environment, population and health series; no. 1. Available at: <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/built-area-change-analysis-in-hanoi-using-support-vector-machine-classification-landsat>.
46. Fox, Jefferson, **James H. Spencer**, Sumeet Saksena, and Hao Nguyen. (2011). “Periurbanization and Planning: Identifying, Mapping, and Managing Periurban Communities in Viet Nam.” Paper prepared for *Changing Cities – Linking Global Knowledge to Local Action*, symposium organized by the East West Center and the Penn Institute for Urban Research. Available at: [http://www.eastwestcenter.org/sites/default/files/filemanager/Research\\_Program/PeriurbanizationAndPlanningFoxRevise\\_2.pdf](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/sites/default/files/filemanager/Research_Program/PeriurbanizationAndPlanningFoxRevise_2.pdf).
47. **Spencer, James H.** (2010). *Health and the Urban Transition: Effects of Household Perceptions, Illness, and Environmental Pollution on Clean Water Investment*. Helsinki, Finland: UNU-WIDER (United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics) Research Paper Series. Available at < <http://www.wider.unu.edu/stc/repec/pdfs/wp2010/wp2010-66.pdf>>.



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48. **Spencer, James H.** (2008). “Decentralization and Privatization in Viet Nam’s Water Sector: Innovative Local Financing in the Mekong Delta,” in *Planning and Decentralization: Contested Spaces for Public Action in the Global South*, eds., V.A. Beard, F. Mirafitab and C. Silver. London: Taylor and Francis.

#### Book Reviews and Other Peer Reviewed Briefs:

49. (2012). Review of *Saigon’s Edge: On the margins of Ho Chi Minh City*, by Erik Harms. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press. In *Urban Studies* 49(4).
50. (2010). “Urban Inequality and Poverty,” in *The International Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
51. (2010). “Urban Migration,” in *The International Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
52. (2008). Review of Weller, Robert P. Civil Life, Globalization, and Political Change in Asia: Organizing Between Family and State, in *Globalizations* 5(1).
53. (1994). Review of Sicular, Daniel T. *Scavengers, Recyclers, and Solutions for Solid Waste Management in Indonesia*, in *New Asia Review* 1(2).
54. (1994). Review of Katsiaficas, George, ed. *Viet Nam Documents: American and Vietnamese Views of the War*, in *New Asia Review* 1(2).

#### **OTHER PUBLISHED WORK AND RESEARCH PAPERS** (peer reviewed, non-blind)

55. **Spencer, James H.** and Wilmar Salim. (2015). *Indonesia Exploratory Study for the Urban Expansion Initiative*. NYU Stern Urbanization Project, June.
56. **Spencer, James H.** and Kimberly Goodman. (2009). “Green Jobs, Biofuels Development and Hawaii’s Labor Market.” Chapter in *Hawaii’s Bioenergy Master Plan*. A report by the Hawaii’s Natural Energy Institute.  
<[http://www.hnei.hawaii.edu/bmpp/documents/stakeholders/masterplan/20091215/Vol\\_II\\_HBM\\_P\\_2.3\\_Labor\\_resources.pdf](http://www.hnei.hawaii.edu/bmpp/documents/stakeholders/masterplan/20091215/Vol_II_HBM_P_2.3_Labor_resources.pdf)>
57. **Spencer, James H.** (2007). “Water and Environmental Security in Globalizing Viet Nam: Emerging risks in the Mekong Delta.” Issue brief for the Foundation for Environmental Security and Sustainability. Available at < <http://www.fess-global.org/>>.
58. **Spencer, James H.** (2007). “Holomua Kakou” (Hawaiian language for “Let’s Move Forward Together”). Concluding chapter in the *Issue Book of Hawai’i 2050: Building a Shared Future*. Presented to the State Legislative Task force on Hawai’i 2050, and used as the basis for a series of community engagement meetings.
59. Ong, Paul, **James H. Spencer**, Michela Zonta, Todd Nelson, Douglas Miller, and Julia Heintz-Mackoff. (2003). “The Economic Cycle and Los Angeles Neighborhoods: 1987-2001.” Report to the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation. Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, UCLA. Available at <http://repositories.cdlib.org/lewis/cspp/04>.

60. **Spencer, James H.**, Michael Storper and Yun Chung Chen. (2001). "The Underclass: Long Term Unemployment, Race and Space in the American Context." Chapter in *Inequality, Low Wages and the Underclass: the American Case in Comparison to Europe*. Working paper of the French Ministry of Equipment and the International Labor Organization. *Inegalities, emploi a bas salaries, et exclusion: les USA et la France*, Rapport de recherché, PUCA-Ministere de l'Equipement.
61. **Spencer, James H.** (1995). "Public Forests and Private Paddies in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam." *Tropical Resources Institute Working Paper #90*, Yale University: New Haven, CT.

### **SELECTED RESOURCE SCHOLAR FOR MEDIA**

- Architect: the Magazine of the American Institute of Architects on contemporary master planning in Viet Nam and Ha Noi. "The Next Normal: the grass isn't always greener." January 3, 2011.
- Associated Press on urban services and out-of-state trash transfers. "Honolulu's long-standing trash woes growing worse." August 24, 2010.
- The Economist on urban planning in Hawai'i. "The Wave of the Future: Planning for change in America's most expensive state." September 20, 2007.
- Bloomberg News on Public Policy in response to Hurricane Katrina, ("Bush's Enterprise Zone has Failed to Deliver Before,") September 26, 2005:  
<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000103&sid=a9IYjNqyN7G8&refer=us>.
- Asian Wall Street Journal on Viet Nam's *Doi Moi* progress, and described as one of the "up and coming young American scholars of Asia." 1994.
- USA Today on Viet Nam/US Diplomatic relations and the roadmap to post-war reconciliation. 1993.
- Honolulu Advertiser, Honolulu Star-Bulletin on numerous statewide planning issues and politics. 2002-present.
- Los Angeles Times on Vietnamese American NGO assistance to Viet Nam. "Vietnamese Say They'll Send Aid to Homeland Despite Criticism." September 2, 1992.

### **RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

#### **Principal and Co-Principal Investigator (~\$6 million total; ~\$1.621 million as PI)**

**The Center for Technology Transfer in Construction Planning (PI):** "Viet Nam Television Outdoor Studio Detail Planning," 4/2017 to 4/2018. (\$41,000).

**The Greenville Health System (Co-PI with Antine Stenbit):** "Impact of Music Interventions on Critical Care Patients," 3/2017 to 3/2018. (\$14,859).

**The National Science Foundation (Award #1633608, Co-PI with PI Sez Atamturktur Russcher and 5 others):** "NRT-DESE: Preparing Resilient and Operationally Adaptive Communities through an Interdisciplinary, Venture-based Education (PROACTIVE)," 9/2016 to 9/2021. (\$2.989 million).

- Society needs professionals who can conceptualize complex systems where physical, cyber, and human infrastructure systems converge and who can transform this conceptual

understanding into reliable computational models that are validated by data. Moreover, these professionals must be equipped with skills to effectively communicate with their peers in other disciplines and with decision and policy makers to ensure cohesion between science and policy. This NRT award will address these challenges through curriculum development, transformation in graduate education, and research with societal impact.

**Viet Nam Institute for Urban Planning (PI):** “Dong Van Karst Plateau Geo-Park Planning: Tam Son, Yen Minh, Meo Vac and Dong Van Town Centers Development,” January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. (\$365,000).

- Conduct assessment of tourism market, historic structures, cultural villages in Ha Giang Province to make recommendations on investment and planning over the next 15 years. Project approved and monitored by the Prime Minister of Viet Nam.

**NYU Stern Urbanization Project (PI):** “Feasibility Study of an Urban Expansion Project in Indonesia,” January – February, 2015. (\$20,000).

**The National Science Foundation (Award #0909410, Co-PI with Jefferson Fox, East West Center):** “Coupled Natural-Human Systems and Emerging Infectious Diseases: Anthropogenic environmental change and avian influenza in Vietnam,” 9/2009 to 8/2012. (\$1.398 million).

- Explore whether risks and perceptions of risk associated with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) can be associated with transitions that occur as societies evolve. Investigates how measures of urbanization, agricultural change, and habitat alteration correlate with outbreaks of HPAI in poultry, as well as role of risk perception. One of 15 selected from 148 proposals in response to NSF solicitation.

**The Ford Foundation (PI):** “Improving Planning and Urban Management Research and Education in an Era of Globalization,” 8/2007 to 8/2012. (\$910,800).

- Implement research and training project titled in collaboration with the Ha Noi Architectural University (HAU). Project includes research on the urban transition in Viet Nam, the development of original and scholarly case studies, training of HAU urban planning faculty and local officials.

**The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (PI):** “A Study of Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System,” March 1, 2008 to September 30, 2010. (\$61,000).

- Multivariate quantitative analysis of complete records of all criminal cases in the State of Hawaii, 2000-2008.

**The Korea Foundation (Co-PI with Prof. Yeanju Lee, Sociology):** “From Origin to Destination: Policy Alternatives for Managing Two-Way Migration Pathways in Asia,” August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. (\$94,700)

- Demographic analysis of multiple national censuses.

**Hawaii Natural Energy Institute (Co-PI with Prof. Makena Coffman, Urban and Regional Planning):** Economic Impacts and Labor Force Issues of Biofuels Development in Hawaii,” February 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. (\$32,556).

**Social Science Research Council (PI):** “The Economic Impact of Korean Enclaves in the Pacific Rim,” 6/2006 to 5/2007.

- Research fellowship to to examine the economic development impact of Korean migrants in Tokyo, Beijing, and Los Angeles. (\$25,000).

- Supplementary funds from the University of Hawaii Globalization Research Center (\$10,000).

**Globalization Research Center, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (PI):**

1/2007 to 6/2008.

- “Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal Number 7 in Southeast Asia.” Project includes original quantitative survey and qualitative in-depth interviews in urban and peri-urban areas of Viet Nam (Ha Noi), Cambodia (Phnom Penh) and Indonesia (Surabaya). (\$61,000).

6/2004 to 8/2005.

- “Urbanization and New Forms of Water Infrastructure in Can Tho, Viet Nam.” Project to investigate local access to clean water in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam. In collaboration with the Southern Institute for Social Sciences (Ho Chi Minh City), gather survey data and qualitative case-study information on the factors of clean water access and use for domestic purposes among poor urbanizing communities. (\$40,000).

**Croft Institute for International Studies (PI): “The Urbanization of Water in the Mekong Delta,”**  
7/2006 to 12/2007.

- Project to examine policy implications of environmental conflicts in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam. \$25,000.

**National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program (PI): “Asian American and Pacific Islander Youth Violence and Health Inequalities,”** 10/2004 to 10/2006. (\$25,874).

- Project to assess youth violence among Asian/Pacific Islander communities in Hawai'i and Oakland, CA. In collaboration with the UHM Department of Psychiatry and the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center develop four studies on violence, substance abuse and self-esteem.

10/2006 to 10/2008.

- Competitive renewal of previous grant. (\$21,323).

**University of Hawai'i Research Council (PI):** 6/2005 to 6/2007.

- Seed grant for project titled “New Forms of Migration in Asia.” (\$4,000)
- Project titled “the Political Economy of Economic Integration: the globalization of small-scale producers in the Mekong Delta.” Seed funding to conduct original research on small-scale basa catfish farmers exporting to the US, the EU and Japan, American catfish farmers and policy officials in Viet Nam and the US concerned with trade regulation and the World Trade Organization (\$7,000).

**Yale University Agrarian Studies Program, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and Tropical Resources Institute (PI):** 6/1994 to 8/1994. (\$4,500).

- Natural Resource Policy at Tram Chim National Park, Viet Nam. Conceive, write, and implement grant for research on the role of land tenure and customs in forestry policy effectiveness. Conduct interviews with farmers, produce original data and reports for publication. Funded by Luce Foundation, Tropical Resources Institute.

**Co-Investigator**

**County of Maui Needs Assessment of Housing and Human Services:** 8/2002 to 6/2003.

### Other Research Awards

**University Research Council Travel Grants**, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2011.

**The East West Center**: 2003, 2007

### ***MENTORSHIP AND TEACHING***

PhD Graduates (\* = Committee Chair or Co-Chair; \*\*=tenure track/tenured):

#### *Academic Positions*

- **\*Jermaine Durham**: ABD, Planning, Design, and the Built Environment, Clemson University. Currently **Assistant Professor, University of Georgia\*\***;
- **Dr. Eda Ozyesilpinar**: PhD, Rhetorics, Communication, and Information Design, Clemson University. Currently Visiting Assistant Professor, **University of Texas, El Paso**;
- **\*Dr. Saiful Momen**: PhD, Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2017. Currently **Assistant Professor, North-South University (Bangladesh)\*\***;
- **Dr. Sreang Heak**: PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2013. Formerly Policy Analyst at the **University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu**;
- **Dr. Pradip Pant**: PhD, Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2012. Currently Assistant Director for Training Development and Research, National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, **University of Hawai'i**.
- **Dr. Christine Hansen**: PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2010. Formerly **Assistant Professor, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**;
- **Dr. Wilmar Salim**: PhD, Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2009. Currently **Associate Professor, Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia)\*\***;
- **Dr. Katia Balassiano**: PhD, Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2009. Formerly **Assistant Professor, Iowa State University\*\***;
- **Dr. Orhon Myadar**: PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2007. Currently **Assistant Professor, University of Arizona\*\***;
- **Dr. Casey Lucius**: PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2007. Formerly **Associate Professor, Naval Post-Graduate School, US Naval War College (Pacific Grove City Council Member)\*\***;
- **Dr. Edward Kwon**: PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2005. Currently **Associate Professor, Northern Kentucky University\*\***;

#### *Professional Practice Positions*

- **\*Dr. Jonathan Henick**: PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2014. Currently Deputy Coordinator, **Global Engagement Center, US Department of State**.
- **\*Dr. Nguyen Thi Lanh**: PhD, Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa 2014.
- **\*Dr. Nguyen Thien Hao**: PhD, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa 2012. Currently Community Planning and Business Development Specialist, **Pacific Gateway Center (Honolulu, HI)**;

- **\*Dr. Tove Ann Catubig:** PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2011. Founder and President of **Maris Stella Institute (California)**;
- **Dr. Yeoun Varley:** PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2010. Currently Intelligence Analyst, **US Department of Defense**;
- **Dr. Noriko Kono:** PhD, Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2010. Currently Consultant at **Padeco (Japan)**;
- **Dr. Ashwin Sabapathy:** PhD, Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2009. Currently Practice Manager, **Enzen Global Solutions (India)**;
- **\*Dr. Bunnarith Meng:** PhD, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2008. Currently Director of Policy and Training at the **Cambodian Ministry of Construction and Land Management**;
- **Dr. Sydney I'aukea:** PhD, Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2007. Currently Educational Specialist of Hawaiian Studies, **State of Hawai'i Department of Education**.

Current PhD Students:

- **Jiwnath Ghimire:** Urban & Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2018;
- **\*Michelle Eichinger (NSF/NRT Fellow):** Planning, Design and the Built Environment, Clemson University.
- **David Marasco (NSF/NRT Fellow):** Civil Engineering, Clemson University

Sample Courses:

- POLS 670: Introduction to Public Policy (graduate)
- POLS 390: Political Inquiry and Analysis: Research Design and Methods for Urban Politics and Policy (undergraduate)
- CRP 8120: Globalization, Urbanization and Planning (graduate)
- PLAN 603: Urban and Regional Economics (graduate)
- PLAN 601: Planning Methods (graduate)
- PLAN 600: Planning Theory (graduate)
- PLAN 740/POLS 770: Seminar in Planning and Public Policy: Globalization, Development and Utopia (graduate)
- PLAN 751: Planning Practicum/Studio in Viet Nam (Sp2010); Collaborative Practicum with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Columbia University (Fall2010)
- PLAN 654: Applied Geographic Information Systems (graduate)

### ***SELECTED ACADEMIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES***

**Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Vietnamese Studies*. 2013-2017.**

**UH Manoa Obama Presidential Center Initiative Academic Working Group Member.** February 2011 to present. One of six members campus-wide, composed of deans and tenured faculty, to plan for Public Affairs School in association with the UH Manoa bid for the Obama Presidential Library.

**Comparative Development Planning Co-Chair, World Planning Schools Congress, July 4-8, 2011, Perth, Australia.**

**Program Committee, Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, 2010.** 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to be held in Honolulu, HI.

**Co-Chair, International Strategic Planning Task Force.** Spring 2009. One of campus-wide selected faculty to develop an International Strategic Plan that provides recommendations for institutional and funding priorities to the University of Hawaii at Manoa Chancellor.

**Tenure and Promotion Review Committee.** 2007-2008. Selected to serve as a campus-wide evaluator for tenure and promotion review cases (declined position because of other campus administrative commitments).

**Invited Faculty Member, National Science Foundation IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship) Program** at the University of Hawai'i: Integrative Training in Ecology, Conservation and Pathogen Biology. 2006 - 2009.

**Editorial Board Member, *Review of Development and Cooperation*** (peer reviewed journal of the Mekong Institute focused on development issues in the Mekong subregion of Southeast Asia). June 2005 to 2009.

**Journal Special Issue Reviewer, *Pacific Affairs*.** Special Issue topic on "Becoming Urban: Peri-urban dynamics in Vietnam and China."

**Blind Peer Reviewer,**

- **Journals (selected):** *World Development, Law & Society Review, Urban Affairs Review, Urban Studies, Journal of the American Planning Association, Environment and Planning A, Economic Development Quarterly, Journal of Urban Affairs, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Journal of Planning, Education and Research, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, GeoForum, Globalizations, International Development Planning Review, American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Adolescence, AAPI Nexus.*
- **Book Presses:** *University of Chicago Press, Cornell University Press, Routledge Books (Routledge Research, International Development).*
- **Funding Agencies:** *National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research/Indonesia Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education; Environmental Leadership Program.*

**Academic Program Review Committee, University of Hawai'i at Manoa College of Language, Linguistics and Literature.** November 2007 to April 2008.

**Member, Selection Committee (5 Faculty, UHM campus-wide), University of Hawai'i/National Science Foundation IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program). 2007.** Represent the social sciences in 2007-2008 selection of qualified PhD candidates for receipt of acceptance and scholarships for interdisciplinary research and training in Ecology, Conservation and Pathogen Biology.

**Faculty Search Committees:** Urban & Regional Planning (Planning in Asia Chair, 2008, Open Field Chair, 2010); Public Policy and Public Administration (Fall 2003, Spring 2004); Political Science (American Politics 2011; Indonesia Politics, Chair, Fall 2005; Indigenous Politics, Fall 2003, Fall 2006; Japan Politics, Spring 2002, Fall, 2003).

**Conference Co-Chair,** University of Hawai'i at Manoa Public Policy Center First Annual Conference, April 24-25, 2003

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2002-present.
- Western Economics Association International, 2016.
- International Studies Association, 2007.
- Association of Asian Studies. 1995.
- Urban Affairs Association, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2014 - present.
- Association of Public Policy and Management, 2003.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Policy, Planning and Program Consultant 2000 – present:**

**The World Bank** (Bangladesh, Viet Nam); **Hawai'i State First Judicial Circuit** (Honolulu, HI); **Office of Hawaiian Affairs** (Honolulu, HI); **State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services/Blueprint for Change** (Honolulu, HI); **Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute** (Honolulu, HI); **Healthy Hawai'i Initiative** (Honolulu, HI); **Urban Environment Planning Program in Viet Nam** (HCMC, Viet Nam); **ORBIS International** (Viet Nam, New York, China, Ethiopia); **PolicyLink** (Oakland, CA); **City of Compton**, CA; **Tides Foundation** (San Francisco, CA); **GEAR UP Hawaii** (Honolulu, Kau, HI).

**Consulted Advisor:**

- **Vietnamese Vice-Minister of Construction.** 2010. Advise on strategies for sustainable urban development, Ha Noi, Viet Nam.
- **Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance.** 2009. Advise on resilient community characteristics and monitoring for U.S. Pacific Command, Honolulu, HI.
- **Thua-Thien Hue Province and City of Hue**, Viet Nam. 2009. Provide advice on contracting with international planning firms for \$600 million regional development planning award.
- **Royal Government of Cambodia Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction.** 2007. Provide input on “National Urban Development Strategy,” “Cambodia Integrated Coastal Development Plan.”
- **Kamehameha Schools.** 2003. Advise on monitoring and evaluation of programs for Native Hawaiian educational programs, Honolulu, HI.

**Advisor to the Job Creation/Economic Development Working Group convened by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles (2006).** Provide policy recommendations based on scholarly research regarding tax incentives.

**Environmental Leadership Program Activity Fund Grant Allocation Committee (\$90,000),** Fall 2005.

**Environmental Leadership Program Fellow Selection Committee,** Fall 2003;

**Advisor to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP)** on Economic Inequality and Asian Americans; April 2003.

**Advisor to Kamehameha Schools** on program evaluation and monitoring, November 2004.



## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

2009. Impact Assessment Report and Visioning Plan for Blueprint for Change and Neighborhood Places.
2004. Evaluation of Ethiopia Program – Rural Projects (1998-2004): Strengthening rural eye care service delivery and Trachoma Control: SAFE with Zithromax. ORBIS/Ethiopia report.
- Evaluation of the OTTC Program (ORBIS Taiyuan Training Center): Shanxi Province, PRC. ORBIS/China report.
2003. Monitoring and Evaluation Update: Phu Tho Cataracts Learning Project, ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity) Project, VNIO (Viet Nam Institute of Ophthalmology) Strengthening Project. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.
2002. Monitoring and Evaluation Update: Phu Tho Cataracts Learning Project. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.
- Viet Nam Programs Monitoring and Evaluation Report. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.
2001. Viet Nam Programs Monitoring and Evaluation Report. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.
- Update on ORBIS/VNIO Eye Care Services Learning Project in Phu Tho. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.

## **INVITED PENARY TALKS/KEYNOTE (externally funded)**

- Speaker**, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Comparative Urban Studies Conference “Grassroots Globalization: New Immigrant Communities in the Political Economy of Asia and Africa,” Atlanta, GA, March 7, 2019.
- Speaker**, Georgia Institute of Technology, School of City and Regional Planning. February 21, 2018.
- Speaker**, University of Texas, Arlington College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs, “The Future of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs at a Public Urban Research University,” December 12, 2017.
- Speaker**, Florida Atlantic University College of Design and Social Inquiry. April 7, 2017.
- Keynote Speaker**, “Globalization and Urbanization” for the Levin College Forum Speaker Series, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Public Affairs, Cleveland State University. January 20, 2017.
- Keynote Speaker**, “Community Resilience, Partnership and Participation” at the Urban Forum: Almaty Annual Meeting, Almaty, Kazakhstan. November 15, 2016.
- Speaker**, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, Institute of Technology, Bandung. Bandung, Indonesia, March 30, 2014.
- Speaker and Participant**, Symposium Titled “Neither Public Nor Private: Mixed Forms of Service Delivery Around the World,” Barcelona, Spain. May 17-18, 2012.
- Public Lecture, Columbia University**, “Mapping and Measuring an Urban Transition: Applications in Viet Nam and Global Implications.” April 9, 2012.
- Speaker and Participant**, Workshop on Urbanization in Asia. **The Asian Development Bank**. Honolulu, HI. December 14-15, 2011.
- Speaker and Participant**, Changing Cities – Linking Global Knowledge to Local Action, a Seminar of Mayors, Business Leaders and Scholars. **The East-West Center’s Asia Pacific/US Urban Dialogue Program and the University of Pennsylvania’s Penn Institute for Urban Research**. Honolulu, HI. September 26-28, 2011.

- Plenary Guest Speaker**, “New Directions of Asian Urban Studies in the Age of Globalization.” The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Institute of Urban Humanities, University of Seoul, Korea. June 24, 2011.
- Plenary Speaker, Ha Noi Millennium Conference.** A joint conference sponsored by the Viet Nam Urban Planning and Development Association and the Globalization Research Center in celebration of Ha Noi’s 1,000 anniversary. October 12, 2010, Ha Noi, Viet Nam. “The Vietnamese City in Transition.”
- Public Lecture, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design. Cambridge, MA. December 17, 2009.** “Banking on Public Services in Southeast Asia: Finance and innovation in local water governance.”
- Public Lecture, University of California at Berkeley, Institute for Urban and Regional Development. Berkeley, CA. October 15, 2009.** “Banking on Public Services in Southeast Asia: Finance and innovation in local water governance.”
- Speaker, UNU/WIDER (United Nations University, World Institute for Development Economics Research) Project Workshop: Beyond the Tipping Point: Asian Development in an Urban World.** December 15-17, 2008, Kolkata, India. “An Emerging Urban Health Transition: the role of household health, illness, and environmental pollution concerns in clean water investment.” (Unable to present in person due to visa delays).
- Workshop Speaker, Urban Landscapes and Global Ideologies. Global Cities Institute, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. December, 2008.**
- Panelist, East West Center and Pacific Disaster Center Expert Working Group Meeting on Climate Change Variability.** August 14-15, 2008. “Urban Transition and Public Policy: Fragmentation and Local Demand for Urban Water Services.”
- Plenary Speaker, University of Texas, Austin. WATER 21: the Political and Cultural Economies of Water in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.** March 29, 2008. “Beyond Privatization: Urbanization and Community Efforts to Secure Clean Water in Southeast Asia.”
- Also presented at: The Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University,** June 17, 2008.
- Guest Lecturer, East West Center Jefferson Fellows Program for Journalists (“Mekong on the Move”).** October 4, 2007. Honolulu, HI. “Infrastructure Investment, Development, Human and Environmental Security in the Mekong Delta.”
- Plenary Speaker, East West Center Conference: Social and Ecological Factors in Emerging Infectious Diseases.** September 12-13, 2007. Ha Noi, Viet Nam. “Attempting to Empirically Understand the Factors of H5N1 Outbreak Occurrence and Intensity.”
- Plenary Speaker, Ho Chi Minh City People’s Committee/Institute for Economic Research Livable Cities Symposium.** July 27-28, 2007, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. “Urban Quality of Life and the Ho Chi Minh City Economy.”
- Urban Forum Guest Panelist, Ho Chi Minh University of Architecture.** Ho Chi Minh City. June 6, 2007. “Ho Chi Minh City 2050.”
- Lecture to the Ho Chi Minh University of Architecture** Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. March 30, 2007. “Empirical Research in Urban Economic Analysis: an application of GIS in planning.”
- Co-Organizer/Panelist, International Studies Association Workshop.** “Migration and Development in Pacific Asia.” Chicago, IL. February 26, 2007.

**Symposium: Planning for Livable Cities: International Comparative Perspectives on Viet Nam. Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. August 15-17, 2006.** Present paper on “Resident Motivations for Connecting to New Water Infrastructure in the Mekong Delta” at policy symposia organized by the Institute for Economic Research (Ho Chi Minh City government)

**Globalization, Cities, and the Production of Culture: a Dialogic Conference.** April 5-7, 2006. Invited panel discussant for conference hosted by the Dr. Kiran Patel Center for Global Solutions, University of South Florida.

**Yale University Council on Southeast Asian Studies Conference. Regenerations: New leaders, new visions in Southeast Asia.** November 11, 2005. Presented paper “Natural Water and Natural Monopolies: Competition for and competition within the market for clean water in Can Tho, Viet Nam.

**Symposium: The Urban Transition and the Future of City Life in Viet Nam: the Question of Public and Civic Space. Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.** July 27 – August 4, 2005. Moderate and comment on panels at policy symposia organized by Vietnamese government and private institutions: the Institute for Economic Research (HCMC government) and Urban-Rural Solutions (Ha Noi, private).

**Globalization Research Center (UCLA)/Globalization Research Network Dialogic Conference, Santa Barbara, CA.** May 16 - 20, 2005. “Micro-projects and Rapid Growth: Water provision and the case for clarifying privatization’s effects on public health.”

**Addressing Water and Sanitation Deficiencies in Low-Income Settings: an international workshop hosted by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) Human Settlements Program,** December 3, 2004. Present preliminary analysis on the United Nations Millenium Development Goals on clean water access in Viet Nam, with particular focus on urbanization and clean water in the Mekong Delta.

**Panelist, Class and the Environmental Movement.** August 2003, Environmental Leadership Program Annual Conference, Nebraska City, NE.

**Talk Given to the Institute for Labor and Employment, University of California.** January 2002: “The Spatial Impact of People- and Place-Based Development Policies.”

### ***PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS***

**(Invited) Annual Meeting of the Western Economics Association, International Conference (WEAI), Santiago, Chile. January 3-6, 2017.** “The Economic Cycle and Los Angeles Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Poverty and Race Dynamics, 1987-2001.”

**Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Portland, OR. November 5, 2016.** “Participatory/Resilient Urbanization in Southeast Asia: The Infrastructure of Democracy.”

\* Also presented at the **Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association (UAA), San Diego, CA. March 17-19, 2016.**

**Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Philadelphia, PA. October 30 – November 2, 2014.** “The Urban Transition, Vulnerability and Health: Water and Sanitation as Markers of Risk for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.”

**AESOP/ACSP Joint Conference, Dublin, Ireland. July 2013.** “The Interoperability of Urban Water Supply in the Global South: Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia.”

- Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Cincinnati, OH. November 1-4, 2012.** “Greater Phnom Penh: Improved Urban Services Through Cross-Subsidy, Payment Reform, Education and Co-Management.”
- Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Salt Lake City, UT. October 13-16, 2011.** “Planning Frontiers in Saigon and Addis Ababa: Vertically-Integrated Global Urbanization.” **Selected as one of 17 ENVISION papers that “push the boundaries of planning research and envision planning’s future through innovative lenses.”**
- Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Crystal City, VA. October 2-4, 2009.** “Cultural Industries and Rapid Economic Development: The case of Dong Ky Craft Village in Viet Nam.”
- (Duplicate) Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Chicago, IL. March 4-7, 2009.** “Cultural Industries and Rapid Economic Development: The case of Dong Ky Craft Village in Viet Nam.”
- Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Milwaukee, WI. October 18-21, 2007.** “Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal #7 in Southeast Asia.”
- Annual Meeting of the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS5), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. August 2-5, 2007.** “Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal #7 in Southeast Asia.”
- Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Fort Worth, TX. November 12, 2006.** “Policy Alternatives for Stemming an Avian Flu Pandemic: the Need for managing reassortment risks and improved farm management.”
- Annual Meeting of the Globalization Studies Network (GSN), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. August 21-23, 2006.** “Resident Motivations for Connecting to New Water Infrastructure in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam: the role of health, illness, and environmental pollution concerns.”
- Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Kansas City, MO. October 28, 2005.** “The Entrepreneurial State and the Public Good: Is the quasi-privatization of urban domestic water provision in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam equitably distributed?”
- Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Washington, DC. April, 2004.** “The Neighborhood Impact of People-based Policy: The Unintended Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit in Poor Neighborhoods of Los Angeles.”
- Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Cleveland, OH. March 2003.** “Los Angeles Since 1992: How Did the Economic Base of Riot-torn Neighborhoods Fare After the Unrest?”
- Moderator and Convenor of Panel at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference. 1997:** “Metropolitan Growth and the Future of Community Development.”
- Paper Presented at the International Association for the Study of Common Property Meetings. June 1996:** “The Role of Mapping in National Parks Creation and Resource Tenure Documentation in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam.”
- Paper Presented at the American Association of Anthropology National Meetings. November 1996:** “Open Access, Hidden Meanings: Public Forests and Private Paddies in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam.”

***INVITED TRAINING SEMINARS (externally funded)***

**American Planning Association:**

Coastal Community Resilience and Natural Hazards. Los Angeles, April 2012.

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Honolulu, Hawai'i:**

Applied Planning and Policy Analysis. Honolulu, HI, September, 2011.

**Ha Noi Architecture University, Viet Nam:**

Coastal Community Resilience and Natural Hazards. Da Nang, April 2012.

Urban and Regional Planning in Viet Nam. Can Tho, March 2010; Ha Noi, March 2011.

Sustainable Community Development. Ha Noi, Da Nang, November 2009

Planning Theory. Ha Noi, May 2009.

Urban Shelter and Services. Ha Noi, March 2009.

**East West Center Summer Seminar, Honolulu, HI:**

Livable Cities in Pacific Asia: Research Methods for Policy Analysis. In conjunction with the East West Center and the Globalization Research Center, develop and teach two-week session on data analysis and policy evaluation and development in the Pacific Asia context within the month-long course. Includes Geographic Information Systems, statistical packages, and qualitative ground-truthing. In conjunction with Dr. Michael Douglass, Dr. Peter Xenos and Dr. Liling Huang.

- 38<sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar: May 29 – June 28, 2007.
- 37<sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar: May 31 – June 29, 2006.
- 36<sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar: May 31 – June 29, 2005.

**International Workshop on Livable Cities: research and development experience and exchange among Asia-Pacific countries. Bangkok, Thailand. January 13<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, 2006.** Invited by the Thailand Environment Institute (Bangkok), the Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute, and the University of Hawai'i Globalization Research Center.

**The Urban Transition and Public Space in Pacific Asia, Honolulu, HI. August 30 – September 10, 2004.** Co-convenor of a course presented by the Globalization Research Center and the East West Center for Vietnamese scholars and practitioners in architecture and engineering on the use of social science analysis for planning. Provided four lectures: Public Policy in a Market Economy, A Conceptual Guide for the Provision of Civic Space, Quantitative Empirical Research and Public Policy, Qualitative Empirical Research and Public Policy.

***INVITED TALKS (local)***

**East West Center/ESRI Health and Human Services Solutions Working Group on Emerging Infectious Disease. Honolulu, HI. May 1, 2006.** “Policy Alternatives for Stemming an Avian Flu Pandemic: the need for managing reassortment risks and improved farm management.”

**Hawaii Dietetic Association Spring Conference. Honolulu, HI. April 14, 2006.** “Building a Healthy Environment.”

**World Town Planning Day. University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Honolulu, HI. November 8, 2005.** Panelist on natural disaster planning: reflections on Hurricane Katrina.

**Center for Southeast Asian Studies Brown Bag Seminar Series, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI. April 22, 2005.** “Viet Nam’s Transition to a Market Economy: the case of water service provision.”

**Asia and the Pacific Region: The Urbanization Challenge, Honolulu, HI. March 2004.** Panelist with Mayor Jeremy Harris, sponsored by the University of Hawaii at Manoa Public Policy Center.

**Panel of the Center for Teaching Excellence: Bridging Graduate School and Being an Assistant Professor: February, 2003.**

**Talk Given to the East-West Center and the UH Manoa College of Social Sciences.** October 2002: “The Use of Geographic Data for Urban Policy Analysis.”

**Panelist, The South Central Rebellion: Ten Years After.** April 1992, Center on the Study of Urban Poverty, UCLA

**Talk Given to the School of Public Policy and Social Research, UCLA.** February 2002: “The Effect of Enterprise Zones on the Spatial Distribution of Private Sector Employment and Businesses in Los Angeles.”

**Talk Given to UCLA Library Symposium on Census Data:** March 2002: “The Use of the Economic Census for Program Evaluation Research Studies.”

**Seminar Given to the Yale University Council on Southeast Asian Studies.** October 1995: "Culture and Policy: Implementation of Reforestation Projects in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam."

### **POPULAR MEDIA WRITING AND SPEAKING**

Interviewed on “**The Conversation.**” **Hawaii Public Radio**, regarding urbanization in Asia and the challenge of development, 12/26/2011.

Quoted in article “Honolulu's long-standing trash woes growing worse,” by Associated Press (appearing in **New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, New York Newsday, Huffington Post** and other print and online outlets), May 24, 2010.

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