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Employment

2018-present Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology, Montclair State University
Montclair, New Jersey

Education

2018 Ph.D., Cornell University, Development Sociology
Dissertation Title: "Making and Unmaking an Agricultural Miracle: Infrastructure, Accumulation, and Resistance in Vietnam's Mekong Delta"

2012 M.S., Cornell University, Development Sociology

2007 M.A., National University of Singapore, Southeast Asian Studies

2002 B.S., Georgetown University, International Affairs / Middle Eastern Studies

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

2020 Timothy Gorman. "Underdeveloping the Mekong? Extraction and Unequal Exchange in Vietnam." *Sociology of Development* 6 (2): 174-193.

2017 Alice Beban and Timothy Gorman. "From Land Grab to Agrarian Transition? Hybrid Trajectories of Accumulation and Environmental Change on the Cambodia-Vietnam Border." *Journal of Peasant Studies* 44 (4): 842-862.

2016 Timothy Gorman and Alice Beban. "Of Migrants and Middlemen: Cultivating Access and Challenging Exclusion along the Vietnam-Cambodia Border." *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* 57 (2): 207-220.

2014 Timothy Gorman. "Moral Economy and the Upper Peasant: The Dynamics of Land Privatization in the Mekong Delta." *Journal of Agrarian Change* 14 (4): 501-521.

Book Chapters

2019 Timothy Gorman. "From Food Crisis to Agrarian Crisis? Vietnam's Food Security Strategy and the Future of Rural Livelihoods in the Mekong Delta." In Judith Elhert and Nora Faltmann (eds.) *Food Anxiety in Globalising Vietnam*. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan.

2018 Alice Beban and Timothy Gorman. "From Land Grab to Agrarian Transition?" In P. Vandergeest and L. Schoenberger (eds). *De-Centring Land Grabbing: Southeast Asia Perspectives on Agrarian-Environmental Transformations*. London: Routledge.
[Reprint]

Other Publications

2019 Timothy Gorman. Review of "Mythbusting Vietnam: Facts, Fictions, Fantasies" by Catherine Earl (ed). *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 34 (3): 627-630.

- 2019 Timothy Gorman. Review of “Recovering Inequality: Hurricane Katrina, the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, and the Aftermath of Disaster” by Steve Kroll-Smith. *Sociological Inquiry* 89 (4): 750-752.
- 2018 Timothy Gorman. Review of “Forests are Gold: Trees, People, and Environmental Rule in Vietnam” by Pamela D. McElwee. *Journal of Agrarian Change* 18(4): 926-928.
- 2015 Timothy Gorman. Review of “The Khmer Lands of Vietnam: Environment, Cosmology and Sovereignty” by Philip Taylor. *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 30 (1): 274-277.
- 2014 Timothy Gorman. “Fluid Dynamics: Water, Knowledge, and Power in the Mekong Delta” (Review Article). *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 45 (3): 419-426.
- 2011 Wendy Wolford and Timothy Gorman. “Land Reform and Landless Movements,” in R.A. Denemark (ed.) *International Studies Encyclopedia*, London: Blackwell Publishing.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- 2016 Philip Taietz Award, Development Sociology, Cornell University
- 2016 David K. Wyatt Write-up Grant, Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University
- 2013-2014 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Sciences Research Council
- 2013-2014 Borlaug Fellowship in Global Food Security, US Agency for International Development
- 2013-2014 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Research Grant
- 2013 Frosty Hill Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2011-2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Khmer Language
- 2011 Full Scholarship, Vietnamese Advanced Summer Institute
- 2009-2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Vietnamese Language
- 2007 Benjamin Batson Medal, National University of Singapore

Invited Talks

- 2018 “The Art of Not Being Freshened: Accumulation, Resistance, and Environmental Transformation in B n Tre, Vietnam.” Cornell Department of Development Sociology, April 20.
- 2017 “Plan-Makers and Plan-Breakers: The Contentious Politics of Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation in the Mekong Delta” Cornell Southeast Asia Program, February 23.
- 2016 “The Future of Agriculture in Vietnam’s Mekong Delta,” Centre for Development Studies, HELP University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 25.
- 2016 “Engineering an ‘Agricultural Eldorado’ in the Colonial Mekong Delta,” Boston College Environmental Sociology Working Group, May 6.
- 2015 “Hybrid Trajectories of Accumulation and Environmental Change on the Cambodia-Vietnam Border,” Workshop on Agrarian and Environmental Transformations in Southeast Asia, University of Toronto, November 21.
- 2015 “Everything Flows: Water, Property and Power in the Mekong Delta” Geography Department, Clark University, Worcester, MA, November 2.
- 2014 “Development and Climate Change in the Mekong Delta” Yale-NUS College (Singapore), Southeast Asia Study Tour, Ha Tien, Vietnam, March 1.
- 2010 “Fields of Contention: Land Markets and the State in Contemporary Vietnam” Southern Institute for Sustainable Development, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, June 21.

Conference Presentations

- 2019 “Accumulation without Dispossession? Distributional Impacts of Shrimp Aquaculture in Vietnam’s Mekong Delta,” Annual Conference of the Sociology of Development section of the American Sociological Association. South Bend, IN: October 19.
- 2019 “Accumulation without Dispossession? Distributional Impacts of Shrimp Aquaculture in Vietnam’s Mekong Delta,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 10.
- 2019 “Accumulation without Dispossession? Distributional Impacts of Shrimp Aquaculture in Vietnam’s Mekong Delta,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 7.
- 2018 “The Costs of Being Khmer: Spatial Determinants of Ethnic Minority Poverty in Vietnam,” American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Conference, University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign. October 20.
- 2018 “Food Security Policy, Climate Change, and Resistance in Vietnam,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 11.
- 2017 “Plan-Makers and Plan-Breakers: The Contentious Politics of Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation in the Mekong Delta,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 5.
- 2016 “Rice or Shrimp? Agrarian and Aquarian Transitions in Vietnam’s Mekong Delta,” Congress of the International Rural Sociological Association, Toronto, August 13.
- 2016 “Equity, Adaptation, and the State: Patterns of Environmental and Social Change in the Mekong Delta,” Congress of the International Rural Sociological Association, Toronto, August 11.
- 2016 “Engineering an ‘Agricultural Eldorado’ in the Colonial Mekong Delta,” Transformations of the Earth: International Workshop in Environmental History, Beijing, May 22.
- 2016 “The Art of Not Being Freshened: Resistance to Salinity Control Infrastructure in the Mekong Delta,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 29.
- 2016 “Making and Unmaking the Infrastructure State: Socio-Natural Relations of Control, Resistance, and Adaptation in the Mekong Delta,” DOPE, Lexington, KY, February 27.
- 2015 “Gaining and Maintaining Control: Strategies of Land Control along the Cambodian Borderlands,” LDPI Conference on Land Grabbing, Chiang Mai, Thailand, June 6.
- 2014 “Of Prawns and Property: Dynamics of Access and Exclusion in a Cross-Border Commodity Boom,” ANU Workshop on Cross-Border Livelihoods, Hanoi, December 19.
- 2014 “The Social Nature of Salt: Competing Perspectives on Salinity in the Mekong Delta,” International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan, July 17.
- 2014 “Mapping Social Vulnerability to Saline Intrusion in the Coastal Mekong Delta,” SIWI / UNDP Workshop on Water-Food Security in Vietnam, Can Tho, Vietnam, December 5.
- 2013 “The Tides of Change: The Political Economy of Climate Change Adaptation in the Mekong Delta,” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, New York, August 9.
- 2013 “Rationalization, Commodification, and Climate Change Adaptation,” Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference, Victoria, Canada, June 6.
- 2012 “Postsocialist Land Privatization in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, March 18.

- 2012 “The Middle Peasant Strikes Back: Land Privatization and Class Politics in the Mekong Delta,” Cornell Graduate Symposium on Southeast Asian Studies, Ithaca, NY, March 3.
- 2011 “Social Inequality, Environmental Vulnerability, and Agrarian Change in the Mekong Delta,” CCSEAS Dissertation Workshop, Toronto, October 17.
- 2011 “Boom or Bust? Shrimp Aquaculture, Inclusion, and Sustainability in the Mekong Delta,” Columbia Workshop in Sustainable Development, New York, May 6.
- 2011 “Divergence, Transgression, and the Political Economy of Land Tenure Reform in Vietnam,” Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference, Cambridge, Feb 27.
- 2010 “Fields of Contention: Land Markets and the State in Vietnam,” RCSD International Conference, Chiang Mai, Thailand, May 14.

Sessions Organized

- 2019 “Critical Aquaculture Studies” (with Young Rae Choi and Melva Treviño-Peña) American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 7.
- 2018 “The Politics of Governing Grain: The Changing Roles of Staple Crops and National Food Self-Sufficiency in “Food Security” (with Ilona Moore) American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 11.
- 2016 “Social Differentiation in Agrarian Ecologies of Climate Change” (with Brian Thiede) Congress of the International Rural Sociological Association, Toronto, August 11.

Courses Taught

- SOCI 220 “Sociology of Rich and Poor Nations,” Montclair State University
- SOCI 312 “Environmental Sociology,” Montclair State University
- SOCI 313 “Sociological Theory: Critical Perspectives,” Montclair State University
- DSOC 301 “Theories of Society and Development,” Cornell University (as Teaching Assistant)

Professional Service

- Reviewer *Journal of Sociology. Geoforum; Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Climate Policy; Development Policy Review; Canadian Journal of Development Studies; Focaal - Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*
- Organizer Development in Question: 5th Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Development, Cornell University, October 2016

Media Mentions

- 2017 “Rice to Riches: Vietnam's Shrimp Farmers Fish for Fortune” Agence France-Press (AFP), August 9.
- 2016 “Drought and ‘Rice First’ Policy Imperil Vietnamese Farmers” *The New York Times*, May 28.
- 2015 “When Life Gives You Saltwater, Make Shrimp Ponds” *WWNO* (New Orleans Public Radio), January 29.
- 2014 “Climate Change Affects Vietnam's Rice Bowl” *Deutsche Welle* (German Public Broadcaster), September 29.

- 2014 “Rising Sea Levels Mean Trouble for Vietnam's Rice Farmers”
The World (Public Radio International), August 26.
- 2014 “As Waters Rise, Mekong Rice Farmers Switch to Shrimp”
Marketplace (American Public Media), August 21.

Language Proficiency

Vietnamese	Full professional proficiency
Khmer	Limited working proficiency
French	Limited working proficiency