

**Professional
Experience:
August 2017-
present**

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Idaho

**Jan-May
2017**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sonoma State University, Department of
Geography and Global Studies

Education:

**Ph.D.
2016**

University of Oregon
Department of Geography
Dissertation—Understanding Hydropower in China, Balancing Energy
Security, Development and Environmental Sustainability in the Nu River
Valley of Yunnan Province

**M.A.
2010**

University of Oregon
Department of Geography
Thesis—Tibetan Migration, Cultural Identity & Place in Portland and NYC

**B.Sc. Hons
2007**

Macquarie University, Sydney
Department of Geography
Thesis—Retaining Tibetan Culture and Identity in a Geopolitical Landscape

**BSc.
2006**

Macquarie University, Sydney, Central Washington University, WA
Human Geography

Publications:

2019

Ptak, T., Yu, Y., Su, X., Southwest China, The Wiley-Blackwell
Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies, T. Orum (ed.) Wiley-
Blackwell, (In press)

2018

Ptak, T., Towards an Ethnography of Small Hydropower in China: Rural
Electrification, Socioeconomic Development and Furtive Hydrosapes,
Energy Research and Social Science, (In press)

2018

Ptak, T., Nagel, A., Radil, S., Phayre, D., Rethinking Community:
Analyzing the Landscape of Community Solar through the Community-
Place Nexus, *The Electricity Journal*, (In press)

2018

Ptak, T., Visual Expressions of the State: Borders and Boundary Markers
in a Dynamic China and Asia, S. Brunn (ed.), The Changing World
Language Map, Springer, (In press)

- 2017** Ptak, T., Considering Multiple China's in the Geopolitics of Mekong River Dams, *Political Geography*, 58, pp.136-138.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2016.09.007>
- 2016** Ptak, T., Hommel, D., The Trans-political Nature of Southwest China's Energy Conduit, Yunnan Province, *Geopolitics*, 21, 3, pp. 556-578.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2015.1114471>
- 2014** Ptak, T., Dams and Development: Understanding Hydropower in Far Western Yunnan Province, China, *Focus on Geography*, 57, 2, pp. 43–53.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/foge.12028>
- 2011** Balistreri, S., Di Giacomo, T., Noisette, I. & Ptak, T., Global Education: Connections, Concepts and Careers, available at:
<https://research.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/publications/2013/6/researchinreview-2012-4-global-education-connections-concepts-and-careers.pdf>
- 2009** Ptak, T. (2009) Geography of Australia and the South Pacific and Antarctica (in) *World Regional Geography*, Pearson Publishers, Boston

Manuscripts in Preparation:

Ptak, T., Laine, J., Konrad, V., Van de Velde, M., Hu, Z., Liu, Y., Moving Beyond Borders, the View from Yunnan—Towards a Multidimensional and Multiscalar Understanding. In preparation for submission to *Territory, Politics and Governance*

Ptak, T., Theorizing Energy Security for a New Energy Paradigm, In preparation for submission to *Energy Policy*

Ptak, T., Small Hydropower as an Environmental Solution? In preparation for submission to *Environment and Planning N*

Book Reviews:

- 2016** Ptak, T., Vietnamese-Chinese Relationships at the Borderlands: Trade, Tourism and Cultural Politics, Routledge, *Journal of Borderland Studies*,
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/08865655.2016.1153942>

Teaching Experience:

- *Energy Geographies (graduate seminar)
- *Geography of Energy Systems (field course)
- Field Studies in Human Geography
- World Regional Geography
- Geography of Europe
- *Introduction to Human Geography (online)

- *Indicates new course development
- *Geography of Energy Systems
- Practical Geographies
- Population and Environment
- Geography of Pacific Asia
- Social Geography
- Introduction to Human Geography

Awards:

- 2016** Recognition Award, Asian Geography Specialty Group Graduate Paper Competition, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting
- 2015** Best Panel Award, University of Oregon Graduate School Research Forum, Panel Organizer and Presenter, Water: Our Planets Most Valuable Resource
- 2014** President's Award for best PhD Student Paper, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, Tucson, Arizona
- 2010** Graduate Student Paper Award, American Geographical Society, 5th Race Ethnicity and Place Conference, Binghamton, NY
- 2009** International Student Award for Understanding Diversity, Office of International Affairs, University of Oregon

Grants:**Total Awarded \$33,500**

- 2018** Think Open Fellowship, University of Idaho. Fellowship to promote Open Education Resources (OER'S) and digital textbooks. \$1,500
- 2016** 8th Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference. Grant to cover travel and related costs to attend conference. \$1,000
- 2016** University of Oregon Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Professional Graduate Student Grant. In support of conference travel. \$300
- 2016** Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Grant to support conference travel and dissertation completion. \$900
- 2015** University of Oregon Graduate School, Gary E. Smith Summer Professional Award. Grant to attend Association of American Geographers Early Faculty Development Workshop. \$2,000
- 2014** First International Salween Studies Conference. Grant to cover travel and related costs to attend conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand. \$3,500
- 2014** University of Oregon Graduate School, Public Impact Fellowship. Grant to support dissertation research in China. \$6,000
- 2013** Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Summer research grant to support pre-dissertation field research. \$700
- 2013** Henry Luce Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies, Pre-dissertation research fellowship. Grant to facilitate pre-dissertation research in China. \$5,000

- 2011 American Geographical Society, McColl Family Fellowship, Grant to support preliminary research in China. \$3,000
- 2010 Department of Geography, University of Oregon. Grant to attend conference and preliminary research in China. \$2,700
- 2010 5th Biennial Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference, Travel Award. Grant to cover travel and related costs for conference. \$1,000
- 2009 Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Larry Ford Cultural Geography Fieldwork Scholarship. Grant to support fieldwork. \$1,000
- 2009 Department of Geography, University of Oregon. Summer Research Grant to support fieldwork. \$800
- 2009 Center on Diversity and Community, University of Oregon. Research grant to support fieldwork. \$1000

Invited Lectures:

- 2018 Department of Geography Colloquium Series, Central Washington University, Small Hydropower as Security and Development in China's Energy Assemblage, Ellensburg, WA
- 2016 Department of Geography Oregon State University, Northwest Yunnan Province, Where Energy, Indigenous Communities and Environmental Justice Converge, Corvallis, OR
- 2015 Department of Geography University of Idaho, Dams and Development, Understanding Hydropower in Yunnan Province's Nu River Valley, Moscow, ID
- 2014 Southeast Asian Geography Association Biannual Meeting, Plenary Panelist, The Shifting Geopolitics of the Mekong, Siem Reap, Cambodia
- 2014 World Agroforestry Center, Kunming Institute of Botany, Ecological Impacts of Small Dam Development in the Nu River Valley, Kunming, China
- 2014 First International Salween Studies Conference, Dams and Development, Understanding Hydropower in the Upper Nu River Valley of Yunnan Province, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 2011 Central Washington University, Department of Geography Colloquium Series, Tibetan Culture and Identity in Exile, Ellensburg, WA

Conference Presentations:

- 2018 CAES Energy Policy Institute Annual Conference: Presenter, *Towards and Ethnography of Small Hydropower in China and Rethinking Community: Analyzing the Landscape of Community Solar through the Community-Place Nexus*, Boise, ID.

- 2018** Regional Studies Association Global Meeting: Panel Organizer and Presenter, *Multiscalar and Dynamic Borderlands of Southwest China*, Beijing, China.
- 2018** Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting: Panel Co-Organizer and Presenter, *Small Hydropower in Policy and Practice*, New Orleans, LA
- 2018** Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting: Energy Ethnographies special session, *Energy Provision, Access and Everyday Life in China*, New Orleans, LA
- 2018** Association of Borderland Studies Annual Conference: *Yunnan Province as a Framework, Developing a Multiscalar and Multidimensional Understanding of Borders*, (with Jussi Laine) San Antonio, TX
- 2017** Association of Borderland Studies Annual Conference: *Placing Energy and Yunnan in the Multiscalar Production of Borders*, San Francisco, CA
- 2016** 8th Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference: *Implications of Small Hydropower on Social Circumstances and Everyday Life For Ethnic Minorities in China's Nu River Valley*, Kent, OH
- 2016** Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting: Panel Co-Organizer and Presenter, *Environmental Geographies of Western China*, San Francisco, CA
- 2015** University of Oregon Graduate School Research Forum: Panel Co-Organizer/ Presenter, *Water: Our Planet's Most Valuable Resource*, Eugene, OR
- 2014** Association of Pacific Coast Geographers: *Understanding the Role of Dams in Far Western Yunnan Province, China*, Tucson, AZ
- 2014** Geopolitics in Changing Southeast Asia, Borders and Borderlands: *The Geopolitics of Southwest China's Energy Conduit, Yunnan Province*, Kunming, China
- 2014** Oregon State University Hydrophiles Conference: Dams and Development: *Understanding Hydropower in Far Western Yunnan Province*, Corvallis, OR
- 2012** University of Oregon Graduate School Research Forum: *China and Energy Security: Challenges and Opportunities*, Eugene, OR
- 2012** Association of American Geographers: *Migration, Exile and Diaspora, a Comparative Approach*, NYC, NY

- 2010 5th Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference: *Tibetan Migrants in Exile, Strategies for Retention of Culture and Identity*, Binghamton, NY
- 2010 University of Oregon Graduate School Research Forum: *Spatial Construction and Realities of Border Crossings*, Eugene, OR
- 2010 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting: *Tibetan Migration, Cultural Identity and Place in Portland and New York City*, Washington, DC
- 2009 Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting: *Tibetan Cultural Identity: A case study of Sydney, Australia and Portland, Oregon*, San Diego, CA
- 2009 Biennial International Population Geography Conference: *Is there a Tibetan Culture in Exile?* Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH

Academic Service:

- 2018 Vandal Star Student Retention Software Pilot Team, University of Idaho,
- 2016 Department of Geography, Commencement Speaker, University of Oregon
- 2015-2017 PhD student representative, University of Oregon Graduate Council
- 2011 Geographic Knowledge and Values Survey, Oregon Coordinator, American Geographical Society
- 2011 Adventure Leadership Institute, Program creator and facilitator, University of Oregon <http://leadership.uoregon.edu/events/WILD>
- 2009-2011 Ethnic Geography Specialty Group, Student representative to administrative board, 2009-2011, Association of American Geographers

Referee for Professional Journals:

Energy Research and Social Science
Annals of the Association of American Geographers
Geopolitics
Political Geography
Journal of Borderland Studies

Professional Associations:

Association of American Geographers
Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
American Geographical Society
Association of Borderland Studies
Regional Studies Association
Gamma Theta Upsilon, International Geographic Honor Society

Professional Development:

Association of American Geographers, Geography Faculty Development Alliance, Early Career Workshop, June 2015, Storrs, CT

Teaching Effectiveness Program, University of Oregon, Rubric Design and Implementation Workshop, October 2014

Center on Diversity and Community, University of Oregon, Sexual Harassment and Title IX workshop, November 2014

Teaching Effectiveness Program, University of Oregon, Effective Course Design Workshop, March 2012

Languages:

English, Native

Chinese, Intermediate

Spanish, Basic