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*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## **Degrees**

- Ph.D.        Geography, Kent State University, 2019  
Dissertation Title: *Knowledge Production, Capital Punishment,  
and Political Economy*
- M.A.        Geography, Kent State University, 2013  
Thesis Title: *Governmentality, Biopolitics, and State Sovereignty:  
the Spatial Dialectic Construction of Uyghur during the 'War on Terror'*
- B.A.        Geography, State University of New York at New Paltz, 2010  
Minor: Environmental Studies

## **Education Abroad**

Arabic Language & Culture Studies, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco, June 2009

## **Professional Experience**

### **Teaching:**

**Adjunct** – Kent State University - Department of Geography, Spring 2017 to Spring 2021  
Courses: Economic Geography; Geography of the United States and Canada; Physical Geography;  
Physical Geography Laboratory

**Adjunct** – Kent State University - College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Spring 2021  
Course: Violence and Design

**Instructor** – Kent State University - Department of Geography, Spring 2011 to Spring 2016  
Courses: Introduction to Geography; World Regional Geography; Physical Geography Laboratory

### **Academic Work:**

**Reader** – AP Human Geography Reading  
Cincinnati, Ohio – June 2016, June 2017, June 2018, June 2019, June 2020

**Graduate Student Mentor** – Geography Undergraduate Mentoring Program  
Undergraduate Senior Seminar, Kent State University, Spring 2012

## **Publications**

### **Refereed Articles:**

- Colucci, Alex R. 2020. "Geographies of Capital Punishment: New Directions and Interventions." *Geography Compass*. 12 (14): 1-16.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2019. "Capital Punishment," entry in the *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, 2nd edition, edited by Audrey Kobayashi. Elsevier, vol. 2, 9-14.
- Tyner, James A. and Alex R. Colucci. 2015. "Bare Life, Dead Labor and Capital(ist) Punishment." *ACME: An International E- Journal for Critical Geographies* 14 (4): 1083-1099.
- Tyner, James A. and Alex R. Colucci. 2015. "Interrogating the 'Interrogation' Fetish in Geography: Towards a Critical Interrogative Writing." *Progress in Human Geography* 39 (3): 246-248.
- Tyner, James A., Gabriela Brindis Alvarez and Alex R. Colucci. 2012. "Memory and the Everyday Landscape of Violence in Post-Genocide Cambodia." *Social and Cultural Geography* 13 (8): 853-871.

### **Book Chapters:**

- Colucci, Alex R. 2021. "The Cultural Necrotechnologies of Capital and the Production of (post) Industrial Capital Punishment," in *Geographies of Post-Industrial Memory, Place, and Heritage*, edited by William Price, Mark Alan Rhodes II, and Amy Walker. Routledge, 158-171.
- Colucci, Alex R. and Amanda N. Mullett. 2016. "Maya as Commodity Fetish: Accumulation by Dispossession and Ecotourism in the Riviera Maya," in *Political Ecology and Tourism*, edited by Sanjay Nepal and Jarkko Saarinen. Routledge, 149-162.

### **Book Reviews:**

- Colucci, Alex R. 2012. Book Review of "African Soccerscapes: How a Continent Changed the World's Game" by Peter Alegi. *Material Culture: The Journal of Pioneer American Society* 44 (2): 81-82.

### **Work Under Review:**

- Colucci, Alex R., James A. Tyner, Mandy Munro-Stasiuk, Stian Rice, Sokvisal Kimsroy, Chhunly Chhay, and Corrine Coakley. "Changes in the Land: Critical Physical Geography and the Study of Genocide." Currently in review at *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.

### **Work in Progress (publications in preparation with tentative titles):**

- Colucci, Alex R., Michael J. Allen, and Daniel J. Vecellio. "Thermal (In)Equity: A Necessary Nexus for Geographers." For *Progress in Physical Geography*.
- Colucci, Alex R. "Extrajudicial Capital Punishment: Towards a Conceptualization of the Informal Economy of Lynching." For *Antipode*.

Colucci, Alex R. "Killing Animals and Activists: Toward a Political Ecology of Capital Punishment." For *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.

Colucci, Alex R. "Knowledge Production, Critical Language, and Replacing the Default Positions of Geography." For *Dialogues in Human Geography*.

#### **Peer Review Work – Journals Listed:**

*Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*

#### **Presentations**

##### **Conference Presentations:**

Colucci, Alex R. 2019. "The Questionable Uses of Geographic Knowledge in work on Capital Punishment and the need for Abolition Epistemologies," paper presented at the *Commemorating Violent Conflicts and Building Sustainable Peace* conference, Kent, OH, October 26.

Colucci, Alex R. 2019. "Reorienting Productive Technologies toward Death in the Material Cultures of Capital Punishment," paper presented at the *International Society of Landscape, Place, & Material Culture* annual meetings, Detroit, MI, October 11.

Colucci, Alex R. 2019. "Making Killing Work: Capital Punishment and the Productive Circuits of the Death Chamber," paper presented at the *American Association of Geographers* annual meetings, Washington D.C., April 7.

Colucci, Alex R. 2019. Panelist in the "Leveraging Crisis and Delegating Risk: Securitized Discourses and the State," panel session at the *American Association of Geographers* annual meetings, Washington D.C., April 3.

Colucci, Alex R. and Amanda N. Colucci 2018. "Assessing the Potential for Urban Agriculture at Religious Institutions in Kent, Ohio," paper presented at the *Applied Geography Conference*, Kent, OH, November 1.

Colucci, Alex R. 2018. "Extrajudicial Capital Punishment: Towards a Conceptualization of the Informal Economy of Lynching," paper presented at the *Race, Ethnicity, and Place* conference, Austin, TX, October 25.

Colucci, Alex R. 2018. "Critical Geographies, Carceral Geographies, and Capital Punishment," paper presented at the *Critical Geography Conference*, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, October 20.

Colucci, Alex R. 2016. "Deferred Sovereignty: Difference and Alienated Space in the Everyday," paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers* annual meetings, San Francisco, CA, March 29.

Colucci, Alex R. 2014. "The Changing Landscape of Capital(ist) Punishment: How Racial Liberalism and Neoliberal Multiculturalism Support State Violence," paper presented at the *Race, Ethnicity, and Place* conference, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX, October 23.

- Munro-Stasiuk, Mandy J., James A. Tyner, and Alex R. Colucci. 2014. "Documenting the Irrigation Projects of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia through Satellite Imagery," paper presented at the joint *East Lakes/West Lakes Divisions of the Association of American Geographers* annual meetings, Kalamazoo, MI, October 18.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2014. "The Geographies of Death Row: Capital Punishment and Living-Dead Labor in Capitalism," paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers* annual meetings, Tampa, FL, April 12.
- Mullett, Amanda N. and Alex R. Colucci. 2014. "Ecotourism and Political Ecology in the Yucatan Peninsula: Accumulating and Dispossessing the Maya," paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers* annual meetings, Tampa, FL, April 11.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2013. "Alienation and (Living-Dead) Labor in American Society," paper presented at the *Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers* meetings, Roanoke, VA, November 25.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2013. "Sovereignty and the Bio(necro)polis: Governmental Practice and the Dialectic Production of Xinjiang," paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers* annual meetings, Los Angeles, CA, April 12.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2012. "Bare Life, Dead Labor and Capital(ist) Punishment," paper presented at the *Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference*, University of San Juan, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 26.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2012. "Modernization of Post-Modernity: Non-Representation, Critique, Life and Performing the Now," paper presented at the *University Graduate Student Research Symposium*, Kent State University, Kent, OH, April 6.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2012. "Competing Representations and Creating Place: Contesting Uyghur Identity during the 'War on Terror,'" paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers* annual meetings, New York, NY, February 24.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2011. "Creating and Perpetuating Spaces of Vulnerability in Xinjiang: Heroin Use, Representational Biopolitics and the Uyghur," paper presented at the *East Lakes Division of the AAG* annual meetings, Youngstown, OH, October 15.
- Colucci, Alex R. 2011. "The Increasing Homogeneity of American Communities: An Electoral Look at Ohio," paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers* annual meetings, Seattle, WA, April 16.

**Invited Presentations:**

Graduate Seminar in Geographic Thought, Kent State University, September 18, 2019

*"A Radical Turn in Geography"*

Politics and Place Seminar, Kent State University, September 16 and 18, 2019

*"Biopolitics, Necropolitics, and Capital Punishment"*

Graduate Seminar in Geographic Thought, Kent State University, September 11, 2019  
*"What was Epistemologically Revolutionary About the Quantitative Revolution"*

Politics and Place Seminar, Kent State University, September 9 and 11, 2019  
*"Political Geography and Violence"*

State University of New York at New Paltz, Department of Geography, March 7, 2019  
*"From Hanging to Lynching: Tracing the Political Economic Movement of Capital Punishment"*

Geography of Europe, Kent State University, February 12, 2019  
*"Imperialism, Globalization, Regional Development in the Diffusion of Sport"*

Graduate Seminar in Geographic Thought, Kent State University, November 14, 2018  
*"The Return of Numbers and a Renewed Quantitative Geography"*

Graduate Seminar in Geographic Thought, Kent State University, September 12, 2018  
*"The Quantitative Revolution in Geography: New Practices of Knowledge Production"*

Graduate Seminar in Geographic Thought, Kent State University, September 5, 2018  
*"Geographic Thought and Disciplinary Developments Prior to the 1950s"*

Graduate Seminar in Geographic Thought, Kent State University, Fall 2014  
*"Geographic Philosophies of and Approaches to Surplus Populations and Social Justice"*

**Conference Sessions Organized:**

2019 Paper Session (with Mark Allen Rhodes II): "Post-Industrial Violence," International Society for Landscape, Place, & Material Culture annual meetings, Detroit, Michigan.

2019 Paper Session (with Stian Rice): "Productive Violence: States, Capital, and Bodies," AAG meetings, Washington D.C.

2018 Paper Session: "Otherwise Applied Geographies," Applied Geography Conference, Kent, Ohio.

2016 Paper Session (with Stian Rice): "New Geographies of Alienation: Getting Reacquainted with Estrangement," AAG meetings, San Francisco, California.

2012 Panel Session (with Gabriela Brindis Alvarez): "Neoliberalism as an Everyday Hazard," AAG meetings, New York, New York.

**Posters:**

Colucci, Alex R. 2011. "Identity and Place Construction through Media: How Canadian Sporting Media Creates Popular Notions of North American and European Ice Hockey Styles and Players," presented at the *University Graduate Student Research Symposium*, Kent State University, Kent, OH, April 1.

## **Awards**

2019 – Special Contingency Award – Kent State University Graduate Student Senate, Spring semester.

2018 – Early Career Scholar Award – Race, Ethnicity, and Place conference, Austin, TX, October 23, 2018.

2012 – Graduate Instructor of the Year – Kent State University Department of Geography, Geography Honors Day. Awarded \$100 on April 18, 2012.

2011 – Masters Student Paper Presentation Award, East Lakes Division of the AAG Annual Meeting. For the paper presentation: “Creating and Perpetuating Spaces of Vulnerability in Xinjiang: Heroin Use, Representational Biopolitics and the Uyghur” Awarded \$75 on October 15, 2011.

## **Field Experience**

Cambodia – Summer 2014

Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico – Spring 2013

Los Angeles – Spring 2013

Morocco – Summer 2009

## **Academic Work, University & Community Service, Organizations and Volunteerism**

### **Academic Work:**

#### **Geography/GIS Intern**

Mohonk Preserve Research Center, Spring 2010

#### **Geography Lab Assistant**

SUNY New Paltz, 2008 – 2010

**Tutor** – Courses: World Geography; Environment & Culture

SUNY New Paltz Center for Academic Development & Learning, 2008 – 2009

### **Academic Organizations, Service, Organizations, and Volunteerism:**

American Association of Geographers, member, 2010 – Present

Black Geographies Specialty Group, member

Legal Geography Specialty Group, member

Political and Cultural Ecology Specialty Group, member

Critical & Socialist Geography Specialty Group, member

Political Geography Specialty Group, member

Cultural Geography Specialty Group, member

International Society for Landscape, Place, & Material Culture, member, 2019 – 2020

Kent State University Excellence in Graduate Research Mentoring Award – Spring 2019 and 2018

Office of Student Research – Nominee Review Committee

Kent State University Make a Difference Day – October 27, 2018  
Volunteer tree planting, forest reclamation – Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Kent State University Office of Student Conduct – Fall 2016 – Spring 2017  
Student Hearing Officer on Hearing Panels

Kent State University – Geography Graduate Student Working Group on Social Theory & Geography  
Co-Organizer (with Gabriela Brindis Alvarez), Fall 2011 – Summer 2012

Kent State University Geography Graduate Student Association, 2010 – 2019  
Secretary: Summer 2011 – Spring 2012; Sargent at Arms: Summer 2012 – Spring 2014

East Lakes Division of the AAG, 2011 – Present  
East Lakes AAG Geography Bowl Team Member, 2014 and 2012

Middle States Division of the AAG, 2010  
Middle States AAG Geography Bowl Team Captain and High Scorer, April, 2010  
SUNY New Paltz Geography Bowl Team Captain – Middle States Division Annual Meeting

**Athletic, Recreation:**

Northeast Ohio Disc Golf Alliance 2016 – 2019  
Board of Directors: Communications Director

*Responsibilities:* establish initiatives for improved communication and community outreach;  
assist in coordinating winter charity tournament series (2017, 2018) and distribution of raised funds

West Branch State Park Disc Golf Club, 2015 – 2019  
Staff: Assistant Course Designer; Volunteer Course Maintenance Coordinator

Professional Disc Golf Association  
Member, 2014 – Present

SUNY New Paltz Racquetball Club, 2008-2010

SUNY New Paltz Fencing Club, 2008-2010

SUNY New Paltz Cross Country, 2006-2008

**Foreign Language, Methodological and Technical Skills**

- Spanish: basic
- Qualitative and Social Science Methods: Social theory; discourse analysis; grounded theory; dialectics; abstraction; deconstruction
- Geospatial Methods: ArcGIS; AutoCAD; GPS; remote sensing and air photo interpretation

## **Related Professional Experience**

### **Managing Editor** – Ultiworld Disc Golf

January 2018 – September 2018

*Responsibilities:* direct content of emerging sport website covering news and analysis of disc golf's top professional tour series; conduct and transcribe interviews; revise and edit written submissions; conduct job interviews and organize hiring processes; social media management

*Accomplishments:* successfully sought out and coordinated numerous publications highlighting the need to address issues of equity, in terms of gender and race, in the sport

### **Staff Writer** – Ultiworld Disc Golf

July 2016 – January 2018

*Responsibilities:* direct reporting on professional women's tour series; additional news reporting

### **Trail & Grounds Maintenance Intern**

Environmental Education Center, Cuyahoga Valley National Park – Summer 2010

Organized through the Student Conservation Association and AmeriCorps

*Responsibilities:* repair trails; identify, remediate hazards to park use; invasive species removal



### Alex R. Colucci's References

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