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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 - College of Architecture & Environmental Design, Spring 2021-present
Course: Violence and Design – Undergraduate, Undergraduate Honors, and Graduate level

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

Adjunct – Kent State University, Stark - Spring 2022
Department of Geography - Course: Geography of the United States and Canada
Environmental Studies Program - Course: Environment and Society

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

Graduate Research Assistant – Kent State University – Summer 2014
Cambodia Fieldwork, National Science Foundation grant BCS 1461790

Publications

Refereed Articles:

Colucci, Alex R., Daniel J. Vecellio, and Michael J. Allen. 2023. "Thermal (In)Equity and Incarceration: A Necessary Nexus for Geographers." *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Society* 6 (1): 638-657, doi: [10.1177/25148486211063488](https://doi.org/10.1177/25148486211063488)

Colucci, Alex R. 2022. "Emergent Specters and Disruptive Play in the Production of Disc Golf." *Sociological Focus* 55 (3): 236-253, doi: [10.1080/00380237.2022.2080779](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380237.2022.2080779)

Colucci, Alex R., James A. Tyner, Mandy Munro-Stasiuk, Stian Rice, Sokvisal Kimsroy, Chhunly Chhay, and Corrine Coakley. 2021. "Critical Physical Geography and the Study of Genocide: Lessons from Cambodia." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 46 (3): 780-793, doi: [10.1111/tran.12451](https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12451)

Colucci, Alex R. 2020. "Geographies of Capital Punishment: New Directions and Interventions." *Geography Compass*. 14 (12): 1-16, doi: [10.1111/gec3.12548](https://doi.org/10.1111/gec3.12548)

Tyner, James A. and Alex R. Colucci. 2015. "Bare Life, Dead Labor and Capital(ist) Punishment." *ACME: An International Journal of 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, doi: [10.1177/0309132514530319](https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132514530319)

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, doi: [10.1080/14649365.2012.734847](https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2012.734847)

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. 2019. "Capital Punishment," entry in the *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, 2nd edition, edited by Audrey Kobayashi. Elsevier, vol. 2, 9-14.

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.

Peer Review Work – Journals Listed:

Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers
Environment and Planning E: Nature and Society

Book Reviews:

Colucci, Alex R. 2022. Book Review of “Living by Inches: The Smells, Sounds, Tastes, and Feeling of Captivity in Civil War Prisons” by Evan A. Kutzler. *Material Culture: The Journal of the International Society for Landscape, Place, & Material Culture* 54 (1): 56-57.

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 the International Society for Landscape, Place, & Material Culture* 44 (2): 81-82.

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

Colucci, Alex R., Daniel J. Vecellio, and Michael J. Allen. “Critical Physical Geographies of Air, Atmospheres, and Climates.” For *Progress in Environmental Geography*. (Under Review)

Colucci, Alex R. “Execution Epistemologies: Science, Geography, and Capital Punishment.” For *Geoforum*.

Colucci, Alex R. “Fluid Epistemologies: Countering Geographic Epistemicide.” For *Environment and Planning F: Philosophy, Theory, Models, Methods, and Practice*.

Colucci, Alex R. “Extrajudicial Capital Punishment: Towards a Conceptualization of the Informal Economy of Lynching.” For *Antipode*.

Presentations

Conference Presentations:

Colucci, Alex R. 2023. “Critical Physical Geography, Carceral Infrastructure, and Thermal Inequity,” paper presented at the American Association of Geographers annual meetings, Denver, CO, March 24.

Colucci, Alex R. 2021. “Mythic Positivism, Fluid Epistemologies, and Replacing Geography’s Default Positions,” paper presented at the American Association of Geographers annual meetings, virtual, Seattle, WA, April 11.

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.

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.

Invited Research Presentations:

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"

Invited Teaching 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"

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"

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

Kent, Ohio – Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

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:

Reader – AP Human Geography Reading
Cincinnati, Ohio – June, 2016-2022

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

Geography/GIS Intern

Mohonk Preserve Research Center, Spring 2010

Geography Lab Assistant

SUNY New Paltz, 2008 – 2010

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

Courses: World Geography; Environment & Culture

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 – 2018 and 2019

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 – 2016 – 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), 2011 – 2012

Kent State University Geography Graduate Student Association, 2010 – 2019

Secretary: 2011 – 2012, Sargent at Arms: 2012 – 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), distributing raised funds

West Branch State Park Disc Golf Club, 2015 – 2019

Staff: Assistant Course Designer; Volunteer Course Maintenance Coordinator

SUNY New Paltz Racquetball Team, 2008-2010

SUNY New Paltz Fencing Team, 2008-2010

SUNY New Paltz Cross Country, 2006-2008

Methodological and Technical Skills

- 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 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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3. Dr. Joshua F.J. Inwood, Associate Professor
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4. Dr. Scott Sheridan, Professor and Department Chairperson
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