

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology

Colorado State University

GPA: 3.927

Dissertation: *Moon Mining: Imperialism's Next Frontier or Democratic Cooperation?*
Chair: Dr. Laura Reynolds, Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University
Committee: Dr. KuoRay Mao, Associate Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University
Dr. Jessie Luna, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University
Dr. Dimitris Stevis, Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University

High Pass, Comprehensive Exam in Social Change: *Teaching with Graphical Timelines and Historiography: Classical Sociological Theory, Old and New Institutionalism, and Political Economy*

ABD

Degree Expected:
Fall 2025

MA, Sociology

Colorado State University

GPA: 3.83

MA Thesis: *The Fairtrade Access Fund: Does Linking Ethical Investment with Fairtrade Certification Enhance Credit Outcomes for Small Farmers?*
Chair: Dr. Laura Reynolds, Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University
Committee: Dr. Michael Lacy, Associate Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University
Dr. Alexandra Bernasek, Professor of Economics, Colorado State University

2017

BA, Sociology

Minor: Economics

University of Colorado, Denver

Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 4.0

Honors Thesis: *Mechanisms of Wealth Displacement: Towards an Identification of Causes in the Inequality Process*

Golden Key International Honour Society

2012

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS

Atlas.ti Certificate of Training

Qualitative Data Analysis

Microsoft 365

Proficient: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Website Design and Maintenance

HTML, basic PHP, CSS, Word Press

Adobe Suite

Proficient: Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Economy, Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theory, Social Movements, Environmental Justice, Development, Inequality, Globalization

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journals:

Xue, Yong-ji, KuoRay Mao, **Nefratiri Weeks**, and Jingyi Xiao. 2020 "China's Rural Reform and Innovation: Experiences and Lessons of the past 40 years." *Journal of Contemporary China*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10670564.2020.1790902>

Mao, KuoRay, Shuqin Jin, Yu Hu, **Nefratiri Weeks**, and Liangjun Ye. 2020. "Environmental Conservation or the Treadmill of Law: A Case Study of the Post-2014 Husbandry Waste Regulations in China." *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* 66(4):296-326.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X20928024>

Mao, KuoRay, Qian Zhang, Yongji Xue, **Nefratiri Weeks**. 2020. "Toward a socio-political approach to water management: successes and limitations of IWRM programs in rural northwestern China." *Frontiers of Earth Science* 14(2): 268–285. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11707-019-0795-3>

In Progress:

Mao, KuoRay, **Nefratiri Weeks**, and Qian Zhang. "Environmental Conservation and Primitive Accumulation: The Rise of Environmental Authoritarianism in China" (Paper submitted to *Theoretical Criminology*).

Nefratiri Weeks. Manuscript under Preparation. "Using Polanyi's The Great Transformation to Understand Crises: Beyond the Regulation School and Social Structures of Accumulation Perspectives"

Book Chapters:

Mao, KuoRay, Qian Zhang, and **Nefratiri Weeks**. 2021 "Authoritarian Environmentalism as Just Transition? A Critical Environmental Justice Examination of State Environmental Intervention in Northwestern China." in *Environmental Justice in the Anthropocene* edited by Melinda Laituri and Stacia Ryder. London: Routledge.

Weeks, Nefratiri and Laura T. Reynolds. 2019. "Fair Trade Foods" In H. Meiselman (ed.) *Handbook on Eating and Drinking: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. New York: Springer.
<https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783030145033>

Reynolds, Laura and **Nefratiri Weeks**. 2018. "Fairtrade Certification in Latin America: Challenges and Prospects for Fostering Development." In J. Cupples, M. Palomino-Schalscha, M. Prieto (Eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Latin American Development*. London: Routledge.

Book Review:

Bendeck Shawna, Ian D. Greenwood, Sneha Kadyan, Robert Tuttle, **Nefratiri Weeks**, N. Prabha Unnithan. 2019. *In the Trenches: Teaching and Learning Sociology*, by M. P Atkinson and K. S. Lowney. New York. W. W Norton, 2016. *The Social Science Journal*, 55(3): 379–380.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

American Association of Geographers 2023 Annual Meeting, Section: Extraterrestrial Geographies. *Presentation*: Moon Mining: Imperialism's Next Frontier or Democratic Cooperation? Spring 2023

The Environmental Commons: From Practices to Standards, University of Western Brittany, France. *Presentation*: "Moon Mining: A Cultural Political Economy Case Study" Fall 2022

World-Ecology Research Network Conference, Binghamton University: “Climates of Crisis: Life, Power, and Planetary Justice in the Capitalocene.” <i>Presentation: “Colonialism, Capitalism, and Climate Change: The Missing Link”</i>	Spring 2020
Association for Social Economics, Colorado State University. <i>Presentation: “Using Polanyi’s The Great Transformation to Understand Crises: Beyond the Regulation School and Social Structures of Accumulation Perspectives”</i>	Summer 2018
History of Economics Society, University of Toronto, History and Theory Section. <i>Presentation: “Using Polanyi’s The Great Transformation to Understand Crises: Beyond the Regulation School and Social Structures of Accumulation Perspectives”</i>	Summer 2017

Departmental Presentations

<i>Writing the NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant for my Research titled: “Moon Mining: Imperialism’s Next Frontier or Democratic Participation?” – Community Gathering Presentation</i>	Spring 2023
<i>Creating Conversational Classrooms: Teaching Techniques – Community Gathering Presentation</i>	Fall 2022
<i>Environmental Authoritarianism and Primitive Accumulation: Criminal Selectivity in State-Led Environmental Conservation in China (First Author, Dr. KuoRay Mao) – Sociology Graduate Symposium</i>	Spring 2021
<i>Using Polanyi’s The Great Transformation to Understand Crises: Beyond the Regulation School and Social Structures of Accumulation Perspectives – Sociology Graduate Symposium.</i>	Spring 2018
<i>Fairtrade Access Fund: Does this Ethical Investment Fund’s Connection to Fairtrade Certification Standards Modify Potential Positive and Negative Outcomes of Credit and Debt for Smallholder Farmers? – Sociology Graduate Symposium</i>	Spring 2016
<i>Stratification Systems and Social Mobility – Lecture for Undergrad Stratification Class</i>	Spring 2016
<i>Gender and Intersectionality – Lecture for Undergrad Gender Class</i>	Spring 2016
<i>Mechanisms of Wealth Displacement: A Review of Theories from Human Ecology and Political Economy Perspectives – Sociology Graduate Symposium</i>	Spring 2015

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Graduate Teaching Instructor, Colorado State University, Sociology Department:	2018-
Internship Coordinator for Sociology Capstone	2018-
(FA2018, SP2019, SM2019, FA2019, SP2020, SM2020, FA2020, SP2021, SM2021, FA2021, SP2022, SM2022, FA2022, SP2023)	
SOC 487: Internship Coordinator	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate student internships with local organizations to increase hands-on experience in student’s career path and academic field of study prior to graduation. • Network with local internship providers to increase student knowledge and access to opportunities and maintain a webpage of prominent internship providers on the sociology website at CSU. 	

- Greatly improved internship program by restructuring paperwork and creating a handbook for students and internship providers.

SOC 492: Internship Seminar Instructor

- Instructor of record for internship seminar where students apply sociological paradigms and an institutional context to their internship experiences.
- Help students prepare for 'next steps' through helpful assignments that guide the creation and ongoing perfection of career documents and online presence while also increasing skills for job search, interviewing, and becoming graduate school ready.

SOC 301: Development of Sociological Thought 2019-

(SP2019, FA2019, SP2020, FA2020, SP2021, SP2022, FA2022, SP2023)

- Instructor of record for classical social theory for 8 semesters.

SOC320: Population-Natural Resources and Environment 2018-2021

(SM2018, SM2019, FA2021)

- Instructor of record for 3 semesters where main teaching goal is helping students understand population and environmental resource issues through sociological perspectives and systemic political economic processes.

SOC311: Sociological Research Methods 2022

(SU2022)

- Instructor of record

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Colorado State University, Sociology Department: 2014-2017

General Sociology

Social Stratification

Social Problems

Development of Sociological Thought

Agriculture and Global Society

Water, Society, Environment

Methods of Sociological Inquiry

Quantitative Sociological Analysis

Criminology

Correctional Organizations

Sociology of Law

Sociology of Gender

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Awards

Graduate Student Research Excellence Award (\$200 for Professional Development) 2023-2024

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (\$100) 2019-2020

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award (\$100) 2015-2016

Association for Social Economics (ASE), Ingrid H. Rima Scholarship for my paper: "Using Polanyi's *The Great Transformation* to Understand Crises: Beyond the Regulation School and Social Structures of Accumulation Perspectives." (Admission to Social Economics Summer School, 2-year access to Social Economics Journal) 2017-2018

Grants

Professional Development Funding, Colorado State university, Dept. of Sociology (\$300) 2023

Professional Development Funding for Conference Presentation, Colorado State University, Dept. of Sociology (\$500) 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, Center for Fair & Alternative Trade (CFAT): <https://cfat.colostate.edu> 2016-
- Outreach to CFAT's members: news updates, website updates, newsletters
 - Seminar coordination and write up of seminar presentations
 - Quantitative Data Analysis on survey data with SPSS
- Research Assistant for increasing student retention in the Sociology Department 2022-
- Recruit students for focus groups from sociology core classes
 - Create modules for professors to integrate into curriculum to increase student knowledge of career opportunities
 - Assist with focus groups to gather qualitative data on student perspectives
 - Assist with survey creation to gather data on student engagement with module content
- Research on Intersection of Ethical Finance and Fair Trade Certification Regimes 2017
- Bibliography Hosting, Enhancement and Sustainability Project for Fair Trade Institute 2017-
- Redesign and Maintenance of Fair Trade Institute Bibliography Website, the largest collection of Fair Trade academic research: <https://www.fairtrade-institute.org>
- Research Assistant to Dr. KuoRay Mao 2016-
- Provide literature reviews and theoretical paradigms on global institutions, institutional change, global political economy, environmental and social impacts of economic modernization

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- American Sociological Association, Political Economy of the World-System Section, Student Representative 2022 – 2024
- President of the Graduate Student Body, Sociology Department, CSU 2018 – 2019
- PhD Student Representative, Sociology Department Council, CSU 2017 – 2018

REFERENCES

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