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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

My work draws on political ecology, political geography and development studies to investigate the uneven geographies of development in Southeast Asia. I focus on:

- Legacies of Cold War conflict in shaping contemporary processes of state-managed land grabbing
- The spatial targeting of land-governance interventions like land titling and climate change-focused forest conservation
- The political-economic and geopolitical drivers of new and environmentally harmful energy infrastructure in the Mekong region

EDUCATION

2011 Ph.D., Energy & Resources, University of California, Berkeley
2003 M.Sc., Energy & Resources, University of California, Berkeley
1997 B.A. (Mathematics), Oberlin College

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019– Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Indiana-Bloomington, Department of Geography
2017–19 Instructor, University of Colorado-Boulder, Department of Geography and Center for Asian Studies
2015– Associated Senior Research Scientist, University of Bern, Center for Development and Environment
2015–19 Researcher and policy consultant to Forest Trends, Helvetas, Mekong Region Land Governance Project, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, University of California-Berkeley, University of Helsinki, University of Sussex
2013–15 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Governance Program
2012–13 Postdoctoral Researcher on Land Governance in Southeast Asia, University of Bern, Center for Development and Environment
2012 Adjunct Professor, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Graduate School of International Policy and Development (spring semester)

RESEARCH

MONOGRAPHS

Michael Dwyer. Revision in review. *Territorial Affairs: Grounding the Global Land Rush in Postwar Laos.* University of Washington Press. Submitted January 2021.

EDITED VOLUMES

Michael Dwyer, Philip Hirsch, Natalia Scurrah and Kevin Woods (eds). In revision. *Turning Land into Capital: Development and Dispossession in the Mekong Region.* University of Washington Press. Resubmission expected February 2021.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Published/In press/ Accepted

- Marketta Vuola, Mika Korkeakoski, Noora Vähäkari, **Michael Dwyer**, Nicholas J. Hogarth, Jari Kaivo-oja, Jyrki Luukkanen, Eliyan Chea, Try Thuon and Keophousone Phonhalath (2020). What is a green economy? Review of national-level green economy policies in Cambodia and Lao PDR. *Sustainability* 12(6664), doi:10.3390/su12166664.
- Michael Dwyer** (2019). “They will not automatically benefit”: The politics of infrastructure development in Laos’s Northern Economic Corridor. *Political Geography* 78, doi: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2019.102118
- Mutlu Ozdogan, Ian Baird and **Michael Dwyer** (2018). The role of remote sensing for understanding large-scale rubber concession expansion in southern Laos. *Land* 7(55), doi: 10.3390/land7020055.
- Miles Kenney-Lazar, Diana Suhardiman and **Michael Dwyer** (2018). State spaces of resistance: Industrial tree plantations and the struggle for land in Laos. *Antipode* 50(5): 1290–1310.
- Michael Dwyer** and Thouthone Vongvisouk (2017). The long land grab: Market-assisted enclosure on the China-Lao rubber frontier. *Territory, Politics, Governance*, doi: 10.1080/21622671.2017.1371635.
- Michael Dwyer**, Micah Ingalls and Ian Baird (2016). The security exception: Development and militarization in Laos’s protected areas. *Geoforum* 69: 207–217.
- Michael Dwyer** (2016). Upland geopolitics: Finding Zomia in northern Laos c. 1875. *The Journal of Lao Studies*, Special Issue 3: 37–57.
- Micah Ingalls and **Michael Dwyer** (2016). Missing the forest for the trees? Navigating the trade-offs between mitigation and adaptation under REDD. *Climatic Change* 136(2): 353–366.
- Michael Dwyer** (2015). The formalization fix? Land titling, land concessions, and the politics of spatial transparency in Cambodia. *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 42(5): 903–928.
- Michael Dwyer**, Emily Polack and Sokbunthoeun So (2015). ‘Better-practice’ concessions: Some lessons from Cambodia’s Leopard Skin landscape. *International Development Policy* 6.1.
- Michael Dwyer** (2014). Micro-geopolitics: Capitalising security in Laos’s Golden Quadrangle. *Geopolitics* 19: 377–405.
- Peter Messerli, Markus Giger, **Michael Dwyer**, Thomas Breu and Sandra Eckert (2014). The geography of large-scale land acquisitions: Analyzing socio-ecological patterns of target contexts in the global south. *Applied Geography* 53: 449–459.
- Michael Dwyer** (2014). Territorial entanglements: Ambiguities of giving back in northwestern Laos [Research Note]. *Journal of Research Practice* 10(2), Article N9.
- Michael Dwyer** (2013). Building the politics machine: Tools for ‘resolving’ the global land grab. *Development and Change* 44(2): 309–333.

In preparation

- Michael Dwyer** and Vong Nanthavong (in preparation). Making concessions pay? Historical versus potential development revenues from Laos’s rubber sector. Planned submission to *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* February 2020.
- Michael Dwyer** (in preparation). REDD’s smallholder problem: The costs of selective driver engagement in the global carbon forestry landscape. Planned submission to *World Development* May 2021.
- Juliet Lu and **Michael Dwyer** (in preparation). The vertical politics of Chinese borderland development initiatives. Planned submission to *Eurasian Geography and Economics* May 2021.

NON-PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Michael Dwyer** and Ian Baird (2014). Principled engagement: Political ecologists and their interactions outside the academy. Introduction to a set of short interventions. *ACME* 13(4): 473–477.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Michael Dwyer** (in press). The fiction of formalization: Titles, concessions and the politics of landownership in Cambodia. Book chapter in *Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country*, D. A. Ghertner and R. Lake (eds.). Cornell University Press.
- Nkirula Avila, Noah Kittner, Rebekah Shirley, **Michael Dwyer**, David Roberts, Jalel Sager and Daniel M. Kammen (2019). Beyond the battery: Power expansion alternatives for economic resilience and diversity in Laos. Pages 27–64 in *Resource Governance, Agriculture and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Lower Mekong Basin*, Le V.P., Nguyen V.G., Le Q.T., Chu T.H. and M. McPherson (eds.). SIRD Press & Lower Mekong Public Policy Initiative, Petaling Jaya.
- Michael Dwyer** (2017). The new ‘new battlefield’: Capitalising security in Laos’s agribusiness landscape. Pages 192–220 in *Changing Lives in Laos: Society, Politics, and Culture in a Post-Socialist State*, V. Bouté and V. Pholsena (eds.). National University of Singapore Press.
- Michael Dwyer** (2016). Redirecting regulation? Land titling and Cambodia’s post-neoliberal conjuncture. Pages 186–200 in *Governing Access to Essential Resources*, K. Pistor and O. de Schutter (eds.). Columbia University Press.
- Michael Dwyer** (2014). Mitigation expert. Pages 99–101 in *Figures of Southeast Asian Modernity*, J. Barker, E. Harms and J. Lindquist (eds.). University of Hawai’i Press.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Michael Dwyer** and Keith Barney (2009). Apprentice nationalists: Review of Soren Ivarsson (2008), *Creating Laos: The Making of a Lao Space between Indochina and Siam, 1860–1945*. *Asia-Pacific Viewpoint* 50: 247–249.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Selected policy research (all available online)

- Kevin Woods, Naomi Basik Treanor, and **Michael Dwyer** (2020). “Conflict rubber” and land rights in Southeastern Myanmar. Forest Trends: Forest Policy, Trade and Finance Initiative.
- Miles Kenney-Lazar, **Michael Dwyer** and Cornelia Hett (2018). Turning land into capital: Assessing a decade of policy in practice. Lao INGO Network Land Information Working Group (LIWG), Vientiane. (also available in Lao language).
- Michael Dwyer** (2017). Land and forest tenure in Laos: Baseline overview 2016 with options for community participation in forest management. UN REDD Programme: FAO, UNDP and UNEP.
- Thoumthone Vongvisouk and **Michael Dwyer** (2017). After the boom: Responding to falling rubber prices in northern Laos. Mekong Region Land Governance Project (MRLG), Vientiane.
- Michael Dwyer** and Young Sokphea (2016). Uneven developments: Toward inclusive land governance in contemporary Cambodia. Institute of Development Studies (IDS) Working Paper 476. University of Sussex.
- Michael Dwyer** and Micah Ingalls (2015). REDD+ at the crossroads: Choices and tradeoffs for 2015–2020 in Laos. CIFOR Working Paper 179. Center for International Forestry Research, Bogor Indonesia.
- Michael Dwyer** (2015). Trying to follow the money: Possibilities and limits of investor transparency in Southeast Asia’s rush for ‘available’ land. CIFOR Working Paper 177. Center for International Forestry Research, Bogor Indonesia.
- Sithong Thongmanivong, Kaisone Phengsopha, Hounghphet Chantavong, **Michael Dwyer** and Robert Oberndorf (2009). Concession or cooperation? Impacts of recent rubber investment on land tenure and livelihoods: A case study from Oudomxai Province, Lao PDR. Unpublished, available on LaoFAB.org.
- Michael Dwyer** (2007). Turning land into capital: A review of recent research on land concessions for investment in Lao PDR. The Land Issues Working Group (LIWG) of the Lao INGO Network, Vientiane (also available in Lao language).

Public scholarship (all available online)

- Michael Dwyer** (2019). The geography of security: Coercion, comparative advantage and population management work in contemporary Laos. *The Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* 25 (simultaneous publication in English, Thai, Indonesian, Filipino, Vietnamese and Japanese).
- Nkirula Avila, Noah Kittner, Rebekah Shirley, **Michael Dwyer**, David Roberts, Jalel Sager and Daniel M. Kammen (2017). Distributed renewables offer flexibility and sustainability for development in Lao PDR. Policy brief, Lower Mekong Public Policy Initiative (LMPPPI).
- Michael Dwyer** and Naomi Basik Treanor (2017). The regulatory imperative: Policy lessons from the Lao rubber sector for supporting smallholder livelihoods and land tenure. Info Brief, Forest Trends (bilingual publication in English & Lao).
- Michael Dwyer** (2015). Trying to follow the money: Tracing investments to actual places in Southeast Asia. Blog entry, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR).
- Michael Dwyer** (2015). The formalization fix? Land titling and land concessions in Cambodia. Policy brief, Center for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern.
- Michael Dwyer** (2011). The internal frontier: Chinese extra-territoriality in northern Laos? Part two of the three-part series “Crossing Borders: Chinese investment in Southeast Asia.” *New Mandala: New Perspectives on Mainland Southeast Asia*.
- Michael Dwyer** (2009) Territorial affairs: The production of available land in Laos’s Northern Economic Corridor (photo essay). *New Mandala: New Perspectives on Mainland Southeast Asia*.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015 Innovation Fund grant, Mekong Region Land Governance project (team leader, research & policy)
- 2013 Postdoctoral fellowship (funding provided by USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia), Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- 2012 Land Deal Politics Initiative (LDPI) small grants fund
- 2011 Senior research fellowship (funding provided by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs), Center for Khmer Studies, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2010 Land Deal Politics Initiative small grants fund
- 2008 John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, Institute for International Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 2006 Doctoral Dissertation for Research Improvement Grant in Geography and Regional Science, National Science Foundation (NSF DDRI) (PI: N. Peluso)
- 2006 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC IDRF)
- 2006 Summer Grant-in-aid, University of California-Berkeley Center for Southeast Asian Studies
- 2005 Mini-grant, University of California Pacific Rim Research Program
- 2004 Summer Grant-in-aid, University of California-Berkeley Center for Southeast Asian Studies

INVITED LECTURES

International

- 2018 “Beyond the ‘Battery of Asia’: Lao hydropower and the political economy of energy development in the lower Mekong basin.” Fulbright University of Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City), July 16
- 2018 “Grounding Lao hydropower: Locating Nam Ngum 1 and Theun-Hinboun in development debates about the Mekong basin.” University of Sydney post-graduate field school in Lao PDR, National University of Laos (Vientiane), July 2
- 2017 “Agribusiness regulation in the Mekong region: Why now?” Mekong Region Land Governance Project workshop on Responsible Agricultural Investment (session keynote address), Vientiane, Laos, November 13
- 2016 “Titling and tenure: Overlaps and divergences in Cambodia and Laos.” Land Core Group, Yangon, Myanmar, March 11

- 2016 “The formalization gap: Bringing the state back into customary tenure debates in the Mekong region.” Mekong Land Research Forum (keynote address), Vientiane, Laos, February 24
- 2015 “The return of the concession? The hard-to-see regulatory geography of the Lao rubber sector and why it matters.” National University of Laos, Faculty of Forestry, Vientiane, 7 January
- 2013 “Company + People: Concessions, contract farming and the communal land question in Laos’s northwestern rubber sector.” Land Issues Working Group, International NGO Network, Vientiane, Laos, December 12
- 2013 “Far from Vientiane: Three ‘forgotten landscapes’ and their implications for Laos’s land sector.” Land Issues Working Group, International NGO Network, Vientiane, Laos, March 6
- 2012 “The uneven geography of property formalization in Southeast Asia: Some lessons from Laos and Cambodia.” University of Zurich, Geography Department, September 7
- 2011 “Conducting Research on Laos’s Northern Economic Corridor: A Case of Policy-Oriented Fieldwork.” National University of Laos, International Development Studies program, July 16

United States

- 2018 “Untitled But Not Informal: State Formation and the Global Land Rush in Laos.” Geography Department Yi-Fu Tuan Lecture series, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 9
- 2018 “The Geography of Security: The birth of focal site development in postwar Laos.” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 9
- 2017 “Authority Problems: Concession Formalization and State Formation in Contemporary Laos.” Yale Agrarian Studies Colloquium, New Haven, December 1
- 2013 “The Formalization Fix? Land Grabbing, Land Titling and the Politics of Geographical Transparency: The Case of Cambodia.” Nelson Institute Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 18
- 2011 “The Territorial Fix? Chinese Investment in Laos and Its Implications for the ‘Global Land Grab’.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, April 29

GUEST LECTURES AT HOME INSTITUTION

- 2020 “Turning battlefields into marketplaces: Grounding the global land rush in postwar Laos.” Geography Department Colloquium, Indiana University, February 14
- 2019 “Grounding the global land rush: What the Lao-China borderlands tell us about development after neoliberalism.” Brown-bag talk at Hamilton-Lugar School of Global and International Studies, Southeast Asia and ASEAN Studies program, Indiana University, October 23
- 2018 “Territorial affairs: Legacy and invisibility in the global land rush.” Geography Department Colloquium, University of Colorado-Boulder, April 27
- 2018 “Greening the Economic Transition in the Global South? Lessons from REDD+ in Laos.” Environmental Studies Department Colloquium, University of Colorado-Boulder, March 7
- 2018 “Territorial Affairs: Grounding the Global Land Rush in Postwar Laos.” Center for Asian Studies luncheon series, University of Colorado-Boulder, March 1
- 2013 “Land Grabbing, Land Titling and the Politics of Transparency: Post-neoliberal Geographies of Property Formalization in Laos and Cambodia.” Center for Development and Environment, University of Bern, Switzerland, June 6
- 2011 “Territorial Affairs: Re-reading the Global Land Grab in Northwestern Laos.” University of California-Berkeley, Energy and Resources Group Colloquium, November 16
- 2011 “Looking north to understand the Lao ‘geo-body’, or Why Southeast Asian studies needs Chinese geopolitics.” Center for Khmer Studies, Phnom Penh, September 9

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2020 “A new organic machine? Emergent geographies of energy infrastructure in (and beyond) northern Laos.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, April 8 (cancelled)

- 2019 “Real countries? Legacies of denationalization and the politics of dispossession.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 6
- 2018 “Painted into a corner: The conflicted, evolving geography of REDD+ in Laos.” POLLEN18: Second Biennial Conference of the Political Ecology Network, Oslo, June 22
- 2018 “Far from Vientiane: Hidden legacies and enclosures along a new Chinese highway.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 12
- 2018 “Infrastructure and dispossession in northern Laos: Learning from a BRI test case.” Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington DC, March 24
- 2017 “The Infrastructure-Resource Nexus: Regulation and State Formation in Contemporary Laos.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 7
- 2016 “Concession Development: Timber Financing and Risk Modulation at Southeast Asia’s Upland Frontier.” InterAsian Connections V: Seoul, April 27–30
- 2016 “REDD after Paris: Recent Trajectories and Possible Futures through the Case of Laos.” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 31
- 2015 “Untitled but not Informal: Land Politics in Formality’s Gray Spaces – Evidence from Laos.” International Academic Conference on Land Grabbing: Perspectives from East and Southeast Asia; Chiang Mai University, Thailand, 6 June
- 2015 “Untitled but not Informal: Land Politics in Formality’s Gray Spaces.” Land Fictions conference, Rutgers University, 2 May
- 2015 “Technical matters: The development of REDD+ baselines and business-as-usual scenarios in Laos.” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, 22 April
- 2014 “Laos’s Land Titling Gap and its Implications for Rural Land Tenure.” Lao National Research Forum, National University of Laos, 17-18 December
- 2014 “Investor Disclosure and Spatial Transparency: Bridging the Accountability Gap?” Forest Trends workshop on illegal forest conversion in the Mekong region, Phuket, 23 July
- 2014 “Jurisdictional approaches to green development: Evidence from Laos.” Forests Asia Conference, Jakarta, 5 May
- 2014 “‘Thirty Thousand Hectares Will Not Be a Problem’: The Regulatory Politics of Sino-Lao Rubber Cooperation.” Asia Pacific Sociology Association (APSA) Conference, Chiang Mai University, 15-16 February
- 2013 “Formalizing the Concession: A Genealogy of Regulatory Illegibility in the Lao PDR.” Workshop on Property and Citizenship in Developing Countries, University of Copenhagen, June 30
- 2013 “‘All-Around Strong Localities’: Focal Site Development in Laos’s Postwar Political Forest.” Fourth International Lao Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 21
- 2013 “Property Frontiers in Laos and Cambodia: Evidence of a Post-Neoliberal Conjuncture?” Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, April 11
- 2012 “The Formalization Fix? Land Titling, Agribusiness Concessions and Geographical Transparency in Contemporary Cambodia.” Second International Academic Conference on “Global Land Grabbing”, Cornell University, October 19
- 2012 “The Uneven Geography of Property Formalization in Southeast Asia: Some Lessons from Laos and Cambodia.” 3rd International Conference on Research for Development (ICRD 2012): Research for Global Transformation, University of Bern, August 21
- 2012 “Surviving State Land: Civil Society and the Cambodian Land Grab.” AAG Annual Meeting, New York, February 24
- 2011 “The Politics of Sovereignty and Property: Laos and the Global Land Grab.” AAG Annual Meeting, Seattle WA, April 12
- 2011 “Building the Politics Machine: Tools for ‘Resolving’ the Global Land Grab.” International Academic Conference on “Global Land Grabbing”, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, April 7
- 2010 “Technical Matters: The Practice and Politics of Geo-referencing.” AAG Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 18

- 2010 “Turning Battlefields into Marketplaces: Property and Citizenship in Northwestern Laos.” AAG Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 17
- 2009 “Technical Matters: The Regulatory Politics of Geo-referencing in Contemporary Lao Agribusiness.” Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, October 16
- 2009 “Formal Territory and Postwar Development in Northwestern Laos.” AAG Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 22
- 2009 “Investment-based Development in Lao PDR: A Lingering Postwar Landscape.” Vietnam Center Conference, Texas Tech University, March 14
- 2008 “Turning Land into Capital: The World Bank and the Juridical Model of Power.” AAG Annual Meeting, Boston, April 18
- 2006 “Orienting the Resource Landscape: Mapping and Upland Development in Lao PDR.” AAG Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 8

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

Lao (conversational speaking, intermediate reading, basic writing)

French (intermediate reading)

ArcGIS

Q-GIS

TEACHING

TEACHING AWARDS

- 2018 Course development grant, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado
2010 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Teaching Award, University of California-Berkeley, Fall 2010 (for American Environmental and Cultural History)

COURSES TAUGHT

Indiana University

- GEOG 208: Environment & Society. Introduction to environmental physical and social sciences.
GEOG 417/517: Development Geography: Critical Perspectives. Seminar on history of and current topics in international development from the perspective of critical human geography

University of Colorado, Boulder

- GEOG 2092: Advanced Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 2852: Contemporary Southeast Asia: Environmental Politics
GEOG 3422: Political Ecology
GEOG 3682: Geography of International Development
GEOG 4173: Geography Research Seminar
GEOG 4842: Global Frontiers in Southeast Asia
GEOG 6404: Graduate Seminar in Political Ecology

Monterey Institute of International Studies

- IPOL 8548A: Interdisciplinary Energy Analysis (Masters level)
IPOL 8676A: Agriculture, Forests & Development (Masters level)

READING COURSES SUPERVISED

- GEOG 830: Graduate Readings in Geography. Directed reading on topics in Political Ecology and Southeast Asian Development Geography

STUDENT SUPERVISION

External graduate committee member

- Jessica DiCarlo, University of Colorado, Boulder: PhD qualification 2018, PhD in progress
Diana Dorman, University of Colorado, Boulder Environmental Studies: MA 2019, PhD in progress

External undergraduate Honors committee member

- Aaditee Kurimoti, University of California, Berkeley Political Science and Energy & Resources Group: BA Hon. in progress

PhD committee member

- Sharif Wahab (in progress)

Masters committee or qualifying exam committee member

- Daniel Fobi (in progress)

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Funding agency reviewer

European Research Council (ERC)
National Science Foundation (NSF), Cultural Anthropology

Journal referee

Annals of the American Association of Geographers, Antipode, Applied Geography, Asia Pacific Viewpoint, Australian Geographer, China Quarterly, Climate Policy, Climatic Change, Development and Change, Ecology and Society, Environmental Politics, Eurasian Geography and Economics, European Journal of Development Research, Feminist Economics, Geoforum, the Geographical Journal, Geography Compass, Geopolitics, Journal of Agrarian Change, Journal of Peasant Studies, Land Use Policy, Political Geography, SAGE Open, Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography, Third World Quarterly, World Development

Academic press referee

Routledge Press
University of Georgia Press

Conference organizer

Organizing committee member, Lao National Research Forum for Development, National University of Laos, December 17–18, 2014

Conference session organizer

Ian Baird and Michael Dwyer (2011). Panel: “Principled engagement: Political ecologists outside the academy.” Association of American Geographers annual meeting, Seattle.
Michael Dwyer, Dan Fahey and Arthur Green (2009). Two sessions on “Post-Conflict Geography,” Association of American Geographers annual meeting, Las Vegas.

Advisory work

2019 Reviewer, Lao PDR report of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
2015–16 Member, Research Advisory Board, National Economic Research Institute (NERI), Lao Ministry of Planning and Investment
2015 Member, advisory group to World Resources Institute (WRI) on global comparative research on forest concession transparency (July & September meetings)
2014–15 Laos specialist, Sydney University research team (Professor Philip Hirsch, leader) for Mekong Regional Land Governance Program

CAMPUS SERVICE

2017–19 University of Colorado, Boulder: Honors Council representative (Geography)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2019 IU-Bloomington, Southeast Asian & ASEAN Studies (SEAS) Program: Reviewer and editor for LoI (“ASEAN from the Ground Up”) to Luce Foundation’s LuceSEA Initiative
2017–19 University of Colorado, Boulder, Center for Asian Studies: Committee member, US Dept. of Education UISFL (Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language) grant oversight

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE

2019– Informal advisor to civil society groups on upcoming World Bank land titling project in Laos
2012–17 Member, advisory committee to the Lao Land Issues Working Group (LIWG) on the development of a Lao National Land Policy