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EDUCATION

- MA 2024 (Expected)** Geography, University of Arizona
- BA 2019** Geography, *summa cum laude*, University of Colorado-Boulder
Honors Thesis committee: Joe Bryan (Chair), Michael Dwyer, Patricia Limerick
- BA 2019** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado-Boulder
- 2019** Certificate in Western American Studies, University of Colorado-Boulder

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed papers/articles

Koester, Tai Kondo and Bryan, Joe. 2022. "The cartographic dispossession of Bears Ears: Confronting settler colonialism in contemporary struggles over 'public land'", *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*, 5(4), 2332–2355. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/25148486211045358>.

Non-refereed papers/articles

Koester, Tai Kondo. 2019. The Cartographic Destruction of Bears Ears: Dispossession, Creating "Public" Land, and Fighting for Indigenous Conceptions of Space. Undergraduate Honors Thesis. University of Colorado-Boulder.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019-20**, Research assistant, Rapid assessment of the moral economy of medical marijuana cultivation in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado-Denver.
- 2018-19**, von Dreden Stacey Fellow, fieldwork for "The Cartographic Dispossession of Bears Ears: Confronting Settler Colonialism in Contemporary Struggles over Public Land", Department of Geography, University of Colorado-Boulder.
- 2019**, Paid undergraduate researcher (participant observer), *Institutional Cultures of Ethical Practice in University-Based Engineering-for-Development Programs*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado-Boulder.
- 2018**, Field technician, University of Colorado-Boulder Mountain Research Station and Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR).
- 2017**, Research intern, University of Washington and Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean (JISAO). Seattle, WA.
- 2017**, Paid undergraduate researcher, Boulder Affordable Housing Initiative, Department of Geography, University of Colorado-Boulder.
- 2015-2016**, Paid undergraduate researcher, McCain Lab, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado-Boulder.

COMPLETED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018-19**, von Dreden Stacy Mentored Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Department of Geography, University of Colorado. Amount: \$3,000.
- 2018**, University of Colorado Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, summer research. Amount: \$3,000.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019**, University of Colorado Chancellor's Award in recognition of maintaining a 4.00 GPA throughout undergraduate coursework.

2019, Theodore C. Myers Award (Department of Geography, University of Colorado) for most outstanding undergraduate thesis. Awarded \$500 prize.

2019, J. Tour Scholarship. Amount: \$1,500.

2015-19, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado.

2015-19, President Joseph A. Seward Scholarship. Amount: \$20,000.

PRESENTATIONS

2021, May. Northern Plains Resource Council, Billings, MT. DEI Session: "Public Lands and the Dispossession of the Bears Ears Landscape."

2019, August. McCarthy Society Conference, Austin, Texas. Paper presentation: "Progressing Over the Plain: *Blood Meridian*, Science, Land Organization, & Dispossession." (Paper delivered by proxy.)

2019, April. Association of American Geographers, Washington, D.C. Paper presentation: "The Cartographic Destruction of Bears Ears: Dispossession, Creating 'Public' Land, and Fighting for Indigenous Conceptions of Space."

2018, September. University of Colorado Department of Geography Colloquium. "Who is the Public in Public Land? The Cartographic Erasure of Bears Ears as Indigenous Space and Consequences for Contemporary Public Lands Issues."

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

2022-Present, Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona Community School & Garden Program. Tucson, Arizona.

2019-2022, Field Organizer and Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) Manager, Northern Plains Resource Council. Billings, Montana.

SERVICE

2019, Editorial Staff, *Journal Twenty Twenty*, creative nonfiction student journal, University of Colorado.

2018-2019, Peer Advisor, University of Colorado-Boulder; student advisor for undergraduate students in the Geography and Environmental Sciences departments.

2018, Volunteer, Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Gathering; assisted in the organization and operation of a three day celebration of Bears Ears National Monument.

2017, Member, Colorado Resistance; organized to oppose regressive legislation in Colorado.

2016, Organizer, Buffs for Bernie; student organizing for the 2016 Bernie Sanders Campaign.

OUTREACH

2018-19, Teaching Assistant, CU Boulder Science Discovery; helped teach week-long, summer high school field ecology courses for students at the University of Colorado's Mountain Research Station in Ward, Colorado.

2018, Volunteer, Winter Wildlands Alliance; assisted snow science program for Boulder Valley School District fifth graders.

LANGUAGES

English; Japanese (fluent speaking, basic reading/writing); French (conversational)