

BRIAN PAGE

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a geographer who specializes in research on the historical development of cities. My research program is situated within the fields of urban political economy, historical geography, food studies, and digital humanities. It is supported by expertise in archival methods, visual methods, field research methods, and geographical information science (GIS). My research has been funded by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation (now the Institute for Citizens and Scholars), the National Science Foundation, the Newberry Library of Chicago, the National Library Board of Singapore, History Colorado (the state historical society), the University of Colorado, and Maxar Technologies.

Regionally, I have active interests in both North America and Asia. In North America, my research focuses on Denver spatial history. This research program combines historic map digitization, historic images, archival data sources, and GIS methods to document and visualize urban landscape change overtime, providing new insight into topics such as urban renewal, historic preservation, and social displacement. Current Denver research, conducted with community partners, centers on creating interactive digital *story maps* that recount the experiences of individuals and families that once lived or worked in the now vanished Auraria neighborhood.

In Asia, my research concentrates on landscape history in China and Singapore. My first China project was the book *Beijing Then and Now*, a study grounded in the visual method of repeat photography and based on both archival and field research. This method matches historical images – including some of the first photographic views of the city – with photographs of the same sites today to explore the dramatic process of urban and cultural landscape change occurring in the Chinese capital. A second China project uses historic maps, historic images, GIS methods, and remote sensing analysis of satellite images to search for hundreds of relic historic temples on Lushan, a mountain range located just south of the Yangtze River in China's Jiangxi Province and one of the key spiritual and philosophical centers of Chinese civilization. In Singapore, I am part of a digital humanities research team that is exploring the evolution of hawker culture and hawker foodscapes in the context of post-colonial urban redevelopment and nation-building.

EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENT HISTORY

2024-present	Research Professor, Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver
2024-present	Professor Emeritus, Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver
1999-2024	Associate Professor, Tenured, Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver
2018-2019	Department Chair, Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver
2005-2014	Department Chair, Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver
1992-1998	Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1993 PhD University of California, Berkeley (Geography)

1988 MA University of California, Berkeley (Geography)
1984 BA (2) University of California, Santa Cruz (Env. Studies and Community Studies)

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Wee, B., **Page, B.** and DePierre, A. “Tensions with Intangible Cultural Heritage in Urban Foodways: Cooking, Eating, and Sharing Hawker Food in Singapore.” *Societies & Representations* n°60, autumn: 157-179.
- 2023 Wee, B., DePierre, A., **Page, B.**, Schmit, A. and Ariefdjohan, M. (2023). “Evolving foodscapes: A spatial history of hawkers in Singapore “[*Digital Story Maps*]. University of Colorado Denver & National Library Board of Singapore.
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/a24b930bc0fa4666844eb6c0577a71e7>
- 2021 **Page, B.**, Wee, B., Chen, Y. and Schmit, A. “Sustainability Along the Yangtze: A Study Abroad Collaboration Between Geography and Environmental Science.” *The Geography Teacher* 18 (3-4): 150-157.
- 2017 **Page, B.** *Beijing Then and Now*. London: Pavilion Books. (2nd Edition, revised and rewritten, 143 pages).
- 2017 **Page, B.** and Ross E. “Legacies of a Contested Campus: Urban Renewal, Community Resistance, and the Origins of Gentrification in Denver.” *Urban Geography* 38: 1293-1328.
- 2015 **Page B.** and Ross E. “Envisioning the Urban Past: GIS Reconstruction of a Lost Denver District.” *Frontiers in Digital Humanities* (digital history section) 2:3 doi: 10.3389/fdigh.2015.00003.

RESEARCH MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- 2026 Wee, B., **Page, B.** and DePierre, A. “The Hawker Question and Urban Redevelopment: Contested Foodscapes in 20th Century Singapore. (In peer review: *Food, Culture and Society*.)
- 2026 **Page, B.**, Rees, A. and Page-Schmit, K. “A Perilous Route to Historic Preservation: Planning to Destroy Lower Downtown Denver in the Mid-20th Century.” (In preparation for peer review for the International Journal of Heritage Studies.)
- 2026 **Page, B.**, Puga, K., Rees, A., Ross, E. and Anthamatten, P. “Urban Renewal and Social Displacement Revisited: GIS Mapping of Community Relocation in Denver, 1972-1974.” (In peer review: *Urban Geography*.)

RESEARCH AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022-2023 **Digital Fellowship** in Hawker History, National Library Board of Singapore
- 2017 **Chancellor’s Award** for 25 Years of Service Excellence to the University of Colorado Denver
- 2003-2004 **Research Fellowship** in US Agricultural and Food History, Center for Great Lakes Research, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL
- 1997 University of Colorado Denver, **Teaching Excellence Award**
- 1989-91 **Research Fellowship** in US Agriculture and Food Policy, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton, NJ

RECENT FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2023-2024 University of Colorado, President’s Fund for the Humanities Research Grant, “Inverting the Architectural Photomontage: Digital Visualization of Denver’s Lost Auraria Neighborhood.” (\$14,760)
- 2022-2023 National Library Board of Singapore, Digital Humanities Fellowship (with Bryan Wee and Amy DePierre), “Evolving Foodscapes: A Spatial History of Hawkercs in Singapore.” (\$56,000)

- 2022-2023 Office of Research Services, University of Colorado Denver, “The Forgotten Temples of Lushan, Jiangxi, China.” (\$17,500)
- 2021-2022 City Center Grant Program, University of Colorado Denver, “Community-Based Story Maps of a Lost Denver Neighborhood.” (\$18,000)
- 2019 Maxar Technologies Foundation, “The Forgotten Temples of Lushan, Jiangxi, China.” (\$75,000 in-kind)
- 2016-2018 History Colorado, State Historical Fund, Competitive Grant Program, “Envisioning and Interpreting the Urban Past: GIS Reconstruction of a Lost Denver District.” (\$36,000)

RECENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Evolving Foodscapes: A Spatial History of Hawkers in Singapore” (with Bryan Wee and Amy DePierre). Invited presentation to the National Library Board of Singapore, in-person, Singapore, January 9.
- 2022 “Urban Renewal and Displacement Revisited: Mapping Community Relocation in Denver, 1972-1974.” Invited panelist to the Symposium on the Histories and Legacies of Auraria Displacement and Removal, in-person, Denver, September 29.
- 2021 “Reconstructing Historic Auraria.” Invited panelist for the Auraria Campus Cinco de Mayo Celebration of the Historic Auraria Neighborhood, on Zoom, May 5.
- 2020 “Urban Renewal in Denver.” Invited seminar presentation to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Colorado Denver, on Zoom, October 20.
- 2018 “Beijing Then and Now.” Invited public lecture at the International College Beijing, China Agricultural University, Haidian District, in-person, Beijing, October 25.
- 2017 “Beijing Then and Now.” Invited public lecture and book signing event at *The Bookworm*, Chaoyang District, in-person, Beijing, June 3.

TEACHING RECORD

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Lower Division Courses

- GEOG 1302 Introduction to Human Geography (Geography BA requirement)
- GEOG 1102 World Regional Geography (CU Denver core curriculum)
- GEOG 1111 The American West (CU Denver First Year Experience Seminar)

Undergraduate Upper Division and Graduate Courses

- GEOG 3412 Globalization and Development (Geography BA requirement; CU Denver core curriculum.)
- GEOG 4220 Political Ecology
- GEOG 4/5640 Urban Geography (Geography BA Urban Studies Track requirement)
- GEOG 4/5350 Historical Geography: Environment and Society in the American Past
- GEOG 6300 Foundations Seminar in Human-Environment Interaction (Geography MA requirement)

Study Abroad Courses

- GEOG 4/5995 Global Study: Sustainability Along the Yangtze - Globalization, Environment and Society in China
- GEOG 4/5995 Global Study: City in a Garden – Sustainability in Singapore

Advising & Mentoring

I have advised many hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students, supervised dozens of student internships, employed 20 student research assistants, directed 25 undergraduate senior honors theses, supervised 10 master’s theses, supervised 1 PhD dissertation, and served as a member on an additional 25 master’s thesis committees or PhD dissertation committees.