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California State University, Long Beach

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Human Geography, University of Edinburgh, UK, 2005  
M.A. Gender Studies, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada, 2000  
International Exchange Scholar, Massey University, New Zealand, 1999  
B.A. English/Women's Studies, University of Victoria, Canada, 1995

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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#### **Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, 2019-present**

Lead enrollment management and student success efforts for a large, diverse college (30+depts and programs, 9000+ students, 650+ faculty); engage in collaborative, compassionate, and equitable leadership with transparent decision making; manage the instructional budget for the college; resolve enrollment issues, together with department chairs, curriculum and personnel supervisor, and data analyst; foster and steward transformative student experiences via vibrant, inclusive, and research-supported high-impact practices, including internships, career development, and study abroad programs, together with internship specialist; lead and uplift graduate studies, together with the director of graduate studies, including future-looking enrollment strategies, policy articulation, and supports for graduate research; provide leadership and direction for college data teams; work with the college leadership team to enhance graduate and undergraduate advising and on several successful recruitment efforts for diverse faculty and staff; represent and advocate for the college on committees, councils, projects and at functions.

#### **Co-Director, Misty Jaffe Early Leaders Program, 2020-present**

Co-lead and foster a productive and welcoming space for early career exploration of leadership, peer coaching, and networking with specific encouragement for historically underrepresented faculty; prepare and co-facilitate a leadership curriculum together with Faculty Center and CLA Faculty Council; mentor junior faculty in one-on-one and group settings.

#### **Chair, Department of Human Development, College of Liberal Arts, 2017-2019**

Provided leadership and direction for 600 students, 12 tenure/tenure-track faculty, and up to 18 lecturer faculty; fostered a collegial environment and facilitated department goals; managed department's human, fiscal and physical resources; led successful searches for diverse faculty and staff recruitment; mentored faculty through multiple RTP actions including retention, tenure and early tenure; instituted a transfer learning community for transfers; increased dept funding.

#### **Director, University Honors Program, Division of Academic Affairs, 2015-2019**

Led a large and comprehensive Honors Program of 1000+ students; fostered an empowering environment for students and staff; led multiple successful staff searches culminating in diverse hires; managed scheduling, enrollment and instructional budget for faculty from across campus; led program through reinvention and merger with campus presidential scholarship program; fundraised with major donors and development office; developed and enhanced Honors curricula to provide multiple points of entry to honors education; stewarded the creation of an accessible

online application and a collaborative review process; envisioned and implemented Honors House, an all-Honors dorm with curricular programming, in partnership with Student Affairs; worked with college leadership across campus to develop specialized honors tracks; mentored student leadership activities (e.g. TEDxCSULB events); conducted research on racial equity, racial healing circles, and civic engagement; supervised an external evaluation by the National Collegiate Honors Council; initiated a data team to assess facilitators and barriers to student success in UHP.

**Chair, University Honors Advisory Council, UHP, 2015-2019**

Led a university-wide council composed of the director (ex officio, non-voting); a designee of the Provost (ex officio, non-voting); up to 17 college representatives; and 2-3 honors students; increased faculty representation from all colleges; initiated new charge, mission and related senate policy; led revision of Honors application review for Honors entrance and President's scholarships to increase accessibility and diversity of applicants.

**Chair, Educational Policies and Curriculum Committee, CLA, 2012-2015; Vice-Chair (2010-2012)**

Chaired and vice-chaired this critical committee for a total of 6 years supervising a large volume of new and amended curricular materials; led review, evaluation, and making of recommendations regarding all new and existing CLA graduate and undergraduate curricular statements, from academic programs to individual courses; fostered a collegial discussion of new proposals, amendments and other matters close to the collective heart of faculty working towards student success.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, California State University, Long Beach, 2019-present

Chair, Department of Human Development, College of Liberal Arts, California State University, Long Beach, 2017-2019

Interim Director, University Honors Program, Division of Academic Affairs, California State University, Long Beach, 2015-2019

Professor, Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts, California State University, Long Beach, 2015-present

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts, California State University, Long Beach, 2011-2015

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts, California State University, Long Beach, 2006-2011

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Geography, College of Science and Management University of Northern British Columbia, Canada, 2005-2006

**SELECT AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Scholar, *Catalyzing Research on Geographies of Broadening Participation*, Association of American Geographers, National Science Foundation, 2012-2013

Postdoctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, University of Northern British Columbia, 2006-2008  
Commonwealth Scholar, The University of Edinburgh, 2001-2004

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Data Fellows Program, CSULB 2019-2022 (CLA Teams)  
Racial Justice Workshop Series, California Conference for Equality and Justice, 2020  
Designing Your Life for Women, San Diego, 2020  
UnDocu Ally Training, CSULB, 2019  
Management Personnel Workshops (Equity and Diversity; Labor Relations), 2019  
Data Fellows Program, CSULB 2018-2019 (UHP Team)  
President and Provost's Leadership Fellows Program, CSULB, 2015-2017

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Journal Articles**

- Robinson, C, D Thien, and A Willis (2014) Introductions, Instigations, Invitations. *Emotion, Space and Society* 10:4-6.
- de Leeuw, S, MW Parkes, & D Thien (2014) Questioning medicine's discipline: The arts of emotions in undergraduate medical education. *Emotion, Space and Society* 11:43-51.
- Dallman, S, D Thien, P Laris & M Ngo (2014) Reinterpreting Traditional Cultural Properties: A Political Ecology of Emotion Perspective. *Human Geography* 7 (2): 29-45.
- Dallman, S, M Ngo, P Laris & D Thien (2013). Political Ecology of Emotion and Sacred Space: The Winnemem Wintu struggles with California water policy, *Emotion, Space and Society*, 6 (1): 33-43.
- Thien, D & V. Del Casino Jr. (2012). (Un)Healthy Men, Masculinities, and the Geographies of Health. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 102 (5):1146-1156.
- Thien, D (2009) An Exercise encouraging Gender Analysis in Research Practice, *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* (33) 3: 351-367.
- Thien, D & J Davidson (2009) Introduction: Gender Interventions in Research, Teaching, and Practice, *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* (33) 3: 299-301.
- Thien, D & N Hanlon (2009) Unfolding Dialogues about Gender, Care and 'the North', *Gender, Place & Culture* 16 (2): 155-162.
- Dolan, H & D Thien (2009) Relations of Care: A Framework for Placing Women and Health in Rural Communities, *Canadian Journal of Public Health* (99) 2: s38-s42.
- Pugh, J, Thien, D, Marres, N, et al. (2009) What are the consequences of the 'spatial turn' for how we understand politics today? A proposed research agenda *Progress in Human Geography* (33) 5: 579-586
- Thien, D & J Pugh (2009) Long Beach Gets Radical: Stretching the Spaces of Radical Politics, *Yearbook of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers* (71): 252-261.
- Ngo, M & D Thien (2009) Interconnecting Spaces: Truck Drivers, Diesel Pollution, and Networking in the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, *Yearbook of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers* (71): 67-95.
- Ryser, L, G Halseth & D Thien (2009) Strategies and Intervening Factors Influencing Student Social Interaction and Experiential Learning in an Interdisciplinary Research Team,

*Research in Higher Education* (50) 3: 248-267.

Pugh, J, Thien, D, Marres, N, et al. (2009) *The Spaces of Democracy and the Democracy of Space: a new network exploring the disciplinary effects of the spatial turn* *Space and Polity* (13) 2: 159-164

### **Book Chapters**

- Thien, D (2014). "Welcome Home our Military Sisters": Sexual Difference and Female Veterans with PTSD. In *Psychoanalytic geographies*, eds. P. Kingsbury and S. Pile, 227-240. Farnham, Surrey, England ; Burlington, VT: Ashgate.
- Thien, D (2012) Well Beings: Placing Emotion in Rural, Gender & Health Research. In *Rural Women's Health: Gendered Connections*, eds. B. D. Leipert and B. Leach, 423-440. Toronto, Ont: University of Toronto Press.
- Thien, D (2011) Emotional Life, in M Thomas, R Panelli, P Cloke, V Del Casino (eds.), *A Companion to Social Geography*, pp. 309-325, Malden, MA: Blackwell.
- Thien, D & H Dolan (2011) Emplacing Care: Understanding Care Work across Social & Spatial Contexts, in C Benoit & H Hallgrimsdottir (eds), *Valuing Care Work: Comparative Perspectives*, pp. 23-44, Toronto, Ont: U of Toronto Press.
- Thien, D (2009) Encouraging Gender Analysis in Research Practice, in A-S Lada, (ed) *Teaching Gender, Diversity and Urban space: An Intersectional Approach between Gender Studies and Spatial Disciplines*, pp. 93-120. Utrecht; Stockholm: ATHENA, the Advanced Thematic Network of Women's Studies in Europe.
- Thien, D (2009) Death and Bingo? The Royal Canadian Legion's unexpected spaces of emotion, *Emotion, Place and Culture*, Editors, M Smith, J Davidson, L Cameron and L Bondi, pp. 207-226. Farnham: Ashgate.

### **Editorship**

- Thien, D (2013-2018) Editor, *Emotion, Space & Society*, Elsevier.
- Thien, D (2010-2016) Editor, *Cultural Geographies in Practice*, *cultural geographies*, Sage.
- Thien, D (2005-2012) Book Review Editor, *Emotion, Space & Society*, Elsevier
- Thien, D & J Davidson, Co-Editors (2009) *Gender Interventions in Research, Teaching & Practice for Journal of Geography in Higher Education*
- Thien, D & N Hanlon, Co-Editors (2009) *Feminist Perspectives on Gender and Care for Gender, Place and Culture*

### **GRANTS**

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- 2015-2017 Co-Investigator, *Weaving Language and Global Competencies Throughout the CSULB Curricula*, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, US Department of Education (\$188,470)
- 2011-2013 Co-Investigator, *Translating History/Shaping Practice: Community-informed Teaching Resources on Mental Health*, Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grant: Knowledge Translation Supplement, Canadian Institutes of Health Research Grant (\$99,080)
- 2007-2012 Co-Investigator, *Open Doors / Closed Ranks: Locating Mental Health after the Asylum*, Canadian Institutes of Health Research Grant (\$125,000)

- 2009 Co-Investigator, *The Fine Arts of Medical Care*, Northern Medical Program Research Seed Grant, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, 2009-2010 (\$10,000)
- 2006-2015 Investigator, Scholarly and Creative Activities, CSULB Internal Grants (\$4560/year)

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2009-present)**

- 2020 Facilitating Racial Equity and Healing (REH) Circles in Honors Education, CSU Education, Health & Human Services, and Social Sciences Community, Department of Research, CSU Office of the Chancellor, Webcast
- 2019 Disrupting the honors imaginary: Inclusive Excellence and Equity, National Collegiate Honors Council, New Orleans, LA
- 2019 Reimagining Civic Engagement in Honors, National Collegiate Honors Council, New Orleans, LA
- 2019 Racial Equity and Healing in Honors, National Society for Minorities in Honors, Fullerton, CA
- 2018 Inclusive Excellence: a model for cultivating systems of support for honors students from different backgrounds. National Collegiate Honors Council, Boston, MA
- 2017 Conference Organizer: 6th International & Interdisciplinary Conference on Emotional Geographies, June 14-16, Long Beach, CA: [www.csulb.edu/emogeo](http://www.csulb.edu/emogeo)
- 2016 ‘Take them to the river’: Instituting ‘civic engagement’ in a University Honors Program. Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 Being in Common(s): Making space for civic awareness in a university honors program, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Palm Springs, CA
- 2015 Civic Awareness for Honors Student leaders: Promoting Critical Social Change in Long Beach, CA, National Collegiate Honors Council, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Trauma and Her (Military) Sisters: A select geography of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, Lake Tahoe
- 2013 Trauma, Militarized: a select geography of PTSD, Emotional Geographies International Conference, Groningen, The Netherlands
- 2012 The Militarization of Trauma: a feminist analysis of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2011 Undergraduate Majors in Geography: Where are the Women Students? Panelist, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers
- 2011 “Welcome home our Military Sisters”: (Post) Traumatic Spaces for Female Veterans with PTSD, and the place of sexual difference, Association of American Geographers, Seattle, WA
- 2010 The militarization of trauma: a feminist analysis of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2010 Medicine and Visual Thinking: The Art of Observation and Communication, American Comparative Literature Association, New Orleans, LA

- 2009 Pathways for PTSD: Locating mental health for veterans with PTSD, Open Doors/Closed Ranks, Canadian Institutes of Health Research Team Grant, Research Meeting, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
- 2009 Touch as resonance: examining the substance and shadows of place-based feeling, Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, NV

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Expertise**

Feminist geography; social, cultural, health and emotional geographies; qualitative research; thesis guidance (graduate and undergraduate).

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Graduate**

Geographic Thought and Literature  
 Seminar in Geographies of Activism  
 Seminar in Geographies of Emotion  
 Seminar in Geographical Research Methods  
 Qualitative Research Analysis  
 Feminist Geography  
 Field Methods  
 Advanced Qualitative Research in Health and Human Sciences

#### **Undergraduate**

Honors Research Preparation, University Honors Program  
 Honors Senior Thesis/Project, University Honors Program  
 Geography of Human Diversity in the USA  
 Human Geography  
 Qualitative Research Analysis  
 Feminist Geography  
 Geographies of Migration and Settlement  
 Geography of International Development  
 Cultural Geography  
 Social Geography

### **Masters Student Theses, Chair**

- 2019 Gomez, Horacio. Voices of Change, Beacons of Hope: Latino Grassroots Community Organizing and Empowerment for Environmental Justice in Southeast Los Angeles
- 2017 Fowler, Meredith. The Renaissance of the Arctic: Sámi Claiming Place in Modern Norway
- 2016 Wachovsky, Gerald A. Emotion, hegemony, and “real-life” in video game worlds: An analysis of Grand Theft Auto IV
- 2016 Boyde, Natasha P. Mapping upward mobility for residents of a mixed-income housing project in Salishan, WA
- 2016 Diminutto, Joseph. “Cruising” for a Sense of Place in Long Beach, California: the Phenomenology and Spatiality of Romance While Gondola Cruising

- 2015 Swim, Michael. Bituminous coal miners' strike incitement events of Muchakinock, IA 1879-1900: An historical geographic analysis of how a company town became a union town
- 2015 Voghel, Lisa, A geography of eating disorders: The role of place and environment in development, rituals, and treatment for anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa
- 2015 Pennington, Liudmila, "From housewife to breadwinner": Khmer women changing places and gender roles following the Cambodian genocide
- 2013 Sonnichsen, Tyler, Emotion, place, and record collecting in Los Angeles: A post-modernist interpretation
- 2012 Anisko, John, Selling Mexico's vistas: A visual discourse analysis of promotional materials of Loreto Bay, Mexico
- 2012 Greavu, Andreea, Geovisualizing the emotional geographies of marathon runners: a case study of the Long Beach Marathon 2010
- 2010 Ngo, Mary, Loss of sacred spaces: the Winnemem Wintu struggle against a cultural genocide by California water demands
- 2009 Weaver, Elizabeth, "It's like fighting the enemy": care for rural veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

#### **Masters Student Theses, Reader**

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| 2016 | Ulaganathan, Manju Narmada  | 2014 | Madden, Lauren      |
| 2016 | Storer, Siegrun             | 2012 | Nichols, Michael D. |
| 2016 | Prajapati, Nikita           | 2012 | Carrillo, Carlos    |
| 2016 | Dell, Brent N.              | 2011 | Townsend, Stacie A. |
| 2015 | Strand, Stephen             | 2011 | Fullerton, Kalli R. |
| 2015 | Davis, Rachel H             | 2009 | Page, Jason A.      |
| 2015 | Avelar Portillo, Lourdes J. | 2009 | Googin, Sarah       |
| 2014 | Mooradian, Aregnaz          | 2008 | Wright, Simon       |
| 2014 | Flaherty, Kevin N.          | 2007 | Goode, Ryan         |

#### **Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars Program Advisees**

- 2016 Sarah Eason, Awardee
- 2015 Joseph Diminutto, Honorable Mention

#### **External Examiner, Doctoral Thesis**

- 2014 Bliss, Elaine 'Performative methodologies: Geographies of emotion and affect in digital storytelling workshops', Geography, University of Waikato, New Zealand

#### **SERVICE TO CAMPUS**

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##### **University**

- 2017-2021 Senator, Academic Senate
- 2017-2021 Search Committees: VP for Academic Research and Strategic Planning; Associate VP for Enrollment Services; Executive Director, UCUA; Director, University Honors Program; Registrar, Enrollment Services
- 2017-2020 Board member, The Global Studies Institute
- 2017-2019 CSULB NIH MARC Program Advisory Committee (MPAC)
- 2015-2019 Chair, University Honors Advisory Council

2011-2014 Member, Curriculum and Educational Policies Council (CEPC), Academic Senate

### **College**

2019-2022 Co-Director, Misty Jaffe Early Leadership Program, Liberal Arts  
2012-2015 Chair, Educational Policies and Curriculum Committee (EPCC), Liberal Arts  
2010-12 Vice-Chair, EPCC  
2008-09 Member at Large, Executive of Faculty Council, Liberal Arts  
2006-08 Geography Representative, Faculty Council, Liberal Arts

### **Department**

2010-2016 Colloquium Organizer  
2011-2015 Graduate Advisor  
2011-2015 Chair, Graduate Committee  
2007-10 Geography Reading Group Coordinator  
2007-11 Undergraduate Advisor  
2007-10 Chair, Curriculum Committee

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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Editor, *Emotion, Space & Society*, 2013-2018  
Reviewer, Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) Peer Review College, 2010-present  
Co-Chair, Women's Network of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, 2013-2016  
Editor, *Cultural Geographies in Practice, cultural geographies*, 2011-2016  
Committee Member, Enhancing Diversity Committee, Association of American Geographers (AAG), 2012-2015  
AAG Los Angeles Local Arrangements Committee, 2012-2013  
Book Review Editor, *Emotion, Space & Society*, 2006-12  
Node Director, USA, *Spaces of Democracy, Democracy of Space* Network, 2007-12  
Past Chair, *Geographic Perspectives on Women* (GPOW), Association of American Geographers, 2011-12  
*Ex Officio*, Status of Women in Geography, Association of American Geographers, 2012-12  
Chair, GPOW, Association of American Geographers, 2010-11  
Vice-Chair, GPOW, Association of American Geographers, 2009-10  
AAG & International Liaison, *GPOW*, Association of American Geographers, 2006-08