

ALLEGRA GIOVINE

210 Kahin Center for Advanced Research on Southeast Asia | 640 Stewart Avenue, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850
email: allegra.giovine@gmail.com | alt. email: giovine@sas.upenn.edu; aeg32@cornell.edu

EDUCATION

- 2011-present: **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA
Ph.D. Candidate, History and Sociology of Science (M.A., May 2013)
- 2015-2016: **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY (Exchange Scholar, Department of Science and Technology Studies)
- 2014-2015: **Institute of Historical Research**, London (Mellon Dissertation Fellow)
- 2006-2008: **University of California**, Berkeley, CA
M.A., Linguistics
- 2002-2006: **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY
B.A., College Scholar Program; *Magna cum laude* with distinction in all subjects

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London, 2014-15
- Dean's Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, 2014
- J. B. Harley Research Fellowship in the History of Cartography, 2014
- History of Science Internship, National Maritime Museum, Royal Museums Greenwich, UK, 2013
- Peter & Geri Skirkanich Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, 2012-13
- Mellon Graduate Education Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, 2011-12
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2008
- Diebold Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2006-07

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- “The spirit, the streetcar, and the dramatic license of colonial modernity: knowing Mandalay’s electric tram through the visitation of a Burmese nat.” Paper presented at the *Science Studies Research Group (SSRG)*, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Cornell University, 21 March 2016.
- “Making money on the steps of the Buddha: charting the vernacular economy in colonial Burma, c. 1910-1930.” Paper presented at the *Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International History (Con-IH): Global and international history: the economic dimension*, Harvard University, 10-11 March 2016.
- “Of spirits and streetcars: the Mandalay electric tram-way through the eyes of a Burmese nat.” Paper presented at the *British Society for the History of Science*, Swansea, 02-05 July 2015.
- “The abnormal economy: doing economics ‘in the laboratory’ of early 20th century Burma.” Invited paper; pre-circulated and presented at the *Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics Seminar*, London School of Economics and Political Science, 10 December 2014.
- “The economic map of nature: economic geography and the making of value and nation in Burma and Britain, 1860-1960.” Invited talk presented at the *IHR Director’s Seminar*, Institute of Historical Research, London, 12 November 2014.
- “Money in the rocks’: Burmese practical mineralogy and the landscape of ideas on treasures, wealth, and prosperity in the early 20th century.” Conference paper pre-circulated and presented at the *Burma/Myanmar Research Forum: Critical Scholarship and the Politics of Transition*, Cornell University, Ithaca, 24-26 October 2014.
- “The geography of ‘Agriculture in Modern Life’: agricultural mapping at the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.” Conference paper presented at the *37th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association*, Vancouver, 01-04 November 2012.

REVIEWS

- Elizabeth Sutton, *Capitalism and Cartography in the Dutch Golden Age* (Univ. of Chicago Press, 2015) for *Terrae Incognitae* (forthcoming).
- William Connolly, *The Fragility of Things: Self-organizing Processes, Neoliberal Fantasies, and Democratic Activism* (Duke University Press, 2013) for *Somatosphere*, 17 March 2015 ([link to review](#)).

PUBLICATIONS AND WRITING

- Co-editor (with Courtney J. Campbell and Jennifer Keating), *Empty Spaces: Confronting emptiness in national, cultural and urban history* (refereed, under contract with the *Institute of Historical Research Conference Series*; expected publication early 2017).
- Interviewer and editor, “[Graduate student spotlight: Hein Tun, Class of 2016, City and Regional Planning](#),” Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University, 06 April 2016.
- “From chance encounters to collaborative exchange: forming community at the 2015 Burma/Myanmar Research Forum,” *Southeast Asia Program Bulletin*, [Spring 2016](#), Southeast Asia Program Publications, Cornell University.
- “[Designing Steamers for Eastern Rivers: Denny and Global Trial Data, c. 1875-1930](#),” *National Maritime Museum Collections Blog*, 27 November 2013.
- Co-editor (with Sarah Berson, Alex Bratkievich, Daniel Bruhn, Amy Campbell, Ramon Escamilla, Lindsey Newbold, Marta Piqueras-Brunet, and Russell Rhomieux), *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, Volume 34, No. 1, “Information Structure,” and No. 2, “Pidgins, Creoles, and Mixed Languages). Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Linguistics Society, 2012.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Ongoing Activities

Reviews co-editor (with Matthew Hoffarth), [*History of Anthropology Newsletter*](#) (since 2014)

Referee, *Journal of Historical Geography* (since 2015)

Past Events and Activities

Exhibition tour guide, “Borderline existence: Burmese Chin in Mizoram State, India” (a photo-documentary project by Stephen Rubin), on display for *International Education Week*, 16-20 November 2015, by the South Asia Program and Southeast Asia Program, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University.

Conference co-organizer (with Soe Lin Aung, Hilary Faxon, Kevin Foley, Oradi Inkhong, Nabila Islam, Mary Kate Long, Aye Min Thant, Mai Van Tran, Thet Hein Tun, and Youyi Zhang), *Burma/Myanmar Research Forum: Rethinking Boundaries in and about Burma/Myanmar*, Cornell University, 02-04 October 2015. Facilitator (with Hilary Faxon, Kevin Foley, and Elliott Prasse-Freeman), “Research in Burma/Myanmar: Dialogue on Method and Ethics,” 04 October 2015.

Conference co-organizer (with Courtney J. Campbell, Jennifer Keating, and Will Pooley), *Empty Spaces*, Institute of Historical Research, London, 10 April 2015.

Translation and description of Burmese map of Maingnyaung (မိုင်ညောင်) c. 1860 for Map Department, Cambridge University Library for display at *Cambridge Festival of Ideas*, October 2013.

Abstract Review Committee, *Workshop on the History of the Environment, Agriculture, Technology, and Science (WHEATS)*, University of Pennsylvania, 15-17 March 2013.

Conference co-organizer, *34th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS)*, University of California, Berkeley, 8-10 February 2008.

TEACHING

Courses

Comparative Medicine, Spring 2014 (Teaching Assistant), with Projit Mukharji, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

Science, Technology, and Warfare, Fall 2012 and Fall 2013 (Teaching Assistant), with Matthew Hersch, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

Technology and Society, Spring 2013 (Teaching Assistant), with Matthew Hersch, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

Penn-UNICEF 2012 Summer Program on Advances in Social Norms and Social Change, July 2012 (Course Facilitator), with Cristina Bicchieri, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program, University of Pennsylvania

Law, Policy, and Rights: Understanding Rights-Based Approaches to Public Health, Fall 2009 and Fall 2010 (Teaching Assistant), with Joanne Csete and Lynn Freedman, Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health, Columbia University

The American Languages, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 (Graduate Student Instructor), with Wesley Leonard, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley

Guest Lectures

“Colonial economy: a case of economics ‘in the laboratory,’” seminar led on 14 April 2016 for Magnus Fiskesjö’s *Burma (Myanmar) Country Seminar*, Department of Asian Studies, Cornell University

“The Pacific from the air: cartography and air power in the Pacific Theater of WWII,” lecture delivered November 2012 and November 2013 for Matthew Hersch’s *Science, Technology, and Warfare*, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES

English (native); Burmese (advanced reading); working knowledge of Italian, French, Mandarin Chinese