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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-2027 **Brown University**, Providence, United States
Research Associate in Political Economy
Watson School of International and Public Affairs
Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance

EDUCATION

2020-Present **University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, Canada
Ph.D. - Department of Geography
Committee: Jamie Peck (Co-Chair), Elvin Wyly (Co-Chair), Luke Bergmann
Dissertation: Acquired by Finance: Dynamics and Contradictions of Asset Manager Capitalism

2018-2020 **University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, Canada
Master of Arts - Department of Geography
Supervisors: Jamie Peck and Elvin Wyly
MA Thesis: Capital Ownership in Contemporary Financialization: Theorizing the New Regime of Property Relations

2012-2017 **University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, Canada
Bachelor of Commerce - Sauder School of Business
Finance, Degree with Honours

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy, critical finance studies, financialization, financial geography, economic inequality, secular stagnation, financial crises, financial elites, asset manager capitalism, corporate governance

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 Eaton, C. and **Gibadullina, A.** Elite embeddedness: The rise of financiers on university boards as parallel social organizations. *Socio-Economic Review* 1-33.
doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwaf001
- Data and code available here: <https://github.com/HigherEdData/Elite-Embeddedness>
- 2024 **Gibadullina, A.** Who owns and controls global capital? Uneven geographies of asset manager capitalism. *Environment and Planning A* 56 (2): 558-585
doi.org/10.1177/0308518X231195890
- Awarded *Ashby Prize* for the most innovative paper published in *Environment and Planning A* (2 papers are selected each year). Award announcement: doi.org/10.1177/0308518X251353655
- 2023 **Gibadullina, A.** Rent and financial accumulation: Locating the profitability of American finance. *New Political Economy* 28 (2): 259-283
doi.org/10.1080/13563467.2022.2095994
- 2021 **Gibadullina, A.** The birth and development of Anglophone financial geography: A historical analysis of geographical studies of money and finance. *Geoforum* 125: 150-167
doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.06.009

BOOK CHAPTERS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, & COMMENTARIES

- 2024 **Gibadullina, A.** Financial geographies. In B. Warf (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. London, Springer Nature, 1-7. doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25900-5_227-1
- 2022 **Gibadullina, A.** The potential for régulation theory in financialization studies: A case study of the “new finance capitalism” in the United States. In B. Hillier, R. Phillips, and J. Peck (eds.) *Regulation theory, space, and uneven development: conversations and challenges*, 143-167. Vancouver: 1984press.
- 2021 **Gibadullina, A.**, Bergmann, L. and O’Sullivan, D. For geographical network analysis. *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, 112(4): 482-487. doi.org/10.1111/tesg.12489

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2023 **Gibadullina, A.** Macroeconomics after Kalecki and Keynes: Post-Keynesian foundations. *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 1-4. doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2023.2222765
- 2021 **Gibadullina, A.** and Meulbroek, C. Neoliberalism from below: Popular pragmatics and baroque economies. *Social & Cultural Geography*, 20(6): 874-876. doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2019.1572140

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2025 Interview at KPFA Radio (94.1 FM) on *Behind the News with Doug Henwood*: <https://kpfa.org/episode/behind-the-news-april-10-2025/>
- 2024 **Gibadullina, A.** Who really owns the world, and what to do about it. *The Institute of Art and Ideas*: iai.tv/articles/who-really-owns-the-worlds-wealth-and-what-to-do-about-it-auid-2957

MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW

Gibadullina, A. and Valeeva, D. Corporate governance under financial control: Shareholder primacy and the impatient capital of the Big Three. Revise and resubmit at *Socio-Economic Review*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Gibadullina, A. Asset management in the age of giants: Industrial organization of the U.S. asset management industry. In preparation for *Competition & Change* [draft ready]

Gibadullina, A. Structure of the U.S. asset intermediation chain: How asset managers came to control financial assets in the United States. In preparation for *Economic Geography*. [draft ready]

Gibadullina, A. (Re)production of U.S. monetary sovereignty: A geographical critique of modern monetary theory (MMT). In preparation for *Antipode*.

Eaton, C., **Gibadullina, A.**, Goldstein, A., and Laprise, M-L. What is private equity? Shadow owner, corporate raider, or main street invader? In preparation for *Socio-Economic Review*.

Gibadullina, A. Profiteering from the 2008 financial crisis: Mapping beneficiaries of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). In preparation for *Economy and Society*.

Gibadullina, A. Debunking the myth of shareholder democracy: Income and wealth distribution effects of asset manager capitalism. In preparation for *Politics & Society*.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels and paper sessions organized

- 2021 Co-organizer (with Corrine Armistead, Luke Bergmann, and Mollie Holmberg)
 “Computational praxis for social justice” virtual panel and four paper sessions. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Seattle. April. [held virtually]

Papers presented

- 2025 “Looking behind the curtain: The structure and operations of the U.S. asset management industry.” Session: Accounting for Space: Following money and power across financial infrastructures. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Detroit.
- 2024 “Debunking the myth of shareholder democracy: Income and wealth distribution effects of asset manager capitalism.” Session: Consumption, Credit, and Wealth. Presented at *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto.
- 2024 “Profiteering from the 2008 financial crisis: Mapping beneficiaries of the Troubled Asset Relief Program.” Session: Heterodox Readings of Economic History. Presented at *26th Annual Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics*, Bristol. July. [hybrid format]
- 2024 “Profiteering from the 2008 financial crisis: Mapping beneficiaries of the Troubled Asset Relief Program.” Session: Ruptures, Institutional Change and Regional Economic Development. Organizers: H. Bethel and C. Seller. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Hawaii. April. [hybrid format]
- 2023 “Corporate governance under financial control: Shareholder primacy and impatient capital of asset managers.” Session: Corporate Governance. Organizers: M. Ali and J. Ragusett (URPE: Union of Radical Political Economists). Presented at *Allied Social Sciences Associations (ASSA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans. January. [hybrid format]
- 2022 “Towards a network ontology of capital and empire: A geographical analysis of the global corporate ownership network.” Session: Global Connections of Class. Presented at *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago. November. [hybrid format]
- 2022 “Régulation theory in financialization studies: A case study of American finance-dominated regime.” Organizers: N. Rajapakse, F. Morvan, P. Fray, and N. Sowels. Presented at *The History of Regulation Theory and its Contributions to the Analysis of Global Capitalism Following the Covid-19 Crisis*, Paris. September. [hybrid format]
- 2022 “Corporate governance under financial control: Shareholder primacy and impatient capital of asset managers.” Session: Governance. Presented at *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference*, Newcastle, August. [hybrid format]
- 2022 “Financiers on university boards and the unequal expansion of university endowments.” Session: Corporate Networks. Organizers: R. Barnes, T. Banerjee, and M. Oubenal. Presented at *Sunbelt 2022*, Cairne, Australia. July. [hybrid format]
- 2022 “(Re)production of U.S. monetary sovereignty: A geographical critique of modern monetary theory.” Session: Geographies of Money and Payment. Organizers: S. Hall and P. Langley. Presented at *6th Global Conference on Economic Geography*, Dublin. June.
- 2022 “(Re)production of U.S. monetary sovereignty: A geographical critique of modern monetary theory.” Session: Reimagining Geographies of Public Finance for Justice and Abolition. Organizers: M. August, D. Cohen, M. Danyluk, A. Kass, S. Ponder, E. Rosenman. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, New York. February. [held virtually]
- 2021 “Financiers and the unequal expansion of university endowments.” Session: Economic and Ideological Underpinnings of Higher Education. Organizers: Z. Baker. Presented at *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia. November. [held virtually]

- 2021 “Who owns the means of production? Uneven geographies of financialization.” Session: Commodity Chains, Labor, and Financialization Roundtable. Organizers: L. Zhang. Presented at *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago. August. [held virtually]
- 2021 “Mapping the hegemony of U.S. finance: A geographical analysis of the global corporate network.” Session: Corporate Networks. Organizers: R. Barnes. Presented at *Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference*, Washington, DC. July. [held virtually]
- 2021 “Who owns the means of production? Uneven geographies of financialization.” Session: Financialization. Organizers: B. Carruthers, A. Guseva, A. Rona-Tas and J. Pable Pardo-Guerra. Presented at *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 33rd Annual Meeting*, Amsterdam. July. [held virtually]
- 2021 “Uneven geographies of financial control: Financialization as a new regime of property relations.” Session: Computational Praxis for Social Justice. Organizers: C. Armistead, L. Bergmann, A. Gibadullina and M. Holmberg. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Seattle. April. [held virtually]
- 2020 “Rents and financial accumulation: Locating the primary profit source in U.S. finance.” Session: The Interplay between Law, Digital Economy and Finance. Organizers: Finance, Law, and Economics Working Group. Presented at *Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), Young Scholars Initiative (YSI) Virtual Plenary 2020*. November.
- 2020 “Circuits of financial capital: Towards a theory of financial accumulation.” Session: Banks, Finance and Money Economic Sociology Roundtable. Organizers: L. Adler. Presented at *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco. August. [held virtually]
- 2020 “Circuits of financial capital: Towards a theory of financial accumulation.” Session: Where the Money Goes. Organizers: B. Carruthers, A. Guseva, A. Rona-Tas and J. Pable Pardo-Guerra. Presented at *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 32nd Annual Meeting*, Amsterdam. July. [held virtually]
- 2019 “Earth incorporated: Variegated financial takeover of the economy.” Session: Network Approach to Financial Geography. Organizers: T. Sigler, B. Derudder, X. Liu and F. Pan. Presented at *First Financial Geography Global Conference*, Beijing. September.
- 2019 “Complexity as an accumulation strategy: The performativity of complexity discourses in global financial governance.” Session: Finance and environmental crises: Disaster capitalism beyond the Shock Doctrine. Organizers: J. Goldstein, S. Knuth, S. Potts. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC. April.
- 2018 “A deal with the devil: The role of financiers on university boards.” Session: The Public Wealth of Cities and Regions? Organizers: P. O'Brien. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, New Orleans. April.

Panels participation

- 2024 “Financial power in the age of asset managers.” Session: Interrogating 'New' Geographies of Financial Power. Organizers: A. Bhagat and L. Roderick. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Hawaii. April. [held in a hybrid format]
- 2023 Discussant at Authors Meet Critics Panel of J.H. Morris and H. Collins (2023), “(Mis)managing macroprudential expectations.” Organizers: S. Knuth. Presented at *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference*. London, August. [held in a hybrid format]
- 2022 “Régulation theory in financialization studies: A case study of American finance-dominated regime.” Session: Book panel, Regulation theory, space, and uneven development. Organizers: J. Peck. Presented at *6th Global Conference on Economic Geography*, Dublin. June.
- 2019 “Applying social network analysis in geography.” Session: Geographical computation where human geography matters IV. Organizers: N. Lally, L. Bergmann. Presented at *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC. April.

FUNDING & ACADEMIC AWARDS

2025	Ashby Prize, Environment and Planning A	£250
2025	Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements, SSHRC	\$6,000
2022-2025	Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC	\$150,000
2022-2025	Canada Graduate Scholarship-Doctoral, SSHRC (<u>declined to accept Vanier</u>)	\$105,000
2022-2024	Killam Doctoral Scholarship, UBC (<u>declined to accept Vanier</u>)	\$60,000
2022-2024	Killam Fellowship Travel and Research Allowance, UBC	\$2,000
2022	Travel Grant, 6th Global Conference on Economic Geography	€1,000
2021	Li Tze Fong Memorial Fellowship, UBC	\$25,000
2021	Larry Bell Urban Research Award, UBC	\$4,000
2021	Graduate Research Award, AAG Economic Geography Specialty Group	\$750 (USD)
2020-2024	Four Year Doctoral Fellowship + tuition coverage, UBC	\$107,600
2018-2020	International Tuition Award, UBC	\$7,470
2019	C. D. Howe Graduate Fellowship in Public Policy, UBC	\$13,650
2019	Rev. Dr. Bernard J. O'Connor Scholarship, UBC	\$2,350
2019	Robert S. Wyly Scholarship in Urban Studies, UBC	\$1,000
2019	Graduate Student Travel Award, UBC	\$500
2019	Conference Bursary, The Future of Central Banking	\$450
2018-2020	Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, UBC	\$16,000
2017	Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award, UBC	\$4,500
2016	Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award, UBC	\$4,500
2015	Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award, UBC	\$4,500
2012-2016	Commerce International Entrance Scholarship, UBC	\$60,000
2012-2016	International Major Entrance Scholarship, UBC	\$28,000
2012	Outstanding International Student Award, UBC	\$6,000
2009	Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Scholarship, U.S. Department of State	

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT**Graduate Research Assistant** - UBC Centre for Migration Studies in partnership with *ISSofBC* (2021)

Developed an interactive web app in R (Shiny) for visualizing cartographical and demographical data for the Immigrant Services Society of BC (*ISSofBC*) (with Corrine Armistead and Dr. Luke Bergmann)

Graduate Research Assistant - Department of Geography, UBC (2019)

Dr. Jamie Peck: assistance with standardizing citations for an edited volume “Market/Place: Exploring Spaces of Exchange” (eds. Berndt, Peck, and Rantisi, 2020)

Undergraduate Research Assistant – Sauder School of Business, UBC (2014 - 2018)

Dr. Karl Aquino: lab manager at [UBC Immorality Lab](#), RA coordination/training, data analysis (quantitative and qualitative), survey development, submission of research ethics applications

Dr. Angele Beausoleil: statistical analysis (innovativeness and cultural intelligence)

Dr. Elena Pikulina: conducting a literature review (behavioral economics and altruism)

Dr. James Brander: textbook revisions and updates “Managerial Economics and Strategy, 3rd Edition” (Brander and Perloff, 2019)

Dr. Charles Martineau: data collection/coding using Bloomberg

Dr. David Silver: academic database development

Impact Investing Research Intern – Centre for Social Innovation & Impact Investing, UBC (2015–2016)

Authored impact investment reports for prospective investors on the following topics: the off-grid solar sector in Sub-Saharan Africa; social stock exchanges; micro-pensions in West Africa; and a comparative analysis of GIIN impact funds.

TEACHING EMPLOYMENT**Department of Geography, UBC**

Teaching Assistant - Geography of Economic Development (Geog 362, Spring 2024, 1x)
 Teaching Assistant - Environment and Sustainability (Geog 310, Fall 2021, 1x)
 Teaching Assistant - Urban Worlds (Geog 350, Spring 2021, 1x)
 Teaching Assistant - Introduction to Urban Geography (Geog 250, Fall 2019, 1x)
 Teaching Assistant - Geography, Modernity and Globalization (Geog 122, Spring 2019, 1x)
 Teaching Assistant - Geography, Environment and Globalization (Geog 121, Fall 2018, 1x)

Library Research Commons, UBC

Quantitative Data Analysis Graduate Assistant (2020-2022)

Developed and taught a four-part workshop series on [data analysis in R](#) (data manipulation, data visualization, statistical analysis, and Shiny web applications) oriented towards UBC graduate students/faculty, provided one-on-one consultations in quantitative data analysis

Department of Statistics, UBC

Teaching Assistant - Data Wrangling, Exploration, and Analysis with R (Stat 545A, Fall 2021, 1x)
 Teaching Assistant - Reproducible Workflows, Interactive Dashboards in R (Stat 545B, Fall 2021, 1x)

Sauder School of Business, UBC

Teaching Assistant - Application of Statistics in Business (Comm 291, 2017 - 2021, 6x)
 Teaching Assistant - Quantitative Decision Making (Comm 290, 2015 - 2018, 3x)
 Project Coordinator - [Video Lessons for Quantitative Decision Making](#) (Comm 290, Summer 2018)
 Teaching Assistant - Supply-Chain Management (Comm 449, Spring 2018, 1x)
 Teaching Assistant - Power and Politics (Cohr 404, 2016 - 2018, 2x)
 Teaching Assistant - Business and Management Values (Cohr 301, 2016 - 2018, 2x)
 Teaching Assistant - Management and Organizational Behaviour (Comm 292, 2016 - 2018, 2x)
 Teaching Assistant - Managerial Economics (Comm 295, 2015 - 2017, 4x)
[Seminar Coordinator](#) - Examining the Role of Finance in Society (Comm 490F, Spring 2017)
 Teaching Assistant - Design Methods for Business Innovation (Comm 388, Fall 2016, 1x)

Department of Mathematics, UBC

Teaching Assistant - Integral Calculus (Math 103/105, 2014 - 2017, 3x)
 Teaching Assistant - Differential Calculus (Math 104/184/180, 2013 - 2016, 5x)
 Teaching Assistant - Linear Systems (Math 152, Spring 2016, 1x)

Invited Guest Lectures, Presentations, and Workshops

- 2024 Guest-lecture “Dollar Hegemony, Currency Hierarchies, and Monetary Crises” for Geography of Economic Development (Geog 362), Department of Geography, UBC
- 2021 Guest-lecture “[Tibble Joins: Merging Data in R](#)” for Data Wrangling, Exploration, and Analysis with R (Stat 545A), Department of Statistics, UBC
- 2021 Guest-lecture “Sampling Distributions and Confidence Intervals for Means and Proportions” for Application of Statistics in Business (Comm 291), Sauder School of Business, UBC
- 2020 Guest-lecture “Making Sense of Capitalism” for Introduction to Human Geography (Geog 1110), Department of Geography & Geology, Langara College
- 2020 Workshop “Social Network Analysis in Geography” for Graduate Methods Workshops, Geography Department, UBC
- 2019 Guest-lecture “Introduction to Social Network Analysis” for Urban Research (Geog 450), Geography Department, UBC

ORGANIZATION AND SERVICE

Departmental and University Service

2022-2023 UBC Faculty Search Committee (GIS/Cartography) Graduate Representative
 2021-2022 UBC Faculty of Arts (FoA) Council Graduate Representative
 2020-2021 UBC Geography Graduate Association (GGA) Co-Chair

Reviewer

Corporate Governance: An International Review (1), *Dialogues in Human Geography* (1), *Environment and Planning A* (3), *Geoforum* (1), *New Political Economy* (3), *Progress in Economic Geography* (1), *Socio-Economic Review* (1), *The Professional Geographer* (1), *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie* (1)

Sauder Ethics Intern - Sauder School of Business, UBC (2016 – 2017)

Developed and organized a series of interdisciplinary panels on “The Face of Modern Capitalism”, featuring scholars and local community organizers. Supervised and sponsored by Dr. David Silver.

[Gender and Race in a Capitalist Society](#)

[Vancouver Housing Crisis \(Part 1\): Social and Economic Issues Behind It](#)

[Vancouver Housing Crisis \(Part 2\): Voices from the Community](#)

[Borders in the 21st Century: Surging Nationalism Amidst Rising Economic Inequality](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Technical Skills: R, STATA, Gephi

Professional Affiliations: American Association of Geographers (AAG), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE)

Languages: English, Russian

Summer Schools

2024 Political Economy of Finance Summer School, Brown University
 2018 The Oxford Summer School in Economic Networks, Oxford Mathematical Institute
 2018 Introduction to Social Network Analysis, Methods @ University of Manchester
 2018 Statistical Analysis of Social Networks, Methods @ University of Manchester