Texas Asia Conference

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

FEATURED PANEL

Dr. Jeffrey Roy

Documentarian & Postdoctoral Fellow with “Project Autoritas” at Le Centre d’Études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud (CEIAS) in Paris

“Queering Documentary Filmmaking in Transgender and Hijrā India”

1:30-2:45 PM

Jeff Roy is a Postdoctoral Fellow with “Project Autoritas” at Le Centre d’Études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud (CEIAS) in Paris. Roy earned a Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology from UCLA and has taught for the Department of Communication Studies at California State University, Northridge. His work centers on transgender and hijrā performance through the lens of documentary filmmaking and has been supported by Fulbright-mtvU, Fulbright-Hays, the American Institute for Indian Studies, the Society for Asian Music, and Film Independent. Roy has directed several award-winning documentary films - Rites of Passage/Mohammed to Maya (2012), Music in Liminal Spaces (2012-13), and Dancing Queens (2016) - and produced a narrative short entitled Relapse (2014) as a fellow with Film Independent’s diversity initiative call Project Involve.

KEYNOTE

Dr. Alexander Diener

Associate Professor in The Department of Geography & Director for CREEES at University of Kansas

“New Silk Roads & the Emergent Socio-Economic Geographies of Mongolia & Kazakhstan”

5:30-6:45 PM

Alexander C. Diener is an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Kansas and affiliated faculty with the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, as well as Asian Studies and Environmental Studies. After earning his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he was a Title VIII Research Fellow at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center. He then taught at Pepperdine University, held a post-doctoral fellowship at George Washington University and was named Regional Research Fulbright Scholar for Central Asia. He then took a position at the University of Kansas where he works at the nexus of political, social, and cultural geography, engaging topics such as geopolitics and borders, identity and mobility, and urban landscape change.

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