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EDUCATION

UCLA, School of Public Affairs. PhD. Urban Planning. 2002.

Yale University, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. M.E.M. 1995.

Amherst College, B.A. Social Anthropology. 1990.

Languages: Vietnamese (intermediate spoken and written) and French (intermediate spoken and written); intercultural skills and background.

Analytic methods: Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS); Statistics (SPSS, STATA); field research and interviews.

PERSONAL

- Married to Meron Girma Tsige, son Yohannes.
- Lifelong soccer player and fan.

APPOINTMENTS

University

- **Director, Globalization Research Center, University of Hawai'i at Manoa:** 2007- to present (Associate Director, 2006-2007).
- **Associate Professor, University of Hawai'i at Manoa.** Department of Urban & Regional Planning (50%), Department of Political Science (50%): 2007 – present (Assistant Professor, 2002-2007). Externally evaluated for tenure successfully in both departments.
- **Invited Faculty Member, National Science Foundation IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship) Program at the University of Hawai'i: Integrative Training in Ecology, Conservation and Pathogen Biology.** 2006 - present.

Non-University

- **Member, Hawaii 2050: State Legislative Task Force on Sustainable Development:** 2006 - 2007.
- **Livable Communities Network Director, An Initiative of The Ford Foundation and The Southern Rural Development Initiative:** 1998 - 2000.
- **Program Associate, The Ford Foundation, NY** (Community and Resource Development): 1996 - 1998.
- **Project Manager, Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable Development:** 1995-1996.
- **Project Coordinator, US NGO Forum on Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos:** 1992 - 1993.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- **Social Science Research Council Fellow:** 2006 - 2007.
- **National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Awardee:** 2004 – 2007.
- **Renaissance Weekend Invited Participant:** 2006 – present.
- **Environmental Leadership Program Fellow:** 2000-02. Senior Fellow: 2002-present.
- **University of California 1998-2002:**
 - Cota Robles Scholarship, University of California Office of the President and the UCLA Graduate Division,
 - Institute for Labor and Employment Dissertation Fellowship.
- **Yale University**
 - Southeast Asian Studies Fellow, 1994
 - Tropical Resources Institute Fellow, 1994
 - Agrarian Studies Fellowship, 1994.
- **Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellow:** 1990 - 1991.

SPONSORED DOCTORAL STUDENTS

- **Bunnarith Meng:** PhD, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2008.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH (Peer Reviewed)

Summary of research interests:

- **Environment:** Urbanization in Southeast Asia; Water and sanitation governance; Environmental security; Emerging infectious disease; Natural resource tenure and access; Indigenous communities.
- **Urban Inequality:** Urban public policy; Immigration and development; Neighborhood poverty, ethnicity/race and violence.

Book Chapters:

Spencer, James H. (2008). “Decentralization and Privatization in Viet Nam’s Water Sector: Innovative Local Financing in the Mekong Delta,” in *Planning and Decentralization: Contested Spaces for Public Action in the Global South*, eds., V.A. Beard, F. Mirafitab and C. Silver. London: Taylor and Francis.

Guest Edited Journal Volume:

Spencer, James H. and Hokulani A. Aikau (eds). (2007). Special guest edited edition on “Indigenous Politics: Political economy and development.” *Alternatives: Global, local, political* 32(1).

Journal Articles:

Spencer, James H. (2008). “Household Strategies for Securing Clean Water: The demand for piped water in Viet Nam’s peri-urban settlements.” *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 28(2): 213-224.

Spencer, James H., Bunnarith Meng, Nguyen Thien Hao and Craig Guzinsky. (2008). “Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal Number 7 in Southeast Asia.” *Development* 52(1): 245-251.

Spencer, James H., Katherine Irwin, Karen Umemoto, Orlando Garcia-Santiago, Stephanie T. Nishimura, Earl S. Hishinuma, David T. Mayeda, and SooJean Choi-Misailidis. (2008). “Exploring

the Hypothesis of Ethnic Practice as Social Capital: Violence Among Asian/Pacific Islander Youth in Hawai'i." *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*.

Spencer, James H. (2007). "Health, Human Security and the Peri-Urban Transition in the Mekong Delta: Market reform, governance and new analytic frameworks for research in Southeast Asia." *International Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies* 3(2): 43-64.

Spencer, James H. (2007). "A Retrospective Look at the Political Economy of Market Reform: the Formation of Socio-Spatial Identities in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam." in *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 32(1): 99-128.

Aikau, Hokulani K. and **James H. Spencer.** (2007). "Introduction: Local Reaction to Global Integration - The Political Economy of Development in Indigenous Communities," in *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 32(1): 1-8.

Spencer, James H. (2007). "Innovative Systems to Create Peri-Urban Infrastructure: Assessment of a Local Partnership to Provide Water to the Poor in Vietnam," in *International Development Planning Review* 29(1): 1-22.

Spencer, James H. (2007). "Neighborhood Economic Development Effects of the Earned Income Tax Credit in Los Angeles: Poor places and policies for the working poor." *Urban Affairs Review* 42(6): 851-873.

Kapan, Durrell D., Shannon N. Bennett, Brett Ellis, Jefferson Fox, Nancy D. Lewis, **James H. Spencer**, Sumeet Saksena, and Bruce A. Wilcox. (2006). "Avian Influenza (H5N1) and the Evolutionary and Social Ecology of Infectious Disease Emergence," in *EcoHealth* 3(3): 187-94.

Spencer, James H. and Thao N. Le. (2006). "Parent Refugee Status, Immigration Stressors and Southeast Asian Youth Violence," in *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 8(4): 359-368.

Spencer, James H. (2005). "How to Think About Place and People Approaches to Poverty: The Significance of the Earned Income Tax Credit as Neighborhood Investment," in *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 24(3): 292-303.

Spencer, James H. (2004). "People, Places and Policy: A Politically-Relevant Framework for Labor Market Efforts to Reduce Concentrated Poverty and Joblessness," in *Policy Studies Journal* 32(4): 545-68.

Reprint: (2005). "People, Places and Policy: A Politically-Relevant Framework for Labor Market Efforts to Reduce Concentrated Poverty and Joblessness." Knowledgeplex: the affordable housing and community development resource for professionals. Washington, DC: Fannie Mae Foundation.

Spencer, James H. (2004). "Los Angeles Since 1992: How Did the Economic Base of Riot-torn Neighborhoods Fare After the Unrest?" *Race, Gender and Class* 11(1): 94-115.

Spencer, James H. and Paul Ong. (2004). "An Analysis of the Los Angeles Revitalization Zone: Are Place-Based Investment Strategies Effective Under Moderate Economic Conditions?" in *Economic Development Quarterly* 18(4): 368-83.

Spencer, James. (2001). "Technology and Urban Poverty: Understanding the Barriers to Equality," in *Projections: The MIT Student Journal of Planning* vol.2: 24-49.

Spencer, James H. (2000). "Why the Spatial Mismatch Hypothesis Still Matters," in *Critical Planning*. vol.7: 63-86.

Book Reviews:

Review of Weller, Robert P. Civil Life, Globalization, and Political Change in Asia: Organizing Between Family and State, in *Globalizations* (forthcoming).

Review of Sicular, Daniel T. *Scavengers, Recyclers, and Solutions for Solid Waste Management in Indonesia*, in *New Asia Review* 1(2). (1994).

Review of Katsiaficas, George, ed. *Viet Nam Documents: American and Vietnamese Views of the War*, in *New Asia Review* 1(2). (1994).

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Spencer, James H. “Resident Motivations for Connecting to New Water Infrastructure in the Mekong Delta: the role of illness and perceptions of environmental pollution.” *Under review*.

Spencer, James H., Petrice R. Flowers, and Jungmin Seo. “Immigrant Pathways, Places, and Policy: Koreatowns, Local Government, and Transnational Neighborhoods.” *Under review*.

Spencer, James H. “Race and Space: Residential Segregation and Methods for Examining Neighborhood-Level Health Disparities.” *Under review*.

Irwin, Katherine, **James H. Spencer**, Karen N. Umemoto, Earl S. Hishinuma, Stephanie T. Nishimura, David T. Mayeda, Orlando Garcia-Santiago and Soojean Choi-Misailidis. “Ethnicity and Violence Risk: a study of violence among Asian American and Pacific Islander youths.” *Under review*.

WORKING PAPERS

Spencer, James H. “Urbanization, Rapid Development and Human Security in the Mekong Delta: Modeling transitional development and emerging infectious disease.”

Spencer, James H. “Environmental Security: Urbanization, and Avian Influenza: Testing the District-Level Correlates of H5N1 in Viet Nam.”

Spencer, James H. “Policy Alternatives for Stemming an Avian Flu Pandemic: Matching probabilities with proportionate responses”.

Spencer, James H. “Economic Development Policy and the Business Cycle: Are place-based investment strategies more effective during periods of expansion?”

OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

Spencer, James H. (2007). “Water and Environmental Security in Globalizing Viet Nam: Emerging risks in the Mekong Delta.” Issue brief for the Foundation for Environmental Security and Sustainability. Available at < <http://www.fess-global.org/>>.

Ong, Paul, **James H. Spencer**, Michela Zonta, Todd Nelson, Douglas Miller, and Julia Heintz-Mackoff. (2003). “The Economic Cycle and Los Angeles Neighborhoods: 1987-2001.” Report to the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation. Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, UCLA. Available at <http://repositories.cdlib.org/lewis/cspp/04>.

Spencer, James H., Michael Storper and Yun Chung Chen. (2002). "The Underclass: Long Term Unemployment, Race and Space in the American Context." Chapter in *Technical Change, Inequality and Labor Market Marginalization*. Working paper of the French Ministry of Construction and the International Labor Organization.

Spencer, James H. (1995). "Public Forests and Private Paddies in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam." *Tropical Resources Institute Working Paper #90*, Yale University: New Haven, CT.

RESOURCE SCHOLAR FOR MEDIA

- The Economist on urban planning in Hawai'i. "The Wave of the Future: Planning for change in America's most expensive state." September 20, 2007.
- Bloomberg News on Public Policy in response to Hurricane Katrina, ("Bush's Enterprise Zone has Failed to Deliver Before,") September 26, 2005:
<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000103&sid=a9IYjNqyN7G8&refer=us>.
- Asian Wall Street Journal on Viet Nam's *Doi Moi* progress, and described as one of the "up and coming young American scholars of Asia." 1994.
- USA Today on Viet Nam/US Diplomatic relations and the roadmap to post-war reconciliation. 1993.
- Honolulu Advertiser, Honolulu Star-Bulletin on numerous statewide planning issues and politics.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator

The Ford Foundation: "Improving Planning and Urban Management Research and Education in an Era of Globalization," 8/2007 to 12/2011.

- Implement research and training project titled in collaboration with the Ha Noi Architectural University (HAU). Project includes research on the urban transition in Viet Nam, the development of original and scholarly case studies, training of HAU urban planning faculty and local officials. (\$910,800 total, of which \$553,840 directly to UHM)

The Korea Foundation (Co-PI with Prof. Yeanju Lee, Sociology): "From Origin to Destination: Policy Alternatives for Managing Two-Way Migration Pathways in Asia," August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009.

- Demographic analysis of multiple national censuses (\$94,700)

Social Science Research Council: "The Economic Impact of Korean Enclaves in the Pacific Rim," 6/2006 to 5/2007.

- Research fellowship to to examine the economic development impact of Korean migrants in Tokyo, Beijing, and Los Angeles. (\$25,000).
- Supplementary funds from the University of Hawaii Globalization Research Center (\$10,000).

Globalization Research Center, University of Hawaii at Manoa (US Department of Education and US Department of State):

1/2007 to 6/2008.

- “Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal Number 7 in Southeast Asia.” Project includes original quantitative survey and qualitative in-depth interviews in urban and peri-urban areas of Viet Nam (Ha Noi), Cambodia (Phnom Penh) and Indonesia (Surabaya). (\$61,000).

6/2004 to 8/2005.

- “Urbanization and New Forms of Water Infrastructure in Can Tho, Viet Nam.” Project to investigate local access to clean water in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam. In collaboration with the Southern Institute for Social Sciences (Ho Chi Minh City), gather survey data and qualitative case-study information on the factors of clean water access and use for domestic purposes among poor urbanizing communities. (\$40,000).

Croft Institute for International Studies: “The Urbanization of Water in the Mekong Delta,” 7/2006 to 12/2007.

- Project to examine policy implications of environmental conflicts in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam. \$25,000.

National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program: “Asian American and Pacific Islander Youth Violence and Health Inequalities,” 10/2004 to 10/2006.

- Project to assess youth violence among Asian/Pacific Islander communities in Hawai’i and Oakland, CA. In collaboration with the UHM Department of Psychiatry and the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center develop four studies on violence, substance abuse and self-esteem. \$25,874.

10/2006 to 10/2008.

- Competitive renewal of previous grant. \$21,323.

University of Hawaii Research Council: 6/2005 to 6/2007.

- Seed grant for project titled “New Forms of Migration in Asia.” (\$4,000)
- Project titled “the Political Economy of Economic Integration: the globalization of small-scale producers in the Mekong Delta.” Seed funding to conduct original research on small-scale basa catfish farmers exporting to the US, the EU and Japan, American catfish farmers and policy officials in Viet Nam and the US concerned with trade regulation and the World Trade Organization (\$7,000).

Yale University Agrarian Studies Program, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and Tropical Resources Institute: 6/1994 to 8/1994.

- Natural Resource Policy at Tram Chim National Park, Viet Nam. Conceive, write, and implement grant for research on the role of land tenure and customs in forestry policy effectiveness. Conduct interviews with farmers, produce original data and reports for publication. Funded by Luce Foundation, Tropical Resources Institute, (\$4,500).

Policy Investigator

Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center: 10/2003 to 9/2010.

- Major, multi-year, multi-center research grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Department of Psychiatry, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Grant total \$10 million.

Co-Investigator

County of Maui Needs Assessment of Housing and Human Services: 8/2002 to 6/2003.

Other Research Awards

University Research Council Travel Grants, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2003, 2004, 2005.

Research Associate, The East West Center (Honolulu, HI):

- Work with East West Center senior fellows to develop research on spatial, policy and socio-economic development in Southeast Asia. \$4,000. 6/2003.
- Conduct spatial analysis of avian influenza outbreaks in Viet Nam including demographic data, environmental data, and livestock data. 1/2007 to 8/2007.

ACADEMIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

International Strategic Planning Task Force. Spring 2009. One of campus-wide selected faculty to develop an International Strategic Plan that provides recommendations for institutional and funding priorities to the University of Hawaii at Manoa Chancellor.

Tenure and Promotion Review Committee. 2007-2008. Selected to serve as a campus-wide evaluator for tenure and promotion review cases.

Editorial Board Member, *Review of Development and Cooperation* (peer reviewed journal of the Mekong Institute focused on development issues in the Mekong subregion of Southeast Asia). June 2005 to present.

Blind Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, *Cornell University Press*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Journal of Planning, Education and Research*, *GeoForum*, *Globalizations*, *International Development Planning Review*, *Routledge Books (Routledge Research, International Development)*, *Journal of Adolescence*, *AAPI Nexus*.

Academic Program Review Committee, University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Language, Linguistics and Literature. November 2007 to April 2008.

Member, Selection Committee (5 Faculty, UHM campus-wide), University of Hawai'i/National Science Foundation IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program). 2007. Represent the social sciences in 2007-2008 selection of qualified PhD candidates for receipt of acceptance and scholarships for interdisciplinary research and training in Ecology, Conservation and Pathogen Biology.

Faculty Search Committees: Public Policy and Public Administration (Fall 2003, Spring 2004); Political Science (Indonesia Politics, Chair, Fall 2005; Indigenous Politics, Fall 2003, Fall 2006; Japan Politics, Spring 2002, Fall, 2003).

Conference Co-Chair, University of Hawaii at Manoa Public Policy Center First Annual Conference, April 24-25, 2003

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2002-present.
- International Studies Association, 2007-present.
- Association of Asian Studies. 1995.
- Urban Affairs Association, 2003, 2004.

- Association of Public Policy and Management, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Policy, Planning and Program Advisor 2000 – present (program development, monitoring and evaluation): **Office of Hawaiian Affairs** (Honolulu, HI); State of Hawai'i **Department of Human Services/Blueprint for Change** (Honolulu, HI); **Healthy Hawai'i Initiative** (Honolulu, HI); **Urban Environment Planning Program in Viet Nam** (HCMC, Viet Nam); **Heartlands International** (Kazakhstan invited); **ORBIS International** (Viet Nam, New York, China, Ethiopia); **PolicyLink** (Oakland, CA); **City of Compton, CA**; **Tides Foundation** (San Francisco, CA); **GEAR UP Hawaii** (Honolulu, Kau, HI).

Consulted Advisor, Royal Government of Cambodia Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction. 2007. Provide input on “National Urban Development Strategy,” “Cambodia Integrated Coastal Development Plan.”

Member, Hawai'i State Legislature Task Force on Sustainable Development for the Year 2050 (HI2050). Serve as one of two UHM faculty on 20-member statewide task force making recommendations to the state legislature and State Auditor.

Advisor to the Job Creation/Economic Development Working Group convened by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles (2006). Provide policy recommendations based on scholarly research regarding tax incentives.

Environmental Leadership Program Activity Fund Grant Allocation Committee (\$90,000), Fall 2005.

Environmental Leadership Program Fellow Selection Committee, Fall 2003;

Advisor to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) on Economic Inequality and Asian Americans; April 2003.

Advisor to Kamehameha Schools on program evaluation and monitoring, November 2004.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

2004. Evaluation of Ethiopia Program – Rural Projects (1998-2004): Strengthening rural eye care service delivery and Trachoma Control: SAFE with Zithromax. ORBIS/Ethiopia report.

----- Evaluation of the OTTC Program (ORBIS Taiyuan Training Center): Shanxi Province, PRC. ORBIS/China report.

2003. Monitoring and Evaluation Update: Phu Tho Cataracts Learning Project, ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity) Project, VNIO (Viet Nam Institute of Ophthalmology) Strengthening Project. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.

2002. Monitoring and Evaluation Update: Phu Tho Cataracts Learning Project. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.

----- Viet Nam Programs Monitoring and Evaluation Report. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.

2001. Viet Nam Programs Monitoring and Evaluation Report. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.

----- Update on ORBIS/VNIO Eye Care Services Learning Project in Phu Tho. ORBIS/Viet Nam report.

INVITED TALKS/PANELS (externally funded)

Speaker, UNU/WIDER (United Nations University, World Institute for Development Economics Research) Project Workshop: Beyond the Tipping Point: Asian Development in an Urban World. December 15-17, 2008, Kolkata, India. “An Emerging Urban Health Transition: the role of household health, illness, and environmental pollution concerns in clean water investment.” (Unable to present in person due to visa delays).

Panelist, East West Center and Pacific Disaster Center Expert Working Group Meeting on Climate Change Variability. August 14-15, 2008. “Urban Transition and Public Policy: Fragmentation and Local Demand for Urban Water Services.”

Plenary Speaker, University of Texas, Austin. WATER 21: the Political and Cultural Economies of Water in the 21st Century. March 29, 2008. “Beyond Privatization: Urbanization and Community Efforts to Secure Clean Water in Southeast Asia.”

Also presented at: The Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University, June 17, 2008.

Guest Lecturer, East West Center Jefferson Fellows Program for Journalists (“Mekong on the Move”). October 4, 2007. Honolulu, HI. “Infrastructure Investment, Development, Human and Environmental Security in the Mekong Delta.”

Plenary Speaker, East West Center Conference: Social and Ecological Factors in Emerging Infectious Diseases. September 12-13, 2007. Ha Noi, Viet Nam. “Attempting to Empirically Understand the Factors of H5N1 Outbreak Occurrence and Intensity.”

Plenary Speaker, Ho Chi Minh City People’s Committee/Institute for Economic Research Livable Cities Symposium. July 27-28, 2007, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. “Urban Quality of Life and the Ho Chi Minh City Economy.”

Urban Forum Guest Panelist, Ho Chi Minh University of Architecture. Ho Chi Minh City. June 6, 2007. “Ho Chi Minh City 2050.”

Lecture to the Ho Chi Minh University of Architecture Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. March 30, 2007.. “Empirical Research in Urban Economic Analysis: an application of GIS in planning.”

Co-Organizer/Panelist, International Studies Association Workshop. “Migration and Development in Pacific Asia.” Chicago, IL. February 26, 2007.

Symposium: Planning for Livable Cities: International Comparative Perspectives on Viet Nam. Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. August 15-17, 2006. Present paper on “Resident Motivations for Connecting to New Water Infrastructure in the Mekong Delta” at policy symposia organized by the Institute for Economic Research (Ho Chi Minh City government)

Globalization, Cities, and the Production of Culture: a Dialogic Conference. April 5-7, 2006. Invited panel discussant for conference hosted by the Dr. Kiran Patel Center for Global Solutions, University of South Florida.

Yale University Council on Southeast Asian Studies Conference. Regenerations: New leaders, new visions in Southeast Asia. November 11, 2005. Presented paper “Natural Water and Natural Monopolies: Competition for and competition within the market for clean water in Can Tho, Viet Nam.

Symposium: The Urban Transition and the Future of City Life in Viet Nam: the Question of Public and Civic Space. Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. July 27 – August 4, 2005. Moderate

and comment on panels at policy symposia organized by Vietnamese government and private institutions: the Institute for Economic Research (HCMC government) and Urban-Rural Solutions (Ha Noi, private).

Globalization Research Center (UCLA)/Globalization Research Network Dialogic Conference, Santa Barbara, CA. May 16 - 20, 2005. “Micro-projects and Rapid Growth: Water provision and the case for clarifying privatization’s effects on public health.”

Addressing Water and Sanitation Deficiencies in Low-Income Settings: an international workshop hosted by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) Human Settlements Program, December 3, 2004. Present preliminary analysis on the United Nations Millenium Development Goals on clean water access in Viet Nam, with particular focus on urbanization and clean water in the Mekong Delta.

Panelist, Class and the Environmental Movement. August 2003, Environmental Leadership Program Annual Conference, Nebraska City, NE.

Talk Given to the Institute for Labor and Employment, University of California. January 2002: “The Spatial Impact of People- and Place-Based Development Policies.”

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Milwaukee, WI. October 18-21, 2007. Present paper “Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal #7 in Southeast Asia.”

Annual Meeting of the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS5), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. August 2-5, 2007. Present paper “Innovations in Local Governance: Meeting Millennium Development Goal #7 in Southeast Asia.”

Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Fort Worth, TX. November 12, 2006. Presented paper “Policy Alternatives for Stemming an Avian Flu Pandemic: the Need for managing reassortment risks and improved farm management.”

Annual Meeting of the Globalization Studies Network (GSN), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. August 21-23, 2006. Presented paper “Resident Motivations for Connecting to New Water Infrastructure in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam: the role of health, illness, and environmental pollution concerns.”

Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Kansas City, MO. October 28, 2005. Presented paper “The Entrepreneurial State and the Public Good: Is the quasi-privatization of urban domestic water provision in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam equitably distributed?”

Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Washington, DC. April, 2004. Presented paper “The Neighborhood Impact of People-based Policy: The Unintended Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit in Poor Neighborhoods of Los Angeles.”

Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Cleveland, OH. March 2003. Presented paper “Los Angeles Since 1992: How Did the Economic Base of Riot-torn Neighborhoods Fare After the Unrest?”

Moderator and Convenor of Panel at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference. 1997: “Metropolitan Growth and the Future of Community Development.”

Paper Presented at the International Association for the Study of Common Property Meetings. June 1996: "The Role of Mapping in National Parks Creation and Resource Tenure Documentation in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam."

Paper Presented at the American Association of Anthropology National Meetings. November 1996: "Open Access, Hidden Meanings: Public Forests and Private Paddies in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam."

INVITED TRAINING SEMINARS (externally funded)

East West Center Summer Seminar, Honolulu, HI:

Livable Cities in Pacific Asia: Research Methods for Policy Analysis. In conjunction with the East West Center and the Globalization Research Center, develop and teach two-week session on data analysis and policy evaluation and development in the Pacific Asia context within the month-long course. Includes Geographic Information Systems, statistical packages, and qualitative ground-truthing. In conjunction with Dr. Michael Douglass, Dr. Peter Xenos and Dr. Liling Huang.

- 38th Summer Seminar: May 29 – June 28, 2007.
- 37th Summer Seminar: May 31 – June 29, 2006.
- 36th Summer Seminar: May 31 – June 29, 2005.

International Workshop on Livable Cities: research and development experience and exchange among Asia-Pacific countries. Bangkok, Thailand. January 13th -18th, 2006. Invited by the Thailand Environment Institute (Bangkok), the Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute, and the University of Hawai'i Globalization Research Center.

The Urban Transition and Public Space in Pacific Asia, Honolulu, HI. August 30 – September 10, 2004. Co-convenor of a course presented by the Globalization Research Center and the East West Center for Vietnamese scholars and practitioners in architecture and engineering on the use of social science analysis for planning. Provided four lectures: Public Policy in a Market Economy, A Conceptual Guide for the Provision of Civic Space, Quantitative Empirical Research and Public Policy, Qualitative Empirical Research and Public Policy.

INVITED TALKS (local)

East West Center/ESRI Health and Human Services Solutions Working Group on Emerging Infectious Disease. Honolulu, HI. May 1, 2006. Present ideas related to disease emergence and urban planning, present paper "Policy Alternatives for Stemming an Avian Flu Pandemic: the need for managing reassortment risks and improved farm management."

Hawaii Dietetic Association Spring Conference. Honolulu, HI. April 14, 2006. Give talk on "Building a Healthy Environment."

World Town Planning Day. University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Honolulu, HI. November 8, 2005. Panelist on natural disaster planning: reflections on Hurricane Katrina.

Center for Southeast Asian Studies Brown Bag Seminar Series, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI. April 22, 2005. "Viet Nam's Transition to a Market Economy: the case of water service provision."

Asia and the Pacific Region: The Urbanization Challenge, Honolulu, HI. March 2004. Panelist with Mayor Jeremy Harris, sponsored by the University of Hawaii at Manoa Public Policy Center.

Panel of the Center for Teaching Excellence: Bridging Graduate School and Being an Assistant Professor: February, 2003.

Talk Given to the East-West Center and the UH Manoa College of Social Sciences. October 2002: "The Use of Geographic Data for Urban Policy Analysis."

Panelist, The South Central Rebellion: Ten Years After. April 1992, Center on the Study of Urban Poverty, UCLA

Talk Given to the School of Public Policy and Social Research, UCLA. February 2002: "The Effect of Enterprise Zones on the Spatial Distribution of Private Sector Employment and Businesses in Los Angeles."

Talk Given to UCLA Library Symposium on Census Data: March 2002: "The Use of the Economic Census for Program Evaluation Research Studies."

Seminar Given to the Yale University Council on Southeast Asian Studies. October 1995: "Culture and Policy: Implementation of Reforestation Projects in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam."

POPULAR MEDIA WRITING AND SPEAKING

Interviewed on "**Joy in Our Town,**" **Trinity Broadcasting Network** on Hawai'i 2050, international education and other topics, 9/1/2008

Interviewed on **Viet Nam Television**, General News, regarding urban livability and urbanization in Ho Chi Minh City, 7/27/2007.

Spencer, James H. 2007. "Holomua Kakou" (Hawaiian language for "Let's Move Forward Together"). Concluding chapter in the **Issue Book of Hawai'i 2050: Building a Shared Future**. Presented to the State Legislative Task force on Hawai'i 2050, and used as the basis for a series of community engagement meetings.

Interviewed on "**ThinkTech.**" **Hawai'i Public Radio**, regarding globalization, development and human capital in Viet Nam, 10/11/2006.

Spencer, James H. "Tax Credit for Working Poor the Best Bet," **Honolulu Advertiser Op-Ed**, 4/27/2006.

Interviewed on **Bloomberg News Program "The Big Picture"** regarding policy response to Hurricane Katrina, 9/26/ 2005;

Interviewed on **Bloomberg News Program "General News"** regarding policy response to Hurricane Katrina, 9/26/ 2005;

Letter to the Editor: "Thomas misses the mark on school funding." **Honolulu Star Bulletin**, October 23, 2002.

Letter to the Editor: "Public misunderstands threat to our soldiers." **Honolulu Advertiser**, May 13, 2004.

Essay on Development in Viet Nam: "Riding the Dream." **Fodor's Travel Guide to Viet Nam**, 1997.