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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 *Ph.D. Anthropology*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2017 *Certificate in American Studies*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2015 *M.Phil. Anthropology*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2009 *Certificate in Oral History*, Oral History Summer Program, Columbia University
- 2005 *B.A. Anthropology*, Sarah Lawrence College

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017- *Assistant Professor*, Department of Anthropology, American University
- 2020- *Affiliate Faculty*, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University
- 2019-2020 *Visiting Scholar*, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University
- 2014- *Cofounder and Codirector*, Narratives of Displacement and Resistance Oral History Project, The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project

MONOGRAPHS

- Under Contract* *Anti-Eviction: Contesting Tech-Led Gentrification in San Francisco*
(with University of California Press)
- 2021 *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Co-editor. Oakland: PM Press.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 “Tech-Colonialism: Gentrification, Resistance and Belonging in San Francisco’s Colonial Present” *Anthropological Quarterly*. 95(4): 785-814.

- 2021 “Infrastructural Activism: Google Bus Blockades, Affective Politics and Environmental Gentrification in San Francisco” *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12744>
- 2021 “Reflections on Doing the Work: City Life/Vida Urban and the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project” *Radical Housing Journal*. 3(1): 267-276. Coauthored with Erin McElroy.
- 2018 “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project: Counter Cartography and Oral History towards Housing Justice in the Bay Area,” *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 108(2): 380- 389. Coauthored with Erin McElroy.
- 2017 “Black Lives Matter, Gentrification and the Security State in the San Francisco Bay Area,” *Anthropological Theory* 17(3): 338-364.
- 2013 “Occupy Wall Street and a Radical Politics of Inclusion.” *Sociological Quarterly* 54(2): 177-181.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2023 “Standing Up” *Voices of a People’s History of the United States*. New York: Seven Stories Press.
- 2021 “Speculation and Speculative Futures.” *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*, 325-392. Oakland: PM Press. Coedited with Erin McElroy.
- 2021 “Introduction: Counterpoints - This is Not a Point.” *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*, Oakland: PM Press. Coauthored with Erin McElroy and Mary Shi.
- 2018 “Occupy Wall Street: Finance Capital and its Discontents.” *Revolting New York*. Edited by Neil Smith & Don Mitchell, University of Georgia Press. Pgs. 286-300. Coauthored with Zoltan Gluck.
- 2018 In the Time of Trump: Housing, Whiteness, and Abolition.” In *Contested Property Claims: What Disagreement Tells Us About Ownership*, 109-125. New York: Routledge. Coauthored with Erin McElroy.
- 2017 “San Francisco’s Tech-led Gentrification: Public Space Protest and the Urban Commons.” *City Unsilenced: Urban Resistance and Public Space in the Age of Shrinking Democracy*. New York: Routledge. Pgs. 30-43.
- 2016 “Occupy Movements” *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

- 2012 “Reflections on the People of Color Caucus at Occupy Wall Street.” *We are Many: Reflections on Movement Strategy from Occupation to Liberation*. Oakland. AK Press Pgs. 177-183.

CO-EDITED SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES AND BOOKS

- 2024 *American Anthropologist*. “The Twenty Years War: The Global War on Terror” with Zoltan Gluck.
- 2021 *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Oakland: PM Press, Coedited with the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.
- 2015 *Viewpoint Magazine*. October 2015. “You Can’t Evict a Movement: Strategies Towards Housing Justice” with A. Sheppard-Matsuo and C. Tomas-Reed
- 2014 *The Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. Volume 58. “Struggles for the Public University” with Chris Herring.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2022 “Counterpoints: A Review Forum.” *Society and Space*. with Erin McElroy and Mary Shi.
- 2020 “A Future Called Home.” *American Ethnologist*, 19 October.
- 2018 “Of Riots and Ruins: The Built Environment and the J20 Trials.” *City and Society*. Vol. 30 (3).
- 2018 “Mapping Dispossession and Mapping Affect: Silicon Valley and its Uneven Urban Impacts.” *Anthropology News*. with Erin McElroy.
- 2018 “Eviction Lab Misses the Mark.” *Shelterforce*. With Daniella Aiello et al.
- 2015 “Introduction: Strategies Towards Housing Justice.” *Viewpoint Magazine*. with C. Tomas-Reed.
- 2015 “Shut It Down: Notes on the #blacklivesmatter Protests in Oakland, California.” *Focaal Blog*.
- 2014 “Making Space to Talk About Race.” *Crossing Borders, Bridging Generations Oral History Project*. Brooklyn Historical Society.
- 2014 “Protest of Gentrification and Eviction Technologies in San Francisco.” *Progressive Planning* 199: 20-24.

- 2014 “Why Public Space Now: A Space for Democratic Practices.” *Oculus*. Pgs. 24-25. With Setha Low and Dimitri Dalakoglou
- 2014 “Organizing Against Empire: Struggles Over the Militarization of CUNY.” *The Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 58: 51-58. With Z. Glück, I. Nastasia and C. Tomas-Reed
- 2013 “Hidden in Plain Sight: The Education Movement.” *Tidal Magazine: Occupy Theory*. With Z. Glück, I. Nastasia & C. Tomas-Reed.
- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street panel: Has May Day made a difference?” *The Guardian UK*. With Tom Hayden, Billy Talen, Rinku Sen, Janter Byrne, Hannah Appel.
- 2012 “Why Race Matters After Hurricane Sandy.” *Waging NonViolence*. With I. Nastasia,
- 2012 “What can we do in Public: Occupy and Challenges in Public Space.” *Progressive Planning* 191: 20-24.
- 2012 “Fieldnotes on Union Square, Anti-Oppression, and Occupy.” *Cultural Anthropology*. Hotspots online
- 2012 “Occupy Ethnography: Reflections on Studying the Movement.” *Possible Futures: Dispatches, Social Science Research Council*.
- 2012 “PUKAR and the Human Right to Research.” *American Anthropologist* 114 682-683
- 2011 “What Makes Occupy Different: Inclusion.” *The Guardian UK*, November 15.
- 2011 “A Day in the Movement.” *N+I Magazine*. With Z. Glück.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2024 Abolition Working Group Fellow. Anti-Racist Policy Center. American University.
- 2024 National Institute of Health. Award # 1R01NR021084-01A1. “Examining the Effects of Housing, Structural Racism and Policy Change on Health.” Co-Principal Investigator with Danya Keene (Yale University), and Kim Blankenship, (American University).
- 2019 American Association of University Women, Alternate, Postdoctoral Research Award.
- 2019 Mellon Faculty Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, American University.
- 2018 Mellon Faculty Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, American University.

- 2017 Mellon Faculty Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, American University.
- 2016 Susan Garfinkel Prize in Digital Humanities. For the Narratives of Displacement and Resistance Oral History Project. American Studies Association.
- 2016 Digital Humanities Innovation Grant. The Graduate Center, City University of New York.
- 2016 Alternative Geography Award. For The Anti- Eviction Mapping Project. Awarded by Urban Studies Working Group, American Association of Geographers.
- 2015 Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellow. American Council of Learned Societies.
- 2015 Dissertation Fellow. Center for Place, Culture and Politics. The Graduate Center, City University of New York.
- 2015 Writing Fellow. The Blue Mountain Center.
- 2014 Digital Innovation Fellow. The Graduate Center, City University of New York.
- 2014 Public Humanities Fellow. New York Council for the Humanities.
- 2013 Dissertation Research Grant. The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
- 2012 Regional Workshop Award, (co-recipient with the Space Time Research Collaborative, Cindi Katz and Caitlin Cahill). The Antipode Foundation.
- 2010 Oral History Summer Institute, Fellow, Columbia University.
- 2009 Urban Sociology Summer Exchange Fellow. Humboldt University, Berlin.
- 2009 – 2012 PhD Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Conquistador Transportation and Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco.” Northeastern University April 1.
- 2021 “Conquistador Transportation and Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco.” George Mason University, January 27.
- 2021 “Conquistador Transportation and Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco.” Invited Talk. Oregon State University, January 22.

- 2018 “Fifty years later: The Struggle for Housing Justice in the United States.” Conference on Race and Housing Fifty Years Later: The Legacy of the Fair Housing Act, Princeton University, April 28th.
- 2018 “Conquistador Transportation and the Urban Commons: Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco” Keynote Lecture, 5th Annual Anthropology Symposium, George Washington University, March 30.
- 2018 “The J20 Cases: Struggling Against the Criminalization of Dissent in a Time that Demands Resistance” Invited Panelist, Georgetown University, March 22.
- 2018 “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project” Radical Mapping, Invited Panelist, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University, March 21st.
- 2016 “Oral History and Counter Mapping as Methods Towards Anti-Gentrification and Anti-Displacement” Invited Lecture, The Center for Place Culture and Politics, April 13.
- 2015 “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project: Radical Mapping and Displacement in San Francisco” Invited Lecture, Oral History MA Program, Columbia University, October 1.
- 2014 “Oral History and Mapping Displacement in San Francisco” Invited Lecture, Sarah Lawrence College, March 12.
- 2014 “Oral Histories of Displacement” Invited Lecture & Workshop, Stanford University, January 22.
- 2014 “Politics Post-Occupy,” Keynote Speaker, Southwest Florida Coalition for Peace and Peace Day Talk, Sarasota FL, January 25.
- 2013 “Reclaiming Land, Building the Urban Commons,” Invited Panelist, Columbia University, October 29.
- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street Visions and Reflections: Decolonization,” Invited Panelist, Hampshire College, October 24.
- 2012 “Race, Gender and Inclusion: Fieldnotes From Occupy” Invited Panelist, University of Connecticut Stamford, April 16.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2024 “Research and/as Organizing for Spatial Justice and Grounded Theory” *Organizer and Panelist*. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 15-17.

- 2021 “Author Meets Critics: Speculation and Speculative Futures in Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 7-11.
- 2021 “Author Meets Critics: Thinking About History with A People’s Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 7-11.
- 2021 “Authors Meet Critics: Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 7-11.
- 2018 “Tech-Colonialism and Displacement” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 14-18.
- 2018 “Urban Revanchism Revisited: Black Lives Matter and the Security State” American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, April 11.
- 2018 “Urban Revanchism Revisited” double-panel organized with Christopher Herring, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10-14.
- 2018 “The Disrupters: Ethnographies of Techno-capitalism” panel organized with Erin McElory and Beth Geglia. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 14-18.
- 2017 “Black Lives Matter, Gentrification and the Security State in Oakland” American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 1.
- 2017 “Mapping Towards Housing Justice” Public Anthropology Conference, American University, Washington D.C., November 3.
- 2016 “We Won’t Go: Producing Memory, Care and Collectivity in San Francisco’s Anti-Eviction Activism” American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, November 17.
- 2016 “Conquistador Transportation: Infrastructural Activism and the Fight Against Displacement in San Francisco” Society for the Anthropology of North America, Halifax, May 13.
- 2016 “Material Infrastructures and Infrastructural Activism: Displacement in San Francisco” American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, March 29.
- 2015 “Infrastructural Activism: Bus Blockades and the Fight Against Displacement in San Francisco” American Anthropological Association, Denver, November 19.
- 2015 “I thought Occupy would always be there”: Depression, Hope, and Temporality in the Aftermath of Occupy,” Society for the Anthropology of North America Meeting, New York, April 17.

- 2015 “Aftermaths” track organized with Nazia Kazia and Mark Porter Webb, Society for the Anthropology of North America, New York April 16-18.
- 2014 “Gentrification and Anti-Gentrification Organizing”, Center for Place, Culture and Politics Annual Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, May 23.
- 2013 “The New Youth Movements, Political Subjectivity, Crisis and Resistance” panel organized with Zoltán Glück, American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Nov 21.
- 2013 “From Safer Spaces to Affective Politics: The Case of the Free University” American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 23.
- 2013 “The Crown Heights Assembly: Race, Space and Gentrification” (with Zoltán Glück) American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 21.
- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street and the Politics of Inclusion: Ethnographic Reflections On Radical Democracy” (with Zoltán Glück) American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 17.
- 2011 "The Productive Value of the Trace" panel organized with Priya Chandraskaran, Rachel Daniell and Malav Kanuga, American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Nov 15.
- 2011 “The Creation of the Peaceful City: Violence and Its Traces in Ahmadabad” American Anthropological Association, Montreal, November 15.
- 2010 “Zora Neale Hurston: Writing Alternative Ethnographies” American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 22.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2022 Interviewed for *Somethin’ Else* podcast. Sony Music.
- 2015 Featured in: *When We Fight We Win: Twenty First Century Social Movements and the Activists that are Changing Our World*. New York: The New Press.
- 2014 Featured in “Terkel’s Torch Bearers: Meet the New Generation of Oral Historians” *In These Times*, October 29.
- 2012 Featured in “Faultlines” Documentary on Occupy Wall Street. Al Jazeera Media.
- 2012 Featured in The Express Tribune (Pakistan), June 14.
- 2012 Invited panelist with Jeffery Sachs on Project Wisdom a NHK Japanese public television show, November 6 and November 26.
- 2011 Interviewed with Eliot Spitzer, for “The Coffee Summit” in *New York Magazine*

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2013-present Collective Member, *Anti-Eviction Mapping Project*
2014- present Co-founder and Collective Member, *The Narratives of Displacement and Resistance Oral History Project*
2021 Faculty Mentor, American Ethnological Society.
2020 International Reviewer, Fonds National de la Recherche, Luxembourg.
2018 Book Prize Committee, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.
2016-2018 Consulting Editor, *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*
2013-2015 Co-Editor, “Findings” Column, *Anthropology Now*.
2012-2014 Lead Oral History Interviewer, “Crossing Borders, Bridging Generations” Oral History Project, Brooklyn Historical Society
- 2009-2011 Co-organizer “So-Called Marginalia” reading series, various venues in New York.
2023- present External Peer Reviewer, *Anthropological Quarterly*
2021- present External Peer Reviewer, *City and Society*
2018- present External Peer Reviewer *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*
2018- present External Peer Reviewer *GeoForum*
2018- present External Peer Reviewer *Radical Housing Journal*
2016- present External Peer Reviewer *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*,
2015- present External Peer Reviewer *Sociological Quarterly*
2013- present External Peer Reviewer *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2022-present Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University
2022-present Events Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University
2020- present Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University
2018- present Grievance Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University
2017- 2020 Graduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University
2017- 2020 Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University
2015-2016 Executive Committee, Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center
2013 Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center
2011-2013 Co-Chair, Women of Color Network, The Graduate Center
2011 Student Representative, Doctoral Student Council, The Graduate Center
2010-2012 Co-Organizer, Public Space Working Group, The Graduate Center

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017- *Assistant Professor*, American University, Anthropology Department
- Public Anthropology (grad)
 - The Craft of Anthropology (grad)
 - Capitalism and Urban Transformation (grad)
 - Dissertation Writing Seminar (grad)
 - Anthropological Research Methods (undergrad)
 - Contemporary Ethnographies (undergrad)
 - Anthropology of Life in the United States (undergrad)
- 2013-2015 *Teaching Fellow* Baruch College, CUNY, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Advanced Research Methods
 - Power and Conflict
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 - Cultures and Peoples of South Asia
- 2008-2012 *Adjunct Instructor and Teaching Assistant*, Queens College, CUNY, Department of Urban Studies
- Race and Ethnicity
 - Urban Poverty and Inequality

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Hindi (Speaking, Reading and Writing)
French (Intermediate Speaking, Reading and Writing)
GIS Level 1
Trained Oral Historian

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2011- present American Anthropological Association
2013-present American Association of Geographers

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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