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Education

- Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology (2008)
- M.A. University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology (2004)
- M.A. New School for Social Research, Historical Studies and Sociology (2002)
- B.A. Pennsylvania State University, Liberal Studies/Cultural Studies (1999)

Academic Positions

- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut (2014 – Present)
- Senior Fellow, Urban Ethnography Workshop, Yale University (2014 – Present)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Health & Society Scholar, University of Pennsylvania (2010 – 2012)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut (2008-2014)

Areas of Research and Teaching

Urban Sociology; Sociology of Culture; Economic Sociology; Consumption; Ethnographic, Historical, Interview, and Comparative Methods

Books

- 2012. *Venice: A Contested Bohemia in Los Angeles*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press
 - 2012 L.A. Public Media (KCET) best books about Los Angeles
 - 2013 Mirra Komarovsky Award, Honorable Mention, Eastern Sociological Society
 - 2013 Robert E. Park Award, Honorable Mention, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
 - Excerpt in Duneier, Mitchell, Philip Kasinitz, Alexandra Murphy, *Urban Ethnography Reader*, Oxford University Press.
 - Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *City & Community*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal of Urban History*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Los Angeles Public Media*
- 2020. *The Problem with Feeding Cities: The Social Transformation of Infrastructure, Abundance, and Inequality in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Books and Edited Special Issues (In Progress)

Advanced Contract. *Urbanism and Its Global Expansion*. Co-Authored with Jonathan Wynn. Oxford University Press.

2020. *Archival Work as Qualitative Sociology*, Co-edited with Claudio Benzecry and Armando Lara-Millan. Special Issue (March). *Qualitative Sociology*.

Peer Reviewed Articles

2018 The Architecture of Ethnographic Knowledge: Narrowing Down Data and Contexts in Search of Sociological Cases. *Sociological Perspectives* 61(2): 295-313.

2017 The Uses of Ambiguity in Sociological Theorizing: Three Ethnographic Approaches. *Sociological Theory*, 35(4): 359-379

2017 The Origins of the Food Desert: Urban Inequality as Infrastructural Exclusion, *Social Forces*, 95(3): 1285-1309.

2016 The Ecology of Neighborhood Participation and the Reproduction of Political Conflict. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 40(4): 817-832.

2015 The Pitfalls of Invoking Cultural Change to Improve Population Health (Coauthored with Robert Aronowitz, Danya Keene, Jason Schnittker, and Laura Tach). *American Journal of Public Health*. July 2015, 105(S3): 403-408.

2012 Los viajes de un zapato en la economía global. (Coauthored with Claudio Benzecry) Article for special issue on "Other Globalizations" by *Nueva Sociedad. Revista Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales*. Issue No 240.

2010. The "Black Section" of the Neighborhood: Collective Visibility and Collective Invisibility as Sources of Place Identity. *Ethnography*, 11(1): 1-23.
*Featured in *Contexts*, Fall 2010, "Discoveries: New and Noteworthy Research."

2009. Forging Distinct Paths Toward Authentic Identity: Outsider Art, Public Interaction, and Identity Transition in an Informal Market Context." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 38: 169-200

2007. Commerce as the Structure and Symbol of Neighborhood Life: Reshaping the Meaning of Community in Venice, California. *City and Community*, 6:4.
*ASA Community and Urban Section Graduate Student Paper Award

Chapters in Edited Volumes

2013. "Planning Los Angeles: Neighborhood and Downtown Development" (coauthored with Steven Erie, Vlad Kogan, and Forrest Stuart), in Halle, David and Andrew

Beveridge (editors), *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future*. New York: Oxford University Press.

2010. "The Decline of a Black Community by the Sea: Demographic and Political Changes in Oakwood," in Hunt, Darnell (editor), *Black Los Angeles: Race, Community, and the American Dream*. New York: New York University Press.

In Progress Articles and Research Projects

Excavating Interdependencies: On the Relationship Between History and Ethnography

Managing Risk (historical, comparative, interview, and ethnographic project in planning stage; focuses on the effects of climate change on property valuation, community risk assessment, and public health)

Essays and Reviews

- 2017 "Gentrification? Some Communities Say 'Bring it' (coauthored with Jonathan Wynn). *The Conversation*, October 11, 2017. Reprinted in *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Salon*, *Business Insider*, CNN.com, and other venues.
- 2016 Review of *There Goes the Gayborhood?* by Amin Ghaziani, *Sociological Forum*.
- 2015 "The Public Identities of Neighborhoods: Cultural Template or Situated Space?" Symposium on Ghaziani, *There Goes the Gayborhood. Environment and Planning A*, 47
- 2015 Book Review of *Street Level: Los Angeles in the Twenty-First Century*, by Rob Sullivan, *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2014 Book Review of *Seeing Cities Change* by Jerome Kruse, *Contemporary Sociology*. 43: 707
- 2012 "The Ditches of the Slum: How Venice's Squalid Past Shaped the Glitzy Canals," Essay in *Zocalo Public Square*.
2011. Book review of *Hobos, Hustlers, and Backsliders* by Teresa Gowan. *American Journal of Sociology*. 116(6): 2056-2057
2010. "Cultural Variations or Socioeconomic Positions: The Gentrification Debate Continues," *Sociological Forum*. 25(4):865-869.
2009. Book review of *Faithful to Fenway: Believing in Boston, Baseball, and America's Most Beloved Ballpark* by Michael Ian Borer. *Contemporary Sociology*. 38(2): 134-135.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2013 Robert E. Park Award, Honorable Mention, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2013 Mirra Komarovsky Award, Honorable Mention, Best Book, Eastern Sociological Society

- 2010-2012 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Research Grant for “Feeding the City” (\$20,030)
- 2011 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Research Pilot Grant for “The Changing Politics of Food in Philadelphia” (\$17,790).
- 2007 UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies Research Grant (\$3,000)
- 2006-2007 John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (20,000)
- 2006 UCLA Gold Shield Alumnae Oral History Graduate Research Grant (2006)
- 2005 Graduate Student Paper Award, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2004-2005 Department of Housing and Urban Development, Early Doctoral Research Grant (\$15,000)
- 2003 UCLA Summer Research Mentorship Award Fellowship (\$3,000)

Professional Service

Journals

Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Qualitative Sociology* (2019 – Present)

Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology* (2015-2019)

Editorial Board, *City & Community* (2012 - Present)

Reviewer:

Journals: *American Journal of Sociology, American Journal of Cultural Sociology, American Sociological Review, City & Community, Environmental Practice, Ethnography, Journal of Urban Affairs, Public Culture, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Sociological Research and Methods, Sociological Theory, Symbolic Interaction, Urban Studies, Urban Geography*

Book Presses: *Columbia University Press, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Minnesota Press, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press*

Associations

American Sociological Association

Committee Member, Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award, Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section (2019)

Chair, Nominations Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section (2017-2018)

Council Member, ASA Section on Community and Urban Sociology (2015-2018)

Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting: Urban Sociology Regular Sessions (2015)

Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting: Diversity and Urban Space (2011)

Chair, Best Student Paper Committee, Community and Urban Section (2011)

Chair, Membership Committee, Community and Urban Section (2012-2013)

Chair, Jane Addams Article Award, Community and Urban Section (2013)
Co-editor (with Claudio Benzecry and Jonathan Wynn), Culture Section Newsletter
(2010-2014)

Social Science Historical Society

Session Organizer, SSHA Annual Meeting, “The Politics of Urban Spectacle”
Session Organizer, SSHA Annual Meeting, “Innovation and Place”
Session Organizer, SSHA Annual Meeting, “Archival Work as Qualitative
Sociology”

University and Department Service

University of Connecticut:

Department Merit Committee (2018; 2019)
Department Executive Committee (2013-2014; 2018-2019)
Department Innovation Committee (2019-)
Undergraduate Planning Committee (2008-2009; 2013-2014; 2017-2018)
Graduate Planning Committee (2009-10; 2014-2017; 2018-2019)
Chair, Department Colloquium Committee (2013-2017)
Chair, Faculty Search Committee (2015-2016)
University IRB Compliance Sub-Committee (2014-2015)
Faculty Search Committee (2012-2013)
Awards Committee (2012-2013, 2016-2017)

Teaching

University of Connecticut, 2008-Present

Graduate Courses

Urban Sociology
Metropolitan Community
Contemporary Social Theory
Qualitative Methods I (Developing Research)
Qualitative Methods II (Analyzing Data)
Advanced Qualitative Methods (Writing Articles and Dissertation Chapters)

Undergraduate Courses

Urban Sociology
City Life
Global Cities
The Problem of Consumption
Food as a Social Problem

University of California, Los Angeles

Theories of Urban Space (Undergraduate): Spring 2006

Advising*University of Connecticut***PhD Dissertation Committees**

Ranita Ray (advisor, PhD 2013), Adane Zawdu (advisor, PhD 2019), Sylvia Pu (advisor), Galilea Ordoitz (advisor), Xinyan Wu (advisor), Tom Hochschild (associate advisor), Danielle Kloster (associate advisor, Dept of Natural Resources), Jessica Yorks (associate advisor), Rhys Hall (associate advisor)

MA Committees

Stephen Wulff (associate advisor), Dinur Blum (associate advisor), Krysten Brown (associate advisor), Allen Hyde (associate advisor), Trisha Tiamzon (associate advisor), Chandra Waring (associate advisor), Jordan Moses (associate advisor), Amy Lawton (associate advisor), Emily Mason (advisor)

Area Exams

Sylvia Pu (culture/stratification); Denishia Harris (culture/urban); Trisha Tiamzon (culture/race-ethnicity), Adane Zawdu (culture/race-ethnicity); Allen Hyde (urban/stratification), Greg Mills (urban/stratification), Galilea Ordoitz, (culture/politics), Jordan Rees (health/stratification), Zachary Kline (urban/stratification), Jessica Yorks (health/stratification).

Senior Thesis

Robert Steller (Urban Studies)

Invited Talks

- 2018 “Planning as Expertise: Three Approaches to Food and Market Infrastructures,” Conference on Climate Change and Infrastructure at the Institute of Public Knowledge, New York University
- 2017 “Feeding Cities to Feeding a Nation: The Transformation of an Infrastructural System,” Conference on Global Climate Change at the Center for Advanced Study, Stanford University
- “Market Distinction in the Age of Excess: Organizational and Infrastructural Diversities,” Conference on Diversities, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Center for International Education
- 2015 “Inequality in Objects: Infrastructure Work and the Cultures of Consumption,” Metropolitan Studies, Social and Cultural Analysis, NYU
- 2013 “Feeding Cities: Risk, Efficiency, and the Transformation of the Food System.” University of Michigan (Urban Studies); NYU (Sociology); Brown University (Sociology); London School of Economics (Geography); American University (Center on Health, Risk, and Society); University of Massachusetts (Sociology)

- “The Origins of the Urban Food Desert: Reconfiguring Market Infrastructures and the Institutionalization of Vulnerability,” Yale University, Center for Comparative Research; University of Michigan, Sociology Department Workshop on Power, Culture, and History
- “Time-Space Compression and the Reproduction of Urban Markets,” RWJ Health & Society Scholars, University of Pennsylvania
- “Planning Los Angeles.” Book Forum on *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future*, City University of New York Graduate Center
- 2012 “The Transformation of the Food System and the Persistence of Urban Inequality,” Urban Studies Colloquium, Brown University.
- 2012 “The Reconfiguration of Neighborhood Groups in Venice, California,” American University, Conference on Community Disruption.
- 2012 Venice: A Contested Bohemia in Los Angeles. Reading and discussion at Skylight Books, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 Critic at “Author Meets Critics” session for Jonathan Wynn’s *The Tour Guide*, University of Chicago Press, New York, Eastern Sociological Society.
- 2011 “Developing a Qualitative Project on Urban Food Access,” Thomas Jefferson University School of Population Health.
- 2011 ““Four handed sociology: Collaboration and knowledge production,” Brandeis University, Department of Sociology (with Claudio Benzecry).
- 2011 “People Out of Place or a Home for the Homeless?” University of Pennsylvania, Urban Studies Colloquium
- 2010 “Neighborhood Public Cultures in Venice,” Queens College, City University of New York, Sociology Colloquium.
- 2010 “Venice: Stability and Change in a Los Angeles Beach Town,” University of Pennsylvania, Urban Ethnography Workshop.
- 2009 “Mosaic of Little Worlds: Neighborhood Attachment in the Context of Urban Change” presented at Yale University, Workshop in Urban Ethnography.
- 2008 “Oakwood as a ‘Black Neighborhood’” presented at Yale University, Urban Ethnography Conference.
- 2007 “Community, Diversity, and Public Space in a Changing Los Angeles Neighborhood,” University of Connecticut; Barnard College.

“Comparing Local Adaptations to a Bohemian Representation,” presented at Northwestern University Urban Representations Conference.

Conference Presentations

- 2019 “Excavating Interdependencies,” Pacific Sociological Society, Oakland, California
- 2018 “The Architecture of Ethnographic Knowledge,” Pacific Sociological Society, Long Beach, California
- 2017 “Infrastructures of Valuation” (with Claudio Benzecry), Social Science History Association, Montreal.
- The Transformation of the Food System: A Cultural and Infrastructural Approach to Public Health, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- The Uses of Ambiguity in Producing Sociological Knowledge. Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 “Managing Excess: Unstable Objects in an Age of Lean Distribution,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2013 “The Origins of the Food Desert in Philadelphia,” American Sociological Association, NY, NY
- 2012 “Food Market Infrastructure in the Context of Urban Decline,” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Annual Conference, Princeton, NJ.
- 2011 “Feeding Philadelphia and Making the Market for Fresh Food, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Annual Conference, Bethesda, MD.
- 2011 “Venice: Conflict and Community in Los Angeles,” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 “Territorial Attachments and Symbolic Power in the Housed/Homeless Conflict,” Social Science Historical Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 “Community Continuity and Change: Lessons from a Historical Ethnography of a Los Angeles Beach Town,” Social Science Historical Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.
- “People Out of Place: Homeless in search of neighborhood attachment,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- 2007 “Pathways of Participation: Biographical Position, Group Association, and Political Commitment in Neighborhood Activism,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2005 “Culture, Cohorts, and Community Boundaries: Explaining the Relationship between Neighborhood Transition and Social Exclusion,” presented at Harvard University, Culture Lines Conference on Emerging Research in Ethno-Racial Boundaries.
- “Resistance and Transcendence in the Career of the Venice Beach Artist,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Constructing a Street Logic: The Transition of Neighborhood Space and Place and Its Unintended Consequences,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA