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Academic appointments

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

2020- Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

*Affiliate, Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion*

2019-2020 Visiting Democracy Fellow

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Kennedy School of Government

Education

**Brown University**, Providence, RI

2014-2020 Ph.D. Sociology

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA

2011-2013 M.C.P. Masters in City Planning

**Swarthmore College**, Swarthmore, PA

2004-2008 B.A. History, *with high honors*

Journal articles

Forthcoming “Weapons Of The Strong: Elite Resistance and the Neo-Apartheid City.” *City & Community*.

2020 “The Long March: Deep Democracy in Cross-National Perspective”, with Mohammad Ali Kadivar and Adaner Usmani. *Social Forces*. 98:3, 1311-1338.

2019 “Brazil’s Political Peripheries and the Authoritarian Style”, *Spotlight On* series on “Political Geographies of Right-Wing Populism”. *International Journal of Urban & Regional Research*.

2015 “City learning from below: urban poor federations and knowledge generation through transnational, horizontal exchange.” *International Development Planning Review*. 37:2, 129-142.

2011 “Housing, Institutions, Money: The failure and promise of human settlements policy and practice in South Africa,” with Joel Bolnick and Clifford Shearing. *Environment & Urbanization*, 23:1, 267-76.

2011 “Out of the Garden of Eden: Beyond the Rights-Based Agenda in the Urban Sector” *Sustainable Development Law & Policy*, 11:1, 47-49.

Articles under review

“Embeddedness and Cohesion: Regimes of Urban Public Goods Provision”

\*Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2020

Book chapters, essays, and reviews

2020 “The low-carbon, social housing two-step: a global view”, *Eurozine*  
*\*Translated into Estonian in Vikerkaar, June 2020.*

2019 “Whither A Global Wave Of Populism: A Conversation With Edwin Ackerman and Marco Garrido”, with Johnnie Anne Lotesta. *Global and Transnational Sociology Section Newsletter*, Fall 2019, 17-22.

2019 Review of *Democratizing Urban Development: Community Organizations for Housing Across the United States and Brazil*. By Maureen Donaghy. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2019. *International Journal of Urban & Regional Research*. 43:5, 1007-8.

2016 “A rightward shift, but not quite a shock: Municipal elections in Brazil and South Africa”. 28 October. *Policy Trajectories: Blog of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology*

- 2015 “Quiet Conflict: Institutional Change, Informal Settlement Upgrading, and Formalized Partnerships Between Local Authorities and Urban Social Movements in South Africa.” In Peter Herrle, Astrid Ley, and Josefine Fokdal, eds. *From Local Action to Global Networks: Housing the Urban Poor*. Ashgate Publishing: Surrey, UK. 87-105.
- 2015 “A Democratic Infrastructure for Johannesburg”. In Toni L. Griffin, Ariella Cohen, and David Maddox, eds. *The Just City Essays: 26 Visions for Urban Equity, Inclusion and Opportunity*. New York, NY: The J. Max Bond Center on Design for the Just City at the Spitzer School of Architecture, City College of New York, Next City and The Nature of Cities. 63-66.  
\*Selected as one of three books for all incoming undergraduates at Stanford in 2019
- 2011 “Inclusion: A Sustainability Agenda for African City Growth”. *Perspectives: Political Analysis and Commentary from Africa*. Heinrich Boll Foundation. 3(12): 6-10.
- 2010 “Towards A Pro-Poor ‘Agenda for Change’: Opportunities and Experiences of Slum Policy and Practice in Freetown, Sierra Leone”. Y-Care International. London. 1-36.  
\*Includes a foreword by Bowenson F. Philips, Chief Administrator of Freetown City Council

#### Book manuscript under revision

“Urban Origins of Democracy and Inequality: Governing Johannesburg and São Paulo, 1985-2016”

#### Articles under preparation

- “Urban Power: A Historical Method of Global Comparison”
- “Public Housing Spillovers in a Developing Country”, with Stefano Polloni and William Violette
- “Bureaucratic Capacity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Above, Below, and Within the State”, with Alexander Kentikelenis
- “Ecosystems of Populism”, with Tomás Gold

#### External Grants and Awards

- 2020 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Early Career Workshop Award
- 2019 American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship (*subsequently selected for ACLS fellows job market workshop*)
- 2018 National Science Foundation, Sociology Program: Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (#1802543)
- 2017 Fulbright US Study & Research Award
- 2016 Brazilian Studies Association: Brazil Initiation Scholarship
- 2011 Mail & Guardian newspaper: Top 200 Young South Africans (civil society)

#### Internal Awards

- 2019 “Research Matters!” speaker, Brown University Graduate School
- 2019 Teaching fellow, Brown University Department of Sociology
- 2017 Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Summer Research Grant
- 2016 Brown University Office of Global Engagement Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2015/17 National Science Foundation — Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship, Graduate Program in Development & Inequality
- 2015/16 Convener, Watson Institute Graduate Program in Development Workshop in “Urban Inequalities in the Global South”
- 2012 Harold Horowitz Student Research Fellowship, awarded by MIT School of Architecture and Planning
- 2012 MIT Public Service Center Paul & Priscilla Gray Internship Funding
- 2011 MIT Public Service Center Grant
- 2011 Leedom Fellowship, awarded by Swarthmore College for graduate study
- 2008 Paul H. Beik Prize, awarded by Swarthmore College Department of History for best thesis completed by a history major

- 2008 Drew Pearson Prize, awarded by Swarthmore College for excellence in journalism  
 2007 Eugene M. Lang Summer Initiative Grant, awarded by Swarthmore College

### Public sociology

- 2019 “One Way to Make the Green New Deal Actually Happen: a Super-Ministry.” 26 June. *CityLab*  
 2018 “Bolsonaro’s anger won over working-class Brazilians, but his presidency may betray them.” 21 December. *The Conversation*.  
 2018 “Self-styled defender of the Paris agreement is facing blowback.” 6 December. *Financial Times*.  
 2018 “Trickle-Down Authoritarianism.” 5 November. *Boston Review*.  
 2018 “Evidence against Lula was inadequate.” 9 April. *Financial Times*.  
 2018 “South Africa’s ruling party recalled President Zuma. But the ANC faces 3 big challenges.” 14 February. *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*.  
 2018 “‘Let them occupy!’ The struggle for housing in Brazil and South Africa.” 12 February. *Africa Is A Country*.  
 2017 “Somerville’s turn to ‘sewer socialism’” 18 November. *CommonWealth*.  
 2017 “Public sector must protect communities.” 25 October. *Financial Times*.  
 2017 “Danger of new localism driving urban inequality.” 25 July. *Financial Times*.  
 2017 “The threat to South Africa’s Democracy Goes Deeper than State Capture”. 20 June. *The Conversation*  
 2016 “Growth and equality can be promoted together”. 10 August. *Financial Times*

### Media interviews

- 2019 Quoted in *The Boston Globe*, *Somerville Journal*  
 2018 Radio interview on *Radio Open Source* (WBUR-Boston)  
 2018 Podcast interview on *Aufhebunga Bunga: The Global Politics Podcast* (UK/Brazil)  
 2018 TV interview on CGTN America (CCTV — China)  
 2017 Radio interview on *PowerFM* (Johannesburg, South Africa)  
 2017 Radio interview on *CapeTalk* (Cape Town, South Africa)  
 2016 Quoted in *The Guardian* (UK)

### Invited Reviewer

*Social Forces*; *Social Problems*; *Urban Studies*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *Environment & Urbanization*; *Housing, Theory & Society*; *International Development Planning Review*; *Journal of Urbanism*; *Journal of Latin American Studies*; *Latin American Research Review* (in Portuguese); *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *Development Southern Africa*; Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities selection panel

### Research Affiliations

#### *External*

- 2016-2017 Visiting Research Associate, Center for Metropolitan Studies, University of São Paulo  
 2015-2018 Visiting Research Associate, Public Affairs Research Institute, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

#### *At Brown*

- 2017-2020 Fellow, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
 2015-2020 Fellow, Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4)  
 2015-2020 Fellow, Institute at Brown for Environment and Society  
 2014-2020 NSF-IGERT Fellow, Graduate Program in Development, Watson Institute for International Studies & Public Affairs

Invited Presentations

- 2020 Harvard University, Weatherhead Forum, Panelist, “Pandemics Past and Present: Assessing the Economic, Political, and Social Implications”
- 2020 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies & Planning  
Guest lecture to course on “Forms Of Urban Informality”
- 2019 Cornell University, Department of Sociology and Center for the Study of Inequality
- 2019 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies & Planning,  
Infrastructure Equity Lab
- 2019 Columbia University, Columbia World Projects, “Urban Ethics: Definitions and Design”
- 2019 Harvard University, Politics and Social Change Workshop
- 2019 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies & Planning  
Guest lecture to course on “Forms Of Urban Informality”
- 2018 University of Witwatersrand, Gauteng City-Region Observatory and Public  
Affairs Research Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2018 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies & Planning,  
PhD Workshop in International Development
- 2017 University of Witwatersrand, Gauteng City-Region Observatory and Public  
Affairs Research Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2017 University of Witwatersrand, SARCHI Chair in Spatial Analysis & City Planning,  
Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2017 University of São Paulo, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Brazil
- 2015 Public Affairs Research Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2011 Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design, Design Exchange Panel,  
United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY
- 2010 Opening address to Ford Foundation Housing Convening, Johannesburg, South  
Africa University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

Conference Presentations

- American Sociological Association: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016  
Community & Urban Sociology Section Mini-Conference: 2019  
Comparative Historical Sociology Section Mini-Conference: 2018, 2016
- Social Science History Association: 2020 (cancelled due to covid), 2019, 2016, 2015
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics: 2020
- American Political Science Association: 2018
- Latin American Studies Association: 2020, 2019
- Judith Tandler Network: 2020 (cancelled due to covid)
- Comparative Urbanism: Global Perspectives, Georgia State University: 2019 (*received travel grant*)
- Mistra Urban Futures: Realising Just Cities Annual Conference: 2018 (discussant)

Teaching Experience*Lead instructor*

- 2019 SOC 1871X Comparative Urban Political Economy, Brown University  
Instructor of record (14 students)
- 2015 Primary supervisor, undergraduate independent study on South African cities, Brown  
University (2 students)

*Teaching assistantships*

- 2016 SOC 1620 Globalization and Social Conflict, Brown University  
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Patrick Heller
- 2015 SOC 010 Social Problems, Brown University  
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Andrew Schrank
- 2013 11.005 Introduction to International Development, MIT  
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Maria Victoria del Campo

Academic Service

- 2018-2019 Board Member, Mistra Urban Futures, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2019 Co-Organizer, panel on “Urban Development in Comparative and Historical Perspective,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Comparative-Historical Sociology section
- 2018 Organizer, Roundtable sessions for section on Sociology of Development,
- 2015-2016 Elected Graduate Representative, Department of Sociology, Brown University
- 2013 Student Representative, MCP admissions committee, MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning
- 2011-2013 Elected Student representative, MCP Program Committee, MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning
- 2011-2013 Founder and Treasurer of UrbanAfrica interest group, MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning
- 2005-2008 Writing Associate, Swarthmore College Writing Center

Additional Training

- 2017 “Urban Institutions, Urban Inequalities” Summer University, Berlin, Germany  
Convened by Humboldt University, Princeton University, and University of São Paulo, *Received full fellowship support*
- 2015 Sheridan Center Teaching Certificate, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2015 Geographic Information Systems Institute, Brown University, Providence, RI

Related Professional Experience

- 2009-2014 Deputy Manager (last position held), Secretariat, Shack/Slum Dwellers International, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2009 Multimedia Journalist, The Times (SA), Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2008 Get-Out-The-Vote Organizer, Barack Obama for America, South Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 Online Journalist, WHYY-NPR, Philadelphia, USA

Community Service

- 2017-2020 Elected board member (2x) and appointed negotiating team member for a Community Benefits Agreement, Union Square Neighborhood Council, Somerville, MA

Professional affiliations

American Sociological Association, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Social Science Historical Association, American Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Brazilian Studies Association

Languages

Portuguese (fluent speaking, reading/writing), Spanish (intermediate speaking, fluent reading/writing)

Citizenship

Republic of South Africa, United States of America

References

- Nitsan Chorev, Harmon Family Professor of Sociology and International Affairs, Brown University, [nitsan\\_chorev@brown.edu](mailto:nitsan_chorev@brown.edu)
- Peter Evans, Professor of Sociology, Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, [pevans@berkeley.edu](mailto:pevans@berkeley.edu)
- Archon Fung, Winthrop Laflin McCormack Professor of Citizenship and Self-Government, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, [archon\\_fung@hks.harvard.edu](mailto:archon_fung@hks.harvard.edu)
- Patrick Heller (dissertation chair), Lyn Crost Professor of Social Sciences, Brown University, [patrick\\_heller@brown.edu](mailto:patrick_heller@brown.edu)