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Education

Brown University, Providence, RI

Ph.D. candidate, Sociology 2014-2020 (expected)

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

Committee: Patrick Heller (chair), Nitsan Chorev, Peter Evans (UC-Berkeley), John Logan

Field exams: Political Economy of Globalization & Development; Urban Sociology (*with distinction*)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

M.C.P. (Masters in City Planning) 2013

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

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

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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

- “Embedded Cohesion: Social Bases of Urban Public Goods Provision”
R&R at *American Journal of Sociology*
- “Weapons Of The Strong: Elite Resistance and the Neo-Apartheid City”
R&R at *City & Community*
- “Public Housing Spillovers in a Developing Country”, with Stefano Polloni and William Violette

Book chapters, essays and reviews

- 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*.
- 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.

Papers under preparation

“Bureaucratic Capacity in the 21st Century: Above, Below, and Within the State”, with Alexander Kentikelenis

“Political Peripheries of an Incomplete Welfare State: Explaining the Authoritarian Style”

“Urban Regimes: Towards a Comparative Political Economy of Cities”

External Awards

- 2019 Mellon/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 Teaching fellow, Brown University Department of Sociology
- 2019 “Research Matters!” speaker, Brown University Graduate School
- 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 (The Atlantic)*
- 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

- 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 Adler, David. “Story of Cities #19: Johannesburg’s apartheid purge of vibrant Sophiatown”. *The Guardian* (UK).

Invited Reviewer

- 2019 *Social Problems, Journal of Urban Affairs, Environment & Urbanization, Journal of Urbanism, Development Southern Africa*
- 2018 *Journal of Latin American Studies, Latin American Research Review* (in Portuguese)
- 2017 *Journal of Urbanism*
- 2016 *Journal of Urbanism, Development Southern Africa*
- 2015 *Urban Studies, International Development Planning Review*
- 2014 *Housing, Theory & Society*, Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities selection panel
- 2013 *Urban Studies*, Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities selection panel

Research Affiliations

External

- Visiting Democracy Fellow, Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School, 2019 to 2020
- Visiting Research Associate, Center for Metropolitan Studies, University of São Paulo, Brazil, 2016 to 2017
- Visiting Research Associate, Public Affairs Research Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2015 to 2018

At Brown

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

Invited Presentations

- 2019 Columbia University, Columbia World Projects, “Urban Ethics: Definitions and Design” (scheduled, 8-9 November)
- 2019 Harvard University, Politics and Social Change Workshop
- 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: 2019, 2018, 2016
Community & Urban Sociology Section Mini-Conference: 2019
Comparative Historical Sociology Section Mini-Conference: 2018, 2016
- Social Science History Association: 2019, 2016, 2015
- American Political Science Association: 2018
- Latin American Studies Association: 2019
- Comparative Urbanism: Global Perspectives, Georgia State University: 2019 (*received travel grant*)
- Mistra Urban Futures: Realising Just Cities Annual Conference: 2018

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

Professional affiliations

American Sociological Association
Sections: Community & Urban, Development, Political, Global & Transnational, Comparative-Historical

Social Science Historical Association

American Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association

Brazilian Studies Association

Community Service

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

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, field office, South Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 Online Journalist, WHYY-NPR, Philadelphia, USA

Skills

Languages: Portuguese (fluent speaking, reading/writing), Spanish (intermediate speaking, fluent reading/writing), French (basic)

Statistical software: R, Stata, ArcGIS, Geoda

Citizenship

Republic of South Africa, United States of America