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Academic appointments

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

- 2023- Assistant Professor of Sociology and International Affairs
School of Public and International Affairs and Department of Sociology
Associate / Affiliate Faculty:
High Meadows Environmental Institute
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies
Center for Policy Research on Energy and the Environment
M.S. Chadha Center for Global India
Program in Urban Studies
Program in African Studies
Program in Latin American Studies
Brazil LAB
- 2022-2023 Associate Research Scholar, Department of Sociology

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- 2021-2022 Lecturer, Department of Sociology
- 2020-2021 Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program,
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 2019-2020 Visiting Democracy Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and
Innovation, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Additional Research Affiliations

- 2024- Visiting Research Associate, Southern Center for Inequality Studies, University of
Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- 2024-2026 CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholar, “Humanity’s Urban Future” Program, Canadian
Institute For Advanced Research
- 2022- Affiliate Scholar, Climate Social Science Network, Brown University
- 2020-2022 Affiliate Scholar, Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and
Inclusion, Harvard University
- 2016-2017 Visiting Research Associate, Center for Metropolitan Studies, University of São Paulo
- 2015-2018 Visiting Research Associate, Public Affairs Research Institute (Johannesburg, South Africa)

Education

Brown University, Providence, RI

- 2014-2020 Ph.D. Sociology
Committee: Patrick Heller (chair), Nitsan Chorev, Peter Evans (UC-Berkeley), John Logan

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*

Awards

- 2025 Winner, Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award, American
Sociological Association — Collective Behavior & Social Movements Section
- Winner, Outstanding Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems — Global
Division
- Winner, Best Book Award, Latin American Studies Association — Subnational Politics and
Society Section
- Honorable Mention, Best Book Award, American Sociological Association — Sociology of
Development Section
- Honorable Mention, Faculty Article Award, American Sociological Association —
Sociology of Development Section

- 2023 Winner, Faculty Article Award, American Sociological Association — Sociology of Development Section
Top 10 Finalist, Jane Addams Best Article Award, American Sociological Association — Community and Urban Sociology Section
- 2022 Honorable Mention, Charles Tilly Best Article Award, American Sociological Association, Comparative Historical Sociology Section
Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Harvard University, Office of Undergraduate Education
- 2021 Winner, Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association — Comparative Historical Sociology Section
Winner, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association — Collective Behavior & Social Movements Section
Honorable Mention, Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Prize for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences, Latin American Studies Association — Brazil Section
- 2020 Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2011 Top 200 Young South Africans (civil society), *Mail & Guardian* newspaper

External Grants

- 2024-2026 Canadian Institute For Advanced Research, Catalyst Fund Grant, “Geopolitical competition and attitudes towards green transitions in the Global South,” with Nicole Wu (University of Hong Kong) (CAD \$50,000)
- 2024-2026 Canadian Institute For Advanced Research, CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholar, “Humanity’s Urban Future” Program (CAD \$100,000)
- 2023-2025 Climate Social Science Network, Research Grant, “Just Industrial Transitions in the Global South: The Case of Auto Manufacturing” (\$10,000)
- 2022-2024 Climate Social Science Network, Research Grant, “Just Industrial Transitions in the Global South: The Case of Auto Manufacturing” (\$15,000)
- 2019-2020 American Council of Learned Societies, Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$38,000)
- 2018-2020 National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award #1802543: “The Governance of Mega-Cities” (\$11,970)
- 2017 Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, US Study & Research Award (\$11,500)
- 2016 Brazilian Studies Association, Brazil Initiation Scholarship (\$1,500)

Book

- 2024 *Urban Power: Democracy and Inequality in São Paulo and Johannesburg*. Princeton University Press. (Princeton Studies in Global and Comparative Sociology)
- * Winner, Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award, American Sociological Association — Collective Behavior & Social Movements Section
 - * Winner, Outstanding Book Award — Society for the Study of Social Problems — Global Division
 - * Winner, Best Book Award, Latin American Studies Association — Subnational Politics and Society Section
 - * Honorable Mention, Best Book Award, American Sociological Association — Sociology of Development Section
 - * Finalist, Foreword INDIES, Political and Social Sciences Category
 - * Reviews: *Choice*, *Perspectives on Politics*
 - * Author-Meets-Critics, Social Science Historical Association 2024
 - * Lists: “Top 75 Community College Titles,” by *Choice*, April 2025 issue
“Must Read Books About Cities” by *The New Urban Order*
“11 Books About Urban Africa in 2024” by *This Week in Africa*
“What We Are Reading Today” by *Arab News*
 - * Podcasts: *Our Long Walk*, *New Books Network*, *Aufhebunga Bunga: The Global Politics Podcast at the End of the End of History*, *The Annex*, *Urban Affairs Review Remixed*

Journal articles

- OnlineFirst “A Processual Framework for Understanding the Rise of the Populist Right: The Case of Brazil (2013-2018),” with Tomás Gold. *Social Forces*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soae189>
- 2024 “Globalizing green industrial policy through technology transfers”, with Alexandros Kentikelenis. *Nature Sustainability*. 7: 685-687.
- 2024 “Urban social movements and local state capacity.” *World Development*. 173: 106415.
**Honorable Mention, Faculty Article Award, American Sociological Association — Sociology of Development Section*
- 2023 “The role of civil society organizations in the COVID-19 response across the Global South: A multinational, qualitative study,” with Adam Levine, Anna Park, Anindita Adhikari, Maria Carrines P. Alejandria, Maria F. Lopez Portillo, Salma Mutwafy, Ieva Zumbyte, Patrick Heller. *PLOS Global Public Health*. 3:9, e0002341.
- 2023 “Public Housing Spillovers: Evidence From South Africa.” with William Violette and Stefano Polloni. *Journal of Urban Economics*. 134: 103527.
- 2022 “Embeddedness and cohesion: regimes of urban public goods distribution.” *Theory and Society*. 51:1, 117-144.
**Winner, Faculty Article Award, American Sociological Association — Sociology of Development Section*
**Honorable Mention, Charles Tilly Best Article Award, American Sociological Association — Comparative Historical Sociology Section*
**Top 10 Finalist, Jane Addams Best Article Award, American Sociological Association — Community and Urban Sociology Section*
**Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics*
- 2021 “Weapons Of The Strong: Elite Resistance and the Neo-Apartheid City.” *City & Community*. 20:3, 191-211.
- 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 “Political Geographies of Right-Wing Populism.” International Journal of Urban & Regional Research*. September.
- 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.

Book chapters

- In Press “African cities, with a view from Johannesburg.” In Ryan Centner and Leonard Nevarez, eds. *Oxford Handbook of Urban Sociology*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 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*. New York, NY: Routledge. Series on Global Urban Studies. 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*

Under review and under preparation (^undergraduate student)

“The ‘Power to Pollute’ and ‘Post-Neoliberal’ Climate Finance,” with ^Aishwarya Swamidurai, revise and resubmit at *Socio-Economic Review* (resubmitted)

“The Problem of Climate Change and the Analogy of Development”

“Incumbents”

“Green Growth Models in the Global South: Comparing Brazil and South Africa,” invited book chapter for eds. Lucio Baccaro, Daniel Driscoll, and Mark Blyth, *Greening Growth Models*, Oxford University Press

The Climate Hinge: Green Industrial Transitions in the Global South (book manuscript under preparation)

Reviews

In Press Review of *The Price Is Wrong: Why Capitalism Won't Save the Planet*. By Brett Christophers. London, UK: Verso Books, 2024. *British Journal of Sociology*.

In Press Review of *Mobilizing at the Urban Margins: Citizenship and Patronage Politics in Post-Dictatorial Chile*. By Simón Escoffier. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2023. *Perspectives on Politics*.

In Press Review of *Distancing the Past: Racism as History in South African Schools*. By Chana Teeger. New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2024. *Social Forces*.

2023 Review of *They Eat Our Sweat: Transport Labor, Corruption, and Everyday Survival in Urban Nigeria*. By Daniel E. Agbiboa. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2022. *Journal of Law and Political Economy*. 4(1): 728-30.

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.

Policy reports, case studies, and other academic writing

2025 “From Factory Floor to Climate Future: The Social Life of ‘Climate Projects’ in Brazil and South Africa”, *Environmental Sociology News* (ASA section on Environmental Sociology) Spring 2025.

2022 “Public Action and the Pandemic: The Role of Civil Society in Shaping State Responses”, With Anindita Adhikari, Maria Carrines P. Alejandria, Patrick Heller, Adam C. Levine, Maria F. Lopez-Portillo, Salma Mutwafy, Seth Stulen, Ieva Zumbayte. Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

2020 “Controlling a Novel Coronavirus: Comparative Policymaking and An Uncertain World, South Africa,” with J.N. Ziegler. Masters in Public Policy Program Teaching Case, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

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.

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*

2017 “Grassroots Reform in the Global South,” with Anindita Adhikari, Patrick Heller, Rehan Rafay Jamil, Kristine Li, Chantel Pheiffer, Andrew Schrank, and Marcus Walton. USAID Research and Innovation Grants Working Paper Series.

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

Internal Grants and Awards

2025-2028 “The Climate Change and Development Faculty Initiative,” Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, (\$75,000), PIs: Benjamin Bradlow and Navroz Dubash

- 2025-2026 “Green industrial transitions in the Global South: The case of the auto sector in Greater Chennai, Tamil Nadu,” M.S. Chadha Center for Global India, Princeton University, (\$75,000), PI: Benjamin Bradlow
- 2024-2026 “Towards equitable, climate-adaptive, and zero-carbon infrastructure transitions in metropolitan regions in India”, M.S. Chadha Center for Global India, Princeton University, (\$150,000), PIs: Elie Bou-Zeid, Benjamin Bradlow, Ning Lin, Gabriel Vecchi
- 2021 Urban Research Grant, Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative
- 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
- 2015-2017 National Science Foundation — Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship, Graduate Program in Development & Inequality
- 2015-2016 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 writing

- 2024 “Transfer and Transition: Technology transfer and green industrial transformation,” with Alexandros Kentikelenis. December 18. *Phenomenal World*.
“Letter: How American industrial policy can avoid corporate capture,” March 20. *Financial Times*
- 2023 “Letter: Why US should take pride in Brazil’s democratic vote,” 26 June. *Financial Times*.
“How Brazil Can Prevent an Authoritarian Resurgence,” with Mohammad Ali Kadivar. January 12. *Foreign Affairs*.
- 2022 “The party question: politics in South Africa’s urban informal settlements.” 21 April. *Africa Is A Country*.
“Letter: South Africa’s leaders should learn from Tutu’s township struggle.” 11 January. *Financial Times*.
- 2021 “How Johannesburg’s suburban elites maintain apartheid inequities.” 17 October. *The Conversation*.
“Letter: Give federal affordable housing fund a bigger role.” 14 September. *Financial Times*.
“Why funding America’s local governments could have a global impact.” 26 January. *Atlantic Council*.
- 2020 “Brazilians firmly rejected many local candidates their president had backed.” 9 December. *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*.
“Subsidies for minibus taxis in South Africa must prioritise what passengers need,” with Herrie Schalekamp. 12 November. *The Conversation*.
“Why operational subsidies are key to reforming South Africa's minibus taxi sector.” 11 October. *The Conversation*.
“Responding to global crises with low-carbon social housing”, *Focal Points* series on “Room Temperature: Housing in Crisis.” *Eurozine*.
*Translated into Estonian in Vikerkaar, June 2020.
- 2019 “Letter: Sanders has a broad appeal that crosses divides.” 13 January. *Financial Times*.
“One Way to Make the Green New Deal Actually Happen: a Super-Ministry.” 26 June. *CityLab (Bloomberg)*.

- 2018 “Bolsonaro’s anger won over working-class Brazilians, but his presidency may betray them.” 21 December. *The Conversation*.
- “Letter: Self-styled defender of the Paris agreement is facing blowback.” 6 December. *Financial Times*.
- “Trickle-Down Authoritarianism.” 5 November. *Boston Review*.
- “Letter: Evidence against Lula was inadequate.” 9 April. *Financial Times*.
- “South Africa’s ruling party recalled President Zuma. But the ANC faces 3 big challenges.” 14 February. *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*.
- “‘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*.
- “Letter: Public sector must protect communities.” 25 October. *Financial Times*.
- “Letter: Danger of new localism driving urban inequality.” 25 July. *Financial Times*.
- “The threat to South Africa’s Democracy Goes Deeper than State Capture”. 20 June. *The Conversation*.
- 2016 “Letter: Growth and equality can be promoted together.” 10 August. *Financial Times*.
- “Letter: Hotline bling.” 16 July. *The Economist*.
- 2013 “Letter: Founding Myths.” 28 October. *The New Yorker*.
- 2003 “Letter: ‘Piercing whine’ of criticism set to follow Bush.” 1 May. *Financial Times*.

Media interviews

- 2025 Podcast interview on *New Books Network*, Podcast interview on *Our Long Walk*, Podcast interview on *Aufhebung Bunga: The Global Politics Podcast at the End of the End of History*
- 2024 Quoted in *Heatmap News*
- 2023 Podcast interview on *Sur-Urbano*
- 2022 Quoted in the *Financial Times*
- 2021 Podcast interview on *Future Cities Africa*, Radio interview on *PowerFM* (South Africa)
- 2020 Radio interview on *PowerFM* (South Africa)
- 2019 Quoted in *The Boston Globe*, *Somerville Journal*
- 2018 Radio interview on *Radio Open Source* (WBUR-Boston), Podcast interview on *Aufhebung Bunga: The Global Politics Podcast at the End of the End of History*, TV interview on CGTN America
- 2017 Radio interview on *PowerFM* (South Africa), Radio interview on *CapeTalk* (South Africa)
- 2016 Quoted in *The Guardian*

Review activity

Editorial Board:

Theory and Social Inquiry, 2024-

Journals:

American Sociological Review; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *City & Community*; *CITY*; *Development Southern Africa*; *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*; *Environment & Urbanization*; *Housing, Theory & Society*; *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*; *International Development Planning Review*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Journal of Latin American Studies*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *Journal of Urbanism*; *Latin American Politics and Society*; *Latin American Research Review* (in Portuguese); *Social Forces*; *Social Problems*; *Sociology of Development*; *Theory and Society*; *Urban Affairs Review*; *Urban Studies*; *World Politics*

Books:

University of California Press; Cambridge University Press; Stanford University Press; Polity; Routledge

Grants:

Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities; MIT Public Service Center

Curriculum Reviews:

Namibia University of Science and Technology — Integrated Land Management Institute

Policies:

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right To Housing Thematic Report

Invited Presentations

- 2025 University of Vienna, The Challenge of Urban Futures, “Hot Off The Press” Webinar
Princeton University, Center for Policy Research on Energy and the Environment,
David Bradford Energy and Environmental Policy Seminar
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Keynote Speaker, “Wisconsin School of Economic
Sociology” Annual Meeting
University of São Paulo, Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology, and
Center for Metropolitan Studies
The New School, African Studies Initiative Workshop
Colby College, Department of Sociology Colloquium
Boston College, Department of Sociology Colloquium
- 2024 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning,
Workshop on the Political Economy of the Climate Crisis
Tufts University, Department of Sociology Colloquium
Boston University, Initiative On Cities, Urban Salon
First Publics, Panelist, “Engaging Elections: The Politics of Teaching as Public Sociology”
University of Witwatersrand, “Faces of the City” Seminar, Gauteng City-Region
Observatory, SARCHI Chair in Spatial Analysis & City Planning, Wits City
Institute, Center on Urban and Built Environment Studies, and Public
Affairs Research Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa
University of Witwatersrand, Southern Center for Inequality Studies, Johannesburg, South
Africa
University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology, Seminar for
Comparative Social Analysis
Swarthmore College, International Relations Club (co-sponsored by Departments of
Environmental Studies, History, Sociology and Anthropology, and Political
Science)
Northwestern University, Comparative & Historical Social Sciences Workshop
Northwestern University, Department of Sociology Colloquium
Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Panelist, “Three
Decades of South African Democracy: Promises, Perils, Potential”
Johns Hopkins University, Problem Solving Sociology Initiative, Panelist, “The 2nd
Annual Solving Climate Change Panel”
Princeton University, Department of Sociology, Panelist, “Long-Term Social Change
and Today’s Sociological Agenda”
Princeton University, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Panelist,
“Global Existential Challenges: Environmental Challenges and Innovations”
Yale Law School, Center for Private Law, Seminar in Private Law
- 2023 Princeton University, Fung Global Fellows Seminar
Harvard University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Climate in the Curriculum Faculty
Retreat on Environmental Justice
University of São Paulo, Department of Sociology, Panelist, “New Directions in
Economic Sociology”
Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs
University of California, Berkeley, Program in Political Economy
- 2022 Princeton University, Brazil LAB
Princeton University, Princeton-São Paulo Partnership, “Economy, Justice, and Society”
Workshop
Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Loeb Fellows Forum
Brown University, Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance, Panelist,
“BRICS Neoliberalism: Past and Future?”
Northwestern University, Problem Solving Sociology Initiative
Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Guest lecture to course on “Urban
Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World”

- 2021 University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy
 University of São Paulo, Center for Metropolitan Studies, discussant (*in Portuguese*) for public seminar on ed. Eduardo Marques, *The Politics of Incremental Progressivism: Governments, Governances and Urban Policy Changes in São Paulo*
 National Treasury of South Africa, Southern African Transportation Conference
 Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology
 Queen's College, City University of New York, Guest lecture to course on "Global Poverty and Inequality"
 Barnard College, Columbia University, Guest lecture to course on "Urban Politics in Latin America"
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Latin America Working Group
 Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Brazil Studies Program (co-sponsored by Center for African Studies)
- 2020 Boston University, Department of Sociology
 Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Guest lecture to course on "Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World"
 Harvard University, Weatherhead Forum, Panelist, "Pandemics Past and Present: Assessing the Economic, Political, and Social Implications"
 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
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies & Planning, City Infrastructure Equity Lab
 Columbia University, Columbia World Projects Workshop on "Urban Ethics: Definitions and Design"
 Harvard University, Politics and Social Change Workshop
 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
 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
 University of Witwatersrand, SARCHI Chair in Spatial Analysis & City Planning, Johannesburg, South Africa
 University of São Paulo, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Brazil (*in Portuguese*)
- 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
 Africa University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

Conference Presentations

- American Sociological Association: 2025, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016
 Sociology of Climate Change Pre-Conference: 2025
 Sociology of Development Section Mini-Conference: 2024
 Community & Urban Sociology Section Mini-Conference: 2019
 Comparative Historical Sociology Section Mini-Conference: 2025, 2018, 2016
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics: 2025; 2024, 2023; 2020
- Social Science History Association: 2024, 2023, 2021, 2020 (cancelled due to covid), 2019, 2016, 2015
- American Political Science Association: 2022, 2018
 Short Course: "Building Sustainable Cities" 2024
 Short Course: "Political Mobilization in 21st Century Cities" 2022
- Yale University Climate Justice Workshop: 2025
- Brazilian Studies Association: 2022

Network for Latin American Political Economy (REPAL): 2021

Latin American Studies Association: 2020, 2019

Comparative Urbanism: Global Perspectives, Georgia State University: 2019 (*received travel grant*)

Mistra Urban Futures: Realising Just Cities Annual Conference: 2018 (discussant)

Academic Service

2024-2027	Elected Council Member, ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section — Selection Committee, Best Faculty Article Award, 2025 — Organizer, panel on “Global and Transnational Sociology of Climate Change,” ASA annual meeting section session
	Elected Council Member, ASA Sociology of Development Section — Selection Committee, Best Graduate Student Article Award, 2025
2024	Organizer, regular session on “Urban Issues,” ASA annual meeting, Program Committee
2023	Co-Organizer, panel on “Climate Change, Urban Inequality and the Future of Cities,” ASA annual meeting, Community and Urban Sociology Section
	Selection Committee, ASA Sociology of Development Section Best Book Award
2022	Selection Committee, ASA Comparative-Historical Section Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award Selection Committee, ASA Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Dissertation Award Selection Committee, LASA Brazil Section Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Prize for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences
2018-2019	Board Member, Mistra Urban Futures, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
2019	Co-Organizer, panel on “Urban Development in Comparative and Historical Perspective,” ASA annual meeting, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section
2018	Organizer, Roundtable sessions for ASA Section on Sociology of Development,
2015-2016	Elected Graduate Representative, Department of Sociology, Brown University
2013	MCP admissions committee, MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning
2011-2013	Elected representative, MCP Program Committee, MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning
2011-2013	Treasurer of UrbanAfrica interest group, MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning
2005-2008	Writing Associate, Swarthmore College Writing Center

Courses Taught as Instructor of Record

Princeton University

Sociology of Climate Change (undergraduate)
Global Urbanization (undergraduate)
Cities and Climate Change (graduate)
Green Industrial Policy (graduate)

Harvard University

Climate Change, Power and Global Inequality (undergraduate)
Comparative Urban Political Economy (undergraduate)
Sociology of Poverty (undergraduate)
Sociology of Development (undergraduate)

Brown University

Comparative Urban Political Economy (undergraduate)

Advising at Princeton University

PhD Committees

In Progress	Mohammed Rifqi Febrian (Science, Technology and Environmental Policy, SPIA), co-chair with Navroz Dubash Jack Markowitz (Science, Technology and Environmental Policy, SPIA), co-chair with Elke Weber Sebastián Rojas Cabral (Sociology) Yunhan Wen (Sociology) Neha Agarwal (Civil and Environmental Engineering, HMEI-STEP Fellow)
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- Godwin Obi (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, HMEI-STEP Fellow)
Anita Zhang (Civil and Environmental Engineering, HMEI-STEP Fellow)
- 2024 Paul Nix (Science, Technology and Environmental Policy, SPIA), “The Emergence, Role, and Potential of U.S. Quasi-Governmental Organizations for Climate Governance”
- Senior Theses
- 2025 Gustavo Blanco Quiroga (Sociology), “Why Bolivia is Late to the Lithium Race”
Paola Moncada (Public Affairs), “From Pushback to Powerlines: Unpacking the Anatomy of Successful Stakeholder Collaboration in Energy Transmission Planning”
Paola Padilla (Public Affairs), “The Paradox of Meritocracy: Education, Human Capital Development, and Social Inequality in Singapore”
- 2024 Keelan Good (Sociology), “Artificial Unintelligence: The Persistent Investment in Autonomous Vehicles Despite Frequent Public Disasters”
Fiona Max (Sociology), “Ugler I Mosen: Demand-Side Climate Initiatives in a Petro-state”
Mark Rosario (Public Affairs), “A Tale of Two Towns: A Comparative Study of Affordable Housing Policy in Princeton and Montclair, New Jersey”
- 2023 Sloan Huebner (Sociology), “Show Me the Green: A Comparative Study of the Value Ascribed to Philadelphia Neighborhood Pocket Parks”
Angelica Qin (Sociology), “Chinatown Divided: A Relational Account of Asian Co-ethnic Gentrification in Flushing, Queens”
**Winner, Isidore Brown Thesis Prize (Best Senior Thesis in the Department of Sociology)*
- Junior Paper
- 2025 Charley Rossi
2024 Gustavo Blanco
2023 Fiona Max; Delainey Whelan

External PhD Advising / Examination

- 2024 Dhibhora Mufandaedza (Economics), School of Economics and Finance, University of Witwatersrand (South Africa), “The Political Economy of Political Regimes and Trade Flows: A Case of Zimbabwe, 2005-2020”

Service at Princeton University

- 2024-25 Chair, Urban Policy Certificate, MPA program, SPIA
Senior Thesis Prize and Honors Committee, SPIA
Sophomore advising, SPIA
Admissions Committee, MPA program, SPIA
Admissions Committee, STEP PhD program, SPIA
- 2023-24 Undergraduate Committee, Sociology
Senior Thesis Prize and Honors Committee, SPIA
Admissions Committee, MPP program, SPIA
Admissions Committee, Students In The Nation’s Service Initiative, SPIA
Field Advisor in International Development, MPA program, SPIA

Additional Training

- 2024 Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
2017 “Urban Institutions, Urban Inequalities” Summer University, Berlin, Germany
Convened by Humboldt University, Princeton University, University of São Paulo
2015 Sheridan Center Teaching Certificate, Brown University, Providence, RI
2015 Geographic Information Systems Institute, Brown University, Providence, RI

Professional Experience (Non-academic)

- 2009-2014 Deputy Manager (last position held), Secretariat, Shack/Slum Dwellers International, Johannesburg and 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

- 2024- Appointed Member, Participatory Budgeting Advisory Board, Civic Engagement Commission, New York City, NY
- 2021-2022 Appointed Founding Trustee, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Town of Arlington, MA
- 2020-2021 Appointed Member, Housing Plan Implementation Committee, Town of Arlington, MA
- 2017-2020 Elected Board Member (2x) and Appointed Negotiating Team Member for a Community Benefits Agreement, Union Square Neighborhood Council, Somerville, MA

Public testimony

- 2022 Boston City Council, Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on municipal bonds, affordable housing and community investment (at the invitation of the office of Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune)
- 2021 Boston City Council, Committee on Post Audit and Oversight, hearing on green and social bonds (at the invitation of the office of Councilor Michelle Wu)

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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

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