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RESEARCH and TEACHING FOCUS

Urban sociology, Historical comparative sociology, Political geography, South Asia

EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
2001 M.A., Sociology, New School for Social Research (NSSR), New York, NY.
1999 B.A., Social Relations & Anthropology, Michigan State University, James Madison College, Honors College, East Lansing, MI.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2026 – Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University
2025 – 2026 Interim Department Chair, Sociology & Anthropology, Northeastern University
2019 – 2024 Department Chair, Sociology & Anthropology, Northeastern University
2015 – Associate Professor of Sociology, Northeastern University
2014 – 2015 Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Fellow, Sociology Department, University of Delhi
2009 – 2015 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Northeastern University

PUBLICATIONS and SCHOLARSHIP

Books

Logics of Dispossession: Governing by Eviction in Indian Cities. University of California Press (IJURR Studies in Urban Social Change), 2026.

South Asia edition published by Orient BlackSwan, 2026.

The Durable Slum: Dharavi and the Right to Stay Put in Globalizing Mumbai. University of Minnesota Press (Globalization and Community Series), 2014.

South Asia edition published by Orient BlackSwan, 2014.

Book reviews in: *American Journal of Sociology*; *City: Analysis of Urban Change, Theory, Action; Economic and Political Weekly*; *International Development Planning Review*; *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *International Sociology*; *The Journal of Asian Studies*; *Pacific Affairs*; *Social Forces*; *Sociological Bulletin*; *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*; *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review*

Edited Special Issues

Toward a Global Urban Sociology: Key Words (with Marco Garrido and Xuefei Ren), *City & Community*, 20(1), 2021.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters (*Denotes student co-author)

- 2026 Baliga, Anitra and **Liza Weinstein**. "The Real Estate Turn in the Slum: India's Urban Land Monetization in Comparative Perspective," *Urban Studies*, online first.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980261466121>
- 2026 Rokem, Jonathan Rock, Ozgur Yardimci, Michael Gentile, **Liza Weinstein**. "Bringing Nationalism into Global Urban Studies," *Urban Studies*, online first.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980261456008>
- 2026 Kim, Hun and **Liza Weinstein**. "Missing Maps and Elastic Eligibility: Archival Securitization and Retrospective Arbitrage in Saigon and Mumbai," *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, online first.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/02637758261461697>
- 2023 Dev, Saloni,* Jasper Duval,* Amith Galivanche,* Tejal Shitole, Kiran Sawant, Shrutika Shitole, Anita Patil-Deshmukh, Alisa Lincoln, Ramnath Subbaraman, **Liza Weinstein**. "Spatializing Stigma Power: Mental Health Impacts of Spatial Stigma in a Legally-Excluded Settlement in Mumbai, India," *PLOS Global Public Health*, 3(7): 1-23.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0001026>
- 2022 **Weinstein, Liza** and Vivek Mishra.* "Historicising Housing Rights: Critical Events and Political Ruptures in Post-Partition Urban India," *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 45(5): 869-886. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2022.2093461>
- 2022 Baliga, Anitra and **Liza Weinstein**. "Grounding Urban Production: Resident Claims-making as Financialization in Mumbai's 'Slum' Lands," *Economy & Society*, 51 (2), 283-306.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03085147.2022.1987745>
- 2021 **Weinstein, Liza**. "Evictions: Reconceptualizing Housing Insecurity from the Global South," *City & Community*, 20(1): 13-23. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12503>
- 2021 Garrido, Mario, Xuefei Ren, and **Liza Weinstein**. "Toward a Global Urban Sociology: Keywords," *City & Community*, 20(1): 4-12. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12502>
- 2019 **Weinstein, Liza**, Andrew Rumbach, and Saumitra Sinha.* "Resilient Growth: Fantasy Plans and Unplanned Developments in India's Flood-Prone Coastal Cities," *Intl Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 43(2): 273-291. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.12743>
- 2017 **Weinstein, Liza**. "Insecurity as Confinement: The Entrenched Politics of Staying Put in Delhi and Mumbai," *International Sociology*, 32(4): 512-531.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0268580917701604>
- 2014 **Weinstein, Liza**. "'One-Man Handled': Fragmented Power and Political Entrepreneurship in Globalizing Mumbai," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(1): 14-35.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.12040>

Also in G. Shatkin (ed.) *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and Politics of the Local*. Wiley-Blackwell (*IJURR Studies in Urban and Social Change*), 2013, pp. 91-120.

- 2013 **Weinstein, Liza**. "Demolition and Dispossession: Toward an Understanding of State Violence in Millennial Mumbai," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 48(3): 285-307. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12116-013-9136-9>
- 2013 **Weinstein, Liza**, Neha Sami, and Gavin Shatkin. "Framing Contestations: Institutions and Actors in Contemporary Urban India." In G. Shatkin (ed.) *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and Politics of the Local*. New York: Wiley-Blackwell (*Studies in Urban and Social Change*), pp. 39-64.
- 2013 Ren, Xuefei and **Liza Weinstein**. "Urban Mega-Projects and Scalar Transformations in China and India." In T. Samara, H. Shenjing and G. Chen (ed.) *Locating Right to the City in the Global South*. New York: Routledge, pp. 107-126.
- 2012 **Weinstein, Liza** and Tarini Bedi. "Building Politics: Gender and Political Power in Globalizing Mumbai." In Dasgupta, Driskell, Braun and Yeates (eds.) *Women's Encounters with Globalization*. Kolkata: FrontPage Publications, pp. 157-173.
- 2011 **Weinstein, Liza**. "'Slum Free Mumbai' and other Entrepreneurial Strategies in the Making of Mumbai's Global Downtown." In M. Peterson and G. McDonogh (eds.) *Global Downtowns*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, pp. 234-257.
- 2009 **Weinstein, Liza** and Xuefei Ren. "The Changing Right to the City: Urban Renewal and Housing Rights in Globalizing Shanghai and Mumbai," *City & Community*, 8(4): 407-432. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1540-6040.2009.01300.x>
- 2009 **Weinstein, Liza**. "Democracy in the Globalizing Indian City: Engagements of Political Society and the State in Globalizing Mumbai," *Politics & Society*, 37(3): 397-427. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049731509338926>
- Version also published in R. Desai and R. Sanyal (eds.) *Urbanizing Citizenship: Contested Spaces in Indian Cities*. New Delhi: Sage Publications India, 2011, pp. 58-81.
- 2008 **Weinstein, Liza** "Mumbai's Development Mafias: Organized Crime, Land Development, and Globalization," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32(1): 22-39. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2427.2008.00766.x>
- Co-recipient of the American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2009.
- Version also published in D. Nelken and S. Karstedt (eds.) *Crime and Globalization*. Surrey, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2013.

Articles Under Review

"Accumulation by Dispossession Revisited: State, Legitimacy, Territorial Dispossession" (with Walter J. Nicholls), *City: Analysis of Urban Change, Theory, Action*.

"Bulldozer Politics: Shared Sovereignty and the Authoritarian Assault on the City," (with Walter J. Nicholls), part of a special issue on "Urban Power and Shifting Relations Between Cities and States," edited by Stijn Oosterlynck and Côme Salvaire, *Urban Studies*.

Editorials, Encyclopedia Entries, Blog Posts, and other Publications

- 2026 "Bulldozer Justice and Local Incursions of Authoritarian Power," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on the City at War
<https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/the-city-at-war/bulldozer-justice>
- 2025 "Reflections on Critical Urban Studies in Perilous Times" (with Mona Fawaz, Eduardo Marques, Nik Theodore), *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 49(3): 473-478. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.13357>
- 2022 "Populism and Right-Wing Imaginaries" (editorial introduction), *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 46(1). <https://www.ijurr.org/issue/vol-46-number-1-january-2022/>
- 2021 "On Urban Field Research During a Pandemic." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on Becoming an Urban Researcher During a Pandemic.
<https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/becoming-an-urban-researcher-during-a-pandemic/on-becoming-an-urban-researcher-during-a-pandemic/>
- 2020 "The Spatiality of Street Protests before and during Covid-19," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on Urban Revolts.
<https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/urban-revolts/the-spatiality-of-street-protests-before-and-during-covid-19/>
- 2019 "Political Geographies of Right-Wing Populism," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on Political Geographies of Right-Wing Populism.
<https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/political-geographies-of-right-wing-populism/introduction-populism/>
- 2018 "Brahmins are the new Jews of India? Here's why that's utterly wrong" (with Pranathi Diwakar), *Scroll India*, Nov 27, 2018. <https://scroll.in/article/903542/why-it-is-utterly-wrong-to-call-brahmins-the-new-jews-of-india>
- 2018 "Parched Cities, Parched Citizens," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on Parched Cities, Parched Citizens. <https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/parched-cities-parched-citizens/introduction/>
- 2018 "Urban Studies at IJURR's 40th Anniversary," *Intl Jrnl of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on Urban Studies at IJURR's 40th Anniversary. <https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/urban-studies-at-ijurrs-40th-anniversary/liza-weinstein/>
- 2017 "Race, Justice, and the City" (with Meghan Doran). *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on Race, Justice, and the City.
<https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/race-justice-and-the-city/introduction-3/>
- 2016 "The Urban Refugee 'Crisis': Reflections on Cities, Citizenship and the Displaced." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight on the Urban Refugee 'Crisis,'. <https://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/the-urban-refugee-crisis-reflections-on-cities-citizenship-and-the-displaced/the-urban-refugee-crisis/>
- 2014 "Does Electoral Democracy Reduce Displacement?" *Displacement Research & Action Network (DRAN) Blog*, October 25, 2014. <http://mitdisplacement.org/new-page-21>

- 2014 "Urban Cleansing: Evictions, Insecurity, and Intolerance in Global Perspective." *The Cities Papers*, July 23, 2014. <http://citiespapers.ssrc.org/urban-cleansing-evictions-insecurity-and-intolerance-in-global-perspective/>
- 2013 "When the Bulldozers Come" (Op-Ed), *Indian Express*, December 6, 2013. <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/when-the-bulldozers-come/>
- 2012 "Rights to Housing: Marginalized Housing Groups." In S. Smith (ed.) *The International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home*. Elsevier Ltd, pp. 170-175.
- 2012 In R. Long and A. Kaminsky (eds.) *India Today: Life in the Republic.*: ABC-Clío.
- "The Gandhi Peace Foundation," pp. 281-282.
 - "Mumbai," pp. 479-483.
 - "Maharashtra," pp. 440-443.
 - "Shiv Sena," pp. 627-629.
 - "Balasaheb Thackeray," pp. 693-695.

Invited Book Reviews and Review Essays

- 2026 "Property, Politics, and Democratic Possibilities," Book forum essay on *Politics in the Crevices: Urban Design and the Making of Property Markets in Cairo and Istanbul* by Sarah El-Kazaz. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, forthcoming.
- 2026 *Drama of Democracy: Political Representation in Mumbai* by Lisa Bjorkman. University of Minnesota Press. *Contemporary Sociology*, forthcoming.
- 2024 *Delivery as Dispossession: Land Occupation and Eviction in the Postapartheid City* by Zachary Levenson. Oxford University Press. *Contemporary Sociology*, 53(3): 264-266.
- 2021 *Governing the Urban in India and China: Land Grabs, Slum Clearance, and the War on Pollution* by Xuefei Ren. Princeton Univ Press. *Journal of Asian Studies*, 80(4): 1161-1163.
- 2020 *The Patchwork City: Class, Space, and Politics in Metro Manila* by Marco Garrido. University of Chicago Press. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 44(4): 771-773.
- 2018 *Cities in the Global South Reader* by Faranak Miraftab and Neema Kudva. Routledge. *Journal of World Systems Research*, 24(1): 236-239.
- 2017 *No One Will Let Her Live: Women's Struggle for Well-being in a Delhi Slum* by Claire Snell-Rood. University of California Press, 2014. *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 40(1):196-198.
- 2016 *Street Corner Secrets: Sex Work and Migration in the City of Mumbai* by Svati P. Shah. Duke University Press, 2014. *Contemporary Sociology*, 45(2): 238-240.
- 2008 *Urban Studies* by Sujata Patel and Kusal Deb (eds.) Oxford University Press, 2006. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32(2): 526-528.
- 2007 Review Essay: "Explaining Incomprehensible Bombay in Three Volumes," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 31(1): 225-231.

PRESENTATIONS and TALKS

Invited Talks/Lectures

- 2026 *Re-embedding the “Mumbai Model”: An Institutional History of Mumbai’s Slum Rehabilitation Authority.* **Brown University**, Watson School for International Affairs, Urban Transformations in India Workshop, April 10, 2026.
- 2026 *Logics of Dispossession: Governing by Eviction in Indian Cities.* **University of California Berkeley**, Global Metropolitan Studies (GMS) and South Asian Studies, March 16, 2026.
- 2025 *Demolition and Dispossession: Authoritarian Incursions into Cities.* **Science Po**, Séminaire d'axe: Cities and War, November 14, 2025.
- 2025 *Bulldozer Hindutva: Ethnonationalist Scapegoating & Cumulative Eviction Logics,* **London Urban Salon**, hosted by Northeastern University London, April 24, 2025.
- 2025 *Logics of Dispossession: Comparative Genealogies of India’s World Class City Evictions,* **University of Minnesota**, Intrdiscip Cntr for the Study of Global Change, March 5, 2025.
- 2025 *Logics of Dispossession: Comparative Genealogies of India’s World Class City Evictions,* **University of California, Santa Cruz**, Critical Urban Studies Workshop, Feb 28, 2025.
- 2024 *Research Methods for Institutional Histories of “Slum Redevelopment” in Delhi and Mumbai.* **University of Massachusetts, Boston**, Seminar in Policy Research, Dec 2, 2024.
- 2024 *Institutional Histories of “Slum Redevelopment” in Delhi and Mumbai.* **University of São Paulo**, International seminar: Urban Projects, Policies and Inequalities, Nov 13, 2024.
- 2023 *Afterlives of a Port: Labor, Housing, and the Specter of Redevelopment (and Flood Risk) in the Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT).* **Harvard University**, Law, Regions, and Ports: Toward Imagining Alternative Futures, December 8, 2023.
- 2023 *Genealogies of Dispossession: Cumulative Histories of India’s World Class City Evictions.* **York University** (Canada), *The City Institute Seminar*, November 22, 2023.
- 2022 Keynote Address: *Seeing the City through Time: Historicizing Urban Sociology through the case of India’s “World Class City” Evictions.* RN 37 Urban Sociology Conference (European Sociological Association). **Humboldt University**, October 5, 2022.
- 2021 *Becoming an Urban Researcher During a Pandemic.* **New York University**, Urban Research Seminar, November 15, 2021.
- 2021 *Book Talk Discussant: How Green Became Good: Urbanized Nature and the Making of Cities and Citizens.* **New York University**, Institute for Public Knowledge, Oct 27, 2021.
- 2020 *Toward a Global Urban Sociology of Evictions.* **Science Po**, Center for European Studies and Comparative Politics. Seminar: Cities are Back in Town, November 12, 2020.
- 2020 *Illegal by Degree: Legal Exclusion and Crisis in Mumbai’s Slum Settlements.* **Beirut Urban Lab**, Housing and Financialization in Moments of Crisis Webinar Series, July 23, 2020.
- 2019 *Contesting India’s World Class City Evictions: The Local Character of Evictions and Anti-Eviction Activism.* **Humboldt University**, Think & Drink Colloquium, November 4, 2019.

- 2019 *Resettling the City: Refugee Settlement & Emerging Landscapes of Housing Rights in Post-Partition Delhi and Bombay*. **Michigan State University**, Sociology Department Speaker Series, March 15, 2019.
- 2018 *Logics of Dispossession: The Politics of Housing Insecurity in Urban India*. **University of Chicago**, Urban Workshop. April 19, 2018.
- 2017 *Urban Cleansing: Evictions, Exclusion, and State Violence in Contemporary Urban India*. **Trinity College**, Center for Urban and Global Studies. *Keynote Address: Engaging the Urban in the Liberal Arts*. April 1, 2017.
- 2016 *Strategic Partnerships and Local Power: Developer-State Relations in Low-Income Housing Construction in Mumbai and Delhi*. **Witwatersrand University**, Understanding the Role of Urban Developers. July 27, 2016.
- 2016 *Spontaneous Evictions and Planned Displacements: Toward a Politics of Staying Put in Delhi and Mumbai*. **New York University**, Urban Democracy Lab, April 5, 2016.
- 2016 *New Urban Land Grabs? Evictions and Resistance in Contemporary Urban India*. **Brown University**, Workshop on Urban Inequality in the Global South. March 4, 2016.
- 2015 *Residential Insecurity and the Right to Stay Put in Urban India*. **American University**, Metropolitan Studies Urban Speaker Series. November 17, 2015.
- 2015 *The Durable Slum: Dharavi and the Right to Stay Put in Globalizing Mumbai*. **London School of Economics and Politics**, Geography Department's City, Space, Development Seminar. November 5, 2015.
- 2015 *Life in the Slum Word: Poverty in the Megacities of the Global South*. **University of California, Berkeley**, On the Same Page on Katherine Boo's *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*. October 30, 2015.
- 2015 *Water and Poverty in Urban Slums*. **Harvard University**, South Asia Institute Annual Symposium. April 17, 2015.
- 2015 *The Durable Slum: Dharavi and the Right to Stay Put in Globalizing Mumbai*. **University of Vermont**, Claire M. Lintilhac Seminar on Asian Studies and Geography. April 10, 2015.
- 2014 *Repertoires of Resistance: Spontaneous Evictions and Planned Displacement in Urban India*. **Urban Age Conference, Delhi**, Urban Futures in the "Asian Century": Uncertainty, Speculation, Experimentation. November 13, 2014.
- 2014 *The Durable Slum: Dharavi and the Right to Stay Put in Globalizing Mumbai*. **Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH), Delhi**, Urban Workshop Series. September 30, 2014.
- 2014 *Urban Cleansing: Evictions, Insecurity, and Intolerance in Global Perspective*. **Social Science Research Council**, SSRC Conference on the Decent City. May 20, 2014.
- 2014 *Toward an Understanding of Housing Insecurity in Post-Independence India*. **Northeastern University School of Law**, PHRGE New England Regional Faculty Colloquium. April 28, 2014.

- 2014 *Demolition, Dispossession, and Resistance: Toward a Comparative Understanding of Evictions in India's Globalizing Cities*. **Brown University**, Urban Studies Program. March 13, 2014.
- 2013 *Toleration and Extralegal Habitation*. **Social Science Research Council**, SSRC Planning Workshop on Cities and Toleration. October 19, 2013.
- 2013 *The Durable Slum: Political Fragmentations and the Right to Stay Put*. **Trinity College**, Center for Urban and Global Studies. Symposium: Connecting to the City: Borders and Belongs to Urban Places in the Past and Present. April 19, 2013.
- 2013 *The Durable Slum: Political Fragmentations and the Right to Stay Put*. **Indian Institute for Human Settlements and University of California, Berkeley**. Seminar: The 21st Century Indian City: Towns, Metros, and the Indian Economy. March 27, 2013.
- 2013 *Parallel Comparative Research in Mumbai and Shanghai*. **Brown University**, Watson Institute. Comparative Urban Studies Conference. March 15, 2013.
- 2011 *Demolition and Dispossession: Toward an Understanding of State Violence in Globalizing Mumbai*. **Brown University**, Watson Institute. Symposium on Cities, Violence and Development: Defining a Research Agenda. April 28, 2011.
- 2011 *The Democratic City and the Right to Stay Put*. **Harvard University**, Graduate School of Design. Symposium: In the Life of the Cities: Narratives of the Urban. March 5, 2011.
- 2011 *The Entrepreneurial Bureaucrat: Locating State Power in Globalizing Mumbai*. **Boston University**, Sociology Department. Society, Politics & Culture Workshop. March 4, 2011.
- 2011 *Mumbai - The Future of the Informal City*. **Harvard University**. South Asia Initiative Urbanization Seminar. January 27, 2011.
- 2010 *Mumbai's Development Mafias: Organized Crime, Land Development, and Globalization*. **Indian Architect and Builder Magazine**. Seminar on Design and Informal Cities, Mumbai, India. October 22, 2010.
- 2010 *Democracy in the Globalizing Indian City: Engagements of Political Society and the State in Globalizing Mumbai*. **Brown University**, Watson Institute. Seminar: Six Decades of Indian Democracy: Achievements, Failures, Promises, Challenges. May 8, 2010.
- 2009 *Structures of Power in Urban Redevelopment in Dharavi, Mumbai*. **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Seminar in Affordable Housing. November 23, 2009.
- 2009 *Slumdog Millionaire: A Panel Discussion*. **University of Chicago**, Center for Southern Asian Studies. April 16, 2009.

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2026 *Mumbai's New Development Mafias? Financialized Real Estate Crime in India's Commercial Capital* (with Anitra Baliga). Session: Organized Crime and the Production of Unequal City. RC21 Conference: Inequalities and the City, Vienna, Austria.
- 2026 *Monetizing the Slum: A Relational History of Mumbai's Slum Rehabilitation Scheme (SRS)* (with Anitra Baliga). Session: Political Lives of Policy Instruments in Land and Housing. RC21 Conference: Inequalities and the City, Vienna, Austria.

- 2026 *Sovereign Networks Under Pressure: Shared Authority, Authoritarian Incursion, and Urban Resistance in Comparative Perspective* (with Walter J. Nicholls). Dispossession and the State. American Association of Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, CA.
- 2025 *Bulldozer Hindutva: Ethnonationalist Scapegoating & Cumulative Eviction Logics*. Session: Domination through Administration. Social Science History Association (SSHA), Chicago, IL.
- 2025 *Monetizing the Slum: A Relational History of Mumbai's Slum Rehabilitation Scheme* (with Anitra Baliga). Session: The Social Lives of Land. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI.
- 2025 *Ethnonationalist Scapegoating: Evictions and Segregation in Urban India*. CUSS Session: Mechanisms of Segregation. American Sociological Association (ASA), Chicago, IL.
- 2025 *Comparative Genealogies: Cumulative Logics of India's World Class City Evictions*. Comparative Historical Sociology Mini Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2025 *Contested Property: Housing Rights, Land Monetization, and Institutional Histories of Slum Rehabilitation in Mumbai* (with Anitra Baliga). RC21 Session: Contested Property. International Sociological Association (ISA), Rabat, Morocco.
- 2025 *Industrial Afterlives: Histories, Memories, and Contemporary Life in Mumbai's Colonial Port*. International Sociological Association (ISA), Rabat, Morocco.
- 2025 *Historicizing the Urban Present*. Invited Roundtable: "New" Urban Political Economies of the Current Conjuncture. American Association of Geographers (AAG), Detroit, MI.
- 2024 *The National State & Urban Social Movements: Comparing Anti-Evictions Politics in Three Indian Cities*. Social Science History Association (SSHA), Toronto, ON.
- 2024 *The Real Estate Turn in the Slum: The local state as facilitator of in-situ redevelopment in Delhi and Mumbai*. Urban Affairs Association (UAA), New York, NY.
- 2023 *Genealogies of Dispossession: Historicizing Critical Urban Studies: New Perspectives on Urban Political Economy*. Urban Affairs Association (UAA), Nashville, TN
- 2021 *The Permanent Migrant: Intraurban Migrations & Residential Evictions in Mumbai, India in Migration as Displacement*. American Sociological Association (ASA), virtual.
- 2021 *Contesting Evictions: Local Movement Cultures and Path-Dependent Activism in Urban India* in Session 75: Sensing Space Agonistically. RC-21 of the International Sociological Association (ISA), virtual.
- 2021 *The Mumbai Model in Delhi: The Local State's Role in India's Real Estate Turn* (with Anitra Baliga) in Session: Researching States, Markets and Societies: State-Society Relations. American Association of Geographers (AAG), virtual.
- 2019 *Evictions: Reconceptualizing Housing Insecurity from the Global South* in Session: Reconceptualizing Urban Keywords from the Global South. Social Science History Association (SSHA), Chicago, IL.
- 2019 *Contesting India's World Class City Evictions: Place Difference, Path Dependencies, and the Local Character of Anti-Eviction Activism* in Urban Development in Comparative & Historical Perspective. American Sociological Association (ASA), New York, NY.

- 2019 *Beyond Cooptation: Consent and Coercion in Slum Land Acquisition in Post-Liberalization Mumbai* (with Anitra Baliga) in Economic Sociology Roundtable: Market Dynamics. American Sociological Association (ASA), New York, NY.
- 2018 *Logics of Dispossession: The Variegated Politics of Housing Insecurity in Urban India* in Session: Sociological Perspectives on Cities in the Global South. Social Science History Association (SSHA), Phoenix, AZ.
- 2018 *Resettling the City: Refugee Settlement and Emerging Landscape of Housing Rights Post-Partition Delhi and Bombay*. Session: Global Displacements and Refugee Urbanization. American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Buffalo, NY.
- 2017 *The Variegated Politics of Anti-Eviction Activism in Urban India*. Session: The Struggle for Housing in "Third World" Cities. Social Science History Association (SSHA), Montreal, QC.
- 2017 *Jay Weinstein's Contributions to Urban Sociology*. Session: Jay Weinstein: Reflection, Assessment, and Remembrance. Michigan Sociological Association, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2017 *The Mumbai Model in Delhi: Developer-Citizen-State Relations and Informal Settlement Upgrading in Comparative Perspective*. Geographies of Profits and Politics. RC-21 of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Leeds, United Kingdom.
- 2017 *Urban Cleansing: Exclusion, Evictions, & Ethno-Racial Targeting in Urban India*. ASA Thematic Session: Mobilizing Culture in Divided Cities: Inclusion, Exclusion, and the Politics of Urban Belonging. American Sociological Association (ASA), Montreal, QC.
- 2017 *The Contested Politics of Climate (In)Action in India's Coastal Megacities*. Session: The politics of flooding in Asian coastal megacities. American Association of Geographers (AAG), Boston, MA.
- 2016 *Informality Submerged: Struggles for Housing and Home in Flood-Prone Mumbai*. Paper Session: In the Wake of Disaster: Crises and Urban Governance in Comparative Perspective. Urban Affairs Association (UAA), San Diego, CA.
- 2015 *Urban Cleansing: Evictions, Exclusion, and State Violence in Contemporary Urban India*. Political Sociology & Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities (co-sponsored session): The State and Racial Exclusion. American Sociological Association (ASA), Chicago, IL.
- 2013 *The Durable Slum: Political Fragmentations and the Right to Stay Put in Globalizing Mumbai*. New Urban Centralities: Toward a Global Urban Studies. RC-21 of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Berlin, Germany.
- 2012 *Demolition and Dispossession: Toward an Understanding of State Violence in Millennial Mumbai*. Sociology of Development: Conflict and Redistributive Struggle. American Sociological Association (ASA), Denver, CO.
- 2011 *The Entrepreneurial Bureaucrat: Locating State Power in Globalizing Mumbai*. Financing India's "World Cities": Urban Property Regimes Past and Present. The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI.
- 2009 *Building Politics: Gender and Political Power in Globalizing Mumbai*. Citizenship and the New Politics of Community in the Global South. American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, CA.

Session Organizer / Discussant

- 2026 Session Organizer and Chair: IJURR Lecture: *In Search of Not Infernos* by Javier Auyero. RC21 Conference: Inequalities and the City, Vienna, Austria.
- 2026 Invited Discussant: *Urban Historians Speaking Back to Urban Social Theory: A Discussion of The Cambridge History of Urban Europe*, session organized by Patrick Le Galès and Stijn Oosterlynck. RC21 Conference: Inequalities and the City, Vienna, Austria.
- 2026 Invited Discussant: *Displacement and Housing Futures*, session organized by Mona Fawaz and David Kaufmann. RC21 Conference: Inequalities and the City, Vienna, Austria.
- 2026 Invited Discussant: Regional Studies Keynote: *Extended Urbanization: A Concept in Search of a Theory?* by Neil Brenner. Urban Affairs Association (UAA), Chicago, IL.
- 2026 Invited Discussant: Author-Meets-Critics: *Street Vending and the Right to the City* by Amy Schoenecker. Urban Affairs Association (UAA), Chicago, IL.
- 2026 Session Organizer and Chair: IJURR Lecture: *Technofeudal Fever Dreams: Silicon Fiefdoms, Doom Loop Dystopics, and the Emancipatory Possibilities of Failure* by Erin McElroy. American Association of Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, CA.
- 2026 Organizer and Discussant: *Pressure Points at the Urban-Ocean Interface* (double-session). American Association of Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, CA.
- 2025 Organizer and Discussant: Author-Meets-Critics: *Counting Caste: Census Politics, Bureaucratic Deflection, and Brahmanical Power in India* by Trina Vithayathil. Social Science History Association (SSHA), Chicago, IL.
- 2025 Organizer and Discussant: *Theorizing Crisis* (co-sponsored session of Comparative Historical Sociology Section and Social Theory Section). American Sociological Association (ASA), Chicago, IL.
- 2025 Organizer and Discussant: *Urban Coastal Communities: Lives, Livelihoods, and Local Knowledge in the Anthropocene* (RC21 Session). International Sociological Association (ISA), Rabat, Morocco.
- 2025 Invited Discussant: Author-Meets-Critics: *The Politics of Incremental Progressivism: Governments, Governances and Urban Policy Changes in São Paulo* by Eduardo Marques (RC21 Session). International Sociological Association (ISA), Rabat, Morocco.
- 2025 Invited Discussant: *Urban Migration and the Struggle for Shelter: "Crisis," Housing, and Radical Movements in the Age of Global Displacement*. American Association of Geographers (AAG), Detroit, MI.
- 2024 Organizer and Discussant: Author-Meets-Critics: Benjamin Bradlow's *Urban Power: Democracy and Inequality in Sao Paolo and Johannesburg*, Social Science History Association (SSHA), Toronto, ON.
- 2024 Session Organizer and Chair: IJURR Lecture: *Imperial Geographies: The Wilderness and the Grave* by Neferti Tadiar, American Association of Geographers (AAG), Honolulu, HI.

- 2023 Session Organizer and Chair: IJURR Lecture: *Planet at the End of the City: How Climate Changes the Nature of Urban Theory* by Kian Goh, American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO.
- 2019 Invited Discussant: Author-meets-Critics: Marco Garrido's The Patchwork City. Social Science History Association (SSHA), Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Session Organizer and Chair: IJURR Lecture: *Rethinking Value in Urban Redevelopment: Extraction, Anticipation, and Acceleration* by Rachel Weber, American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Invited Discussant: Author-meets-Critics: Neil Brenner's Critique of Urbanization. American Political Science Association (APSA). Boston, MA.
- 2017 Invited Discussant: *Cities of the Global South: Segregation, Exclusion, Eviction*, Social Science History Association (SSHA), Montreal, Quebec.
- 2017 Organizer and Discussant: *History, Memory, and Time in Contemporary Urban Contentions*, RC-21 of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Leeds, UK.
- 2017 Organizer and Discussant: Author-meets-Critics: Julie Anne Boudreau's Global Urban Politics. American Association of Geographers (AAG), Boston, MA.
- 2011 Invited Discussant: *Roti, Kapda, aur Makaan* (Food, Clothing, and Shelter): The Political Economy of Housing in South Asia, The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI.
- 2011 Invited Discussant: *The Violence(s) of Rapid Urbanization: Social, Spatial, and Political Conflicts in Cities around Globe*. American Sociological Association (ASA), Las Vegas, NV.

RESEARCH GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

- 2023 **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty: "Engaging Geography in the Humanities" (\$165,000 awarded – grant withdrawn due to 2025 federal funding cuts).
- 2019 **National Science Foundation (NSF)** Sociology Program: "Collaborative Research: Social Construction of Legal Exclusion in Indian Slums" (\$376,999 awarded, 2-year grant).
- 2019 **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty: "Engaging Geography in the Humanities" (\$155,665 awarded).
- 2014 **Fulbright-Nehru** Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship: "Demolition, Dispossession, and Resistance: Residential Evictions in Urban India" (\$31,500 awarded).
- 2013 **National Science Foundation (NSF)** ADVANCE Mentoring Grant (\$6,000 awarded).

Internal Grants and Fellowships

- 2021 NU Internal Grant Programs in Support of Interdisciplinary Research: “Visualizing Spatial Violence (VSV): Tools for Social Justice Advocacy” (Co-PI, with Angel Nieves, Margaret Burnham, Alexandra To) (\$50,000 awarded).
- 2020 NU College of Social Science and Humanities, COVID-19 Research Development Initiative: “Legal Exclusion and Community Response to Crisis in Mumbai’s Slum Settlements” (\$5,000 awarded).
- 2018 NU Asian Studies Research Development Award “Embodied Legal Exclusion in an Indian Slum” (\$2,000 awarded).
- 2017 NU College of Social Science and Humanities, Research Development Initiative: “Embodied Legal Exclusion in an Indian Slum” (\$5,000 awarded).
- 2016 NU Humanities Center 2016-2017 Faculty Fellowship: “New Urban Land Gabs? Housing Insecurity in Urban India, 1960 – 2015” (1 course release).
- 2014 NU Internal Grant Programs in Support of Interdisciplinary Research: “The Impact of Legal Access on Conditions of Housing Security in Urban India” (Co-PI, with Martha Davis, Northeastern University School of Law) (\$50,000 awarded).
- 2013 NU College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Faculty Research Development Fund: “Displacement and Slum Evictions in Urban India” (\$5,000 awarded).

TEACHING and ADVISING

Undergraduate Courses

1. SOCL/ANTH 1000: Sociology and Anthropology at Northeastern: Fall 2025 (22 students) Spring 2024 (8); Fall 2023 (18); Spring 2023 (8); Fall 2022 (24); Spring 2022 (21); Fall 2021 (31); Spring 2021 (5); Fall 2020 (20); Fall 2019 (11)
2. ANTH 1101: Peoples and Cultures: Sum-1 2014 (49 students); Spring 2014 (56); Sum-1 2013 (56)
3. ANTH 2305: Global Markets Local Cultures: Spring 2019 (41 students); Fall 2018 (38); Fall 2017 (40); Spring 2016 (42); Spring 2015 (22); Spring 2014 (31); Spring 2013 (15)
4. ANTH 3410: Ethnographic Field Research: Summer-1 2021 (7 students)
5. SOCL 3455: Seminar in Urban Sociology: Fall 2012 (6 students)
6. ANTH 4515: Culture and Politics in Modern India: Fall 2025 (18 students) Spring 2021 (18); Fall 2017 (19); Fall 2015 (12); Fall 2013 (8); Spring 2011 (12)
7. SOCL 4600: Senior Seminar: Fall 2021 (4 students); Fall 2020 (10)

Graduate Courses

1. SOCL 7200: Foundations of Sociological Theory: Fall 2026 (6 students) Fall 2023 (6); Fall 2022 (6); Fall 2021 (5)
2. SOCL 7268: Globalization & the City: Spr 2018 (13 students) Spr 2015 (10); Fall 2012 (10); Fall 2010 (13)
3. SOCL 7221: Globalization, Development, and Social Justice: Fall 2017 (7 students); Fall 2015 (13)
4. SOCL 7224: Urban Sociology: Fall 2013 (12 students); Fall 2011 (13); Fall 2009 (10)

Faculty-led Study Abroad (Dialogue on Civilization programs)

1. Japan: "21st Century City: Tokyo and Kyoto" Summer 1 2026 (28 students), Summer 1, 2025 (29)
2. South Africa: "Spatial Justice: and the Post-Apartheid City" (Johannesburg, Durban, and Cape Town): Summer 2, 2024 (13 students), Summer 1, 2018 (24), Summer 2, 2017 (25), Summer 2, 2016 (18)
3. India: "Community-Based Research in India: Power, Ethics, and Representation" (Delhi and Mumbai): Summer 2 2022 (5 students)

Ph.D. Dissertation Chair

- 2026 Yana Mommadova: "All That is Solid Melts Into PR: Capillary Power in the Domain of Think Tanks," Postdoctoral Fellow, Northeastern University, Center Future of Higher Education and Work, Boston, MA.
- 2025 Ezgi Deniz Rasit: "Migrant Resettlement in the Age of Neoliberalism: How Urbanization Shapes Place-making among Syrian Refugees in Berlin," Associate Professor, Department of Global Liberal Arts, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2025 Shavaun Sutton: "I'm building me a home: Worldbuilding in Black Staten Island," Part-Time Faculty, College of New Jersey, NJ.
- 2023 Taylor Braswell: "The Historical Urban Political Economy of Community-Owned Electric Utilities in the Southeastern United States," Assistant Professor of Sociology at North Carolina State University, NC.
- 2022 Michael Shields, "Heeding the Call: An Empirical Evaluation of Gentrification Research," Research Director, Economy League of Greater Philadelphia. PA.
- 2021 Jeffrey Sternberg, "Urban Prospecting: The New Trajectories of Labor and the Making of the Digital Nomad," Director of Research and Evaluation, Steans Family Foundation, Chicago, IL.

- 2021 Samuel Maron, "Imagining Legacy: Development, Resistance, and Image-Making in Boston and LA's Olympic Bids." Assistant Teaching Professor, Emmanuel College, Boston, MA.
- 2020 Camille Petersen, "Historical Narratives of Race and Nation: Settler Storytelling and the Idea of America," Associate Teaching Professor at Univ of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
- 2019 Edgar Orlando Benitez Salcedo, "Microcredit and Repayment in Colombia: Gender, Governmentality, and Relational Work" Professor in the Department of Social Studies, Universidad Icesi, Cali, Colombia.
- 2019 Aeshna Badruzzaman, "The Weight of the State: Balancing Acts of NGOs in Bangladesh" Department of Political Science, Senior Project Manager, Center on the Developing Child, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA.
- 2019 Behice Pehlivan, "The Uneasy Middle Class: Young Homeownership in Istanbul" Academic HR Professional, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2018 Yingchan Zhang, "The Global Circulation of Talent and Urban Development" Senior User Experience (UX) Researcher, LexisNexis, Boston, MA.
- 2018 Anjuli N. Fahlberg "Activism under fire: Violence, poverty, and collective action in Rio de Janeiro," Associate Professor of Sociology, Tufts University, Medford, MA.
- 2017 Autumn Mathias, "Responding to Violence in the 'Homeland': Identity and Transnational Activism within the Indian Christian Diaspora." Associate Professor of Social Work, Elms College, Chicopee, MA.
- 2016 Emily Cummins, "Planning Uncertain Futures: Contesting Home and City in Detroit." Senior Qualitative Specialist, Science & Technology Platform, Ariadne Labs, Boston, MA.
- 2015 Meghan Doran, "Narratives of the Past and Contemporary Urban Politics: The Case of the Boston School Desegregation Crisis." Assistant Dean of Employer Relations and Community Engagement, Simmons College, Boston, MA.

Chair of MA and Honors Thesis Committee

- 2023 Jasper Duval, "Baht vs Body: Hegemony's Effect on Agency amongst Gender-Diverse Sex Workers in Thailand" Undergraduate Honor's Paper.
- 2021 Erin Cutroneo, "Comparing Local Activism: Contesting World Class City Evictions in Mumbai and Bengaluru" Undergraduate Honor's Paper.
- 2021 Lillian Petersen, "A Secular Pilgrimage: Genealogy Hobbyists and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City" Undergraduate Honor's Paper.
- 2018 Wentao Zhou, "Political Organizing and Gentrification in Boston's Chinatown," Master's Thesis in Sociology.
- 2016 Jamie San Andres, "The Coloniality of Neo-Extractivism: Indigenous Peoples, Extractive Development, and Post-Neoliberalism in the Southern Ecuadoran Amazon," Master's Thesis in Sociology.
- 2016 Sneha Pandya, "Intergenerational Narratives of First- and Second-Generation South Asian Americans" Undergraduate Honor's Paper.

SERVICE to the FIELD

Journal Editorship

- 2021 – Editor, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)*
 2015 – 2020 Interventions Editor, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)*
 2014 Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*
 2007 – 2008 Manuscript Review Committee, *American Journal of Sociology*
 2003 – 2005 Book Review Board, *American Journal of Sociology*

Manuscript and Grant Review

- Journals: *American Journal of Sociology, Antipode, City and Community, Contemporary South Asia, Contexts, Environment and Urbanization, Journal of Urban Affairs, Signs, Social Dynamics, Social Forces, South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies, Urban Affairs Review, Urban Studies*
 Books: Cambridge University Press, Duke University Press, Oxford University Press, Stanford University Press, Routledge, Orient BlackSwan
 Grants: American Council for Learned Societies, Hubert Humphrey Fellowships, Israel Science Foundation, National Science Foundation

Paper/Book Awards Review Committee

- 2026 First Book Prize Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS).
 2013 Jane Addams Award for Best Article Committee, American Sociological Association (ASA), Community and Urban Sociology Section.
 2009 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association (ASA), Political Sociology Section.

Other Professional Service

- 2026 Member, Planning committee for the IJURR/RC 21 Doctoral School on Comparative Urbanism, University of Vienna.
 2025 Member, Annual meeting organizing committee, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
 2023 Co-Coordinator, NEH-funded Summer Institute on Engaging Geography in the Humanities, Northeastern University.
 2019 Co-Coordinator, IJURR/RC 21 Doctoral School on Comparative Urbanism, Institute for Economic Growth, University of Delhi.
 2014 – Member, Displacement Research and Action Network, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning.
 2011 Thesis Review Panel Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design
 2010 Consultant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Curriculum Planning for the Indian Institute of Human Settlements (Rockefeller Foundation funded)

SERVICE to the INSTITUTION

Department and College Service

- 2026 – Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, CSSH.
- 2025 – 2026 Interim Department Chair, Department of Sociology & Anthropology.
- 2019 – 2024 Department Chair, Department of Sociology & Anthropology.
- 2017 – 2019 Graduate Program Director, Department of Sociology & Anthropology.
- 2015 – 2017 Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Sociology & Anthropology.

Faculty Search Committees

- 2022 – 2023 Interdisciplinary CSSH “Game Changer” and “Invest” Searches, CSSH.
- 2021 – 2022 Burnes Center for Social Change and Innovation, CSSH.
- 2017 – 2018 School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, CSSH.
- 2013 – 2014 Chair of Sociology and Anthropology, CSSH.
- 2011 – 2012 Initiative on Smart and Sustainable Cities, CSSH.

Faculty Affiliations / Advisory Boards

- 2023 – Global Asian Studies Program, CSSH
- 2015 – School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, CSSH
- 2014 – Program on Human Rights in the Global Economy (PHRGE), NU School of Law
- 2014 – 2019: Master of Arts in International Affairs, CSSH
- 2013 – 2025: The Humanities Center, Northeastern University
- 2013 – 2023: Asian Studies Program, CSSH
- 2012 – 2013: World Class Cities Partnership, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, CSSH