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## EMPLOYMENT

BARNARD COLLEGE, New York, NY

Associate Director, Urban Studies Program Fall 2019-

Co-Director, Urban Studies Program Fall 2017-Spring 2019

Term Assistant Professor of Urban Studies Fall 2014-Spring 2019

Courses: Introduction to Urban Studies, Introduction to Urban Sociology,

Senior Seminar: the Built Environment, Junior Seminar

Major advisor, contributed to reorganization of major curriculum

Faculty Research Grant to support research in Baltimore, MD on historic preservation

FURMAN UNIVERSITY, Greenville, SC Fall 2012-Spring 2014

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies

Courses: Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Consumption,

Urban Sociology, Environmental Sociology,

Sociology Research Seminar, First Year Writing Seminar

Grants: Associated Colleges of the South R-1 Collaboration Grant (\$5,000) to explore streamlining Masters in Planning with Clemson University Spring 2014

ACS Sustainability in the South and Beyond, Social Justice team Spring 2014

NSF Urban Sustainability grant (built team, unsuccessful) Spring 2014

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA Fall 2011

Lecturer, Urban Studies Program

Senior Seminar: Leading a group of undergraduate majors in collaboratively designing and successfully executing individual urban research projects

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, Allentown, PA 2008-2011

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology

Courses: Introduction to Sociology, Urban and Suburban Sociology,

Environmental Sociology, Research Design, Inequality and Power,

Social Problems in Fiction, Social Movements

Faculty Summer Research Grant, Summer 2010, "Green Preservation or Gentrification?"

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC 2007-2008

Part-Time Assistant Professor of Sociology

Courses: Class and Inequality, Urban Sociology (Master's seminar)

## PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

*Preserving Neighborhoods: How Urban Policy and Community Strategy Shape Baltimore and Brooklyn* (Columbia University Press, 2021)

Offers a fresh look at historic preservation, revealing how it has become an essential apparatus (regulatory, economic, and community-building) for cities and communities as they struggle to manage the economic forces that are changing their neighborhoods. Preservation plays a role in two distinct trajectories of change, roughly the ends of the spectrum for American cities: the struggle to recover from decades of decline in Baltimore, and rapid, out of control investment in Brooklyn. The book portrays the ways in which preservation has been central to efforts to both maintain and revitalize Baltimore, prompting reinvestment in some parts of that city. By contrast, it points to neighborhood preservation activists in central Brooklyn struggling to confront disorienting gentrification with whatever tools they can lay their hands on. Historic district designation proves contingent and contextual in its effects on neighborhoods: what preservation regulation actually does to the urban built environment depends on local policy, neighborhood history and condition, and community involvement.

*Building the New Urbanism: Places, Professions, and Profits in the American Metropolitan Landscape* (Routledge, 2013). Traces the rise of the New Urbanism in the United States (a recent movement in neo-traditional, urban design and real estate development) and asks “Why New Urbanism now?” Examines the particular political, economic, cultural, and professional conditions that predominated at the moment of the movement’s emergence and explains how they facilitated, frustrated, and shaped the movement itself. Argues, moreover, that the specific materiality of New Urbanist developments reflects, reinforces, and reproduces the movement’s action in the social realm.

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, REVIEWS, ETC.

“Unpacking Gentrification Processes: Race, Resistance, and Perverse Outcomes in Harlem and Brooklyn.” Book review (long-form), *Journal of Planning History* (1-9, 2018). Brian Goldstein (2017), *Roots of Urban Renaissance*, and Jerome Krase and Judith DeSena (2016), *Race, Class, and Gentrification in Brooklyn: A View from the Street*.

“Gentrification” in Cook, Daniel, and J. Michael Ryan, Eds., *Encyclopedia of Consumption and Consumer Studies* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2015)

“SF Novels and Sociological Experimentation: Examining Real World Dynamics through Imaginative Displacement” in P. L. Thomas, Ed., *Science Fiction and Speculative Fiction* (Sense, 2013). Discusses the use of science fiction novels as sociological thought experiment in the classroom.

Review of Kidder, Jeffrey, *Urban Flow: Bike Messengers and the City* (2011). *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Volume 37.2, January 2013.

## **EDUCATION**

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY  
Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

2007

Dissertation: *Realizing the City: The Rise of New Urbanism and the Built Environment as Social Process*

Committee: Neil Brenner, Craig Calhoun, Harvey Molotch (chair)

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellow 2000-2004

New York University, Henry Mitchell MacCracken Fellow 1999-2006

GSAS Summer Research Grant 2001

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, CT 1994

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and French Literature

Phi Beta Kappa

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Urban Affairs Association Conference, Washington DC April 2020

"Struggling to Preserve: Historic Preservation Efforts in the Context of Intense Development Pressure in Central Brooklyn," Historic Preservation and Urban Redevelopment Panel (organizer and moderator)

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY August 2019

Special Session: Exploring the Relationship between Colleges and their Communities (invited moderator, commentator)

Urban Affairs Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA April 2019

"Vacancy, Demolition by Neglect, and Project CORE: The Demolition of Historic Resources in Baltimore" Historic Preservation and Social Transformation of Neighborhoods Panel

Urban Affairs Association Conference, Toronto, ON April 2018

"Mitigating Gentrification Through Landmarking: Historic Preservation in Central Brooklyn," Place, Politics, Perception, and Preservation Panel

Fordham University Urban Studies Week 2017, New York, NY April 2017

Keynote moderator, "Green Cities, Sustainable Development, and Infrastructure"

Urban Affairs Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN April 2017

"Who Benefits? The Distribution and Concentration of the Baltimore Historic Tax Credit," Panel on Issues in Historic Preservation

Temple University, Department of Sociology, Philadelphia, PA December 2016

"Different Places, Different Preservation: Landmarking in Baltimore and Brooklyn," invited talk

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, November 2016

Portland, OR; "Historic Districts at 50: Relic of the past or

instrument for livable cities?" Panel, paper presentation	
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA "Historic District Designation and Neighborhood Change" Refereed Roundtable presentation (accepted)	August 2016
Urban Affairs Association Conference, San Diego, CA "Historic District Designation and Neighborhood Change" Panel presentation, The Link Between Historic Preservation and Neighborhood Revitalization"	March 2016
Urban Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA "Building the New Urbanism," invited book talk	March 2016
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL "From A to B with LEED-ND: Negotiating Sustainable Urban Development" Refereed Roundtable presentation	August 2015
The Constructed Environment Conference, Philadelphia, PA "The Social Dimensions of Green Building" Colloquium	October 2014
Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD "Negotiating Sustainability at the Neighborhood Scale: Crafting LEED for Neighborhood Development," Toward Green Futures Panel	February 2014
Clemson University Planning Doctoral Colloquium (invited talk) "Building the New Urbanism: Planning and Architecture"	January 2014
Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA "Historic Districts and Neighborhood Change: Does Designation Lead to Gentrification?"	March 2013
Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY "Historic District Designation and Gentrification: What does designation do to neighborhoods?" Gentrification Session	February 2012
Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA "We Were Fine until the White People Came in Here and Started Painting Stuff": Explaining the Potential for the Convergence of Historic Preservation, Green Building, and Social Equity in Great Recession Era Philadelphia" Historical and Contemporary Neighborhood Transformations Session	February 2011
Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA "Green Preservation or Gentrification?"	March 2010

## Urban Neighborhoods and Gentrification Session

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA "Capitalizing on Ambivalence and Inconsistency: Ideological Criticism of the New Urbanism" Community and Urban Sociology Section Refereed Roundtables	August 2008
A Suburban World? Reston, VA, International Conference "Building the New Urbanism," Panel on New Urbanism	April 2008
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY "Before the New Urbanism: Opportunity and Constraint in the Postwar Suburban Landscape" Community and Urban Sociology Section Refereed Roundtables	August 2007
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec "Before the New Urbanism: Building from Suburban History to Current Strategies" Culture Section Roundtables	August 2006
NYLON Conference on Culture and Politics, London, UK (New York University joint conference with the LSE and Oxford) "A New Sub-Urbanism: Seaside, Celebration, and the Ethnography of the Built Environment"	2002-2003

## **SERVICE**

### AT BARNARD COLLEGE

Associate and Co-Director, Urban Studies Program: Curriculum planning, advising, search committee, hiring term and adjunct faculty, staff, budget management, reporting, and faculty evaluation	Fall 2017-
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### AT FURMAN UNIVERSITY

Acting Chair of Urban Studies Program (interdisciplinary major)	Fall 2013
Policies and Procedure Committee	Fall 2013-Spring 2014
President's Committee on the Poinsett Corridor	Fall 2013-Spring 2014
Urban Studies Program Library Liaison	Fall 2012-Spring 2014
Co-Advisor, Student League for Black Culture	Fall 2012-Spring 2014

### AT MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

First Year Advisor	Fall 2009-Spring 2011
June Advisor	2009, 2010
Major Advisor (including supervising summer research)	Fall 2009-Spring 2011
Dana Scholar Advisor	Spring 2010
Departmental Internal Review Board	Fall 2009-Spring 2011

TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology, City and Community, Economic Development Quarterly, Urban Geography, Regulation and Governance, Social Currents*, various presses.  
Assessor: University of Cambridge, Early Career Research Fellowships.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (Community and Urban Section)  
Urban Affairs Association