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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**2019-present** Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA  
Faculty Affiliate, Justice Studies (2021-present)  
Faculty Affiliate, Women's and Gender Studies (2020-present)  
Graduate Coordinator (2020-2022)

## EDUCATION

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**2019** PhD in Sociology  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Dissertation: *That Kind of Neighborhood: Creating, Contesting, and Commodifying Place Reputation*  
Committee: Andrew Abbott (co-chair), Japonica Brown-Saracino, Kristen Schilt (co-chair),  
Forrest Stuart

**2012** Master of Arts in Sociology  
Special Fields: Qualitative Methods, Businesses and Neighborhoods

**2009** Master of Arts in Social Sciences  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**2007** Bachelor of Arts in History, Minor in English  
The George Washington University, Washington, DC  
*Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Urban Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Race and Racism, Gender and  
Sexuality, Economic Sociology, Social Theory, Gentrification, Reputation

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

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**In Progress** *Bad Reputation: How We Think We Know What We Think We Know About Cities and Neighborhoods*

## ARTICLES (\* indicates student co-author)

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**2022** \* "Gentrifiers evading stigma: Social integrationists in the neighborhood of the future."  
*Social Problems*. (with Stephanie Ternullo)

"Gathering spaces when no one can gather?: Art and community third places in the age of  
COVID-19." *Built Environment*. 48(1): 48-62.

- “Voting Rights and the Cloak of Administrative Incompetence.” *Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy* 12(1):1-60. (with Ben Merriman)
- 2021 “Changing Social Context and Queer Recruitment Panics.” *Contexts Magazine* 20(3):63-65. (with Japonica Brown-Saracino and D’Lane Compton)
- 2018 “Broken Windows as Growth Machines: Who Benefits from Urban Disorder and Crime?” *City & Community* 17(4): 945-971.
- “Negotiating the space between avant-garde and ‘hip enough’: businesses and commercial gentrification in Wicker Park.” *City & Community* 17(2): 438-460.
- 2017 “What is up with my sisters? Where are you? The Origins and Consequences of Lesbian-Friendly Place Reputations for LBQ Migrants.” *Sexualities* 20(7): 835 – 874. (with Japonica Brown-Saracino)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS (\* indicates student co-author)

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- Forthcoming \* “Rage Against the Machine: How 21st Century Political Machines Constitute Their Own Opposition.” (with Stephanie Ternullo)
- 2023 “What’s In A Chain? On Hipness, Corporate Stores, and False Dichotomies in Urban Life.” In *Streetlife: The Future of Urban Retail*. Ed. Conrad Kickert and Emily Talen. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- 2022 “Words vs. Actions in the Network Behavior of Low-Income African Americans.” In *The New Pragmatist Sociology: Inquiry, Agency, and Democracy*. Ed. Neil Gross, Isaac Ariail Reed, and Christopher Winship. New York: Columbia University Press. (with Mario L. Small, Vontrese Deeds Pamphile, and Cayce Hughes)
- 2020 “Forgetting and Remembering the Chicago School of Columbus, Ohio: Roderick D. McKenzie, Neighborhoods, and Inequality.” In *Inequality and the Progressive Era*. Ed. Guillaume Valet. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2014 “A piece of art is not a loaf of bread’: Indie Rock’s Challenge to Commodification.” In *Music Sociology*. Ed. Sara Towe Horsfall, Jan-Martijn Meij, and Meghan D. Probstfield. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers.

#### BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACADEMIC WRITING

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- 2021 “Want to Protect Voting Rights? Do an Empirical Study.” In *States, Power, and Societies American Sociological Association Political Sociology section newsletter* (with Ben Merriman)
- Review of *Vegas Brews: Craft Beer and the Birth of a Local Scene* by Michael Ian Borer. In *American Journal of Sociology*. 126(5):1266-1268.

#### PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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- “Capital without Capitalists?: Social and Cultural Capital Theorizing as Object Fetishization” (with Melissa Osborne)

“Chicago School” (invited entry for *Encyclopedia of Human Geography*) (with Ben Merriman)

“Culture, consumption, and the aesthetic branding of local coffee shops” (with Kelly Gregg, Conrad Kickert, and Ian Trivers)

“If You Can Read This, You Are A Local’: Shibboleths and the Interactional Production of Authenticity in Urban Life” (with AJ Golio)

“Reinscription” (invited essay for *The Oxford Handbook of Urban Sociology*)

“The Social Life of Potholes” (with Sneha Annavarapu)

“Toward a Sociology of Ruining Things” (with Jessica Feldman)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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### *Fellowships*

2017-2018, William Rainey Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship **(\$25,000)**

2012, University of Chicago Urban Network Urban Doctoral Fellowship

2011-2015, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship **(\$122,000)**

### *Small Grants*

2017, Midwest Sociological Society Travel Grant **(\$100)**

2016-2017, University of Chicago Urban Travel Grant **(\$1,000)**

2016-2017, University of Chicago Henderson Research Grant **(\$3,000)**

2015-2016, University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences Research Grant **(\$11,500)**

2015-2016, University of Chicago Henderson Research Grant **(\$4,971)**

### *Honors*

2018, Robert E. Park Lectureship

2007, Jesse Fant Evans Prize

2006-present, Phi Beta Kappa

2006, grand prize winner of the mtvU/College Publisher national competition recognizing “the existence of a unique and original voice, deep understanding and knowledge of the emerging music scene, and a passion for developing artists and new music”

## INVITED TALKS

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**2022**

“Relating Gentrification to Homelessness”

Dr. Melissa Osborne’s class “Homelessness Housing Policy,” University of Western Washington, Bellingham, WA

**2021**

“That Kind of Neighborhood: Seeing and Selling Place Reputation in the American City”  
Culture Workshop, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

“Urban Sociology and the History of Chicago” (*also 2018, 2020*)

Dr. David Wray and Dr. Caterina Fugazzola's class "Happiness in Western Thought, Art, and Culture," University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Zoom)

- 2020** "Voting Rights and the Cloak of Administrative Incompetence" (with Ben Merriman)  
Symposium on the Health of American Democracy: Reexamining the State of Voting Rights on the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment hosted by Wake Forest Journal on Law and Policy, Wake Forest University Law School, Winston-Salem, NC (Zoom)
- "That Kind of Neighborhood: Seeing and Selling Place Reputation in the American City"  
Urban Inequalities Workshop, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2018** "Revisiting, and Reconsidering Neo-Bohemia: Persistence, Politics, and Moving Past an Ecological Model of Hip Neighborhoods," Does Main Street Have a Future? Reconsidering Retail in the Era of Chain Stores and E-Commerce Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017** "Broken Windows as Growth Machines: The Multivocality of Vacant Lots"  
Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries Working Group, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- "Ghosts, *doppelgängers*, and *bêtes noires*: presence of absent neighborhoods in urban research"  
Urban Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2016** "Negotiating space between avant-garde and 'hip enough': businesses, reputation, and commercial gentrification in Wicker Park"  
Research Symposium on Gentrification and Neighborhood Change hosted by the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia and Minneapolis, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, Philadelphia, PA
- 2014** "What is up with my sisters? Where are you?" The Origins and Consequences of Lesbian-Friendly Place Reputations for LBQ Migrants" (with Japonica Brown-Saracino)  
Culture and Society Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2013** "Negotiating space between avant-garde and 'hip enough': businesses, reputation, and commercial gentrification in Wicker Park"  
Urban Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (*last 5 years*)

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- 2023** "Author Meets Reader: *Stacked Decks: Building Inspectors and the Reproduction of Urban Inequality* by Robin Bartram" (reader/respondent)  
Urban Affairs Association, Nashville, TN
- 2022** "If You Can Read This, You Are A Local': Shibboleths and the Interactional Production of Authenticity in Urban Life" (with A.J. Golio)  
American Sociological Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021** "The Social Life of Potholes" (with Sneha Annavarapu)  
"Gentrifiers evading stigma" (with Stephanie Ternullo)  
American Sociological Association Conference (Zoom)
- 2020** "Is Chicago's 'Hottest Mexican/Lesbian/Connect Four Bar' in a Racist Neighborhood? Stigma, Consumption, and Undefending the Neighborhood"

American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA (Zoom)

- 2019 “Revisiting Neo-Bohemia: Persistence, Politics, and Moving Past an Ecological Model of Neighborhood Reputation”  
American Sociological Association Conference, New York, NY
- 2018 “That Kind of Neighborhood: Creating, Contesting, and Commodifying Place Reputation”  
Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- “A Place on *That* Corner?: The Social Transformation of Reputation in Bridgeport”  
Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 “It’s not really like that here’: Place Reputation and Scale”  
Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- “Ghosts, *doppelgängers*, and *bêtes noires*: presence of absent neighborhoods in urban research”  
Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- “Exile in Guyville, or the Stroller and the Damage Done: Women in Public, Gentrification, and the Politics of Blame”  
Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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- 2022 Armus, Teo. [“Move over, ‘National Landing’ — Amazon HQ2’s neighborhood tries ‘NaLa.’” \*Washington Post\*.](#)
- 2021 Conde, Ximena. [“Why NYC exports like Brooklyn Bowl have to ‘work harder’ to win over Philadelphians.” \*The Philadelphia Inquirer\*.](#)
- 2020 Truong, Thanh. [“Noose found in Bubba Wallace garage a reminder that change doesn't happen Overnight.” \*WWL Eyewitness News\*.](#)
- 2018 Rodriguez, Ashley. [“There Goes the Neighborhood: Gentrification and Coffee Shops.” \*Barista Magazine\*.](#)

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

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**Courses Taught** (\* indicates combined undergraduate/graduate course)

### *Undergraduate*

- BA Thesis Seminar
- Gentrification: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
- Power, Identity, and Resistance 1: Political Economy
- Power, Identity, and Resistance 3: Liberalism and its Critics

### *Graduate*

- Advanced Sociological Theory
- Advanced Sociological Theory II: Social Theory Without Social Theorists\*
- Perspectives in Social Science Analysis
- Seminar in Research Applications
- Sociology of Gentrification\*
- Theories of Justice
- Urban Field Research\*
- Urban Sociology\*

## Independent Studies

Dominick Rosse, The Sociological Work of W.E.B. Du Bois (Spring 2021)

## Graduate Advising (\* indicates role as chair)

### *Ph.D Dissertation*

Paula Polito, UNO (ongoing) (Urban Studies)\*  
Charles Miller, UNO (ongoing) (Urban Studies)

### *MA Theses or Exams*

Andrew Aleman, University of Chicago (2019)	Jeffrey Lueders, University of Chicago (2019)
Francesco Bianco, University of Chicago (2019)	Karina Pagán, University of Chicago (2019)
Aachal Devi, University of Chicago (2019)	Yuan Xi, University of Chicago (2019)
Emily Grant, University of Chicago (2019)	Liqun Xie, University of Chicago (2019)
Parker Hayes, University of Chicago (2019)	Yue Xin, University of Chicago (2019)
Steffi Liem, University of Chicago (2019)	Xiangning Xu, University of Chicago (2019)
Xiayan Liu, University of Chicago (2019)	Lu Zhou, University of Chicago (2019)
Arianna Lombardi, University of Chicago (2019)	Taylor Zimmerman, University of Chicago (2019)
Yunhan Wen, University of Chicago (2019) ( <b>Honorable Mention, 2020 Earl S and Esther Johnson Prize</b> )	Jane Sanders, UNO (2020)*
Drue Sahuc, UNO (2020)	Kerrie Jones, UNO (2021)*
Michael Doherty, UNO (2021)	Shayla Staley, UNO (2021)*
Kourtney Russo, UNO (2021)	Charlotte Naquin, UNO (ongoing)
Jillian Croci, UNO (Urban Studies) (2023)	Ciel Quebedeaux, UNO (ongoing)
Shelby Oliver, UNO (ongoing)	
Lauren Smith, UNO (ongoing) (History)	

## Undergraduate Advising

### *BA Theses and Other Capstone Projects*

Grant Fan, University of Chicago (2017)	Valerie Gutmann, University of Chicago (2017)
Caterina Gleijeses, University of Chicago (2017)	John Rudnik, University of Chicago (2017)
Dylan Freemole, UNO (2019)	Natalie Fakhreddine, San Jose State (2020)

### *Tolmas PURSUE (Privateer Undergraduate Research & Scholarly UNO Experience) Mentor*

Dominick Rosse, UNO (2021)

## SERVICE

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### University and Department Leadership

2022-present, University of New Orleans, Justice Studies PhD Program Admissions Committee, Member

2022-present, University of New Orleans, Homer Hitt Scholarship, Interviewer

2021-present, University of New Orleans College of Liberal Arts, Education & Human Development Courses and Curriculum Committee, Member

2020-present, University of New Orleans Department of Sociology, Graduate Coordinator

#### Co-Organizer

- 2019, Paper Session: Alternative Geographies of Gentrification, American Association of Geographers Conference, Washington, DC
- 2019, Paper Session: Culture, Place, and Change: Theorizing Commercial Gentrification, Urban Affairs Association Conference, Los Angeles, California
- 2018, Community and Urban Sociology Section Session: The Social and Cultural Construction of Places, American Sociology Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA

#### Co-Coordinator

- 2016-2017 and 2012-2013, Urban Workshop at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

#### Section Leadership

- 2021-present, American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section Jane Addams Article Award Committee, Member
- 2020-2021, American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section Robert E. Park Book Award Committee, Member
- 2015-2016, American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section Publications Committee, Student Representative
- 2014-2015, American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section Council, Student Representative

#### Editorial Board Member

- 2014-2015, Manuscript Review Board, *The American Journal of Sociology*, Chicago, IL
- 2012-2014, Book Review Board, *The American Journal of Sociology*, Chicago, IL

#### Co-Chair

- 2018 and 2013, Chicago Ethnography Conference

#### President

- 2011-2012, Society for Social Research, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

#### Member

- 2010-present, American Sociological Association
- 2005-present, The Oxford Union (lifetime member)

#### Occasional Reviewer

- American Journal of Sociology, City & Community, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Community Psychology, Poetics, Qualitative Sociology, Sociological Theory*

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request

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