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EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Geography, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
1999 M.A., Geography, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
1997 B.S., Geography, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-present Associate Professor in-Residence, Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.
2019-present Director, Urban Semester Program, University of Connecticut.
2014-2019 Assistant Professor in-Residence, Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.
2013-2014 Lecturer, Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.
2012-2013 Lecturer, Department of Geography, Framingham State University, Framingham, MA.
2004-2013 Lecturer, Department of Geography, Bridgewater State University.
2002-2004 Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, Syracuse University.
2000-2002 Assistant Environmental Education Coordinator, Lorado Taft Field Campus, Northern Illinois University, Oregon, IL.
1998-1999 Teaching/Research Assistant, Department of Geography, Western Michigan University.
1997-1998 Marine Science Educator, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, Jekyll Island, GA.
1997 Environmental Educator, George Williams College, Aurora University, Williams Bay, WI.

TEACHING

University of Connecticut

- GEOG 1200 - The City in the Western Tradition
- URBN 1300 - Exploring Your Community
- URBN 1300W - Exploring Your Community (online)
- URBN 2000 - Introduction to Urban & Community Studies
- GEOG 2400 - Introduction to Sustainable Cities (service learning)
- URBN 2302 - Qualitative Methods in Urban & Community Studies (service learning)
- URBN 3998 - Historical Geography of Urban Parks (service learning)
- GEOG 3200 - Urban Geography
- GEOG 4210 - Urban & Regional Planning
- GEOG 4200W - Geographical Analysis of Urban Social Issues (service learning)
- URBN 4000 - Understanding Your Community (senior capstone; service learning)

Independent Studies supervised:

Charles Bittner: Regionalization of Greater Hartford (fall 2019)
Ashley Jackson: Nonprofit Management (fall 2019)
Efrain Torres: Redevelopment of Postindustrial Cities (spring 2019)
Rachel Kelly: Sustainable Downtowns (fall 2016)
John McDonald: Gentrification in Postindustrial Cities (fall 2016)
Donato Pesce: Economic Development Strategies in Small Cities (spring 2016)
John McDonald: Place Attachment (spring 2016)
Mia Lillienthal: Race and Urban Policing (fall 2015)
Donato Pesce: Urban Historical Research (spring 2015)
Mia Lillienthal: Geography of Urban Education (spring 2014)
Shawn Williams: Urban Sustainability in Portland, OR (spring 2014)

Internships supervised:

Manny Chinyumba: Hartford Planning and Zoning Division, Hartford, CT (fall 2020)
Mykah Knight: Connecticut Citizen Action Group, Hartford, CT (fall 2020)
Rode Bataille: Shop Black CT, Hartford, CT (fall 2020)
Moriah Ferguson: Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford, CT (fall 2020)
Trevor Rogers: iQuilt Innovation Center, Hartford, CT (summer 2019)
Ismael Torres: Community Development Planning, City of Waterbury (summer 2019)
Coralys Datiz: Main Street Waterbury, Waterbury, CT (fall 2017)
Donato Pesce: Neighborhood Housing Services, Waterbury, CT (summer 2015)
Heather Price: Loyola Development Corporation, Waterbury, CT (summer 2015)
Zachary Keith: Mattatuck Museum. Waterbury, CT (summer 2014)

Honors Conversion Courses supervised:

Nicole Asamoah: Introduction to Urban & Community Studies (fall 2019)
Veronica Bun: Urban Geography (fall 2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed articles

2010 (Re)Greening the city: Urban park restoration as a spatial fix. *Geography Compass* 4(9): 1392-1407.

Book chapters

2017 The urban sustainability fix and the rise of the 'conservancy park'. In *Deconstructing the High Line: Postindustrial Urbanism and the Rise of the Elevated Park*, eds., Christoph Lindner and Brian Rosa, 125-140, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

2011 Landscape and class: Public parks as environmental amenities in nineteenth-century Boston. In *A Landscape History of New England*, eds. Blake Harrison and Richard Judd, 323-339, Cambridge: MIT Press.

Community reports

2020 Keney Park: A cultural landscape inventory. Submitted to Keney Park Sustainability Project.

- 2017 Creating healthy corner stores in Waterbury, CT. Submitted to the City of Waterbury Department of Public Health.
- 2016 An assessment of food deserts in the North End neighborhoods of Waterbury, CT. Submitted to Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury.

Textbooks

- In Progress *Exploring Your Community: Making Sense of Place*. Under contract with Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Encyclopedia entries

- 2017 The Mattapan neighborhood of Boston. In *America's Changing Neighborhoods: An Encyclopedia of the New Faces of Diversity and Ethnicity*, ed., Reed Ueda, 861-865, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.
- 2017 The Fillmore District of San Francisco. In *America's Changing Neighborhoods: An Encyclopedia of the New Faces of Diversity and Ethnicity*, ed., Reed Ueda, 459-464, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.
- 2010 Urban forests. In *Green Cities: An A-to-Z Guide*, eds. Paul Robbins and Nevin Cohen, 441-444, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- 2010 Historic preservation. In *Green Cities: An A-to-Z Guide*, eds. Paul Robbins and Nevin Cohen, 264-268, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- 2010 Historical geography. In *The Encyclopedia of Geography*, ed. Barney Warf, 1428-1433, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

Reviews

- 2016 Review of *Cultural Mapping as Cultural Inquiry*, by Nancy Duxbury, W.F. Garrett-Petts, and David MacLennan (eds). *Social & Cultural Geography* 17(4): 603-604.
- 2014 Review of *Greening the City: Urban Landscapes in the Twentieth Century*, by Dorothee Brantz and Sonja Dümpelmann (eds.). *Historical Geography* 42: 390-391.
- 2011 Review of *The Nature of Cities: Ecological Visions and the American Urban Professions, 1920-1960*, by Jennifer S. Light. *Journal of Historical Geography* 37(1): 143-144.
- 2009 Review of *The Olmsted National Historic Site and the Growth of Historic Landscape Preservation*, by David Grayson Allen. *Historical Geography* 37(2009): 216-218.
- 2004 Review of *The Evolution of the Conservation Movement, 1850-1920*, by the Library of Congress. *Public History Online* (v. 9): *People, Places, Politics, and Social Movements of the Progressive Era*.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Conference presentations

- 2020 The economic value of urban parks. CT Main Street Center BRIDGE Series. Hartford, CT.
- 2019 'Black turf and White fear': Race, neglect, and the public image of Franklin Park in mid-twentieth century Boston. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2017 The Olmsted legacy in Hartford: Researching and documenting historic parks. Olmsted Parks in Transition Conference, CT chapter American Society of Landscape Architects, Hartford, CT.
- 2015 The conservancy park: Creating environmental amenities as an urban growth strategy. Understanding

Public Private Partnerships: Governance, Urban Development and Spatial Justice International Workshop, Center for International Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, New York University. New York, NY.

- 2015 The 'ghost of Olmsted' and the social construction of nature in urban park restoration. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Visualizing urban history: Using postcards to read the urban park landscapes of Connecticut. Association for the Study of Connecticut History Spring Conference. Fairfield, CT.
- 2011 Do urban parks make cents? Measuring the impact of park restoration on property values in Boston, Massachusetts. AAG Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- 2009 Urban greening: Park restoration and designer ecology in the sustainable city. AAG Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2008 Constructed nature: Boston's Emerald Necklace as a response to urban crisis. AAG Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. April 2008.
- 2007 From cesspool to picturesque landscape: A look at Frederick Law Olmsted's sanitary engineering in Boston. New England Historical Association Spring meeting. Manchester, NH.

Public/Community presentations

- 2017 Creating healthy corner stores in Waterbury, CT. Connecticut Community Foundation, Waterbury, CT.
- 2017 Creating healthy corner stores in Waterbury, CT. Greater Waterbury Health Improvement Partnership, Waterbury, CT.
- 2016 An assessment of food deserts in the North End neighborhoods of Waterbury, CT. Waterbury Department of Public Health, Waterbury, CT.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2018 Quoted in Gosselin, Kenneth and Jenna Carlesso. 2018. "From Factory Restorations to Hundreds of New Apartments these Hartford Developments have the Power to Reshape the City." *Hartford Courant*, 24 Oct.
- 2015 Quoted in Larson, Andrew. 2015. "Many Factors, Billions of Dollars will Determine Future of the Mixmaster." *Waterbury Republican-American*. 10 Aug.

RECENT GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

- 2016 Creating Healthy Corner Stores research grant (\$38,637). City of Waterbury, Health Department.
- 2015 SHARE: Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience Award (\$1,500). Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Connecticut (with Donato Pesce).

RECENT SERVICE, OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Program

- 2019-2020;
2017-2018 Member, Course & Curriculum Committee, Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.
- 2018; 2020;
2014-2016 Member, Bastow & Binnie Scholarship Committee. Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.
- 2019 Member, Faculty Search Committee. Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.
- 2018-2019 Member, Program Director Search Committee. Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.
- 2018 Member, Program Bylaws Committee. Urban & Community Studies, University of Connecticut.

Institution

- 2020-present Member, Olmsted 200 Symposium Planning Committee. University of Connecticut.
- 2020 Member, Vice Provost for Faculty/Staff Affairs and Development Search Committee. University of Connecticut.
- 2020-present Faculty Advisor, UConn Nature Club. University of Connecticut-Hartford.
- 2020 Organizer/Moderator, Sustainable Cities Film Series. University of Connecticut-Hartford.
- 2019 Co-Organizer of *East L.A. Interchange* Film Screening and Panel Discussion. University of Connecticut-Hartford.
- 2018 Moderator, “Engaging Stakeholders in the I-84 Hartford Project Planning Process” panel. University of Connecticut-Hartford.
- 2018 UCS Faculty Representative, UConn-Hartford Open House.
- 2016 Organizer/Moderator, Sustainable Cities Film Series. University of Connecticut-Waterbury.
- 2015-2016 Service Learning Faculty Fellow. Office of Public Engagement, University of Connecticut.
- 2015-2016 UConn-AAUP Representatives Assembly. University of Connecticut.
- 2015 Moderator, “Revitalizing postindustrial cities” event. University of Connecticut-Waterbury.
- 2015 Member. UConn-Waterbury Reads Program Committee. University of Connecticut.
- 2014 Moderator, *Inequality for All* film screening and discussion. University of Connecticut-Waterbury.

Discipline

- 2020 Co-Creator, Olmsted 200 Celebration Student Paper Competition. National Association for Olmsted Parks.
- 2020 Lead Table Leader, AP Human Geography Exam Reading. Educational Testing Service.
- 2016-present Manuscript Reviewer, *City & Community*, *Antipode* and *Journal of Political Ecology*.
- 2016-2018 Table Leader, AP Human Geography Exam Reading. Educational Testing Service.
- 2008-2015 Reader, AP Human Geography Exam Reading. Educational Testing Service.

Community

- 2018-present Board Member, Keney Park Sustainability Project. Hartford, CT.
- 2016-2017 Member, Healthy Lifestyles Workgroup. Greater Waterbury Health Improvement Partnership, Waterbury, CT.