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### EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.** Department of Geography, King's College London, University of London, UK (2006)

**B.A. (Hons)** Department of Geography, King's College London, University of London, UK (2002)

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Associate Professor, School of Geography, Clark University** (2015-present)  
Core Faculty in Urban Development and Social Change Concentration  
Adjunct Faculty in International Development, Community and Environment  
Adjunct Faculty in Race and Ethnic Relations Concentration

**Assistant Professor, School of Geography, Clark University** (2010-2015)

**Research Fellow, Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney** (2008-2009)

**Postdoctoral Fellow, Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney** (2007-2008)

**Postdoctoral Research Associate, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and Social Science,  
Dartmouth College** (2005-2007)

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Dartmouth College** (2005-2007)

**Lecturer, Department of Geography, King's College London** (2004-2005)

**Tutor, Department of Geography, King's College London** (2003-2005)

**Demonstrator, Department of Geography, King's College London** (2003-2004)

### AREAS OF RESEARCH/INTERESTS

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Urban social change, gentrification, urban theory, urban politics and policy, critical theory, metropolitan development and governance, sustainability, fiscal crisis

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### Books

DAVIDSON, M. and Martin, D. (eds) (2014) *Urban Politics: Critical Approaches* (Sage: London)

### Peer Reviewed Articles

DAVIDSON, M. (2016) Inaudible Politics and the Crisis of Democracy, *Sociologica*, 3, 1-13

DAVIDSON, M. (2016) Planning for Planet or City? *Urban Planning*, 1(1), 20-23

DAVIDSON, M. and Iveson, K. (2015) Beyond city limits: A conceptual and political defense of 'the city' as an anchoring concept for critical urban theory, *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 19(5), 646-664

DAVIDSON, M. and \*Kutz, W. (2015) Grassroots austerity: municipal bankruptcy from below in Vallejo, California, *Environment and Planning A*, 47(7), 1440-1459

DAVIDSON, M. and Wyly, E. (2015) Same, But Different: Within London's "Static" Class Structure and the Missing Antagonism, *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 19(2-3), 247-257

DAVIDSON, M. and Iveson, K. (2015) Recovering the politics of the city, *Progress in Human Geography*, 39(5), 543-559

DAVIDSON, M. and Iveson, K. (2014) Occupations, Mediations, Subjectifications: Fabricating politics, *Space and Polity*, 18(2), 137-152

DAVIDSON, M. and Ward, K. (2014) 'Picking up the pieces': austerity urbanism, California, and fiscal crisis, *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, 7(1), 81-97

DAVIDSON, M. (2013) In the middle of a revolution... so where the hell is Stringer Bell? *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 17(5), 661-679

\*Lauermann, J. and DAVIDSON, M. (2013) Neoliberalism's universal: negotiating particularity in neoliberalism studies, *Antipode*, 45(5), 1277-1297

DAVIDSON, M. (2013) The Sustainable and Entrepreneurial Park? Contradictions and Persistent Antagonisms at Sydney's Olympic Park, *Urban Geography*, 34(5), 657-676

DAVIDSON, M. and Wyly, E. (2013) Class analysis for whom? An alien-ated view of London, *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 17(3), 299-311

DAVIDSON, M. and Wyly, E. (2012) Class-ifying London: social division and space claims in the post-industrial city, *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 16(4), 395-421

DAVIDSON, M. and McNeill, D. (2012) The redevelopment of Olympic sites: Examining the Legacy of Sydney Olympic Park, *Urban Studies*, 49(8), 1625-1641

DAVIDSON, M. (2012) Sustainable City as Fantasy, *Human Geography*, 5(2), 14-25

DAVIDSON, M. (2012) The 20:12 Express: Destination? *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 16(1-2), 207-213

DAVIDSON, M. (2011) Gentrification in crisis: towards consensus or disagreement? *Urban Studies*, 48(10), 1987-1996

DAVIDSON, M. (2010) Hacking away at sustainability: science, ideology and cynical blockage, *Human Geography*, 3(2), 83-90

DAVIDSON, M. (2010) Sustainability as ideological praxis: the acting out of planning's master signifier, *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, 14(3), 390-405

DAVIDSON, M. (2010) Social Sustainability and the City, *Geography Compass*, 4(7), 872-880

DAVIDSON, M. (2010) Love Thy Neighbour? Interpreting social mixing in London's gentrification frontiers, *Environment and Planning A*, 42(3), 524-544

DAVIDSON, M. and Lees, L. (2010) New-build gentrification: its histories, trajectories, and critical geographies, *Population, Space and Place*, 16(5), 395-411

DAVIDSON, M. (2009) Social sustainability: a potential for politics? *Local Environment*, 14(7), 607-619

DAVIDSON, M. (2009) Displacement, Space/Place and Dwelling: placing gentrification debate, *Ethics, Place and Environment*, 12(2), 219-234

DAVIDSON, M. (2008) Spoiled Mixture - Where does state-led 'positive' gentrification end? *Urban Studies*, 45(12), 2385-2405

- DAVIDSON, M. (2007) Gentrification as global habitat: a process of class formation or corporate creation? *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 32(4), 490-506
- DAVIDSON, M. and Lees, L. (2005) New Build 'Gentrification' and London's Riverside Renaissance, *Environment and Planning A*, 37(7), 1165-1190
- Moore, S., Faulconbridge, J., Blake, C., Westhead, D., Slater, T., Brown, G., DAVIDSON, M., Huxley, M., Huijbens, E. (2003) Reflections on current developments in contemporary urban geography, *Area*, 35(2), 217-219

### Book Chapters

- DAVIDSON, M. (in press) Governance. In Jayne, M. and Ward, K. (eds) *Urban Theory: New Critical Perspectives*. (Routledge: London)
- DAVIDSON, M. (2014) Is class relevant to urban politics? In Davidson, M. and Martin, D. (eds) *Urban Politics: Critical Approaches* (Sage: London), 187-203
- DAVIDSON, M. and Martin, D. (2014) Thinking critically about urban politics. In Davidson, M. and Martin, D. (eds) *Urban Politics: Critical Approaches* (Sage: London), 1-14
- DAVIDSON, M. and Martin, D. (2014) Introduction to City as Setting. In Davidson, M. and Martin, D. (eds) *Urban Politics: Critical Approaches* (Sage: London), 17-22
- DAVIDSON, M. and Martin, D. (2014) Introduction to City as Medium. In Davidson, M. and Martin, D. (eds) *Urban Politics: Critical Approaches* (Sage: London), 79-84
- Martin, D. and DAVIDSON, M. (2014) Introduction to City as Community. In Davidson, M. and Martin, D. (eds) *Urban Politics: Critical Approaches* (Sage: London), 133-138
- Martin, D. and DAVIDSON, M. (2014) Urban Politics as Parallax. In Davidson, M. and Martin, D. (eds) *Urban Politics: Critical Approaches* (Sage: London), 223-230
- DAVIDSON, M. (2011) The Impossibility of Gentrification and Social Mixing, in Bridge, G., Butler, T. and Lees, L. (eds) *Mixed Communities: Gentrification by Stealth?* (Policy Press: Bristol), 233-250
- DAVIDSON, M. (2009) Waterfront Development. In: Thrift, N. and Kitchen, R. (eds) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography* (Elsevier: Oxford), 215-221
- DAVIDSON, M. (2008) London's Blue Ribbon Network: Riverside Renaissance along the Thames. In: Imrie, R., Lees, L. and Raco, M. (eds) *Regenerating London* (Routledge: London), 173-191

### Non-Peer Reviewed Publications and Research Reports

- DAVIDSON, M. (2015) *Governing to maintain legacies: urban governance, policies, and the long-term impacts of the Olympics* (International Olympic Committee: Lausanne), 1-57
- DAVIDSON, M. (2010) The Parallax Urban Perspective, *Journal of Urban History*, 36(2), 257-262
- DAVIDSON, M. and McNeill, D. (2009) *Research Report for Sydney Olympic Park Authority - Sydney Olympic Park: Planning for a multi-functional town centre* (Urban Research Centre: University of Western Sydney), 1-38
- DAVIDSON, M. (2009) Making Sense of Social Sustainability, *Urban Concerns*, 5, 1-2
- DAVIDSON, M. and McNeill, D. (2008) Rethinking the park: centrality, mobility and metropolitan publics, *Connected Cities: Olympic Cities* (Metropolis: New South Wales), 131-148

### Reviews

- DAVIDSON, M. (2015) Review of Westin, S. (2014) *The Paradoxes of Planning: A Psycho-Analytical Perspective* (Ashgate: Burlington, VT) in *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Available at: [http://societyandspace.com/reviews/reviews-archive/westin-sara-2014-the-paradoxes-of-planning-a-psycho-analytical-perspective-a-review-forum/westin\\_3/](http://societyandspace.com/reviews/reviews-archive/westin-sara-2014-the-paradoxes-of-planning-a-psycho-analytical-perspective-a-review-forum/westin_3/)
- DAVIDSON, M. (2011) Review of Bagaeeen, S. and Uduku, O. (eds) (2010) *Gated Communities: Social Sustainability in Contemporary and Historical Gated Communities* (Earthscan: London) in *Economic Geography*, 87(3), 365-366
- DAVIDSON, M. (2006) Review of Cloke, P., Cook, I., Crang, M., Goodwin, M., Painter, J. and Philo, C. (2004) *Practising Human Geography* (Sage: London) in *Progress in Human Geography*, 30(5), 677-679
- DAVIDSON, M. (2006) Review of Bell, D and Jayne, M. (eds) (2004) *City of Quarters: Urban Villages in the Contemporary City* (Ashgate: Aldershot) in *Local Economy*, 21(2), 233-4

DAVIDSON, M. (2005) Review of Imrie, R. and Raco, M. (eds) (2003) *Urban Renaissance? New Labour, community and urban policy* (Policy Press: Bristol) in *Urban Geography*, 26(5), 459-460

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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Advanced Olympic Research Grant Programme, for 'Maintaining the Games' Legacy: Governance innovations in the post-Games era', 2014, International Olympic Committee – CHF18,533, PI

Outstanding Teacher of the Year 2013-14, *Finalist*, Clark University

Faculty Development Grant, for 'The contemporary relevance of "red" urban governance', 2014, Clark University - \$1500, PI

EDGE Grant, for development of undergraduate professional development workshop, 2012-2013, Association of American Geographers - \$500

LEEP Development Grant, for the development of an urban design undergraduate teaching experience, 2013, Mellon Foundation/Clark University - \$2000

DDRI Grant, for 'Sporting Megaevents and Urban-Based Development Governance', 2013-2015, National Science Foundation (BCS – 1333402), *for the support of John Lauer mann* - \$15,967, PI

Research Development Grant, for 'Assessing the association between metropolitan gentrification and urban health geography', 2010-2011, Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College - \$16,741, Co-PI with Xun Shi and Ethan Berke, Dartmouth College

Seed Grant, for 'Policy, choice and ethnoraciality in the multicultural city: connecting education, families and gentrification', 2009, University of British Columbia - CDN\$6667, Co-I with PI Kalervo Gulson, University of British Columbia

International Research Initiatives Grant, for 'Sydney's position as a relational financial centre in the Asia-Pacific', 2008-2009, University of Western Sydney - AU\$17,000, Co-I with PI Phillip O'Neill and Co-I Donald McNeill, University of Western Sydney

Partnerships Grant, for 'Place-making in Sydney Olympic Park', 2007-2008, University of Western Sydney and Sydney Olympic Park Authority - AU\$50,000, Co-PI with Donald McNeill, University of Western Sydney

International Research Initiatives Grant, for 'New-build development, housing markets and urban social change', 2007-2008, University of Western Sydney - AU\$25,000, PI with Co-I Michael Bounds, University of Western Sydney and Co-I Elvin Wyly, University of British Columbia

Early Career Research Seed Grant, for 'Social sustainability and urban governance', 2007, University of Western Sydney - AU\$7500, PI

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Public Policy and Social Science, Nelson A. Rockefeller Centre for Public Policy and Social Science, Dartmouth College, 2005-2007

Royal Geographical Society Research Group Grant for Urban Geography Research Group annual conference student stipends, Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers, 2004 - £650

University of London Purple, for Outstanding Contributions to the University, University of London, 2005

Postgraduate Research Fellowship, School of Social Science and Public Policy, King's College London, 2002-2005

Small Research Grant Fund Award, School of Social Science and Public Policy, King's College London, 2003 - £500

Jelf Medal, for Outstanding Academic and Social Contribution to the University, King's College London, 2002

W. B. Morgan Award, for Best Undergraduate in Geography, King's College London, 2002

Sam Brooke Exhibition Prize, for Best Junior Undergraduate in Geography, King's College London, 2001

## **SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (*\*invited presentation*)

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- \**Imposing conceptual distinctions for urban financialization* (panelist), Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2016
- \**Doing without sustainability*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2016
- \**Beyond City Limits*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2016  
(Session organizer for *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*)
- \**Events, Monopolies and Urban Regimes: Examining the Legacies of Global-Local Rent Gaps*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, 2015
- \**Author meets critics: Sara Westin, The Paradoxes of Planning: A Psycho-Analytical Perspective*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, 2015
- \**Discussant, in Condo-ism II: Corporate Governance, Legal Consciousness, Financialization, and Urban Life*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, 2015
- \**Picking up the pieces' Austerity urbanism, California, and fiscal crisis*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, USA, 2014 (Session organizer: Editors of *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*)
- How going broke became fiscal fix: American cities in crisis?* Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, USA, 2013
- \**In the middle of a revolution... so where the hell is Stringer Bell?* Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, USA, 2013 (Session organizer: Editor of *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*)
- \**An unlikely success story? Olympic cities and the London 2012 experience* (discussant), Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, USA, 2013
- \**The socio-cultural construction of a US urban fiscal crisis*, George Perkins Marsh Institute, Clark University, USA, 2012
- Bankruptcy, Bonds and the alleged legacy of the Zodiac Killer: The implications of Vallejo's fiscal hypochondria*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, USA, 2012
- \**The politics of the city in post-political times*, Australian Centre for Cultural Environmental Research, University of Wollongong, Australia, 2011
- Sustainable park and/or entrepreneurial park? Cynical experiments at Sydney's Olympic Park*, Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference, London, UK, 2011
- Recovering the politics of the city*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, USA, 2011
- \**The gentrification of gentrification* (panelist), Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, USA, 2011
- The post-political moment and urban politics*, Graduate School of Geography, Research Café, Clark University, Worcester, USA, 2010
- Post-political paralysis and the need for virtual urban potentialities*, Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference, London, UK, 2010
- Sustainability as ideological praxis: the acting out of planning's master signifier*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA, 2010
- \**Gentrifying Place: Seeing displacement through Heidegger and Lefebvre*, School of Sociology, University of Tasmania, Australia, 2009
- The Politics of Separation: The Many Gates of Gentrified Communities*, 5th International Conference of the Research Network Private Urban Governance & Gated Communities, Santiago, Chile, 2009
- Class-ifying London: social division and space claims in the post-industrial city*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, USA, 2009
- \**Sydney Olympic Park: Planning for a multifunctional town centre*, presentation to Sydney Olympic Park Authority Executive, Sydney, Australia, 2009
- \**Rethinking the Park: Centrality, Mobility and Metropolitan Publics*, Metropolis Congress, Sydney, Australia 2008
- \**Love thy neighbour and covet their possessions*, Economic and Social Research Council Research Seminar Series, London, UK, 2008
- \**A Politics to the Socially Sustainable City?* School of Environmental and Life Sciences, University of Newcastle, Australia, 2008

*Love thy neighbour*, Institute of Australian Geographers Conference, Hobart, Australia, 2008  
*The politics of social sustainability*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, USA, 2008  
*Searching for the Socially Sustainable City*, State of Australia Cities Conference, Australian Sustainable Cities and Regions Network, Adelaide, Australia, 2007  
*Gentrifying Place: The coalescence of urban policy and new-build gentrification*, New-Build Gentrification Conference, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland, 2007  
*Gentrification as Global Habitat*, Urban Research Centre Seminar, University of Western Sydney, Australia, 2007  
*Centrality in the Globalised Metropolis*, Institute of Australian Geographers Annual Meeting, Melbourne, Australia, 2007  
*Spoiled Mixture - Where does state-led 'positive' gentrification end?* Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2007  
*Whose 'Blue Ribbon Network'?* Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, 2006  
*New-build gentrification: global narratives*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, USA, 2005  
*Community empowerment or passive incorporation? Urban regeneration in London*. Post-Graduate Seminar Series, King's College London, UK, 2004  
*What is so blue about the Thames?* Urban Geography Research Group Postgraduate Conference, Reading University, UK, 2002

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Editorial Positions

Debates Editor, *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action* (2016-present)

### Elected Posts

Postgraduate Representative and Committee Member, Urban Geography Research Group, Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers, 2003-2005

### Conference Organization

*Gentrification: Antipodean Perspectives*, Inaugural National Conference, University of Western Sydney and University of South Australia, June 2008

*Bi-annual RGS-IBG Urban Geography Research Group Postgraduate Conference*, Queen Mary University, London, UK, November 2004

### Conference Meeting Session Organization

*Debt Wish 20 Years On: Revisiting Sbragia's U.S. Entrepreneurial Urbanism*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2016

*CITY Journal Sessions #2: The Practical Person's Guide to the city, urbanisation, and the planet*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 2016

*Austerity Urbanism: A Discussion of Current Restructuring*, Chair/Organizer, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, 2015

*Thinking Urban, Writing Urban: A Panel of Sage Authors*, Chair/Organizer, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, 2015

*Revisiting Entrepreneurialism: the logics of urban governance in systemic crisis*, Co-Chair with John Laueremann, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, 2015

*The emergent politics of the austere city: antagonisms and revanchism in crisis resolution*, Co-Chair with Kevin Ward, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, USA, 2014

*Austerity Cities: Bankruptcy, Dispossession, Foreclosure, Privatization and Resistance*, Co-Chair with Kevin Ward, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, USA, 2013

*New Geographies of Publics, Spaces and Politics*, Co-Chair with David Madden, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, USA, 2012

*The politics of a different city: change beyond consensus?* Co-Chair with Deborah Martin, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, USA, 2011  
*Gentrification and Inner City Revitalisation: New Perspectives* (Sponsored by the Urban Geography Study Group), Co-Chair with Matthew Rofe, Institute of Australian Geographers Conference, Hobart, Australia, 2008  
*Centrality in the Globalised Metropolis*, Co-Chair with Donald McNeill, Institute of Australian Geographers Conference, Melbourne, Australia, 2007

**Referee for the following journals:**

*American Ethnologist*  
*Annals of the Association of American Geographers*  
*Antipode*  
*Area*  
*Australian Geographer*  
*Cities*  
*City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*  
*Critical Studies in Education*  
*Cultural Geographies*  
*Environment and Planning A*  
*Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*  
*Geoforum*  
*Geographica Helvetica*  
*Geografiska Annaler B: Human Geography*  
*Geographical Research*  
*Geography Compass*  
*Housing Studies*  
*International Journal of Social Inquiry*  
*International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*  
*Irish Geography*  
*Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning*  
*Journal of Geography in Higher Education*  
*Journal of Mixed Methods Research*  
*Journal of Urban Affairs*  
*Landscape and Urban Planning*  
*Local Environment*  
*Policy and Politics*  
*Political Geography*  
*Population, Space and Place*  
*Professional Geographer*  
*Progress in Human Geography*  
*Regional Studies*  
*Social and Cultural Geography*  
*Southeastern Geographer*  
*Sustainability*  
*Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*  
*Urban Affairs Review*  
*Urban Geography*  
*Urban Studies*

**Reviewer for the following manuscript publishers:**

Policy Press  
Polity Press

Routledge  
Sage  
Temple University Press  
University of Georgia Press

**Reviewer for the following funding agencies:**

Independent Social Research Foundation (2014)  
National Science Foundation (2012; 2013; 2014; 2015)  
Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (2015)

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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**Administrative Duties**

Undergraduate Studies Committee (chair), 2013-present, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University  
Graduate Admissions Committee (member), 2014-15, 2015-2016, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University  
Undergraduate Studies Committee (member), 2011-2012, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University  
Clark University Open House speaker/participant for Geography and UDSC, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015  
Clark University Majors Fair faculty representative for Geography and UDSC, 2011, 2013, 2015  
Doctoral Student Professional Development Seminar on Post-Doctoral Positions, 2015  
Doctoral Student Professional Development Seminar on Publishing, 2011  
Atwood Committee (chair), 2010-2011, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University  
Judicial Board, 2010-2013, Clark University  
Promotion Committee (from Associate to Full Professor) for Yuko Aoyama, 2010-2011, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University  
*Economic Geography* Oversight Committee, 2010, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University  
Founding Committee Member, 2008-2009, Sydney Urban Observatory, University of Western Sydney  
Research Associate Hiring Committee (Research Associate), 2008, Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney  
Communications Officer, 2008-2009, Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney  
Graduate Program Development Officer, 2006, Department of Geography, Dartmouth College  
Policy Shop Supervisor, 2005-2007, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and Social Science, Dartmouth College

**Seminar Series Organization**

Urban Research Centre Seminar Series, 2008-2009, University of Western Sydney

**Media and Public Outreach (Selected)**

Interviewed by WPRI 12 Eyewitness News for commentary on Boston's 2024 Olympic Bid (January 2015, at: <http://wpri.com/2015/02/24/boston-olympics-would-benefit-ri-newport-venues-not-likely-feb15/>)  
Invited article entitled "The threat of bankruptcy may be a new source of competitive advantage in post-recession urban politics" for London School of Economics' *American Politics and Policy Blog* (March 2014, at: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/>)  
Interviewed by *Associated Press* for commentary of gentrification and political change in New York and New Jersey (April 2013, at: <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/old-guard-sees-threat-youthful-nj-urban-influx>)  
Interviewed by *New Hampshire Public Radio* on Mill Closure and Deindustrialization in New England (May 2006)

**TEACHING**

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## **Courses Currently Taught**

Urban Design Research Lab (GEOG252), Clark University

Semesters taught: Spring 2014; Fall 2015

This course investigates the ways in which cities are conceptualized, planned and built. The course brings together a geographical understanding of the city with a critical examination of urban design, architecture and planning. The course therefore draws heavily on the geographical and urban literatures to inform the class' research and design of urban space. As such, the course requires students to think critically about historical and contemporary urban problems and the design approaches that have attempted to respond to them. In short, the course seeks to unite critical urban studies with critical urban practice.

Psychogeography and Cultural Spaces (GEOG157), Clark University

Semesters taught: Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2013; Spring 2015

This course engages students in an attempt to interact with the shaping of landscapes; recognizing how daily routines make our world and how critical understandings of cultural landscapes can help effect social change. In order to achieve this engaged learning, the course blends cultural studies with psychogeography. It compels students to understand cultural landscapes through their own practices; placing themselves within their own context and asking them to critique, engage and transform. Students will therefore understand the social construction of landscape and develop the theoretical and practice-based skills to engage with this very construction.

City Planet: Urban Challenges in a Globalized World (GEOG172), Clark University

Semesters taught: Fall 2010, Fall 2011

The course provides a foundational understanding of urbanism within a globalized world. It introduces students to some of the key concepts used to understand cities and urbanism, and develops a critical understanding of urban development across contexts. The central goal of the course is to have students consider how global problems are bound up with urban development issues.

Critical Theory: Space, Society and Change (GEOG329), Clark University

Semesters taught: Fall 2010, Fall 2013; Spring 2016

Nearly 75 years ago Max Horkheimer, echoing Marx, defined critical theory as distinguished by its attempt to critique and change society. It is therefore not simply a tool for understanding, but also a method for overcoming injustice, domination and oppression. But in what state do we find critical theory today? For some, critical theory has transformed into a pluralist venture that is symbolized by a politics of disagreement and a modest normativity. However, others fervently disagree with this project, arguing that we now face unprecedented challenges that cannot be dealt with by this brand of modest theory or, paradoxically, those more assertive types of theory which preceded it. The seminar follows these debates by tracing the ways in which urbanists and geographers have historically engaged with critical theory and evaluating where this engagement stands today. The seminar examines a range of contemporary critical social theory, including an exploration of Slavoj Žižek's claim that we need a new theory of everything(!), Alain Badiou's interpretation of politics as event and Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe's arguments about critical theory's kernel concern.

Graduate Seminar in Urban Geography (GEOG373), Clark University

Semesters taught: Spring 2010, Spring 2012

This seminar explores some of the fundamental paradigms and developments in urban theory. Roughly structured along temporal lines, the seminar progresses to examine how theoretical imports and formulations have continually shaped the questions and concerns of urban geography. The course therefore discusses how theoretical movements such as positivism and postmodernism have shaped geographical thinking and, consequently, impacted upon how geographers have thought about cities and urban development. The main objectives of the course are therefore (i) to understand how various theoretical perspectives have shaped the study of cities and (ii) develop a critical and comparative understanding of different approaches to urban questions.

Social Justice and the City (GEOG248), Clark University,

Semesters taught: Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012; Spring 2013; Spring 2015

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to various conceptualizations of social justice in order that they are able to develop contextual understandings on a variety of urban social problems. It is intended that students will gain a competency in discussing urban social justice issues in order that they reflect on those facing them in their own lives. While engaging with a variety of disciplines, the course is rooted in the social theory, geography and architecture.

### **Courses Previously Taught**

Capitalism, Cities, Crisis (GEOG286/386), Clark University, Spring 2016  
Urban Geography (GEOG22), Dartmouth College, Winter 2006  
Social Justice and the City (GEOG25), Dartmouth College, Fall 2006  
Urban Politics and Policies: Trans-national Perspectives (PBPL81.3), Dartmouth College, Spring 2005, Winter 2006  
Experiencing the City (GEOG7), Dartmouth College, Winter 2005  
Introduction of Geographical Information Systems (GEOG58), Dartmouth College, Fall 2005  
Society, Space and Culture (SG/2025), King's College London, 2004-2005  
Readings in Geography (SG/0144), King's College London, 2003-2004  
Problem-Solving in Human Geography (SG/2002), King's College London, 2003

### **Guest Lectures**

*The ecology of the city*, Clark University 2013  
*The politics of health in post-industrial cities*, Dartmouth Medical School, 2010  
*The health implications of urban social change*, Dartmouth Medical School, 2008  
*Conceptualizing and implementing social sustainability*, University of Western Sydney, 2008, 2009  
*Gentrification as a health issue*, Dartmouth Medical School, 2007

### **Ph.D. Advising (Chair)**

William Kutz, Clark University (Ph.D. in Geography, 2013)  
*Financing Demand-side Urbanism: Lessons from the 'Spatial Fix' in Tangier, Morocco*  
Currently Lecturer, University of Manchester, UK  
John Laueremann, Clark University (Ph.D. in Geography, 2014)  
*The globalization of urban policy and planning: the international coordination of mega-events*  
Currently Assistant Professor, Rhode Island School of Design  
Khury Petersen-Smith, Clark University (Ph.D. in Geography, expected 2016)  
*The geography of the Pivot to Asia: an institutional analysis of imperial projection*  
Starting as Postdoctoral Fellow, Tufts University, July 2016  
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