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Current Appointments

Marilyn Jacobs Gittell Endowed Chair in Urban Studies, 2014-

Graduate Center, City University of New York
Gittell Collective (gittellcollective.gc.cuny.edu)

Professor

City University of New York

Graduate Center Doctoral Faculty, Urban Education, 2018-

Graduate Center Doctoral Faculty, Critical Social & Environmental Psychology, 2013-

Brooklyn College, Political Science (as Assistant Professor until 2010, Associate Professor until 2018), 2005-

National Co-Chair, 2015-

National Lead Chair, 2015-2018

URBAN Research Network (urbanresearchnetwork.org)

URBAN is a national coalition of 1,800+ scholars, activists, and artists committed to community-engaged research, social change, and democratizing knowledge production. It aspires to create a community of scholars and change-makers who engage and explore big questions now emerging in cities—the future of governance and democracy, the role of markets, stewardship of nature and the environment and the role of race and identity in constructing communities. It aims to do so across academic disciplines and geographies, with special attention to community-based research methodologies and ethics.

Research and Teaching Interests

Participatory and deliberative democracy, civic engagement, and political participation

Community development, urban politics and decision-making

Civil society, especially grassroots organizations

Public policy, especially politics of social policy

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., Urban Studies and Planning, 2005

Wesleyan University, B.A. Honors, English and Economics, 1999

Publications

Books

Su, Celina. 2018. *Landia*. New York: Belladonna* Series.

- Excerpt selected for *The New York Times Magazine* poem of the week by Rita Dove, 2019
- Poetry Foundation Staff Pick for 2018
- *Entropy Magazine* Best Poetry of 2018 List
- Poetry Society of America “Take Note: Eleven New Collections by Asian American Poets” by Aimee Nezhukumatathil
- Reviewed by Sahar Romani, at *Entropy*
- Reviewed by Tse Hao Guang, at *Singapore Unbound*

Muennig, Peter and Celina Su. 2013. *Introducing Global Health: Practice, policy, and solutions*. New York: John Wiley & Sons/ Jossey-Bass.

Su, Celina. 2009. *Streetwise for Book Smarts: Grassroots Organizing and Education Reform in the Bronx*. New York: Cornell University Press.

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics, Urban Affairs Review, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Contemporary Sociology, and City Limits*. Featured by the Association for Research on Nonprofits and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Community and Grassroots Action Group.

Alonso, Gaston, Noel Anderson, Celina Su, and Jeanne Theoharis. 2009. *Our Schools Suck: Students Talk Back to a Segregated Nation on the Failures of Urban Education*. New York: New York University Press.

- Reviewed in *Harvard Educational Review, Political Science Quarterly, Education Review, City Limits, and The Daily Voice: Black America's Daily News Source*. Featured for incoming frosh at the University of California, Berkeley.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Su, Celina. 2020. “Notes on inquiry and care.” *Matters of Feminist Practice*, 1(1): 119-126.

- Also published as a pamphlet in Quaid, Andrea (Ed.), *Urgent Possibilities: Writings on Feminist Poetics & Emergent Pedagogies*. Los Angeles: Eohippus Labs.

Su, Celina. 2019. “Research, action, activism: Critical solidarities & multi-scalar powers.” *Educational Policy Analysis Archives*, 27(57):1-11.

Warren, Mark, José Calderón, Luke Aubry Kupscznk, Gregory Squires, Celina Su. [Authors after first in alphabetical order.] 2018. “Is Collaborative, Community-Engaged Scholarship More Rigorous than Traditional Scholarship? On Advocacy, Bias and Social Science Research.” *Urban Education*, 53(4):445-472.

Su, Celina. 2018. “Managed Participation: City Agencies and Micropolitics in Participatory Budgeting.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 47(4):97S-118S.

Su, Celina. 2017. “From Porto Alegre to New York City: Participatory Budgeting and Democracy” [Introduction to Special Symposium]. *New Political Science*, 39(1): 67-75.

Su, Celina. 2017. “Beyond Inclusion: Critical Race Theory and Participatory Budgeting.” *New Political Science*, 39(1): 126-142.

Su, Celina. 2014. “Between Bottom-up and Top-down Governance.” *Metropolitics*, 1 December.

Su, Celina and Isabelle Jagninski. 2013. "From Toxic Tours to Growing the Grassroots: Tensions in Critical Pedagogy and Community Development." *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 35(1):103-121.

Su, Celina. 2012. "Whose Budget? Our Budget? Broadening Political Stakeholdership via Participatory Budgeting." *Journal of Public Deliberation*, 8(2):1-14.

Verma, Nishant, Coralie Chan, Celina Su, and Peter Muennig. 2011. "Between 'Voluntary Migrants' and War Refugees: The Health of the Shan Burmese Migrant Workers in Northern Thailand." *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 9(4):452-459.

Su, Celina. 2010. "Marginalized stakeholders and performative politics: Dueling discourses in education policy-making." *Critical Policy Studies*, 4(4):362-383.

Verma, Nishant, Coralie Chan, Celina Su, Rufina Lee, and Peter Muennig. 2010. "The psychosocial health of Shan children in Northern Thailand." *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 8(4):445-449.

Su, Celina. 2010. "We call ourselves by many names: Storytelling and inter-minority coalition-building." *Community Development Journal*, 45(4):439-457.

Su, Celina. 2010. "Leaving Behind No Child Left Behind." (From Symposium: Obama Meets the World: Realities and Recommendations for a New Administration, edited by David Schultz.) *New Political Science*, 32(2):265-272.

Ospina, Sonia and Celina Su. 2009. "Weaving color lines: Race, ethnicity, and the work of leadership in social change organizations." *Leadership*, 5(2):137-170.

Su, Celina. 2007. "Cracking silent codes: Critical race theory and education organizing." *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*, 28(4):531-548.

Su, Celina and Peter Muennig. 2005. "The politics of social entrepreneurs in access to education: A case study of Shan Burmese refugees in northwestern Thailand." *Current Issues in Comparative Education*. 8(1):31-40.

Fernandez, Roberto and Celina Su. 2004. "Space in the study of labor markets." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 30:545-69.

Andersen, M. Robyn, Michele Hager, Celina Su, and Nicole Urban. 2002. "Analysis of the cost-effectiveness of mammography promotion by volunteers in rural communities." *Health Education & Behavior*. 29(6):755-770.

- Received *Lawrence W. Green Paper of the Year Award*.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

Martinson, Marty and Celina Su. "Contrasting organizing approaches: The 'Alinsky tradition' and Freirian organizing approaches." In Meredith Minkler (Ed.), *Community Organizing and Community Building for Health*, 4th Edition. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press. Forthcoming.

Su, Celina. 2016. "Reinvigorating urban governance: Participatory budgeting in New York City." In Brescia, Ray and John Travis Marshall (Eds.), *How Cities Will Save the World: Urban Innovation in the Face of Population Flows, Climate Change and Economic Inequality*. New York: Routledge.

Su, Celina. 2015. "Insider-Outsider Empowered Deliberative Action: Toward a Model of Youth Empowerment and Educational Justice." In Rich, Denise and Jim Ryan (Eds.), *Working (With/ out) the System: Educational Leadership, Micropolitics and Social Justice*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Foldy, Erica and Celina Su. 2014. "Identity." In David Coghlan, Mary Brydon-Miller (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Action Research*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Su, Celina and Peter Muennig. 2013. "Social policy interventions and public health." In Richard Parker and Marni Sommer (Eds.), *Structural Approaches in Public Health*. New York: Routledge.

Ospina, Sonia and Celina Su. 2013. "Weaving color lines: Race, ethnicity, and the work of leadership in social change organizations." In Joanne Ciulla, Mary Uhl-Bien, and Patricia Werhane (Eds.), *Leadership Ethics*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. (Reproduction of 2009 journal article.)

Martinson, Marty and Celina Su. 2012. "Contrasting organizing approaches: The 'Alinsky tradition' and Freirian organizing approaches." In Meredith Minkler (Ed.), *Community Organizing and Community Building for Health, 3rd Edition*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Sonia M. Ospina, Erica Foldy, Amparo Hoffman, Jennifer Dodge, Waad El-Hadidy, and Celina Su. 2012. "Social change leadership." In Uhl-Behn, Mary and Sonia Ospina (Eds.), *Advancing Relational Leadership Theory: A Conversation among Perspectives*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Peter Muennig and Celina Su. 2011. "The Politics of Global Aid." In Richard Parker and Marni Sommer (Eds.), *Routledge International Handbook on Global Public Health*. New York: Routledge.

Ospina, Sonia and Celina Su. 2011. "Weaving color lines: Race, ethnicity, and the work of leadership in social change organizations." In Alan Bryman, David Collinson, Brad Jackson, Mary Uhl-Bien, and Keith Grint (Eds.), *Leadership*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. (Reproduction of 2009 journal article.)

Su, Celina. 2010. "Education policy: Schools." In O'Hara, Phillip (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Public Policy* (Volume 4, *Social, Environmental, and Corporate Governance*). Perth, Australia: Global Political Economy Research Unit, pp. 143-157.

Su, Celina. 2007. "Non-government organizations." In O'Hara, Phillip (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Public Policy: Global Governance and Development* (Volume 1). Perth, Australia: Global Political Economy Research Unit, pp. 315-325.

Su, Celina. 2005. "Institutions and development." In Forsyth, Timothy (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of International Development*. New York: Routledge.

Su, Celina. 2005. "Pedagogy of the Oppressed." In Forsyth, Timothy (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of International Development*. New York: Routledge.

Su, Celina. 2003. "Separate, unequal, and stigmatized: Tracking in school-to-work programs." *The Rappaport Review, Harvard University Institute of Greater Boston*. 1:15-24.

Other articles, book reviews, letters, and policy reports

Su, Celina, and Wah-Ming Chang. 2020. "A protective archipelago." *Brooklyn Rail*, May.

Su, Celina, and Wah-Ming Chang. 2020. "Fathom deeply." Poetry Foundation *Harriet* Blog, 27 January.

Su, Celina. 2020. "Small talk." Poetry Foundation *Harriet* Blog, 20 January.

Su, Celina. 2020. "A collage in progress." Poetry Foundation *Harriet* Blog, 13 January.

- Su, Celina. 2020. "A hand, a gesture, and a path of desire." Poetry Foundation *Harriet* Blog, 6 January.
- Su, Celina. 2017. "The Kids are All Right." [in "The Many Ways to be a Good Citizen."] *Zócalo Public Square*, May.
- Su, Celina. 2017. "Democracy How?" [in "Trump: A Resister Guide"]. *Harper's Magazine*, February: 35.
- Su, Celina. 2016. "Re-Engaging the Disenfranchised: Participatory Budgeting in the United States." [Review of *Democracy Reinvented: Participatory Budgeting and Civic Innovation in America*.] *National Civic Review*, 105(4): 23-28.
- Su, Celina. 2016. "What makes young people more excited about politics?" *Washington Post* Monkey Cage Blog, 17 October.
- Su, Celina. 2014. "Accounting for Accountability." [Review essay on *Open Budgets: The Political Economy of Transparency, Participation, and Accountability*, edited by Sanjeev Khagram, Archon Fung, and Paolo de Renzio]. *Public Administration Review*, 74(3): 424-428.
- Su, Celina and Bethany Godsoe. 2013. *Cumulative Findings: A Participatory Evaluation of Women's World Banking's Center for Microfinance Leadership*. New York University Research Center for Leadership in Action.
- Su, Celina. 2013. „Bildung als Farce.“ *Die Tageszeitung*, 15 February: 11.
- Reprinted as "Public Education: An Expendable Farce?" *Killing the Buddha*.
- Su, Celina. 2012. „Bürger entdecken Bürger.“ *Die Tageszeitung*, 26 October: 5.
- Su, Celina. 2012. "Reflections on a decade of the Burmese Refugee Project." *Berlin Journal*, 23: 40-47.
- Su, Celina. 2011. "The Fountain of (Relatively) Eternal Youth Lies In... Shorter Totem Poles?!" [Review essay on *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care* by T.R. Reid and *Toward the Healthy City: People, Places, and the Politics of Urban Planning* by Jason Corburn] *XCP: Cross-Cultural Poetics*, Issue 23:136-143.
- Su, Celina. 2011. "Holiday in Cambodia." *n+1 Magazine*, 3 January.
- Su, Celina. 2010. "Structural violence in a refugee community." *Asia Catalyst*, 1 September.
- Su, Celina. 2010. "Democracy for what?" [Review essay on *Democratizing Democracy: Beyond the Liberal Democratic Canon*, edited by Boaventura de Sousa Santos; *Spaces for Change?: The Politics of Citizen Participation in New Democratic Arenas*, edited by Andrea Cornwall and Vera Schattan Coelho; and *Democracy as Problem Solving: Civic Capacity in Communities Across the Globe* by Xavier de Souza Briggs] *XCP: Cross-Cultural Poetics*, Special Double Issue 21-22:297-303.
- Alonso, Gaston, Noel Anderson, Celina Su, and Jeanne Theoharis. 2009. "Brown v. Board of Education at 55: Segregation in the 21st century." *The Progressive* website, May 18.
- Selected for syndicated distribution by McClatchy Tribune.
 - Printed in the *Norwalk Hour* (Connecticut), *New Haven Register* (Connecticut), *Greensburg Daily News* (Indiana), and *Wichita Eagle* (Kansas), May 18.
 - Served as basis of a *Quad Cities Dispatch-Argus* (Iowa, Illinois) editorial, May 18.
- Su, Celina. 2008. "I am Your Electric Fan" [essay on Global North-Global South divides and collaborations in NGO work]. *XCP: Cross-Cultural Poetics*, Issue 20:122-128.

Su, Celina. 2008. "Resisting structural violence and war." *The Just Word*. 9(1):5.

Su, Celina. 2005. "Reading, Writing, and Reform in the South Bronx: Lessons for Family-School Partnerships." Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard Family Research Project.

Su, Celina and Ann Brian Murphy. 2004. Martín-Baró Fund Support for the Burmese Refugee Project. Policy Brief and Project Report for *The Just Word*. 10(1):1-4.

Su, Celina (with Damon Rich). 2003. "Waiting for Gautreaux: Gautreaux v. Chicago Housing Authority and HUD." *City Without a Ghetto* Exhibit. Center for Urban Pedagogy, at Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York, NY: 4 September-19 October.

- Included in *Space Brainz* Exhibit, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, 2017.
- Included in the Rotterdam Architecture Biennial, 2009.
- Included in *Design that Matters*, Architecture for Humanity Press, 2006.
- Presented at the Center for Advanced Visual Studies, MIT, 2005.
- Included in *City Without a Ghetto Traveling Exhibit*, Princeton University, 2004.
- Cited in *Print: America's Graphic Arts Magazine*, March/ April 2004.
- Included in *Dismantling the Ghetto: Policy Prospects* with Alexander Polikoff and Henry Binford at The Chicago Architecture Foundation, 2004.

Su, Celina. 2002. Review of *Why Architecture Matters: Lessons from Chicago* by Blair Kamin. *Boston Review*. 27(1).

Su, Celina. 2002. Review of *In Pursuit of Equity: Women, Men, and the Quest for Economic Citizenship in Twentieth-Century America* by Alice Kessler-Harris. *Boston Review*. 27(1).

Su, Celina. 2001. Review of *The Other Boston Busing Story* by Susan Eaton. *Boston Review*. 26(3-4).

Su, Celina. 2001. Review of *American Project: The Rise and Fall of a Modern Ghetto* by Sudhir Alladi Venkatesh. *The Boston Review*. 26(1).

Lectures and Presentations

Refereed presentations

2019. An Ecology of Care. Poetry Studies Now. CUNY Graduate Center, Center for the Humanities & Poets' House: 27 April.

2018. Keynote Lecture: Lines of Desire. Feminist Poetics and Emerging Pedagogies, Los Angeles: 11 May.

2018. Beyond Intersectionality Lite: Whither Critical Solidarities. Association for Asian American Studies, San Francisco: 27 March.

2017. We Are (Not) the Data. Feminist Methodologies, Graduate Center: 4 November.

2017. Beyond Inclusion. Building Bridges in a Complex World. Chania, Greece: 9 July.

2017. Critical Friends, Paths of Desire. Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis: 20 April.

2017. Notes for the tenure-track. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis: 21 April.

2016. With George Nakkas. What Projects Move Forward? When Does PB Lead to Empowerment? 4th International Conference on Participatory Budgeting in North America, Harvard University School of Government: 22 May.

2016. The State as Vexed Institution, Re-Democratizing Democracy in an Era of Austerity. Urban Affairs Association, San Diego: 17 March.

2016. Surfacing Counternarratives towards Racial Justice in Participatory Programs. Urban Affairs Association, San Diego: 17 March.

2015. Redemocratizing democracy, or affirmative governmentality? New York's recent experiences with participatory budgeting. Annual Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference: Policies and Their Publics: Discourses, Actors, and Power, Lille, France: 8 July.
2015. With Mark Warren, Greg Squires, Luke Kupcznk. *Advocacy in Collaborative Research for Action and Equity in Education*. URBAN Research Network, Boston: 30 April.
2014. Bottom-up "good government"? International Participatory Budgeting Conference, San Francisco: 27 September.
2013. Authorship, voice, and political stakeholderhood. *Critical Pedagogy and Creative Writing*, Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY: 21 June.
2013. Whose budget? Our budget? Attempts at re-enfranchising the marginalized. International Participatory Budgeting Conference, Chicago: 4 May.
2012. From toxic tours to growing the grassroots. International Sociological Association Forum, Buenos Aires: 2 August.
2012. Doing research on PB: Tensions and emerging themes. International Participatory Budgeting Conference, Pratt Institute: 30 March.
2011. With Sonia Ospina, Erica Foldy, Waad El-Hadidy, and Jennifer Dodge. Theorizing about social change leadership. Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, San Antonio: 15 August.
2010. Between migrant and refugee, evading categories. The politics and poetics of refugees: New York University Refugee Symposium: 24 September.
2009. Students as stakeholders in education policy. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Toronto: 5 September.
2009. Social change organizations as intermediary institutions in participatory versus representative democracy. NY State Political Science Association Annual Conference, New York: 24-25 April.
2009. Leaving behind No Child Left Behind: Towards student-centered education reform. Left Forum, New York: 17-19 April.
2009. Speaking truth to deaf power: Teenagers as empowered stakeholders, community organizing, and the seeds of a social movement. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Chicago: 7 March.
2008. With Sonia Ospina. Race and the work of leadership in social change organizations. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Los Angeles: 7 November.
2007. Towards meaningful participation for stateless people: Two case studies of Shan Burmese refugee NGOs in Thailand. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Conference, Chicago: 17 November.
2007. Social change organizations and a rising social justice movement. Panel presentation at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Conference, Chicago: 16 November.
2007. Choosing to join 'em, or fight 'em: Social change organizations and political strategies. Paper presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Conference, Chicago: 16 November.
2006. With Sonia Ospina. 2006. Tackling race in social change organizations. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Conference, Chicago: 16 November.
2006. Culture, school reform, and contesting colorblindness in community organizations. World Planning Schools Congress, Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City: 13 July.
2005. Empowering (and disempowering) citizen engagement: Lessons from cycles in decentralization in school governance. City Legacies Symposium, Pratt Institute, New York: 14 October.
2004. "They call me a funny organizer": Building emotional commitment in political organizing. JPER Workshop for New Scholars. University of California, Berkeley: 11-13 August.
2002. With Peter Muennig. Mechanisms for access to basic social services in northwestern Thailand: A case study of one community of Shan Burmese Refugees. Burma/ Myanmar Research Conference. Gothenburg, Sweden: 24 September.
2001. Parent involvement in charter vs. non-charter schools. Harvard Graduate School of Education Research Conference. Cambridge, MA: 23 February.

2001. Work-based learning programs in high school. Harvard Graduate School of Education Research Conference. Cambridge, MA: 23 February.

Invited lectures/ commentary

2020. Destabilizing Our Authority. University of Minnesota: 3 May.
2020. New York City Civic Engagement Commission Advisory Board: 30 January.
2019. Scotland Participatory Budgeting Conference and Global Hub Support Board. Edinburgh: 22 October.
2018. Power, Collective Struggle, and the Poetic Imagination. CUNY Graduate Center: 1 October.
2018. Home in the Time of Climate Change, CUNY Graduate Center: 4 May.
2018. Slam Precarious Work, CUNY Graduate Center: 14 February.
2017. Poetics as a Mode of Inquiry. University of Minnesota: 18 September.
2017. Participatory budgeting in the US. US Department of State Mongolia Delegation: 11 September.
2017. Ethical dilemmas in social research. ThoughtWorks: 22 August.
2017. Ownership of Data and Challenges for Participatory Processes. Public Agenda: 1 August.
2017. New York's participatory budgeting. U.S. State Department Foreign Press Service: 26 May.
2017. With Frances Kunreuther and Sean Thomas-Breitfeld. Social identity and non-negotiable conversations. New York University Wagner School of Public Service: 7 April.
2017. Community-based IRBs in Public Scholarship. CUNY Graduate Center, Gittell Collective: 17 March.
2017. Community-based research funding. CUNY Graduate Center, Center for the Humanities: 8 March.
2017. Cities, Austerity, and Criminality. CUNY Political Science Graduate Research Conference: 24 February.
2017. Public Scholarship Post-Trump. CUNY Graduate Center, Gittell Collective: 17 February.
2016. City Council and Participatory Budgeting. Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs: 16 November.
2016. Participatory Learning, Research, and Action for Social Justice. Highlander Center, Tennessee: 28 September-2 October.
2016. Whose Cultural Capital? CUNY Graduate Center Urban Education Colloquium: 27 September.
2016. Fight for the City: School Desegregation, Race, Resistance, and Class Struggle. CUNY Graduate Center, Center for the Humanities: 4 May.
2016. Participatory Governance. Global Urban Futures Conference. Rutgers University-Newark: 29 April.
2016. Expertise & Impact in Community-Based Research. Urban Affairs Association Colloquium: 18 March.
2016. Unsettling Research Ethics. University of California, Santa Cruz. 25-26 February.
2015. Graduate Center Political Science Colloquium: 11 December.
2015. Participatory Budgeting Forum, Murphy Institute for Worker Education & Labor Studies: 18 November.
2015. Collaborating Across Sectors. Collaborative Research for Action and Equity in Education, URBAN Research Network, University of Massachusetts-Boston: 13-14 November.
2015. Organizations, Policy, Politics, Participation in Environmental Social Sciences: 21 October.
2015. Urban Justice Center Press Conference on New York Participatory Budgeting Cycle 4: 20 October.
2015. University of Colorado Boulder Inaugural Keynote Lecture for campus-wide programming on civic engagement: 24 September.
2015. Participatory Budgeting Project Study Session (webinar): 27 May.
2015. CUNY Graduate Center Advanced Research Collaborative: 19 March.
2015. Participatory Action Research. Urban Studies and Planning, MIT: 9 March.
2015. CUNY Graduate Center, Human Services Council, Deputy Mayor's Office conference on Reinventing Partnerships among City Government, Nonprofit Human Service Providers, and Communities: 2 March.
2014. White House Open Government Convening on Participatory Budgeting: 13 May.
2014. NYU Collective Leadership Research Working Group: 25 April.
2014. CUNY Graduate Center *Teaching Jean Anyon* Seminar: 5 March.
2014. New York City Council Hearing on governmental transparency: 24 February.
2013. Interdependence Project Event for Sage Publications, Levitt Foundation (Los Angeles): 16 December.
2013. CUNY Graduate Center Marilyn Gittell Archives Gala: 26 November.
2012. Bosch Public Policy Lecture, American Academy in Berlin: 18 October.
2012. CUNY Graduate Center Critical Methodologies: 16 March.

2011. Civic Participation Summer Institute, Tufts University: 12 July.
 2011. Our Schools Suck. With Jeanne Theoharis, Syracuse University: 3 March.
 2010. Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health: 25 October.
 2010. Social Survey/ Death Dataset. Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health: 28 May.
 2010. Faculty Day, Brooklyn College: 25 May.
 2010. Conference on Gender and Schooling, CUNY Graduate Center: 25 March.
 2009. College of Liberal Arts, New York University: 24 March.
 2009. Whiting Seminar. The Wolfe Institute, Brooklyn College: 10 March.
 2009. Invited participant/ discussant. NYU Wagner School of Public Service: 18-20 February.
 2008. Town hall meeting on political participation. Brooklyn College: 16 October.
 2008. Asian/ Asian-American Research Institute: 20 June.
 2008. Race and Leadership. NYU Wagner School of Public Service: 29-30 May.
 2008. Public Policy Program, Mills College, Oakland, CA: 18 March.
 2006. Borders, Globalization, and Sovereignty. Brooklyn College Social Forum: 22 March.
 2006. Urban Education Ph.D. Seminar, CUNY Graduate Center: 22 February. (Also October 7, 2009).
 2005. Wagner Education and Policy Studies Association at New York University: 28 April.
 2004. Integrated Design Curriculum Core Colloquium. Parsons School of Design: 10-13 February.

Selected media

2020. Quoted in “To defund the police, activists rewrote city budgets.” Laura Bliss. *CityLab*.
<https://bit.ly/2zRjGxr>
2019. Quoted in “Why protests around the world often involve public transportation.” Terry Nguyen. *Vox*.
<https://bit.ly/3eNK12j>
2018. Interview for the Employee of the Month podcast, *Slate Magazine*.
<https://bit.ly/30lhPR9>
2018. Quoted in “The History Of The ‘I Voted’ Sticker Is Actually Pretty Mysterious.” Lauren Holter. *Bustle*.
<https://bit.ly/2QttkxW>
2018. Quoted in “Protests Outside The White House Could Soon Be Limited & Experts Are Sounding The Alarm.” Madhuri Sathish. *Bustle*.
<https://bit.ly/2RZjTms>
2018. Quoted in “Don't let people trick you into thinking that there are 'right' ways to protest Trump.” Rebecca Ruiz. *Mashable*.
<https://bit.ly/2IPujFK>
2018. Interviewed for the Poetry Foundation/ PRX podcast PoetryNow. Syndicated on National Public Radio.
<https://bit.ly/2Y2ZNQM>
2018. Interviewed by Vi Khi Nao. *Literary Hub*.
<https://bit.ly/2MfTct9>
2018. Interviewed as Poet of the Week. *Brooklyn Poets*.
<https://bit.ly/377Z2tj>
2017. Quoted in “Keep Protesting Trump. It’s Good for You.” Christine Ro. *The Development Set*.
<http://bit.ly/2lufH56>
2017. Quoted in “Democracy in the Classroom.” Brandon Jordan. *Truthout*.
<http://bit.ly/2mZoEla>
2016. Interview on young people and politics for the *Matt Townsend Show*, Brigham Young University radio.
<http://bit.ly/2n8GFwD>
2016. Quoted in “International Program Helps Students Think about Policy and Voting.” Anne Eigeman. *Nonprofit Quarterly*.
<http://bit.ly/2lWjCVn>
2016. Interview on undecided voters on the *Leonard Lopate Show*, WNYC radio.
<http://bit.ly/2lybiPu>
2016. “Why has charter school violence spiked at double the rate of public schools?” George Joseph. *The Nation*.
<http://bit.ly/1RAQCui>
2015. “En el Bronx, la desigualdad se aprende en la escuela,” Álvaro Guzmán Bastida. *Univision*.
<http://ow.ly/Tm6OO>
2015. “Gender Equity for a Resilient Coffee Supply Chain,” Jenny Neill. *Stir, Business Insight on Tea and Coffee*.
<http://bit.ly/1MCcWWo>
2015. Radio interview on *Global Movements, Local Struggles*, WBAI Pacifica Radio.
<http://bit.ly/wbai-pb>
2015. “Why Don’t We Care About People Who Don’t Look Like Us?,” Anjali Enjeti. *AlterNet*.
<http://bit.ly/1LKq3Wi>

2014. "Artists Put Faces to the Missing Students of Mexico," Julie Collazo. *Hyperallergic*. <http://bit.ly/1FqmPn9>
2012. "Participatory Budgeting Hits New York City," Elizabeth Whitman. *The Nation*. <http://bit.ly/1OnakLK>
2012. "The People's Choice," Rawan Jabaji. PBS *Need to Know*. <http://to.pbs.org/UuxMd8>

Honors

Fellowships and awards

Brooklyn College Creative Achievement Award, 2019
Jerome Fund and Community of Literary Magazines and Presses Face Out Fellowship, 2016
Advanced Research Collaborative Distinguished CUNY Fellowship, 2015
Ucross Foundation Writing Residency in Literary Nonfiction, 2013
American Academy in Berlin Prize, Bosch Public Policy Fellowship, 2012
Saltonstall Colony for the Arts Residency in Literary Nonfiction, 2012
Millay Colony for the Arts Jean & Louis Dreyfus Fellowship in Nonfiction Writing, 2011
CUNY Gender Equity Project Grant Assistance Program, 2009
Mrs. Giles Whiting Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2007
New York Public Library Wertheim Study Researcher, 2004
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, 2001-2005

Grants

Foundation for Contemporary Arts Grant (\$1,500), 2020
PSC-CUNY Research Grant (working across difference in deliberative fora, \$6,000), 2014
PSC-CUNY Research Grant (comparative youth empowerment, \$6,000), 2013
New York University/ MasterCard Foundation Grant (leadership in microfinance, \$16,000), 2010
New Faculty Fund Award (*Our Schools Suck* manuscript preparation and travel, \$831), 2009
PSC-CUNY Research Grant (*Politics of Well-being* project, \$7,091), 2008, 2009, 2011
NYU/ Ford Foundation Grant (Leadership for a Changing World, \$24,000), 2006, 2008
PSC-CUNY Research Grant (*Streetwise for Book Smarts* project, \$8,960), 2006, 2007
Mrs. Giles Whiting Research Fund (politics of health policy, \$5,000), 2007
William Stewart Travel Award (Mexico City, \$300), 2006
Tow Faculty Travel Fellowship (politics of indeterminate refugee citizenship in Thailand, \$2,825), 2005

Service

University

** denotes Graduate Center service, otherwise Brooklyn College*

Current

Political Science Development Committee, 2018-
CUNY Adjunct Incubator Research & Development advisory board, Center for the Humanities*, 2018
Public Education, the City, and Struggles for Racial Justice working group, Center for the Humanities*, 2015-
Reader for all comprehensive exams*, 2015-
Reviewer for doctoral pre-dissertation research grants*, 2015-
Administrator, CUNY-wide Gittell junior faculty grants*, 2015-
Administrator, Gittell doctoral research assistantships/ grants*, 2015-
Chair of search committee for Gittell postdoctoral fellowship*, 2014-
Chair of selection committee for Gittell dissertation fellowships*, 2014-
Children's Studies Program Advisory Board, 2013-
Department of Political Science Appointments Committee (elected), 2013-
Marilyn J. Gittell Archives Project Supervisor, 2012-

Departmental Academic Integrity Committee, 2009-

Previous

Department of Political Science awards and scholarships committee, 2017
Chair of Environmental Psychology curriculum committee*, 2014-2016
Whiting Award for Excellence in Teaching Selection Committee, 2014, 2015
Economic Democracy Planning Committee, 2014-2015
Humanities and Social Sciences Tenure & Promotion Committee (elected), 2013-2015
Civic Engagement and Democracy Minor Committee, 2012-2015
Graduate Center Advanced Research Collaborative, Equality Matters Working Group, 2014-2015
Political Science Departmental representative to Faculty Council, 2014-2015
Children's Studies Program New Faculty Search Committee (resulting in two lines), 2013-2014
Research and Service Evaluation Committee, Departmental Self-Study, 2013-2014
Political Science Undergraduate Curriculum/ Course Development Committee, 2005-2014
Graduate Deputy/ Chair, Master's in Political Science, 2011-2012
Urban Studies Minor Development Committee, 2008-2012
CUNY-wide Nonprofit Researchers Working Group, 2010-2011
Brooklyn College Welfare Policy Faculty Working Group, 2009-2011
Brooklyn College Presidential Scholars Mentor, 2009-2010
Departmental New Faculty Search Committee, 2008-2009
Departmental Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2005-2007
Faculty Law Education Advisory Council, 2005-2007
Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law/Legal Profession Society, 2005-2007
Center for the Study of Brooklyn, Brooklyn College, 2005-2007
Organizer, School Policy & Health Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, 2006
National Black Science Student Organization Luncheon (upon invitation), 2005
Department of Political Science Self-Study Visit, 2005

Advising and college lectures organized

Dissertation committee member, completed Ph.D.s

- Arita Balam (Psychology Ph.D., 2020)
 - *Interrupting Intergenerational Silences between Indo-Caribbean Women and Gender Non-Conforming People Through Participatory Oral History and Digital Archiving*
 - Alongside Michelle Fine, Tamara Buckley
 - Evergreen State College
- Tommy Wu (Sociology Ph.D., 2019)
 - *Emperor of work: Chinese restaurants, worker subjectivities, and the new regime of flexible labor*
 - Alongside Carolina Bank-Muñoz, Ruth Milkman, Sujatha Fernandes
 - McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- Wen Liu (Psychology Ph.D., 2017)
 - *Cruising Borders, Unsettling Identities: Toward A Queer Diasporic Asian America*
 - alongside Michelle Fine, Sunil Bhatia
 - State University of New York- Albany, then Academia Sinica, Taipei
- Liza Pappas (Urban Education Ph.D., 2012)
 - *School Closings, Equity, and Community Engagement*
 - alongside Jean Anyon, Michelle Fine, Ofelia Garcia, Pedro Noguera
 - Independent Budget Office, New York City

Dissertation committee member, current doctoral candidates

- Alisa Algava, Urban Education
- Rebekah Breitzer, Geography

- Matthew Devine, Environmental Psychology
- Lauren Hudson, Geography
- Carly Huelsenbeck, Urban Education
- Shaun Lin, Geography

Master's thesis advisor

- Ayana Bartholomew (MALS, 2020)
- Amanda Altman (MALS, 2020)
- Lisa Chitayat (MALS, 2018)
- Karen Alessi (MA, 2010)
- Antoine Robertson (MA, 2009)

Supervisor/ advisor

- 11 undergraduate independent studies (two honors)

Supervisor for paid research assistantships

- Doctoral: Mei Ling Chua, Kimberly Belmonte, Matthew Devine, Kristen Hackett, Erika Iverson, Drake Logan
- Undergraduate: Amira Ahmed, Terri Bennett, Thomas DeAngelis, Javeria Hashmi, George Nakkas

Supervisor for post-doctoral fellows

- Benjamin Teresa (now at Virginia Commonwealth University)
- Erika Grajeda (now at Southwestern University)
- Jaime Jover

Developed new courses

- *Political Participation in Participatory Democracy and Social Movements* (undergraduate and doctoral levels)
- *Comparative Social Policy* (undergraduate and master's levels)
- *Politics of Health Policy* (writing-intensive undergraduate level)
- *Global Cities* (undergraduate and master's levels)
- *Advanced Seminar on Community-Based Research* (doctoral level)

Events organized

2018. Participatory Action Research Pre-Conference Workshop, Boulder, Colorado; URBAN New York node events, CUNY Graduate Center, on examining the field of community-based research.

2017. Social Identity, Indigenous Leadership, and Power for Social Change. CUNY Graduate Center, 27 April.

2017. URBAN New York node events, CUNY Graduate Center. "Dangerous professors," fake news, and public scholarship, 17 February; Community IRBs and public scholarship, 17 March; Youth models for restorative justice (with Lewiston, Maine public school youth leaders and Make the Road New York), 18 April.

2016. URBAN Research Network Conference: Critical Solidarities and Multi-Scalar Powers. CUNY Graduate Center: 31 March-1 April.

2010. Joe Moore, Chicago Alderman, and Jumaane Williams, New York City Councilor from Brooklyn. Participatory Budgeting in Chicago. Brooklyn College: 28 October.

- This event helped the Student Union at Brooklyn College launch a new campaign for bottom-up accountability of CUNY budgets, and for Jumaane Williams to join 3 other City Councilors to use participatory budgeting for their entire discretionary funds in 2011.

2009. Dillonna Lewis, Welfare Rights Initiative at Hunter College; Anaeltzin Dawd, Benefits Specialist at the Food Bank of NYC; Aura Zuniga, Staff Attorney, Make the Road by Walking. Roundtable on welfare and higher education. Welfare Policy Faculty Working Group, Brooklyn College: 5 November.

2006. David Reiss, Brooklyn Law School Professor. The Atlantic Yards Case, Eminent Domain, and Arguments from a Legal Perspective. Pre-Law/ Legal Profession Society, Brooklyn College: March 30.

Profession

Member, Belladonna* Editorial Collective, 2018-

Co-editor, *Metropolitica*, 2016-

Selection committee, Urban Affairs Association Activist Scholarship Award, 2017

Referee, 2005-

- Promotion review for one faculty member at an outside institution (2012)
- Manuscript reviews for New York University Press, Routledge, and Temple University Press; *Critical Policy Studies*; *Cogent Social Sciences*; *Community Development Journal*; *Equity & Excellence in Education*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *City, Culture, and Society*; *Journal of Political Science Education*; *Journal of Educational Change*; *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*; *Leadership*; *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*; *Public Administration and Development*; *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*; *Social Science Research*; and *Urban Review*
- Proposal reviews for PSC-CUNY Grants (Women's Studies and Political Science panels), Millay Colony for the Arts Nonfiction Fellowships, International Society for Third Sector Research conference presentations, and American Academy in Berlin Fellowships

National Coordinating Co-Chair, URBAN Research Network, 2015-present

- As coordinating co-chair, co-develop programming and research agenda, co-organize conferences, and coordinate co-chairs in other cities and disciplinary nodes

Advisory Board Member, *A People's Guide to New York City*, University of California Press, 2014-present

Visiting Scholar, New York University Wagner School of Public Service, 2005-2013

Participant, Community Organizing and Education Reform Conference, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, 2012

Participant, Racial Justice Collaborative study on coalition-building between immigrants and African Americans, 2007

Editorial Board Member, *International Encyclopedia of Public Policy*, 2005-2012

Research Associate, Global Political Economy Research Unit, 2004-2012

Participant, Capability Theory Workgroup, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2007-2009

Community

Current

Advisory Board, military Toxics Project, 2020-

Member, Civic Engagement Commission, Participatory Budgeting Advisory Board, 2019-

Member, District 39 Committee (elected position), Participatory Budgeting, 2017-

Member, North American Participatory Budgeting Research Board, 2014-

- Work to advise the nonprofit organization on strategic visioning, outreach, fundraising, research and evaluation, and staffing. This includes participation in occasional substantive meetings.

Advisory Board Member, Participatory Budgeting Project, 2012-

- Work to advise the nonprofit organization on strategic visioning, outreach, fundraising, research and evaluation, and staffing. This includes participation in occasional substantive meetings and 1-2 intensive retreats a year.

Member, New York City-wide Participatory Budgeting (PB) Steering Committee, 2011-2018

- Alongside City Council members and staff, local community-based organizations, community board members, and other stakeholders, helped to formulate eligibility rules, participatory process, and project selection criteria for handbook. This involves decision-making in roughly 8 meetings a year.

Member, New York City-wide Participatory Budgeting Research Advisory Board, 2011-

- Working closely with the Urban Justice Center, designing the research and evaluation plan, co-supervising undergraduate, master's, and doctoral student researchers from the City University of New York, the Pratt Institute, and Columbia University. This involves substantive preparation and decision-making at roughly 6-7 meetings a year.
- The PB process has received attention on National Public Radio, in the *New York Times*, diaspora daily newspapers, and other media outlets.

President, Self-managed co-op building board, 2015-2017

Previous

Co-Founder, Board Member, Kwah Dao/ the Burmese Refugee Project, 2001-2016

As Executive Director, 2001-2012

- Lead on strategic planning. Using a participatory model of community development and with an annual budget of \$10,000 for core programming, the Project helps over 200 Shan refugees in northwest Thailand access education, health, and legal services—including afterschool programming 5 days a week, tailored workshops and leadership development, intensive counseling for neediest cases, and a Montessori preschool. Submitted and secured Sparkplug Foundation, Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund, and Andrew Goodman Foundation grants, alongside individual donations, covered 100% of program costs for the Project, aimed at education, public health, and community development in Thailand.

Advisor/ Mentor, UndocuWriters Program (for young, undocumented writers of color), 2014-2015

Oral Historian/Writer, Open City Project, 2010-2011

- Collected oral histories of social justice activists and wrote short analytical pieces and organizational profiles for the three New York City Chinatowns (Chinatown/ Loisada, Manhattan; Sunset Park, Brooklyn; Flushing, Queens) for a project coordinated by the Asian American Writer's Workshop and the Museum of Chinese in the Americas.
- Blogposts and videos quoted on WNET (the New York PBS TV channel) and other media outlets.

Associate, Center for Urban Pedagogy, 2002-2008

- Co-host of CUP's Summer Benefit (2008), consultant on the Making Policy Public series (2008), reference for People and Buildings lecture series (2005), co-author of "Waiting for Gautreaux: Gautreaux v. Chicago Housing Authority and HUD" (2003).

Curriculum Evaluator, Building Movement Project, 2008

Volunteer, Urban Justice Center Street Vendor Project, 2008, 2009

Languages

Conversational: Mandarin Chinese, Spanish

Rusty or beginning: French, Portuguese, Thai