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Curriculum Vitae  
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2017 – present Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Rice University

## EDUCATION

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2017 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University  
2012 M.A., Sociology, Columbia University  
2011 M.A., American Studies, Columbia University  
2008 B.S., Business Administration, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## RESEARCH AREAS

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Critical Urban Theory, Urban Sociology, The Sociology of Race, Environmental Sociology, Inequality and Spatial Justice, The Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois, Urban Political Ecology, Architecture and the Built Environment

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed

2017 “Race and the Construction of City and Nature.” *Environment and Planning A* 49(9): 1948-67. ([link](#))  
\*lead article

2017 “Memory Politics: Growth Coalitions, Urban Pasts, and the Creation of ‘Historic’ Philadelphia.” With Marcus Anthony Hunter and Gary Alan Fine (second author). Forthcoming in *City & Community*.

2016 “Imbricated Spaces: The High Line, Urban Parks, and the Cultural Meaning of City and Nature.” *Sociological Theory* 34(4): 311-34. ([link](#))

2015 “*The Philadelphia Negro* and the Canon of Classical Urban Theory.” *Du Bois Review* 12(2): 249-67. ([link](#))

2014 “Parks for Profit: The High Line, Growth Machines, and the Uneven Development of Urban Public Spaces.” *City & Community* 13(1): 49-68. ([link](#))

Most cited article published in 2013 or later in *City & Community*, the journal of the American Sociology Association’s Community and Urban

Section, per the Web of Science.

Reprinted in *Deconstructing the High Line: Postindustrial Urbanism and the Rise of the Elevated Park*, eds. Christoph Lindner and Brian Rosa. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2017. ([link](#))

#### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “W. E. B. Du Bois.” Forthcoming in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, ed. Anthony M. Orum. Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2015 “Urban Spaces, City Cultures, and Collective Memory.” With Gary Alan Fine and Marcus Anthony Hunter (first author). Pp. 193-204 in the *Routledge International Handbook of Memory Studies*, eds. Anna Lisa Tota and Trever Hagen. New York: Routledge. ([link](#))

#### Invited Review Essays

- In preparation Review of John Krinsky and Maud Simonet, *Who Cleans the Park? Public Work and Urban Governance in New York City*. In preparation for *Contemporary Sociology*.
- Forthcoming “Development and Its Disruptions on Manhattan’s Far West Side, 1971-2014.” Review of William W. Buzbee, *Fighting Westway: Environmental Law, Citizen Activism, and the Regulatory War That Transformed New York City* and David Halle and Elisabeth Tiso, *New York’s New Edge: Contemporary Art, the High Line, and Urban Megaprojects on the Far West Side*. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Urban History*.

#### Other Publications

- 2015 “Getting Mailed in Philadelphia: The Growth Coalition and the Historic City.” With Gary Alan Fine and Marcus Anthony Hunter (third author). *Discover Society*. ([link](#))

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2016 – 2017 Graduate Writing Fellow, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (\$3000)
- 2016 Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$7200)
- 2015 Mellon Foundation Short-Term Summer Fellowship, Black Metropolis Research Consortium (\$4000)
- 2015 Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Management (\$5520)
- 2015 MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Gary Alan Fine), Northwestern

University Department of Sociology (\$1250)

- 2014 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- 2014 Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (\$3000)
- 2014 MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Wendy Griswold), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1150)
- 2013 MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Gary Alan Fine), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1200)
- 2012 – 2017 University Fellow, Northwestern University

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2017 “Urban Parks and Urban Problems: An Historical Perspective on Green Space Development as a Spatial Fix.” To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Montreal, QC. November 3.
- 2016 “Nature, Race, and the Creation of Metropolitan Social Space.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL. November 19.
- 2016 “Parks and Racial Inequality in Postwar Chicago, 1945-70.” Presented at the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Urban History Association, Chicago, IL. October 15.
- 2016 “Memory Politics: Growth Coalitions, Urban Pasts, and the Creation of ‘Historic’ Philadelphia.” With Marcus Anthony Hunter and Gary Alan Fine (second author). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. August 23.
- 2016 “Nature, Race, and the Creation of Metropolitan Social Space, 1945-75.” Presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA. August 21.
- 2016 “The Symbolic Economy and Racial Geography of Metropolitan Nature in the United States, 1850-2015.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA. March 31.
- 2016 “Nature, Race, and Metropolitan Social Space.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL. March 25.
- 2015 “Cyborg Spaces: The Spatiality of City/Nature from Central Park to the High Line.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. August 22.

- 2014 “The Great Depression, Old Cities, New Money, and the Arts.” With Wendy Griswold (second author). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Toronto, ON. November 7.
- 2014 “The City of Memory: Collective Memory and Urban Change in Postwar Philadelphia.” With Marcus Anthony Hunter and Gary Alan Fine (second author). Presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale University, New Haven, CT. April 26.
- 2014 “Whiteness in the City: Race, Space, and the Reproduction of Hegemonic Whiteness.” Presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL. March 15.
- 2013 “The City of Memory.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. August 12.
- 2013 “Parks for Profit: The Urban Growth Machine and the Case of the High Line.” Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL. March 2.
- 2012 “Privileged Public Space: The High Line and Neoliberal Urbanization.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. February 23.
- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street: Ethnographic Perspectives.” Panel organizer and discussant, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. February 24.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### Northwestern University, Graduate Writing Fellow

2016 – 2017 Instructed and advised graduate students from various disciplines on academic writing and led seminars on the academic publication process and related topics

#### Northwestern University, Teaching Assistant

2013 – 2017 Worked as a Teaching Assistant for nine courses: Cities & Society, Race & Society, Social Inequality, Sociological Analysis, Class & Culture, Introduction to Sociology, Gender & Society, Social and Health Inequalities, and Global Education

\* Awarded Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2014

### **OTHER RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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2010 – 2011 Senior Research Advisor, Center for Contemporary Black History, Columbia University. Worked with the late Manning Marable on The Malcolm X Project and his Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* (Viking, 2011)

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## **SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP**

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### Departmental Service

- 2014 – 2015     Committee Member, Undergraduate Affairs, Northwestern University  
2014, 2015     Reader, Exum Award for Best Undergraduate Paper on Race and Ethnicity,  
                         Northwestern University  
2013 – 2014     Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban and Community Workshop, Northwestern  
                         University

### Disciplinary Service

- 2017             Panel organizer, “Cities, Environments, and Nature,” Social Science History  
                         Association  
2015 – 2016     Graduate Student Representative, Community and Urban Sociology Section  
                         Council, American Sociological Association  
2014 – present   Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *City & Community*, *Du Bois Review*,  
                         *Urban Studies*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Acta Sociologica*, *Urban  
                         Geography*, *Urban Research and Practice*, and *Town Planning Review*

### Professional Associations

- 2010 – present   American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association,  
                         Association of American Geographers, Society for the Study of Social  
                         Problems, Vernacular Architecture Forum