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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Ph.D., History, May 2002
Dissertation: "Cities of Knowledge: Cold War Politics and the Suburbanization of Science, 1945-1970" *Winner, 2002 Best Dissertation in Urban History (without geographic restriction), Urban History Association*

Northwestern University B.A., History and English, June 1992

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2007 to Present **University of Washington**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History

2002 to Present **Stanford University**
Affiliated Scholar, Bill Lane Center for the West (2007-)
Acting Assistant Professor, Department of History (2004-2006)
Associate Director, Bill Lane Center for the West (2004-2007)
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Study of the North American West (2002-2004)

1997 to 2002 **University of Pennsylvania**
Instructor, Urban Studies Program
Research Fellow, Program on Non-Profits, Universities, Communities, and Schools
Teaching Assistant, Department of History
Graduate Assistant, Urban Studies Program

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1998 and 1999 **The Brookings Institution**
Guest Scholar, Urban and Metropolitan Policy

- Research on metropolitan growth management; urban economic development; regional governance; economic equity and spatial mismatch; welfare reform and the welfare-to-work transition.

1996 to 1997 **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**
Special Assistant, Administration for Children and Families

- Policy specialist handling institutional change after welfare reform; applicability of labor laws to welfare recipients; privatization; tribal welfare reform.

1995 to 1996

The White House
Domestic Policy Analyst

- Policy specialist handling Empowerment Zones; community and regional economic development.

1993 to 1995

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist

- Collaborated with state and local governments in Medicaid and AFDC reform; worked on health care and welfare reform legislation; child and family policy.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Cities of Knowledge: Cold War Science and the Search for the Next Silicon Valley. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2005.

Book Chapters and Articles:

“The influence of foreign direct investment on land use changes and regional planning in developing-world megacities: a Bangalore case study,” with Karen C. Seto, in *Megacities: Action Models and Strategic Solutions*, ed. Frauke Kraas, Günter Dill, Günther Mertins and Ulrich Nitschke. In press.

“Landscapes of Knowledge: History and the Evolving Geography of High Technology,” [special issue on “The Future Metropolitan Landscape,” ed. Peter Bosselman] *Places* 19:1 (Spring 2007).

“Cold War Politics and Scientific Communities: The Case of Silicon Valley,” *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews*, May 2006.

“Uncovering the City in the Suburb,” in *The New Suburban History*, edited by Kevin Kruse and Thomas J. Sugrue. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, May 2006.

“Suburbia Reconsidered: Race, Politics, and Property in the Twentieth-Century Metropolis,” *Journal of Social History* (September 2005).

Book Reviews:

“Technology in Postwar America,” *The Journal of American History*, July 2008.

“Making Silicon Valley: Innovation and the Growth of High Tech, 1930-1970” *The Journal of American History*. 93:3 (2006), 942.

“Inventing Los Alamos: The Growth of an Atomic Community,” *Urban History* 33 (2006), 171-172.

“Silicon Valley, Women, and the California Dream,” *Pacific Historical Review*. 74:2 (2005), 300-302.

“Building High-Tech Clusters: Silicon Valley and Beyond,” *The Journal of Economic History* 64:3 (2004), 919-921.

“Golden State, Golden Youth: The California Image in Popular Culture,” H-West (www.h-net.org) 7 November 2002.

“Place Matters: Metropolitics for the Twenty-First Century,” H-Urban (www.h-net.org) 12 October 2001.

Policy Publications:

“Cities in a Global Innovation Economy,” International Regions Benchmarking Consortium White Paper, Seattle, May 2008.

“Meeting the Global Challenge: The University of Washington and the State of Washington,” University of Washington, 2006.

“Learning from History: How State and Local Policy Choices Have Shaped Philadelphia’s Growth.” *Greater Philadelphia Regional Review*, March 2002.

“Fight or Flight: Metropolitan Philadelphia and its Future,” Metropolitan Philadelphia Policy Center, 2001.

“Moving Beyond Sprawl: The Challenge for Metropolitan Atlanta.” Washington: The Brookings Institution, 2000.

“Barriers to Work: the Spatial Divide between Jobs and Welfare Recipients in Metropolitan Areas.” Washington: The Brookings Institution, 1998.

News Articles:

Contributor, *Crosscut* (www.crosscut.com): “We are Not the ‘Next Silicon Valley’” (18 February 2008); “Seattle’s Transportation Malaise is Nothing Special” (3 January 2008); “Amazon Joins the Parade of Tech to the Urban Core” (20 December 2008).

“Schwarzenegger: The Newest Progressive,” with Jon Christensen, *High Country News*, March 2005.

“Terrorists May Alter the Face of Urban America,” *Public Affairs Report*, October 2001.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books:

Building a High-Tech Nation: Public Policy and Economic Transition in Twentieth Century America. A political history of the American knowledge economy.

Landscapes of Wealth: Instant Cities, Global Suburbs, and the Environmental Future (with Karen C. Seto). Monograph exploring post-industrial urban form and function in China, India, and the United States.

Journal Articles:

“From Production to Innovation: Public Policy and the Redefinition of Work in Postwar America.”

“In Search of the Global Suburb: Cores, Peripheries, and the Pursuit of Privacy.”

Book Chapter:

“Beyond Town and Gown: The Complicated History of Universities and their Cities.”

TEACHING

Interests: politics and policy; cities and suburbs; America in the world; technology; higher education; economic globalization; the US West

Graduate Fields: United States History
Urban History
Political History
History of Science and Technology
Environmental History
The American West

Courses: **University of Washington**
HSTAA 303 Modern American Civilization From 1877 (Spr 08, Spr 09)
HIST 494 Left, Right, and Center: Party Politics in the 20th Cent. (Win 08)
HIST 498C Suburbia (Aut 09)
HIST 499 Undergraduate Research (2007-08; 2008-09)
HIST 499 Eisenhower and the Cold War (Sum 08)
HSTAA 508 Graduate Field Seminar in American Urban History (Spr 08)
HIST 590/PBAF 598 The State and Social Policy (Win 08)

Stanford University
The U.S. in the Progressive Era (Graduate Core Colloquium in US History)
California and the West in National Politics
Readings in Environmental History
Readings in Urban History
Cities in the North American West
Building Silicon Valley
The Suburban West
Senior Honors Thesis

University of Pennsylvania
Can Cities Survive?
The Science of Politics: Who Gets Elected and Why
Urban Studies Fieldwork Seminar

ADVISING

Graduate committee member:	University of Washington Steven Beda Joseph Bernardo William B. Piggott	
Senior honors thesis advisor:	Stanford University Ellen Crisham Augustus Winkes Michael Zakaras	
Undergraduate honors mentor:	University of Washington Emily Cernak	Stanford University Larissa Conte
Undergraduate research supervisor:	University of Washington Paul Fleurdelys Samuel Garfield Jessica Salo	Stanford University Kathryn Kilner Nithya Rajagopalan

INVITED TALKS

“Beyond Town and Gown: a Historical Perspective on the ‘Good Neighbor’ Relationship,” University of Georgia Institute on Higher Education, Workshop on Universities and Economic Development, April 2009

“Landscapes of Wealth,” Center for History, Society, and Culture, University of California at Davis, April 2009

“Landscapes of Wealth,” Built Environment Seminar, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Washington, November 2008

“Sustainable Urban Policy as Environmental Policy,” Stanford University Environmental Forum, Woods Institute for the Environment, Stanford University, September 2008

“The Innovative Region,” First Annual Meeting of the International Regions Benchmarking Consortium (Barcelona, Daejeon, Dublin, Fukuoka, Helsinki, Melbourne, Munich, Seattle, Stockholm), June 2008

“The History of High-Tech Places,” Emerging Research Agendas Seminar, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Washington, April 2008

“The Next Silicon Valley,” Tsinghua University, Shenzhen University Town, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China, December 2007

“Landscapes of Knowledge,” University of Michigan Seminar on Metropolitan History, September 2007

“From Bangalore to the Bay Area,” Knight Professional Journalism Program, Stanford University, October 2006

“The Geography of Knowledge Work,” College of Environmental Design, University of California at Berkeley, May 2005

“Cities of Knowledge,” Miller Center Forum on Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, March 2005

“Cities of Knowledge,” The University of Pennsylvania Urban Research Institute, Philadelphia PA, March 2005

“Cities of Knowledge,” Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco CA, November 2004

“Silicon Valley and the Environment,” Stanford Law School Environmental Policy Seminar, May 2004

“The Suburbanization of Science” The Johns Hopkins University Seminar on the History of Technology, Baltimore MD, March 2004

“Uncovering the City in the Suburb,” Shelby Cullum Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, February 2004

“The 21st-Century City and What Silicon Valley Has To Do With It,” Speakers’ Series on *Cities: Past, Present, and Future*, Urban Studies Program, Stanford University, January 2004

“Is Your Plant a Target?” Cold War Civil Defense and the Rise of the High-Tech Suburb,” Newberry Library Seminar in Technology, Politics, & Culture, Chicago IL, November 2003

“Industrial Dispersion Policy,” Commercialization of Knowledge Workshop, Stanford University, November 2002

“Cold War Politics and the Suburbanization of Science,” Social Science History Institute, Economic Policy Research Center, Stanford University, October 2002

“The City as a Target: Cold War Dispersion Policy and the Suburbanization of Science,” Center for Globalization and Information Technology, University of California at Berkeley, October 2001

CONFERENCES

“Beyond Urban History: Suburbs and Small Towns in Postwar America,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Seattle WA, April 2009 (commentator)

“The Global University: Public Policy and the Internationalization of American Higher Education Since 1950,” Policy History Conference, St Louis MO, May 2008 (panel organizer and presenter)

“Plenary Session: The University and the City,” Urban History Association Biennial Conference, Tempe AZ, October 2006 (plenary session organizer and commentator)

“Rethinking the American West,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Palo Alto CA, August 2006 (commentator)

Roundtable book session on *Cities of Knowledge*, Social Science History Association, Portland OR, November 2005 (author)

“Silicon Valley and Post-Industrial Political Economy,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, San Jose CA, March 2005 (panel organizer and chair)

“Research Parks, Suburbs, and the Politics of Industrial Design,” Urban History Association Biennial Conference, Milwaukee WI, October 2004 (presenter)

“The Customer Sends Its Business Elsewhere: Place-Based Contracting, From Truman to Clinton,” Policy History Conference, St Louis MO, May 2004 (panel organizer and presenter)

“Making the ‘Miracle of Palo Alto’: Western Political Culture and the Rise of the High-Tech Suburb,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston MA, March 2004 (panel organizer and presenter)

“The Rustbelt Responds: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and High-Tech Economic Development Since 1950,” Society for the History of Technology Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, October 2003 (presenter)

“Racial Politics, Civic Boosters, and High-Tech Economic Development: The Case of Metropolitan Atlanta, 1960-80,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore MD, October 2003 (presenter)

“From Sputnik to the Research Park: The ‘City of Knowledge’ as Economic Development Strategy, 1957-1970,” Policy History Conference, St. Louis MO, May 2002 (presenter)

“The Garden City as ‘Brainsville’: The University as Community Planner, from Palo Alto to Philadelphia,” Ninth National Conference on American Planning History, Philadelphia PA, November 2001 (presenter)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Prize committees

- Chair, Dissertation Prize Committee, Urban History Association, 2007

University committees

- Metropolitan Blueprint Working Group (University of Washington)
- International Regions Benchmarking Group (University of Washington)
- Social Sciences in the College of the Environment, Faculty Working Group (University of Washington)
- SR 520 Bridge Replacement Internal Working Group (University of Washington)
- Postdoctoral Appointment Committee, Bill Lane Center for the West (Stanford University)
- Fellowship Selection Committee, Bill Lane Center for the West (Stanford University)
- Mentor, Haas Institute for Public Service (Stanford University)
- Environmental Faculty Group (Stanford University)
- Urban Studies Faculty Group (Stanford University)
- Faculty Advisor, Technical Women in Silicon Valley (Stanford University)
- Historic Values Index Group, Office of the University Architect (Stanford University)
- Program on Nonprofits, Universities, Communities, and Schools (University of Pennsylvania)

Conference program chair

- Direct Democracy in the West: Historical Roots and Political Realities, Stanford University, March 2005
- Starting West: The Region's Image and Identity in National Media and Culture, Stanford University, February 2005
- On the Edge: Metropolitan Growth and Western Environments, Stanford University, April 2004
- Land Use Planning Then and Now: Learning from History, Stanford University, May 2003

Manuscript reviewer

- Stanford University Press; Island Press; University of Chicago Press; Routledge; *Pacific Historical Review*; *Enterprise & Society*; *MINERVA*; *Washington History*

Editor

- Electronic Classrooms on "The Cold War" and "Toward the 21st Century," American Political Development Web Portal, sponsored by the Miller Center for Public Affairs and the American Political History Initiative.
- "Exploring the West" Curricular Web Site for High School Teachers (www.exploringthewest.stanford.edu)

Teacher educator

- Visiting Professor, Era 9, Standard I (Postwar economic transformation of US), Tri-State History Consortium (MT, UT, WA)

ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

2007	UPS Endowment Faculty Research Grant (\$30,000)
2006	Environmental Venture Project Grant for Interdisciplinary Faculty Research, Woods Institute for the Environment (\$150,000)
2002	Visiting Scholar, Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2002	Research Merit Award, American Society of Landscape Architects
2001-2002	Miller Center Fellowship in Public Affairs, University of Virginia

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