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### **EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D., American Studies, New York University, 2021  
Dissertation: “Dirty Money and Disorderly Homes: Civil Forfeiture, Vice Police, and Illicit Capital in Philadelphia”  
Advisor: Michael Ralph
- M.Phil., American Studies, New York University, 2019  
Advisor: Michael Ralph
- B.A., History, Reed College, 2011  
Thesis: “From Loisaida to East Village: Making Ownership in the Alternative Geographies of the Gentrifying Lower East Side”  
Advisor: Tamara Venit-Shelton

### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021 – 2022

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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#### **Refereed Journal Articles**

- “Policing Gentrification: The Financial Geography of Law Enforcement Practices Philadelphia,” with Vanessa Massaro, *ACME* (forthcoming fall 2021)
- “War in the Neighborhood: Anti-Drug Organizing, “Crack Houses,” and Municipal Austerity in Philadelphia,” *American Quarterly* (forthcoming March 2022)

#### **Public Writing**

- “Why Do Police Drive Cars?,” *Public Books* (November 13, 2019)

“Ending Civil Forfeiture in Philadelphia,” *Jacobin Magazine* (September 28, 2018)

“Public Thinker: Issa Kohler-Hausmann on Misdemeanors and Mass Incarceration,” *Public Books* (September 11, 2018)

## INVITED TALKS

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2017 “Dirty Money: Legacies of Financial Exclusion on Contemporary Policing in Philadelphia,” Pizza & Policy Forum (October 26), Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2021 Digital Humanities Fellowship, New York University

2020 Center for the Humanities Fellowship, New York University

2020 Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, New York University

2018 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (co-funded by Anthropology and Law and Social Science sections)

2017 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation

2016 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council

2014 Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2020 “Dirty Capital, Narcotics Policing, and the Urban Economy in Philadelphia,” Urban History Association Conference (October 21 – 24), Detroit, Michigan (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020 “Police City: Racial Segregation, Nuisance Property, and Counterinsurgency from Rizzo’s Philadelphia to the Drug War,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association (November 12 – 15), Baltimore, Maryland (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020 “Punishing Property: Asset Seizures, Police Science, and the Theory of Civil Forfeiture,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 28 – 31), virtual conference due to COVID-19

2019 “Policing Homes, Racing Property: Drug Nuisances, Civil Forfeiture, and Racial Inequality in Philadelphia,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (November 20 – 24), Vancouver, Canada

- 2019 “War in the Neighborhood: The Contradictions of Community Resistance to the Drug Trade in Philadelphia,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association (November 7 – 10), Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2018 “Policing Gentrification: The Financial Geography of Law Enforcement Practices in Philadelphia,” with Vanessa Massaro (Bucknell University), Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (April 10 – 14), New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2018 “Police and Prosecution in Philadelphia: Discretionary Criminal Justice and the Limits of Reform,” Unintended: The Promises and Perils of Criminal Justice Reform (Law Engaged Graduate Students Symposium, March 16), Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
- 2017 “Perfecting the Police Power: Civil Forfeiture, Race, and the Limits of Criminal Justice Reform,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (November 27 – December 3), Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Dirty Money: Mapping the Institutional Landscape of Monetized Criminal Justice Practices in Philadelphia,” 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Geography Conference (October 27 – 28), Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania
- 2016 “Dirty Money: Civil Asset Forfeiture and the Monetization of Criminal Justice in Philadelphia,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (November 16 – 20), Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2016 “Homes as ‘Imminent Threats’: Civil Asset Forfeiture and the Politics of Dispossession in Philadelphia,” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (March 29 – April 2), San Francisco, California
- 2015 “Hazardous Homes and Dirty Money: Civil Asset Forfeiture and the Politics of Dispossession in Philadelphia,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association (October 8 – 11), Toronto, Canada

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Summer 2020 Instructor, “Urban Culture Life,” New York University
- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis,” Professor Michael Ralph, New York University
- 2017 GSAS Teaching Certificate, New York University
- Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant, “Approaches to Metropolitan Studies,” Professor Tom Sugrue, New York University
- Summer 2017 Instructor, “Urban Cultural Life,” New York University

Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant, “Religion, Sexuality, and Affect in American Public Life,”  
Professor Ann Pellegrini, New York University

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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2021 Panel Organizer and Chair, “Illicit Work, Race, and the Urban Economy I: The War on Drugs and the Working-Class City” and “Illicit Work, Race, and the Urban Economy II: Vice and Prohibition in the Early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century,” Urban History Association Conference (October 21 – 24), Detroit, Michigan (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020 Manuscript review, *Economic Anthropology*

2016 Panel Organizer and Chair, “Anthropologies of Money: Global Ethnographic Perspectives on the Transformation of Money,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (November 16 – 20), Minneapolis, Minnesota

2015 – 2016 Social and Cultural Analysis Graduate Student Committee Member, New York University

## **COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

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2018 Court Observer, Bail Watch Project, American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2011 – 2014 Core Volunteer, Museum of Reclaimed Urban Space, New York City, New York

2007 – 2010 Volunteer ESL Teacher and Volunteer Coordinator, Voz Workers’ Rights Education Project, Portland, Oregon

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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“Inside the Philadelphia DA’s side hustle – selling seized homes to speculators and cops,” Ryan Briggs, *PlanPhilly* (December 10, 2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Studies Association  
Law and Society Association  
American Anthropological Association  
Urban History Association  
American Association of Geographers

## REFERENCES

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