

Jackson Smith

EDUCATION

Ph.D., American Studies, New York University, 2021

Dissertation: “Dirty Money and Disorderly Homes: Civil Forfeiture, Vice Police, and Illicit Capital in Philadelphia”

Committee Chair: Michael Ralph

M.Phil., American Studies, New York University, 2019

B.A., History, Reed College, 2011

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History and Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021 – 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Dirty Capital: Vice Police, Nuisance Property, and the Long War on Drugs in Philadelphia, in progress

Refereed Journal Articles

“Policing Gentrification: The Financial Geography of Law Enforcement Practices Philadelphia,” with Vanessa Massaro, *ACME*, Vol 20, No 6 (2021), 638 – 663

“War in the Neighborhood: Anti-Drug Organizing, “Crack Houses,” and Municipal Austerity in Philadelphia,” *American Quarterly*, Vol 74, No 1 (2022), 119 – 143

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

- 2022 “Drug Nuisance Properties and Municipal Carceral Power in Philadelphia,” Colloquium Series (March 14), Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine
- 2017 “Dirty Money: Legacies of Financial Exclusion on Contemporary Policing in Philadelphia,” Pizza & Policy Forum (October 26), Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2021 New York University, Digital Humanities Fellowship
- 2020 New York University, Center for the Humanities Fellowship
- 2020 New York University, Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship
- 2019 New York University, Social and Cultural Analysis Summer Research Award
- 2018 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (co-funded by Anthropology and Law and Social Science sections)
- 2017 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2017 New York University, Social and Cultural Analysis Summer Research Award
- 2016 Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
- 2015 New York University, Social and Cultural Analysis Summer Research Award
- 2014 New York University, Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship
- 2013 New York University, Master of Arts in Social and Cultural Analysis Fellowship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Policing Drug Houses in the Philadelphia ‘Badlands,’” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (January 5 – 8), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2022 “Disinvestment, Drug Houses, and Carceral Redevelopment in Philadelphia,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association (November 2 – 6), New Orleans, Louisiana

- 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
- 2019 “From Rizzo’s Philadelphia to the Drug War: Police Raids, Deviant Property, and Racial Segregation,” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (April 3 – 7), Washington, D.C.
- 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,” 24th 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

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

2023 Panel Organizer and Chair, “Illicit Work, Race, and the Urban Economy,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (January 5 – 8), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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 20th-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

- 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

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association
Urban History Association
Law and Society Association
American Anthropological Association
American Historical Association

REFERENCES

Robin D.G. Kelley
Gary B. Nash Endowed Chair in U.S. History, University of California, Los Angeles

Naomi Murakawa
Associate Professor of African-American Studies, Princeton University

Michael Ralph
Professor and Chair, Department of Afro-American Studies, Howard University

Nikhil Pal Singh
Professor of Social and Cultural Analysis and History, New York University

Thomas J. Sugrue
Professor of Social and Cultural Analysis and History, New York University