

# Jackson Smith

## 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”

Committee Chair: Michael Ralph

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

B.A., History, Reed College, 2011

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

*Dirty Capital: Vice Police, Nuisance Property, and the Long War on Drugs in Philadelphia*, Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press (under advance contract)

### 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

“You Know It When You See It’: Drug Nuisance Property and the Carceral Management of Racialized Disinvestment in Philadelphia,” *Journal of Urban History*, OnlineFirst (2022), 1 – 22

“Dirty Money and Financial Inequality in North Philadelphia,” *Theoretical Criminology*, OnlineFirst (2023), 1 – 20

### 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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- 2023 “You Know It When You See It: Drug Nuisance Properties and Municipal Carceral Power in Philadelphia,” Center for the Study of Law and Society (April 3), Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley
- 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

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- 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

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- 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,” 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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- 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 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  
Urban History Association  
Law and Society Association  
American Anthropological Association  
American Historical Association

## **REFERENCES**

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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