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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Lake Forest College** Lake Forest, Illinois  
Lecturer in History (Spring 2014, 2017)

**The Newberry Library**, Chicago, Illinois  
Scholar in Residence (2016-2017)

**Yale University** New Haven, Connecticut  
Mellon Postdoctoral Associate in the Integrated Humanities and Lecturer in American Studies (2014-2016)

## **EDUCATION**

**Yale University** New Haven, Connecticut

Ph.D. in American Studies (2014)

M.A. and M.Phil. in American Studies (2011)

Dissertation: *From Steel to Slots: Landscapes of Economic Change in Postindustrial Bethlehem, PA*

Winner of the Urban History Association Michael Katz Award (2015) and the Society for American City and Regional Planning History John Reps Prize (2015)

**Williams College** Williamstown, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and Sociology (2005)

Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude

## **TEACHING**

**Yale University, Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer in American Studies**

Anthropology of Inequality in America (Fall 2014)

History of Housing in America (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

American Wastelands: Political Ecologies of Redevelopment (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

Planning Chicago (Fall 2015)

**Lake Forest College, Lecturer in History**

American Cities (Spring 2014)

Inequality and Reform: U.S. 1865-1920 (Spring 2017)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*From Steel to Slots: Casino Capitalism in the Postindustrial City* (Harvard University Press, 2016).

### **Journal Articles**

"Shifting Shorelines: Land Reclamation and Economic Blackmail in Industrial South Chicago," *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 1, no. 1-2 (2018): 186-205.

"Wishing Upon a Star: Christmas Tourism and Urban Renewal in Bethlehem, PA," *Journal of Planning History* 12, no. 2 (May 2013): 154-178.

### **Chapters**

"Deindustrialization and the Postindustrial City, 1950-Present," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, published online June 2018).

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"Spectral Shorelines," in Martha Bayne, ed., *Rust Belt Chicago: An Anthology* (Cleveland: Belt Publishing, 2017).

"Chinatown Buses at a Steeltown Casino: Global Flows in a Risk Economy," in Stephen Fan, ed., *Sub-Urbanisms: Casino Urbanization, Chinatowns, and the Contested American Landscape* (New London, CT: Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 2014).

### **Review Essays**

"The Rust Belt in Ruins." Review of Dora Apel, *Beautiful Terrible Ruins: Detroit and the Anxiety of Decline* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2015) and Andrew Highsmith, *Demolition Means Progress: Flint, Michigan, and the Fate of the American Metropolis* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015) in *Journal of Planning History* (online January 2017).

"Performing Accountability and Corporate Social Responsibility." Review of Catherine Dolan and Dinah Rajak, eds, *The Anthropology of Corporate Social Responsibility* (New York: Berghann Books, 2016); Brandon L. Garrett, *Too Big to Jail: How Prosecutors Compromise with Corporations* (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 2014); and Charlotte Walker-Said and John D. Kelly, eds., *Corporate Social Responsibility?: Human Rights in the New Global Economy* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015) in *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (in press).

### **Book Reviews**

Allen Dieterich-Ward, *Beyond Rust: Metropolitan Pittsburgh and the Fate of Industrial America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016) in *Journal of Urban Affairs* (in press).

Aaron Cowan, *A Nice Place to Visit: Tourism and Urban Revitalization in the Postwar Rustbelt* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2016) in *Planning Perspectives* 32, no. 1 (2017): 19-20.

Andrew Highsmith, *Demolition Means Progress: Flint, Michigan, and the Fate of the American Metropolis* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015) in *Michigan Historical Review* 42, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 100-101.

### **Public Scholarship**

"Rust Belt Cities Gamble on Casino-Led Urban Development," *Next City*, September 15, 2016.

*The American Scholar* regular contributor to "Works in Progress" section (2009-2016).

*Huffington Post*

"How to Reuse a Casino," September 8, 2014.

"Ticket to a New York Casino License is on the Chinatown Bus," July 2, 2014.

"Detroit's New Task Force Report is 'Blight' on Cue," May 29, 2014.

### **AWARDS**

**Urban History Association Michael Katz Award** for best dissertation (2015)

**Society for American City and Regional Planning History John Reps Prize** for best dissertation (2015)

**American Studies Association Wise-Susman Graduate Student Paper Prize Finalist** (2013)

**Graham Foundation Citation of Special Recognition** finalist for the Carter Manny Award dissertation writing fellowship (2012)

**John Morton Blum Fellowship for Graduate Research in American History and Culture** awarded annually to one Yale University graduate student (2012)

**Society for American City and Regional Planning History Student Paper Prize** (2011)

**Williams College Robert W. Friedrichs Award** for excellence in sociology (2005)

**Phi Beta Kappa** Williams College (2005)

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## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE**

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

University of Nevada Press

*Space and Culture*

*The Public Historian*

*Work and Occupations*

*Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*

**Freelance Consultant** Conduct research, writing, and editing tasks for writing and communications projects in the professional fields of urban planning, development, and design (2018)

**Co-coordinator of Yale American Studies Program Colloquium Series** Scheduled and facilitated monthly colloquium series for faculty and fellows (2015-2016)

**Conference Track Co-editor** Co-organized, planned, managed a budget, and recruited for two days of sessions at the Society for the Anthropology of North America conference on the theme "Postindustrial Landscapes" (2015)

**The Newberry Library Urban History Dissertation Group Co-coordinator** Reviewed applications, handled scheduling, and moderated monthly workshops in Chicago (2013-2014)

**Student Liaison for Yale University American Studies Graduate Program** Responded to prospective graduate student inquiries and handled logistics for admitted students' visits (2011-2012)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**"Roundtable: Placing Postindustrialism"** Urban History Association 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Chicago (October 2016)

**"What is TOXIC?"** Response, TOXIC: A Symposium on Exposure, Entanglement, and Endurance, New Haven, Connecticut (March 2016)

**"Grounding Capital Mobility: Contests over Public Space in Two Steel Communities, 1909 and 2009"** Society for American City and Regional Planning History 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Los Angeles (November 2015)

**"Church Closures and Casino Capitalism: Landscapes of Loss in Postindustrial Bethlehem, PA"** American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto (October 2015)

**"Grounding Casino Capitalism: A Postindustrial Community Study"** Society for the Anthropology of North America Conference, New York (April 2015)

**"The Postindustrial Factory: Rupture and Continuity in Casino Work"** Society for Cultural Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Detroit (May 2014)

**"The Postindustrial Factory: Seeking Continuity in Casino Work at a Former Steel Plant"** American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (November 2013) – Finalist for the Wise-Susman Graduate Student Paper Prize

**"Emotional Preservation vs. Rational Development: Rethinking the Divide at the Former Bethlehem Steel Headquarters"** Society for American City and Regional Planning History 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Toronto (October 2013)

**"Church Closures, Plant Shutdowns, and the Crisis in Ethnic Community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania"** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago (March 2013)

**"Church Closures, Plant Shutdowns, and the Crisis in White Ethnicity in Postindustrial Pennsylvania"** Urban History Association 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, New York (October 2012)

**"Wishing on a Star: Christmas Tourism and Urban Renewal in Bethlehem, PA"** Society for American City and Regional Planning History 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (November 2011) – Winner of the Student Paper Prize

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**“Follow the Star: Christmas Tourism and Community Identity in Bethlehem, PA”** International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Haven, Connecticut (April 2011)

**“From Steel to Slots: Bethlehem, PA’s Postindustrial Landscape”** Urban History Association 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada (October 2010)

#### INVITED TALKS

**“How Steelworkers Taught Me the ABCs and Other Lessons from the Rust Belt”** Keynote speaker, Inspiring Teachers: A Celebration of Excellence in Education, Women’s Network Weekend at St. Andrew’s School, Middletown, Delaware (November 2017)

**“Writing About Postindustrial Place”** Keynote speaker, Lunch and Literature: A Conversation with Three Authors, Erie, Pennsylvania, Branch of the American Association of University Women (September 2017)

**“From Steel to Slots: Casino-Led Urban Development in the American Rust Belt”** University of Macau, Taipa, Macau (March 2017)

**“From Steel to Slots: Casino-Led Urban Development in the Postindustrial City”** Yale School of Architecture Equality in Design Series, New Haven, Connecticut (April 2016)

**“From Steel to Slots: Bethlehem’s Layered Landscape”** Lehigh University History Department and South Side Initiative, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (April 2016)

**“From Steel to Slots: Understanding Casino Urbanization in America”** Yale University Office of International Students & Scholars, New Haven, Connecticut (March 2016)

**“Research Encounters in the Postindustrial City”** The Built Environment and Politics of Place guest lecture, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut (November 2015)

**“Chinatown Buses at a Steeltown Casino and the Inbetween Landscapes of Postindustrialism”** Field Museum’s Science Action Center and Chicago Region Program, Chicago (April 2014)

**“Chinatown Buses at a Steeltown Casino: Global Flows in a Risk Economy”** Public symposium in conjunction with the *SubUrbanisms* exhibit, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, Connecticut (March 2014)

**“Church Closures, Latino Festivals, and Casino Buses: Navigating Postindustrial Ethnicity in Bethlehem, PA”** Chicago Urban History Seminar at the Chicago History Museum (November 2013)

#### MEDIA APPEARANCES

**CCTV America Global Business**, interview for news story “U.S. Cities Turn to Casinos to Generate Revenue,” October 12, 2016

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas Gaming Podcast**, 30-minute interview, August 4, 2016

**House of Cards**, Yahoo! Sports Radio Network, 20-minute radio interview and podcast, June 19, 2016

**PA Books**, Pennsylvania Cable Network, 60-minute TV interview and podcast, April 17, 2016

**This is Hell**, WNUR Radio, Evanston, Illinois, 45-minute radio interview and podcast, April 2, 2016