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### **EDUCATION**

2017 Ph.D. City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley  
Designated Emphasis: Global Metropolitan Studies

Dissertation: *The Politics of Immediacy: Citizenship, Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility in Mexico City.*

Committee: Teresa Caldeira (Chair), Michael Dear, Alison Post (Political Science)

Visiting Research Fellow, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, UNAM, Mexico, 2012-2013.

Graduate Program in Development Visiting Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 2014-2015.

2009 M.A. City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley

2003 B.A. Communications, Universidad Iberoamericana, Tijuana, Mexico.

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2019 Visiting Assistant Professor of Policy and Social Justice, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School, New York

2018 Visiting Scholar, College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia

2017-2018 Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow, Scholar College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia

2015-2016 Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Rhode Island School of Design

### **RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Critical Infrastructure Studies; Regional and International Development; Qualitative Methods for Planning and Policy Analysis; Citizenship & the Right to the City; Urban Political Ecology; Urban Politics; International Migration; Urban and Planning Theory.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **PEER REVIEWED**

Sosa Lopez, Oscar and Montero, S. (2017). "Expert-citizens: producing and contesting the "sustainable urban mobility" paradigm in Mexico". *Journal of Transport Geography*. 67, 137-144.

Sosa Lopez, Oscar (2017). "Urban Mobility Politics in Mexico City: The Case of *Frente Amplio Contra la Supervía*". *Latin American Perspectives*. 44(2), 184-204.

Schafran, A., Sosa, O, & Gin, J. L. (2013). "Politics and possibility on the metropolitan edge: the scale of social movement space in exurbia". *Environment and Planning A*. 45(12), 2833-2851

Sosa, Oscar (2008). "Border Planning in the San Diego–Tijuana Region: Local Planning vis-à-vis National Policy". *Berkeley Planning Journal*, Vol. 21, 169-185.

#### IN PREPARATION

Sosa Lopez, Oscar. "Urban Cycling, Citizenship and Urban Experiments: Insights from Mexico City", for *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. (Under review)

Jajamovich, Guillermo, Sosa Lopez, O. and Silvestre, G. "Latin American Cities" in, *Companion to Urban and Regional Studies*, Wiley & Sons. *Under Contract*

Sosa Lopez, Oscar and Silva, Diego. "The National Circulation of Bus Rapid Transit in Mexico and Colombia: from the local to the national and back", for *Mobilities*.

Sosa Lopez, Oscar, *The Politics of Immediacy: Citizenship, Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility in Mexico City*. (Book manuscript)

#### BOOK REVIEW

Sosa, Oscar (2008). "Book Review: Hyperborder: The Contemporary U.S-Mexico Border and Its Future, by Fernando Romero". *Berkeley Planning Journal*, Vol. 21. 206-207.

#### POLICY RESEARCH

Chapple, Karen., Montero, S. and Sosa, O. (2012). "Editor's Introduction, Evolving Regionalismos: Latin American Regions in the 21st Century". in *Regional Development Dialogue*, United Nations Centre for Regional Development, Vol. 33. ii-xv.

Sosa, Oscar and Brenner, A. (2010). "Innovating the Green Economy in California Regions, San Diego Case Study" in *Innovating the Green Economy in California Regions*, Karen Chapple and Malo Hutson (PIs). US Economic Development Administration / UC Berkeley Center for Community Innovation.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2017 "Climate Adaptation, Green Infrastructure and Urban Citizenship: Insights from Mexico City", Ten Years of Global Metropolitan Studies, UC Berkeley, April 2017.

"Global Development, Civil Society and the Green Promise of Value Capture Financing in Mexico City", Democratizing the Green City: Sustainability and the Housing Crisis. UC Santa Cruz, February 2017.

2015 "Infrastructures of Resilience and Their Discontents", with Miriam Greenberg, Andrew Deener and Melissa Checker. Urban Democracy Lab, New York University, April 2015.

"Infrastructure and Citizenship: The Politics of Transportation Reform in Mexico City". Latin Lab, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, April 2015.

"Infrastructure and Citizenship: The Politics of Transportation Reform in Mexico City", Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, The Watson Institute, Brown University,

March 2017.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “Urban Cycling, Citizenship and Urban Experiments: Insights from Mexico City”. Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Barcelona, May 2018.
- “Green Infrastructure and Citizenship: Insights from Mexico City”. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, April 2018.
- 2017 “Climate Adaptation, Green Infrastructure and Citizenship”. American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Denver, October 2017.
- “Mobility is Everybody’s Right: Articulating Agendas Around Green Governance in Mexico City”. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Lima, Peru, May 2017.
- “Bicycle Mobility in Mexico City: Infrastructure, difference and the politics of immediacy”, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, April 2017.
- 2016 “Expert-citizens: producing and contesting the “sustainable urban mobility” paradigm in Mexico”. RC21 Conference, Urban and Regional Development Research Committee of the International Sociological Association. Mexico City, July 2016.
- “Pilot Projects, Demonstrations and the Politics of Immediacy: building sustainable transportation infrastructure in Mexico City”. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. New York City, May 2016.
- “Expert-citizens: producing and contesting the “sustainable urban mobility” paradigm in Mexico”, with Sergio Montero. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, April 2016.
- 2015 “Examining the Sustainable Urban Development Agenda in Mexico City: Can Sustainable Transportation Policy Produce a More Inclusive City?” Latin American Studies Association International Congress. San Juan, PR, May 2015.
- 2014 “Urban Mobility and the Changing Context of Urban Politics in Mexico City: The Case of *Frente Amplio Contra la Supervia*”. American Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Latin American Urban Experiments Track, Philadelphia, November 2014.
- “Movilidad y democracia en la Ciudad de México: expertos, política y participación ciudadana en la producción de infraestructura de transporte sustentable”. CLACSO: Seminario ‘El Derecho a la Ciudad en América Latina: Lo político de las políticas urbanas’, Lima Peru, August 2014.
- “The Green Urban Reformers: The role of international NGOs in the assemblage of sustainable urbanism in Mexico City”. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Chicago, May 2014.
- 2013 “Metropolis in Motion: Urban Mobility and The Politics Of Infrastructure in Marcelo Ebrard’s Mexico City”. RC21 Conference, Urban and Regional Development Research Committee of the International Sociological Association. Berlin, August 2013.

“Globalization, Local Politics, and the Post-liberalization Capital: Mapping the Transformation of Mexico City 1990-2012”. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, April 2013.

2012 “Frente Amplio contra la Supervía and the Right to Urban Mobility: Building Metropolitan Governance in Mexico City”. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. San Francisco, May 2012.

“Politics and Possibility in Suburbia: Networked Organizing in the New Metropolitan Geographies of Poverty”. AAG Annual Meeting. New York, February 2012.

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION**

2014 Workshop Organizer: “Sociedad y Transporte en la Ciudad de México: Reflexionando sobre las políticas de movilidad” (Transportation and Society in Mexico City: Reflecting on mobility policy). Instituto Investigaciones Sociales, UNAM, Mexico, June 2014.

2014 Workshop coordinator: The Mellon Mashup “ How to Succeed in Transdisciplinary Research and Teaching” For the UC Berkeley / Mellon Foundation Global Urban Humanities Initiative. UC Berkeley, February 2014

2014 Session Organizer: “Entre la exclusión social y segregación urbana: un debate sobre las ciudades de América Latina y sus procesos de resistencia”, (Between social exclusion and urban segregation: a debate on Latin American cities and processes of resistance). Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Chicago, May 2014.

2012 Session Chair and Organizer: “New Urban Mobilizations and the Pursuit of Socio-spatial Justice in Latin American Metropolises: An Interdisciplinary Debate”. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. San Francisco, May 2012.

### **TEACHING**

#### **COURSE INSTRUCTOR**

“LAND 1500E – Design and the Environment”, College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia, Summer 2017 and 2018 (online course).

“EDES 9020 - Advanced PhD Topics / Colloquium”, PhD Program, College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia, Spring 2018.

“EDES 8990 – Advanced PhD Topics / Independent Research”, PhD Program, College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia, Spring 2018.

“EDES 8010- History and Theory of Environmental Design”, PhD Program, College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia, Fall 2017.

“Introduction to Latin American Studies”, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Spring and Fall 2017.

“Introduction to Urban Studies”, Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Rhode Island School of Design, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016.

“Proyectos Urbanos”(“Urban Projects”), Department of Architecture, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Fall 2013.

## GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

“The City and its Moving Images: Urban Theory/Media Theory” with Prof. Michael Dear and Prof. Weihong Bao, UC Berkeley, Fall 2014.

“Global Poverty” with Prof. Ananya Roy, UC Berkeley, Fall 2010, 2011, 2012.

“The City: Theories and Methods in Urban Studies,” with Prof. Ananya Roy, Spring 2009, 2010 and with Prof. Marco Cenzatti, UC Berkeley, Spring 2011, 2012.

“The U.S-Mexico Borderlands,” with Prof. Michael Dear, UC Berkeley, Fall 2009.

## LECTURES

“Environment and Development in the Urban Context”, Environment and Development in Latin America with Prof. José Carlos Orihuela, Brown University. November 2014.

“Globalization and The Right to the City”, Urban Anthropology: e/motional with Prof. Fiamma di Montezemolo, California College of the Arts. February 2014.

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Guest Editor, *Regional Development Dialogue*. (2013)

Managing Editor, *Berkeley Planning Journal*. (2009-2011)

Editorial Board Member, *Berkeley Planning Journal*. (2007–2009)

Assistant to the Editor, *Migraciones Internacionales*, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Tijuana, Mexico (2001-2004)

## SERVICE

### REVIEWER

Journal of Planning Education and Research

Urban Studies

Space and Culture Journal

Routledge Press – Regions and Cities Book Series

## TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2013 Research Committee 21-International Journal of Urban and Regional Research  
Summer School in Comparative Urban Studies, Humboldt University. Berlin.

Diplomado en Diseño de Ciudades y Comunidades Sustentables (Professional Certificate in Sustainable City and Community Design), Universidad Iberoamericana. Mexico City.

Qualitative Methods Doctoral Student Workshop, El Colegio de México, Mexico City.

2012 XXII Seminario de Economía Urbana y Regional, Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas, UNAM. Mexico City.

2005 English – Spanish Translation and Interpretation Professional Certificate, University of California San Diego Extension.

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2017 Departmental Summer Grant, Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.

- 2016 Departmental Summer Grant, Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.  
2014 Department Block Grant, Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.
- 2013 Research Committee 21-International Journal of Urban and Regional Research –  
FURS Summer School Fellowship.  
Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
- 2011 Graduate Division Summer Grant for Pre-dissertation Research, UC Berkeley.  
2010 Department Block Grant, Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.  
Friesen Graduate Fellow Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of City and  
Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.
- 2009 Mini-Grant for Graduate Research, Latino Policy Research Institute, UC Berkeley.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning  
Urban and Regional Development Research Committee (RC21)  
Association of American Geographers  
Latin American Studies Association  
International Sociological Association

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Spanish – Native  
English – Full proficiency