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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019 - Visiting Assistant Professor of Policy and Social Justice, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School, New York
- 2017-2018 Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow, College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia
- 2015-2016 Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, Rhode Island School of Design

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley
Designated Emphasis: Global Metropolitan Studies
- 2009 M.A. City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley
- 2003 B.A. Communications, Universidad Iberoamericana, Tijuana, Mexico

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban and Planning Theory; Regional and International Development; Cities and Climate Change; Critical Infrastructure Studies; Qualitative Methods for Planning and Policy Analysis; Urban Citizenship; Cities and Globalization; US-Mexico Borderlands.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

Sosa Lopez, Oscar (Forth). Bicycle Policy in Mexico City: Urban Experiments and Differentiated Citizenship, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.

Sosa Lopez, Oscar and Montero, S. (2018). "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 and Graizbord, Diana. "Re-drawing the Faultline: Citizen Claims and State Responsibility in Post-Earthquake Mexico City, 1985-2017".

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".

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

BOOK CHAPTER

Jajamovich, Guillermo, Sosa Lopez, O. and Silvestre, G. (Forth.). "Latin American Cities" in, *Companion to Urban and Regional Studies Encyclopedia*, Anthony Orum, Editor, Wiley & Sons.

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

Sosa Lopez, Oscar, Lamba-Nieves, D. and Santiago, R. (2019) "Urban Informality: International Trends and Policies to Address Land Tenure and Informal Settlements" for Center for a New Economy, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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 TALKS

2019 "Infrastructure and Environment in Mexico City", Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies, CUNY, October 2019.

"Climate Governance, Urban Experiments, and Citizenship: Insights from Mexico City", UC Irvine, Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, April 2019.

"Climate Governance, Urban Experiments, and Citizenship: Insights from Mexico City", Emory University, Department of Environmental Sciences, February 2019.

"Climate Governance, Urban Experiments, and Citizenship: Insights from Mexico City", Georgia State University, Urban Studies Institute, January 2019.

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 2015.
- 2014 "Environment and Development in the Urban Context", *Environment and Development in Latin America*, Brown University, November 2014.

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.

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

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

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

“Urban Policy Lab”, Master’s in Public and Urban Policy, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, Spring 2020.

“Transportation Planning and the Politics of Urban Mobility”, Master’s in Public and Urban Policy,

Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, Fall 2019.

“Planning Theory and Urban Citizenship”, PhD Program, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, Fall 2019.

“Doctoral Research Workshop”, PhD Program, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, Spring 2019 and Spring 2020.

“Design and the Environment”, BA in Landscape Architecture, College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia, Summer 2017 and 2018 (online course).

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

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

“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.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2019 Faculty Advisor, “Graduate Development and Professionalization Colloquium”, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, Spring 2019 and Spring 2020 (Scheduled).

Faculty Advisor, “Dissertation Writing Workshop”, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, Spring 2020.

Faculty Co-Director, “Public and Urban Policy Research Hub”, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 (Scheduled).

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

REVIEWER:

Journal of Planning Education and Research

Urban Studies

Space and Culture Journal

Routledge Press – Regions and Cities Book Series

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

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

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

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

Journal Manager, *Elsevier, LTD* (2005-2007)

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

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.

HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2020 Visitor, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, Academic year 2020-2021.

2018 The University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, *Alternate*.

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

The University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, *Alternate*

2016 Departmental Summer Grant, Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.

- 2014 Department Block Grant, Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.
Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, *Honorable Mention*.
Visiting Fellow, Graduate Program in Development, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
- 2013 Research Committee 21-International Journal of Urban and Regional Research / FURS Summer School Fellowship.
Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
- 2012 Visiting Research Fellow, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City.
- 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