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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. Sociology, *in progress*

Qualifying Exams: Social Theory (with Michael Burawoy, chair), Political Sociology (with Mara Loveman); and Science, Knowledge, and Technology (with John Lie)

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA

M.A. Sociology, May 2016

M.A. Paper: “Two Logics of the Built Environment: Economic and Inhabitation,” advised by John Lie (chair) and Mara Loveman

Yale University — New Haven, CT

B.A. Political Science (*with distinction*) and Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry, 2014

Thesis: “The Sinicization of Xinjiang: Efforts in China's Northwest Frontier to Create a Nation from a State,” advised by James C. Scott

Visiting Student in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, University of Oxford, 2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The state, political economy, American political development, society and space, knowledge, social theory, political sociology, urban sociology, public sociology

BOOK

The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.¹ 2021. *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Oakland, CA: PM Press.

- Author Meets Critics at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 9 April 2021

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Graziani, Terra and **Mary Shi** (equal co-authorship). 2020. “Data for Justice: Tensions and Lessons from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project’s Work Between Academia and Activism.” *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies* 19(1): 397-412.

¹ This is a book project collectively produced and edited by an Anti-Eviction Mapping Project. Erin McElroy and I are equal project leads. I am a coauthor for the Introduction and the editor for Chapter 6, “Migrations/Relocations,” which included writing the chapter introduction and collaboratively contributing to multiple maps and analyses in that chapter.

— Invited presentation at the “Obtaining, Organizing, and Opening Police Misconduct Data” conference hosted by the Ford Foundation, 16 November 2021.

Tycowski, Kazimierz; Mei-Di Shu, Sumit Borah, **Mary Shi** and Joan A. Steitz. 2012. “Conservation of a Triple-Helix-Forming RNA Stability Element in Noncoding and Genomic RNAs of Diverse Viruses.” *Cell Reports* 2(1): 26-32.

REVIEW ESSAY, BOOK CHAPTER, AND OTHER WRITING

Shi, Mary. 2021. “Bourdieu and Social Space: Mobilities, Trajectories, Emplacements.” *Contemporary Sociology* 50(3): 251-253.

Shi, Mary. 2018. “Counterpoints: The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's Atlas of the Bay Area.” *UC Berkeley Global Urban Humanities Blog*. [Online](#). 29 August 2018.

The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.² 2018. “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project Handbook.” 2018. *Creating Social Change Through Creativity: Anti-Oppressive Arts Based Research Methods*. Moshoula Capous-Desyllas and Karen Morgaine, eds. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 289-308.

Graziani, Terra, Erin McElroy, **Mary Shi**, and Leah Simon-Weinberg (equal co-authorship). 2016. “Counterpoints: Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement, 2016.” Report by the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project and Tenants Together. Oakland, CA: 9 September 2016 and [online](#).

Shi, Mary. 2013. “Unstable Ground: The 1968 Mexico City Student Protests.” *Yale Review of International Studies* 3(2): 63-72 and [online](#).

Shi, Mary. 2011. “Secularism in Suburbia.” *Fiat Lux: A Journal of Religious Life at Yale*. 3(1): 27-30

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Shi, Mary. “Bourdieu and Dual Process Models: Towards Cognitively Grounded Theories of Symbolic Domination and Social Change.” (*under review*)

Shi, Mary. ““Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished:” The Public Lands, Settler Colonialism, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States. (*reject and resubmit from American Sociological Review*)

Shi, Mary. “Untangling the Republican, Imperial, and Settler Colonial Dimensions of American State Formation: A Congressional Analysis.” (*in preparation*)

Shi, Mary. “The Restructured Urban Political Economy of the Knowledge Economy: Evidence

² For this publication I served as the primary chapter editor and corresponding author for the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, although the project collectively claims authorship.

from the San Francisco Bay Area.” (*complete manuscript undergoing revisions*)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External Fellowships and Grants

2015-2020	National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship	\$138,000
2020	San Francisco Arts Commission, Organizational Project Grant <i>Supported publication of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's atlas of the Bay Area, Counterpoints (Oakland, CA: PM Press, anticipated Spring 2021)</i>	\$10,100
2019	Tobin Project, History of American Democracy Graduate Student Fellow	\$1,000
2015-2017	Philosophy of Social Science and Critical Realism Summer Seminar and Graduate Student Working Group	\$5,000

Internal Fellowships and Grants

2022-2023	Berkeley Connect Fellowship	\$22,000
2021	Global, International, and Area Studies, Reinhard Bendix and Allan Sharlin Fellowship	\$2,500
2021	SURF-SMART (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships-Student Mentoring and Research Teams) Graduate Fellow	\$5,000
2021	Institute of Governmental Studies, Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship	\$3,000
2017	UC Berkeley Global Urban Humanities Initiative, Interdisciplinary Student Publications Grant <i>Supported production of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's atlas of the Bay Area, Counterpoints (Oakland, CA: PM Press, anticipated Spring 2021)</i>	\$15,000
2014	Cook Family Foundation, Owosso Fellowship <i>Supported internship in the Office of the City Manager, Owosso, MI</i>	\$4,000
2013	Yale College, Mellon Forum Research Grant <i>Supported interviews with the Uyghur Human Rights Project in Washington, D.C.</i>	\$500
2013	Howard W. Hilgendorf Memorial Fellowship <i>Supported field research in Xinjiang, China from June through July, 2013</i>	\$4,250

- 2011 Richard U. Light Fellowship for Intensive East Asian Language Study
Supported study at the Princeton in Beijing Chinese language institute at Beijing Normal University in Beijing, China

Awards

- 2019 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Alumni Prize for Public Sociology
For the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance (Oakland, CA: PM Press, 2021)
- 2018 UC Berkeley Graduate Division, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor
- 2017 Berkeley Undergraduate Sociological Association, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor
- 2016 American Studies Association, Digital Humanities Caucus, Garfinkel Prize in Digital Humanities
For service in the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's "Narratives of Displacement and Resistance" oral history project
- 2016 American Association of Geographers, Urban Geography Speciality Group, Alternative Geography Award
For service in the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project
- 2015 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Alumni Prize for Public Sociology
For service in the Berkeley Journal of Sociology editorial collective
- 2013 Acheson Prize for Outstanding Essays in International Studies, Third Place, "Unstable Ground: The 1968 Mexico City Student Protests," published in the *Yale Review of International Studies* 3:2 (2013): 63-72, and [online](#).

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND LECTURES³

- 2022 "Theorizing the Republican, Imperial, and Settler Colonial Dimensions of American State Formation: A Congressional Analysis," **Decolonizing "Development" Mini-Conference**, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 9-11 July 2022.

³ Asterisks denote invited events.

- 2020 “Indigenous Dispossession, the Public Lands, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States,” **Decolonizing “Development” Mini-Conference**, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 21 July 2020.
- 2020 “The Public Lands and Government Support of Infrastructural Development in the United States,” **Democratising Infrastructures Workshop** at Durham University, Durham, UK, 23-24 January 2020
- 2019 “Constructing the National Interest: The Erie Canal, the Transcontinental Railroads, and the Hoover Dam” **Social Science History Association**, Chicago, IL, 23 November 2019
- 2018 “Reflexive Action as an Object of Sociological Inquiry: Bourdieu and Beyond,” American Sociological Association, **“Trespassing, Poaching, Raiding, Transcending” Theory Section Panel**, Philadelphia, PA, 13 August 2018
- 2018 “Exurban Development and the Precarious Fringe of the San Francisco Bay Area,” **“State Transformations, Spatial Austerity and the Globalization of Urban Decline” Mini-Conference**, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Kyoto, Japan, 26 June 2018
- 2017 “Choice Under Duress: Life in the Suburban Fringe of the Financialized Bay Area,” American Sociological Association, **Community and Urban Sociology Section Roundtable**, Montreal, Canada, 14 August 2017
- 2017 “Against Instrumental Rationality, the Ethical Unity of the Post-Positivists,” **Beyond Positivism**, Montreal, Canada, 10 August 2017
- 2016 “Effects of Financialized Housing Discourse: Evidence from the San Francisco Bay Area,” **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics**, Berkeley, CA, 26 June 2016
- 2014 “The Sinicization of Xinjiang: Efforts in China's Northwest Frontier to Create a Nation from a State,” **Trumbull College Mellon Forum**, Yale College, 28 October 2013

With the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project

- * “Data For Justice: Tensions and Lessons from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project’s Work Between Activism and Academia,” co-presented with Terra Graziani at the Obtaining, Organizing, and Opening Police Misconduct Data conference hosted by the **Ford Foundation**, online, 16 November 2021.

“Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance,”

- 2021* Urban Science Lecture Series at the **MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning** with Erin McElroy, Online, 18 October 2021
- 2021* ANTH 642: Public Anthropology, Guest Speaker, **American University**, online, 13 October 2021
- 2021 **Virtual Launch Event** hosted by the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, 27 June 2021
- 2020* **LivingMaps Network**, Online, 18 November 2020
- 2019* SYSTEM FAILURE (an apexart exhibition) at the **Minnesota Street Project**, San Francisco, CA with Erin McElroy and Adrienne Hall, 14 May 2019
- 2019 Feminist Studies Book Talk series at **University of California, Santa Cruz**, with Erin McElroy, Austin Ehrhardt, Adrienne Hall, and Chris Henrick, 17 April 2019
- 2018* Global Urban Humanities Fall Symposium, Poster Presentation, **University of California, Berkeley** in Berkeley, CA, 8 October 2018

“Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement: Introducing the Work of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project”

- 2020* ENVDES 4A: Design and Activism, Guest Lecture, **University of California, Berkeley, College of Environmental Design** with Erin McElroy and Isa Knafo, Online, 13 November 2020
- 2019* Feminist Lecture Series, **Sonoma State University**, Rohnert Park, CA, 4 November 2019
- 2019* Impact Exchange, **ZERO1 American Arts Incubator**, Workshop in San Francisco, CA with Adrienne Hall and Carla Wojczuk, 24 July 2019
- * Economic Futures Retreat, hosted by the **Economic Security Project**, Fremont, CA, 29-30 October 2019
- * “Pictures of a Gone City: Tech, Displacement, and Resistance in the San Francisco Bay Area,” panel discussion with Richard Walker, Co-Panelist with Erin McElroy, **Howard Zinn Book Fair**, City College of San Francisco, Mission Campus, in San Francisco, CA, 2 December 2018
- * “Abolition & Gentrification: Anti-Eviction Mapping Project Presentation & Discussion,” collectively presented talk and panel discussion at the **Museum of Capitalism**, Oakland, CA, 30 July 2017

“Counterpoints: Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement,” report co-authored with Tenants Together presented with Terra Graziani and Erin McElroy, **Eastside Arts Alliance**, Oakland, CA, 9 September 2016

* “Engaging Data with Action: The Work of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Eviction Free SF and the San Francisco Tenants Union,” collectively presented talk at **SOMArts Cultural Center**, San Francisco, CA, 14 May 2016

“Narrating Displacement: Lived Experiences of Urban Social and Spatial Exclusion,” paper presented with Florian Opillard, **Association of American Geographers** in San Francisco, CA, 1 April 2016

“Oral History, Radical Mapping and Direct Action. The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project,” collectively presented workshop at **Association of American Geographers**, San Francisco, CA, 30 March 2016

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

University Teaching

- Spring 2022 Acting Instructor for UC Berkeley, Sociology 190: American State Formation in Critical Perspective (self-designed and taught seminar)
- Spring 2021 UC Berkeley, Political Science 111AC: The Politics of Displacement with Lecturer Nadesan Permaul
- Spring 2019 Acting Instructor for UC Berkeley, Sociology 190: Introduction to Political Economy (self-designed and taught seminar)
- Spring 2017 UC Berkeley, Sociology 102: Sociological Theory II with Associate Professor Cihan Tuğal
- Fall 2016 UC Berkeley, Sociology 101: Classical Social Theory with Associate Professor Dylan Riley

Reading — Course support and grading without classroom teaching

- Fall 2018 UC Berkeley, Sociology 148: Social Policy for Professor Cybelle Fox

Community-Engaged Teaching

- Autumn 2018 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Stanford (at Stanford) University, Urban Studies 164: Sustainable Cities with Instructor Deland Chan

Designed and coordinated activities to support the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project's atlas project, Counterpoints, including designing an educational supplement for the atlas, training in oral history methods, and training in grant writing for non-profits

- Spring 2017 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, UC Berkeley, Anthropology 121AC: American Material Cultures with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz
Designed and coordinated campus power mapping project. Published maps can be found [here](#).
- Fall 2016 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, UC Berkeley, Anthropology X2AC: Intro to Archaeology with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz
Trained and coordinated student interviewers to collect oral histories for the [Narratives of Displacement](#) map.

Formal Mentorship

Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program, UC Berkeley

- Spring 2022: Cassandra De La Pena (Sociology '25), Christopher Hoefft (Political Science '23), Sabariesh Ilankathir (Political Economy '23), Marc Makornwattana (Political Economy '25), Andres Marquez (Political Science '25), Irene Pang (Sociology and Media Studies '24), Eva Polina (Psychology and Legal Studies '25), Hippolyte Roland (Political Economy '22)
- Fall 2021: Cassandra De La Pena (Sociology '25), Aayush Singh (Economics '24), and Irene Pang (Sociology and Media Studies '24)
- Spring 2021: Isabel Cholbi (Political Economy '22), Aaron Hill (History '23), Alexis Wood (Geography '21)
- Fall 2020: Isabel Cholbi (Political Economy '22), Aaron Hill (History '23), Alexandra Langar (History '20), Alexis Wood (Geography '21)
- Spring 2020: Danae Kawamoto-Duran (Economics '22), Alexandra Langar (History '20)

Pathways to Social Science Research Program, Institute of Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley, 2021-2022, with Norma Garcia (Business and Sociology '24), Salvador Uribe (American Studies '22), and Mark Yoo (Political Science '23)

SURF-SMART (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships-Student Mentoring and Research Teams) Graduate Fellow, Summer 2021, with Audrey McClish (Political Economy '23) as advisee

Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Program, Graduate Student Advisor, Spring 2021-Summer 2021

Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis Mentor, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
Bernadette Blashill, “‘Our Military Is Waiting for You!’ American Policy Towards Central American Asylum Seekers,” 2018-2019
Michelle Cera, “‘The Berkeley Bubble.’ Constructing a Political Echo Chamber in UC Berkeley Memes for Edgy Teens,” 2017-2018 (currently pursuing a PhD in Sociology at New York University)

Other Teaching Experience

- Fall 2018-
Spring 2021 Discipline-Cluster Leader, UC Berkeley, GSI Teaching & Resource Center
Teaching Conference for First-Time Graduate Student Instructors
Designed and taught four hour workshops on essential teaching skills and strategies for first time Graduate Student Instructors at UC Berkeley
- Spring 2012-
Fall 2017 Instructor, Splash!, Yale University & UC Berkeley
Designing and teaching two-hour long seminars structured around close readings of socio-political texts and class discussion to high school seniors and juniors in New Haven and Berkeley approximately once a semester
- 2011 Instructor, Building Bridges at Yale, Sichuan, China
Designed and taught one week English language and culture course to high school students in rural Sichuan, China with a co-teacher from Peking University.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Departmental Service

- 2020-Present Member, Anti-Racism Working Group
- 2020-Present Coordinator, Historical Social Science Workshop (interdisciplinary with Political Science)
- Fall 2021 Student Member, Faculty Search Committee
- 2014-2021 Sociology Department Delegate, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly
- 2015-2017 Departmental Union Steward, UAW 2865
- 2015-2016 Graduate Student Coordinator, Berkeley Sociology Departmental Colloquium Series (with Marion Fourcade as Faculty Coordinator)

University Service

- 2016-2021 Graduate Council, UC Berkeley Academic Senate (by election of the Graduate Assembly delegate body)
- 2018-2019 Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate Division Search Committee, UC Berkeley Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (by appointment of the executive committee of the Graduate Assembly)
- 2017-2019 Campus Affairs Committee, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly

2015-2016 Committee on Teaching, UC Berkeley Academic Senate

2014-2016 Faculty Mentoring Award Committee, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, SERVICE, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Associations

Social Science History Association, 2019-Present

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2015-Present

American Association of Geographers, 2015-Present

American Sociological Association, 2014-Present

Service

Organizer, CHS/GATS Section Mentorship Program, American Sociological Association,
2020-Present

Editorial Collective, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 2014-2016, 2021-Present

Occasional Reviewer

American Sociological Review, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*

Certifications

Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellow, UC Berkeley GSI Teaching and Research
Center, Winter 2020/Spring 2021

Graduate Student Inclusivity Training Program, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly, Spring 2017

RELEVANT SKILLS

English (native), Mandarin (advanced spoken/written)

Archival research, legislative research, STATA, R, ArcGIS