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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA

M.A. Sociology, May 2016

Ph.D. Sociology, *in progress*

Dissertation: “Territoriality, Land, and Dispossession in American State Formation,” advised by Mara Loveman (chair), John Lie, and Eric Schickler (Political Science)

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

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

Empire and postcolonial sociology; infrastructure and materiality; science, knowledge, and technology; political economy; development; society and space; social theory; culture

BOOK

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

- Winner of the 2022 ASA **Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT)** Section Award for Emancipatory Practice
- Winner of the 2022 ASA **Sociological Practice and Public Sociology (SPPS)** Robert Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement
- Forthcoming review forum in *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*
- Featured in the *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* vol. 63, 2022
- Author Meets Critics at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 9 April 2021
- Winner of the 2019 Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology

¹ This is a book project collectively produced and edited by an Anti-Eviction Mapping Project. Erin McElroy and I are equal project leads for the book as a whole. I am also a coauthor for the Introduction and the editor for Chapter 6, “Migrations/Relocations.”

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.

- 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.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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

- Winner of the 2022 **Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT)** Section Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award
- Honorable Mention for the 2022 ASA **Theory Section** Best Student Paper Award
- Honorable Mention for the 2022 ASA **Comparative-Historical Sociology (CHS)** Section Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award

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

Shi, Mary. “Imperial Settler Republic: Theorizing the Prevalence of Territory Management Topics in Early Congressional Debates.” (*in preparation*)

Shi, Mary. “The Restructured Urban Political Economy of the Knowledge Economy: Evidence from the San Francisco Bay Area.” (*complete manuscript undergoing revisions*)

REVIEW ESSAYS, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND OTHER WRITING

Maharawal, Manissa, Erin McElroy, and **Mary Shi** (equal co-authorship). *Forthcoming*. “Counterpoints: A Response.” *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*.

Shi, Mary. 2022. “Counterpoints as an Act of Public Sociology.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 63: 64-79.

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

Shi, Mary, ed. 2021. “Migrations/Relocations.” *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, ed. Oakland, CA: PM Press, 285-324.

- Erin McElroy, **Mary Shi**, Manissa, Maharawal, and the AEMP Collective. 2021. "Introduction: This is Not a Point." *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, ed. Oakland, CA: PM Press, xxiii-xxvi.
- 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](#).
- Acheson Prize for Outstanding Essays in International Studies, Third Place, Yale International Relations Association
- Shi, Mary**. 2011. "Secularism in Suburbia." *Fiat Lux: A Journal of Religious Life at Yale*. 3(1): 27-30.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External Fellowships and Grants

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| 2015-2020 | Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation (\$138,000) |
| 2020 | Organizational Project Grant, San Francisco Arts Commission (\$10,100) |
| 2019 | History of American Democracy Graduate Student Fellow, Tobin Project, Cambridge, |
| 2015-2017 | Philosophy of Social Science and Critical Realism Summer Seminar and Graduate |

Competitive Internal Fellowships and Grants

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| 2022-2023 | Berkeley Connect Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley (\$30,000) |
| 2021 | Reinhard Bendix and Allan Sharlin Fellowship, Global, International, and Area Studies, UC Berkeley (\$2,500) |
| | SURF-SMART (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships-Student Mentoring and Research Teams) Graduate Fellow, UC Berkeley (\$5,000) |
| | Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley (\$3,000) |
| 2017 | Interdisciplinary Student Publications Grant, Global Urban Humanities Initiative, UC |
| 2014 | Owosso Fellowship, Cook Family Foundation (\$4,000) |
| 2013 | Mellon Forum Research Grant, Yale College (\$500) |

² For this publication I served as the primary chapter editor and corresponding author for the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.

Howard W. Hilgendorf Memorial Fellowship, Yale College (\$4,250)

2011 Richard U. Light Fellowship for Intensive East Asian Language Study, Yale College

Awards

2022 ASA Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT) Section Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award

ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Section Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention

ASA Theory Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention

ASA Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT) Section Emancipatory Practice Award (as part of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project collective)

ASA Sociological Practice and Public Sociology (SPPS) Section Robert Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement

2019 Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology

2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley Graduate Division

2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, Berkeley Undergraduate Sociological Association

2016 Garfinkel Prize in Digital Humanities, Digital Humanities Caucus, American Studies Alternative Geography Award, Urban Geography Speciality Group, American Association of Geographers

2015 Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology

2013 Acheson Prize for Outstanding Essays in International Studies, Third Place, Yale

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND LECTURES (*denotes invited events)

2022 “Imperial Settler Republic: Theorizing the Prevalence of Territory Management Topics in Early Congressional Debates,” **Social Science History Association**, Chicago, IL, 17-20 November 2022.

2022* ““Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished:” The Public Lands, Settler Colonialism, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States,” **Sociologists in Action, University of Michigan**, Online, 22 September 2022.

2022 “Imperial Settler Republic: Theorizing the Prevalence of Territory Management Topics in Early Congressional Debates,” **"Theorizing the United States" Theory Section Panel**, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, 5-9 August 2022.

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, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 9-11 July 2022.

- 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, Online, 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
- 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

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

2022* **Bay Area Community Land Trust**, 11 December 2022

2022*, 2021* ANTH 642: Public Anthropology, Guest Speaker, **American University**, online, 9 November 2022 and 13 October 2021

2022* AMS 390: Feminist And Antiracist Tech, Guest Speaker, **University of Texas-**

2021* Urban Science Lecture Series at the **MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning** with Erin McElroy, Online, 18 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”

- 2022* CYPLAN 255: Urban Informatics and Visualization, Guest Lecture, **University of California, Berkeley, College of Environmental Design** with Erin McElroy, 18 April 2022
- 2020* ENVDES 4A: Design and Activism, Guest Lecture, **University of California, Berkeley, College of Environmental Design** with Erin McElroy and Isa Knafo,
- 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

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

* Economic Futures Retreat, **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 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, Sociology 190: American State Formation in Critical Perspective (self-designed and taught seminar), UC Berkeley
- Spring 2021 GSI, Political Science 111AC: The Politics of Displacement with Lecturer Nadesan Permaul, UC Berkeley
- Spring 2019 Acting Instructor, Sociology 190: Introduction to Political Economy - Society, Space, and Transformation in the San Francisco Bay Area (self-designed and taught seminar), UC Berkeley
- Spring 2017 GSI, Sociology 102: Sociological Theory II with Associate Professor Cihan Tuğal, UC Berkeley
- Fall 2016 GSI, Sociology 101: Classical Social Theory with Associate Professor Dylan Riley, UC Berkeley

Reading — Course support and grading without classroom teaching

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

Community-Engaged University Teaching

- Autumn 2018 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Urban Studies 164: Sustainable Cities with Instructor Deland Chan, Stanford University
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, Anthropology 121AC: American Material Cultures with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz, UC Berkeley
Designed and coordinated campus power mapping project. Published maps can be found [here](#).
- Fall 2016 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Anthropology X2AC: Intro to Archaeology with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz, UC Berkeley
Trained and coordinated student interviewers to collect oral histories for the [Narratives of Displacement](#) map.

Formal Mentorship

Berkeley Connect Graduate Fellow, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2022-2023

Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program, UC Berkeley, 2020-Present

Fall 2022: Erik Jun Cui (Sociology and Economics '24), Aoife Dwan (Political Economy '26), Sasha Kozlov (Economics '24), Hippolyte Roland (Political Economy '23), Ryan Stewart (Sociology '24)

Spring 2022: Cassandra De La Pena (Sociology '25), Christopher Hoeft (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)

Summer 2021: Alexis Wood (Geography '21)

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-Present

2022-2023: Bryan Ramos, Luis Ramirez

2021-2022: 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- Discipline-Cluster Leader, UC Berkeley, GSI Teaching & Resource Center Teaching

Spring 2021 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- Instructor, Splash!, Yale University & UC Berkeley
 Fall 2017 *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 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
 Fall 2021 Student Member, Faculty Search Committee
 2020-2022 Coordinator, Historical Social Science Workshop (interdisciplinary with Political Science)
 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

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

- Best Student Paper Award Selection Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2022-2023

Editorial Collective, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 2014-2016, 2021-2022

Organizer, CHS/GTS Section Joint Mentorship Program, American Sociological Association, 2019-2022

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, in-depth interviewing, oral history, R, STATA, ArcGIS