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EMPLOYMENT

University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, MI
LSA Collegiate Fellow, Department of Sociology (2024-2026)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA
Ph.D. Sociology (*expected Spring 2024*)
M.A. Sociology, May 2016
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

Political economy; state formation; science, knowledge, and technology; society and space; economic geography; theory; empire; economic sociology; political sociology; urban sociology; public sociology

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Shi, Mary. ““Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished.” The Public Lands, Indigenous Erasure, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States.” (*under review at the American Journal of Sociology*)

- Winner of the **2022 ASA 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) Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award**

Shi, Mary. “Beyond the Weberian State: The Centrality of Land in Early American State Formation, 1789-1861” (*complete manuscript undergoing revisions*)

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

Shi, Mary. “An Empire for Liberty: How Federalism Territorialized Sovereignty and Complicated Territorial Expansion and Development” (*in preparation*)

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**
- Review forum in *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*
- Reviewed in the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*
- 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

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS AND INVITED BOOK REVIEW

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.

Graziani, Terra² 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.

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.”

² Practitioner co-author.

BOOK CHAPTERS, REPORT, AND OTHER WRITING

Maharawal, Manissa, Erin McElroy, and **Mary Shi** (equal co-authorship). 2022. "Counterpoints: A Response." *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*.

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

McElroy, Erin, **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.³ 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

2023-2024	University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellow (\$25,000)
2015-2020	National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000)
2020	San Francisco Arts Commission, Organizational Project Grant (\$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)

Competitive Internal Fellowships and Grants

2023-2024	Department of Sociology, Blumer Teaching Fellow (\$7,500)
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2022-2023

³ For this publication I served as the primary chapter editor and corresponding author for the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.

- 2021 Department of Sociology, Berkeley Connect Fellowship (\$30,000)
Global, International, and Area Studies, Reinhard Bendix and Allan Sharlin
Fellowship, (\$2,500)
SURF-SMART (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships-Student Mentoring
and Research Teams) Graduate Fellow (\$5,000)
Institute of Governmental Studies, Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship
2017 (\$3,000)
Global Urban Humanities Initiative, Interdisciplinary Student Publications Grant
2014 (\$15,000)
2013 Owosso Fellowship, Cook Family Foundation, Yale College (\$4,000)
2011 Yale College, Mellon Forum Research Grant (\$500)
Yale College, Howard W. Hilgendorf Memorial Fellowship (\$4,250)
Yale College, Richard U. Light Fellowship for Intensive East Asian Language Study
(\$7,000)

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 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Alumni Prize for Public Sociology
With the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project for the Counterpoints atlas project
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
American Association of Geographers, Urban Geography Speciality Group,
Alternative Geography Award
2015 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Alumni Prize for Public Sociology
For service in the Berkeley Journal of Sociology editorial collective
2013 Yale International Relations Association, Acheson Prize for Outstanding Essays in
International Studies, Third Place

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

“An Empire for Liberty: How Federalism Territorialized Sovereignty and Complicated
Territorial Expansion and Development.”

- 2023 Decolonizing “Development” Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of

Socio-Economics, Rio de Janeiro, 20-22 July 2023

“Beyond the Weberian State: The Centrality of Land in Early American State Formation, 1789-1861”

- 2023* University of Michigan, Department of Sociology
- 2022 Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 17-20 November 2022.
- 2022 "Theorizing the United States" Theory Section Panel, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, 5-9 August 2022.
- 2022 Decolonizing “Development” Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 9-11 July 2022.

““Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished:” The Public Lands, Settler Colonialism, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States”

- 2022* Sociologists in Action, University of Michigan, Online, 22 September 2022.
- 2020 Decolonizing “Development” Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Online, 21 July 2020
- 2020 Democratising Infrastructures Workshop at Durham University, Durham, UK, 23-24 January 2020

“Constructing the National Interest: The Erie Canal, the Transcontinental Railroads, and the Hoover Dam” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 23 November 2019

“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

“Against Instrumental Rationality: The Ethical Unity of the Post-Positivists,” Beyond Positivism, Montreal, Canada, 10 August 2017

“The Restructured Urban Political Economy of the Knowledge Economy: Evidence from the San Francisco Bay Area”

- 2018 “State Transformations, Spatial Austerity and the Globalization of Urban Decline” Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Kyoto, Japan, June 26 2018
- 2017 American Sociological Association, Community and Urban Sociology Section Roundtable, Montreal, Canada, 14 August 2017
- 2016 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Berkeley, CA, 26 June 2016

“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”

- 2023* ASA Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Seminar Series, online, 23 February 2023
- 2022*, 2021* American University, ANTH 642: Public Anthropology, Guest Speaker, online,

9 November 2022 and 13 October 2021

- 2022* University of Texas-Austin, AMS 390: Feminist And Antiracist Tech, Guest Speaker, online, 20 October 2022
- 2021* MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Urban Science Lecture Series 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* Minnesota Street Project, SYSTEM FAILURE (an apexart exhibition), San Francisco, CA with Erin McElroy and Adrienne Hall, 14 May 2019
- 2019 UC Santa Cruz, Feminist Studies Book Talk with Erin McElroy, Austin Ehrhardt, Adrienne Hall, and Chris Henrick, 17 April 2019\
- 2018* UC Berkeley Global Urban Humanities Fall Symposium, Poster Presentation, 8 October 2018

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

- 2022* UC Berkeley, CYPLAN 255: Urban Informatics and Visualization, Guest Lecture with Erin McElroy, 18 April 2022
- 2020* UC Berkeley, ENVDES 4A: Design and Activism, Guest Lecture with Erin McElroy and Isa Knafo, Online, 13 November 2020
- 2019* Sonoma State University, Feminist Lecture Series, Rohnert Park, CA, 4 November 2019
- 2019* ZERO1 American Arts Incubator, Impact Exchange, 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

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| Fall 2023 | SOC 375: Pedagogy with Professor Marion Fourcade |
| Spring 2022 | SOC 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 | SOC 190: Intro 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

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| Fall 2018 | UC Berkeley, SOC 148: Social Policy for Professor Cybelle Fox |
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Community-Engaged University Teaching

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| Autumn 2018 | Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Urban Studies 164: Sustainable Cities with Instructor Deland Chan, Stanford University
<i>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</i> |
| Spring 2017 | Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Anthropology 121AC: American Material Cultures with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz, UC Berkeley
<i>Designed and coordinated campus power mapping project. Published maps can be found here.</i> |
| Fall 2016 | Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Anthropology X2AC: Intro to Archaeology with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz, UC Berkeley
<i>Trained and coordinated student interviewers to collect oral histories for the <u>Narratives of Displacement</u> map.</i> |

Formal Mentorship

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

Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program, UC Berkeley, 2020-Present

Ayden Chi (Economics '25)	Taylor Lang (Sociology '26)
Isabel Cholbi (Political Economy '22)	Alexandra Langar (History '20)
Cassandra De La Pena (Sociology '25)	Marc Makornwattana (Political Econ. '25)
Areliia Diaz (Sociology '23)	Andres Marquez (Political Science '25)
Aoife Dwan (Political Economy '26)	Jonathan Ngai ('25)
Aaron Hill (History '23)	Irene Pang (Soc. and Media Studies '24)
Murtaza Hiraj (Comp. Sci. and Hist.'25)	Eva Polina (Psych. and Legal Studies '25)
Christopher Hoeft (Political Science '23)	Hippolyte Roland (Political Economy '23)
Sabariesh Ilankathir (Pol. Economy '23)	Aayush Singh (Economics '24)
Erik Jun Cui (Sociology '24)	Ryan Stewart (Sociology '24)
Danae Kawamoto-Duran (Economics '22)	Jacob Thompson (History and Pol. Sci. '25)
Sasha Kozlov (Economics '24)	Alexis Wood (Geography '21)

Pathways to Social Science Research Program, Institute of Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley, 2021-2023

Norma Garcia (Business, Sociology '24)	Salvador Uribe (American Studies '22)
Bryan Ramos (History '24)	Mark Yoo (Political Science '23)
Luis Ramirez (History '24)	

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 <i>Designed and taught four hour workshops on essential teaching skills and strategies for first time Graduate Student Instructors at UC Berkeley</i>
Spring 2012- Fall 2017	Instructor, Splash!, Yale University & UC Berkeley <i>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</i>
2011	Instructor, Building Bridges at Yale, Sichuan, China <i>Designed and taught English language and culture course to high school students in rural Sichuan, China with a co-teacher from Peking University.</i>

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Departmental Service

- Spring 2023 Sociology Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity (Non)Citizenship Reading Group
 2020-2022 Member, Anti-Racism Working Group
 2020-2022 Coordinator, Historical Social Science Workshop
 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

UC Berkeley Affiliations

- Indigenous Mapping Social Science Matrix Research Team, 2022-Present
 Network for a New Political Economy (N2PE) Scholar, 2021-Present

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 to the Profession

- Best Student Paper Award Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2023
 Organizer, CHS/GTS Section Joint Mentorship Program, American Sociological Association, 2019-2022
 Editorial Collective, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 2014-2016, 2021-2022

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