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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, August 2024
M.A. Sociology, May 2016
Dissertation: “Settlers’ Republic: Land, Infrastructure, and the Emergence of New Technologies of Government in the United States, 1789-1862 ,” 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

BOOK

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

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.”

- 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
- Winner of the 2019 Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

- conditionally accepted* Shi, Mary. "Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished:" The Public Lands, Indigenous Erasure, and the Origins of Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States." *Politics & Society*
- 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
 - Honorable Mention for the 2024 Leo Lowenthal Prize in the UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
- 2024 Shi, Mary. "To Understand China's Global Development Strategy, Look to the United States' Past." *University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation*. 4 October 2024.
- 2022 Shi, Mary. "Counterpoints as an Act of Public Sociology." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 63: 64-79.
- 2022 Maharawal, Manissa, Erin McElroy, and Mary Shi (equal co-authorship) "Counterpoints: A Response." *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space*.
- 2021 Shi, Mary. "Bourdieu and Social Space: Mobilities, Trajectories, Emplacements." *Contemporary Sociology* 50(3): 251-253.
- 2020 Graziani, Terra² and Mary Shi (equal co-authorship). "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 Ford Foundation "Obtaining, Organizing, and Opening Police Misconduct Data" conference, 16 November 2021.

² Practitioner co-author.

- 2018 The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.³ “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project Handbook.” *Creating Social Change Through Creativity: Anti-Oppressive Arts Based Research Methods*. Moshoula Capous-Desyllas and Karen Morgaine, eds. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 289-308.
- 2016 Graziani, Terra, Erin McElroy, Mary Shi, and Leah Simon-Weinberg (equal co-authorship). “Counterpoints: Stories and Data for Resisting Displacement, 2016.” Joint report by the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project and Tenants Together. Oakland, CA: 9 September 2016 and [online](#).
- 2013 Shi, Mary.. “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
- 2012 Tycowski, Kazimierz; Mei-Di Shu, Sumit Borah, Mary Shi and Joan A. Steitz. “Conservation of a Triple-Helix-Forming RNA Stability Element in Noncoding and Genomic RNAs of Diverse Viruses.” *Cell Reports* 2(1): 26-32.
- 2011 Shi, Mary. “Secularism in Suburbia.” *Fiat Lux: A Journal of Religious Life at Yale*. 3(1): 27-30.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Shi, Mary. “Empire in Transition: Theorizing the Centrality of Land in Early American State Formation, 1789-1862” (*complete manuscript undergoing revisions*)

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

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External Fellowships and Grants

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| 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 |

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

Student Working Group (\$5,000)

Competitive Internal Fellowships and Grants

- 2023-2024 Department of Sociology, Blumer Teaching Fellow (\$7,500)
 2022-2023 Department of Sociology, Berkeley Connect Fellowship (\$30,000)
 2021 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 (\$3,000)
 2017 Global Urban Humanities Initiative, Interdisciplinary Student Publications Grant (\$15,000)
 2014 Owosso Fellowship, Cook Family Foundation, Yale College (\$4,000)
 2013 Yale College, Mellon Forum Research Grant (\$500)
 2011 Yale College, Howard W. Hilgendorf Memorial Fellowship (\$4,250)
 Yale College, Richard U. Light Fellowship for Intensive East Asian Language Study (\$7,000)

Awards

- 2024 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Leo Lowenthal Prize, Honorable Mention
 2022 ASA Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT) Section Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award
 2022 ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Section Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention
 2022 ASA Theory Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention
 2022 ASA Science, Knowledge, and Technology (SKAT) Section Emancipatory Practice Award (as part of the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project collective)
 2022 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
 2016 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)

- * “Settlers’ Republic: Land, Infrastructure, and the Emergence of New Technologies of Government in the United States, 1789-1862,” U.S. Political Economy Lab, online, 2024
- “An Empire for Liberty: How Federalism Territorialized Sovereignty and Complicated Territorial Expansion and Development.”
- 2024 “Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Politics” Comparative-Historical Sociology Section Panel, American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada
 - 2023 Decolonizing “Development” Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Rio de Janeiro
- ““Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished:” The Public Lands, Indigenous Erasure, and the Origins of Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States”
- 2024 “Production of Knowledge Regimes” Critical Studies Panel, Social Science History Association, Toronto, CA
 - 2024 Bay Area Economic History Workshop, Stanford University
 - 2022* Sociologists in Action, University of Michigan, Online
 - 2020 Decolonizing “Development” Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
 - 2020 Democratising Infrastructures Workshop at Durham University, Durham, UK
- “Empire in Transition: Theorizing the Centrality of Land in Early American State Formation, 1789-186”
- 2023* University of Michigan, Department of Sociology
 - 2022 Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL
 - 2022 "Theorizing the United States" Theory Section Panel, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles
 - 2022 Decolonizing “Development” Mini-Conference, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- “Constructing the National Interest: The Erie Canal, the Transcontinental Railroads, and the Hoover Dam” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 2019
- “Reflexive Action as an Object of Sociological Inquiry: Bourdieu and Beyond,” American Sociological Association, “Trespassing, Poaching, Raiding, Transcending” Theory Section Panel, Philadelphia, PA, 2018
- “Against Instrumental Rationality: The Ethical Unity of the Post-Positivists,” Beyond Positivism, Montreal, Canada, 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

2017 American Sociological Association, Community and Urban Sociology Section
Roundtable, Montreal, Canada

2016 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Berkeley, CA

“The Sinicization of Xinjiang: Efforts in China's Northwest Frontier to Create a Nation from a State,”
Trumbull College Mellon Forum, Yale College

With the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project

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

- 2024*, 2022* UC Berkeley, CYPLAN 255: Urban Informatics and Visualization, Guest Lecture
with Erin McElroy
- 2023* ASA Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Seminar Series, online
- 2022*, 2021* American University, ANTH 642: Public Anthropology, Guest Speaker
- 2022* University of Texas-Austin, AMS 390: Feminist And Antiracist Tech, Guest Speaker,
online
- 2021* MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Urban Science Lecture Series
with Erin McElroy, online
- 2021 Virtual Launch Event hosted by the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, 27 June 2021
- 2020* LivingMaps Network, online
- 2019* Minnesota Street Project, SYSTEM FAILURE (an apexart exhibition), San
Francisco, CA with Erin McElroy and Adrienne Hall
- 2019 UC Santa Cruz, Feminist Studies Book Talk with Erin McElroy, Austin Ehrhardt,
Adrienne Hall, and Chris Henrick
- 2018* UC Berkeley Global Urban Humanities Fall Symposium, Poster Presentation
- 2020* UC Berkeley, ENVDES 4A: Design and Activism, Guest Lecture with Erin McElroy
and Isa Knafo, Online
- 2019* Sonoma State University, Feminist Lecture Series, Rohnert Park, CA
- 2019* ZERO1 American Arts Incubator, Impact Exchange, Workshop in San Francisco, CA
with Adrienne Hall and Carla Wojczuk

* “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, 2021.

* Economic Futures Retreat, Economic Security Project, Fremont, CA, 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, 2018

* “Abolition & Gentrification: Anti-Eviction Mapping Project Presentation & Discussion,” collectively
presented talk and panel discussion at the Museum of Capitalism, Oakland, CA, 2017

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

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

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

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Teaching

2025 SOC 495: Technology and Social Change

Formal Mentorship

Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (SOUL). Fall 2024, with Abigail Browne as mentee

University of California, Berkeley

Teaching

2023 SOC 375: Pedagogy with Professor Marion Fourcade

2022 SOC 190: American State Formation in Critical Perspective (*self-designed and taught seminar*)

2021 PLSC 111AC: The Politics of Displacement with Lecturer Nadesan Permaul

2019 SOC 190: Intro to Political Economy - Society, Space, and Transformation in the San Francisco Bay Area (*self-designed and taught seminar*)

2017 SOC 102: Sociological Theory II with Associate Professor Cihan Tuğal

2016 SOC 101: Classical Social Theory with Associate Professor Dylan Riley

Reading — Course support and grading without classroom teaching

2018 SOC 148: Social Policy for Professor Cybelle Fox

Community-Engaged Courses

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

2017 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Anthropology 121AC: American Material Cultures with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz

2016 Community Collaborator from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, Anthropology X2AC: Intro to Archaeology with Lecturer Kim Christensen-Schwarz

Formal Mentorship

Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program, UC Berkeley, 2020-2024

Ayden Chi (Economics '25)

Isabel Cholbi (Political Economy '22)

Osmond Bates (Pol. Sci. and Film '24)	Taylor Lang (Sociology '26)
Jason Seymour De Haaff (History '26)	Alexandra Langar (History '20)
Cassandra De La Pena (Sociology '25)	Marc Makornwattana (Political Econ. '25)
Arelia 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 (Hist. and Pol. Sci. '25)
Sasha Kozlov (Economics '24)	Alexis Wood (Geography '21)

Berkeley Connect Graduate Fellow, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2022-2024

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

2018-2021	Discipline-Cluster Leader, UC Berkeley, GSI Teaching & Resource Center Teaching Conference for First-Time Graduate Student Instructors
2012- 2017	Instructor, Splash!, Yale University & UC Berkeley
2011	Instructor, Building Bridges at Yale, Sichuan, China

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley

2020-2022	Member, Anti-Racism Working Group, Department of Sociology
2020-2022	Coordinator, Historical Social Science Workshop, Departments of Sociology and Political Science

- 2021 Student Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology
 2014-2021 Sociology Department Delegate, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly
 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
 2017-2019 Committee on Teaching, UC Berkeley Academic Senate
 2015-2017 Departmental Union Steward, UAW 2865
 2015-2016 Graduate Student Coordinator, Berkeley Sociology Departmental Colloquium Series (with Marion Fourcade as Faculty Coordinator)
 2014-2016 Faculty Mentoring Award Committee, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

Service to the Profession

SKAT Anti-racism Committee, American Sociological Association, 2025
 Organizer, CHS Mini-Conference, American Sociological Association, 2025
 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

Book Workshop Discussant

Jeffrey Weng, *Out of Many Voices, One: Language in the Reinvention of the Chinese Nation*, Stanford University, August 2024

Occasional Reviewer

American Sociological Review, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*

Professional Associations

Social Science History Association, 2019-Present
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2015-Present
 American Sociological Association, 2014-Present

RELEVANT SKILLS

English (native), Mandarin (advanced spoken/written)
 Archival research, legislative research, in-depth interviewing, oral history, R, STATA, ArcGIS