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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Government, Cornell University, August 2019
Dissertation title: “Chinatown Is Not for Sale: Immigrant and Youth Political Mobilization Against Gentrification in New York City, San Francisco, and Boston.”
Committee: Michael Jones-Correa, Jamila Michener, and Suzanne Mettler.
- M.A. Department of Government, Cornell University, May 2015
- B.A. Highest Honors in Political Science and Asian American Studies, Binghamton University, May 2012

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University-Newark, Fall 2020
- Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellow, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University, 2018-2020
- Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Place, Culture, and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center, 2017

RESEARCH AREAS

American politics, Asian American politics, urban governance, race and ethnicity, democratic citizenship, migration and displacement, gender and sexuality, social movements, cultural and media studies, and community rooted methods.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “Asian American Abolition Feminisms: An Introduction,” (with Rachel Kuo) Asian American Abolition Feminisms special issue co-editor for *Frontiers: Journal of Women Studies*. *Forthcoming in print and online, spring 2024*.
- “Dwelling in Unwellness: A/P/A Voices,” (with Crystal Baik, Vivian Truong, Minju Bae, Preeti Sharma, Lena Sze, Amita Manghnani, Mi Hyun Yoon) in *Journal of Asian American Studies*, 25(3): 493-516. 2022.
- “Decolonizing Political Science: Reflections on Pedagogy, Practice, and Community Care,” (with Jenn Jackson, Jamil Scott, and Melina Juárez Pérez) in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 55(2): 361-363. 2022.
- “Creating Resource Pathways: Considering Opportunities and Funding Sources for Women of Color in the Discipline,” (with Jamil Scott and Danielle Lemi) in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 55(2): 368-371. 2022.
- “Promiscuous Care in Movement-Based Research: Lessons Learned from Collaborations in Manhattan’s Chinatown,” in *Gateways International Journal of Community Research and Engagement*, 14(2): 2-11. 2021.
- “The Future Is Ours To Build: Asian American Abolitionist Counterstories for Black Liberation,” in *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 10(3): 493-502. 2021.
- “#Asians4BlackLives: Notes from the Ground,” (with May Fu, Simmy Makhijani, Anh-Thu Pham, Meejin Richart, and Joanne Tien) in *Ameriasia Journal*, 45(1): 253-270. 2019.
- “Shop Talk and Everyday Sites of Political Resistance to Gentrification in Manhattan’s Chinatown,” in *Women’s Studies Quarterly*, 47(1): 132-148. 2019.
- “We Have Always Been Here! Rebel Archives: Radical Memory Work as Resistance, Collective Care, and Healing,” in *Methodologies for Housing Justice Resource Guide*. Los Angeles: Institute on Inequality and Democracy. 2019.

“Gentrification, Demobilization, Participatory Possibilities” (with Jamila Michener) in *Neighborhood Engagement: Realizing its Potential to Meet Human Needs*, edited by Richard Hays. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. 2018.

“Whose Politics? Reflections on Clarence Stone's Regime Politics” (with Michael Jones-Correa) in *Urban Affairs Review* 51(1): 161-170. 2015.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

You Can't Evict a Movement: Intergenerational Activism and Housing Justice in New York City, book manuscript in progress

Asian America Rising: Movement Visions and New Directions in the 21st Century, book manuscript in contract with NYU Press

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship
2023 Institute for Citizens and Scholars Career Enhancement Fellowship
2023 Wallace Foundation Field Studies Grant
2022 Asian Women Giving Circle Grant
2021 Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant
2020 American Political Science Association Centennial Center Special Projects Grant
2020 Mass Humanities Project Grant
2019 American Political Science Association Best Paper on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Award
2019 Southern Political Science Association Artinian Award
2019 Humanities New York Action Grant
2018 Citizens Committee for New York City Neighborhood Grant
2018 Don T. Nakanishi Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Asian Pacific American Politics
2018 New York Council for the Humanities Fellowship
2017 Cornell University Engaged Research Program Grant
2017 Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
2017 Susan Clarke Young Scholars Award, APSA Urban Politics Section
2017 Cornell University Graduate School Dean's Scholar
2017 Cornell University Sage Dissertation Fellowship
2016 Byran Jackson Dissertation Award, APSA Urban Politics Section
2016 Mellon Collaborative Studies in Architecture, Urbanism, and Humanities Fellowship
2015 Cornell University Provost Diversity Fellowship
2014 Cornell University Institute for Comparative Modernities Grant
2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
2012 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence
2011 Columbia University Mellon Mays Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship
2011 Rae Baldwin Jr. Memorial Scholarship for Political Science
2010 Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Race and Ethnicity in US Politics, Rutgers University	Fall 2022
Asian American Politics and Contemporary Issues, Rutgers University	Spring 2022
Race and Ethnicity in US Politics, Rutgers University	Spring 2022
Urban Public Policy, Rutgers University	Fall 2021
Race, Space, and Place, Rutgers University	Fall 2021
Race and Ethnicity in US Politics, Rutgers University	Spring 2021
Asian American Politics and Contemporary Issues, New York University	Spring 2020
Towards a Politics of Afro-Asian Solidarity, New York University	Fall 2019
Asian American Politics and Contemporary Issues, New York University	Spring 2019
Chinatown: Politics, Praxis, and Possibilities, New York University	Fall 2018
There Goes the 'Hood: Gentrification in American Cities, Cornell University	Spring 2015

Introduction to American Politics, Teaching Fellow, Cornell University	Fall 2014
Taking America's Pulse: Creating a National Survey, Teaching Fellow, Cornell University	Spring 2014
Pan African Freedom Fighters in Their Own Words, Teaching Fellow, Cornell University	Summer 2014

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Asian American Abolitionist Counterstories for Black Liberation.” Invited panelist for Asian American Experience symposium at the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April 2022.

“Activist Scholarship and Promiscuous Care in Movement-Based Research.” Invited speaker for Power, Equity, Diversity Colloquium at the University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota. April 2022.

“Claire Jean Kim’s Racial Triangulation Theory: A Two Decade Retrospective.” Invited panelist for virtual roundtable at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, Seattle. October 2021.

“Dynamics of Racial Separation and Solidarity: Mutual Aid as Solidarity in the Wake of COVID-19.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference. September 2021.

“Research Justice and Stretching the Contours of Asian American Politics.” Invited speaker by the Asian American Studies Program at Cornell University. April 2021.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Early Career Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice at Rutgers University	2022 –
Faculty Fellow, Center for Cultural Analysis at Rutgers University	2022 –
Senior Research Consultant, GenForward Survey	2020 –
Fellow, Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement	2021 – 2020
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers University	2021 – 2020
Faculty Fellow, Global Research Initiatives at NYU Shanghai	2019 – 2020
Research Fellow, UCLA Summer Institute on Methodologies for Housing Justice	2019 – 2020
Summer Institute Fellow, Center on Democracy and Organizing at UC Berkeley	2019 – 2020
Research Fellow, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	2014 – 2015
Project Manager, Atlanta Philadelphia Immigrant-Native Relations Project	2014 – 2015
Research Assistant, APIAVote!	2012 – 2013

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Advisory Group, Black Youth Project	2022 –
Advisory Council, National CAPACD Asian American Tenants Report	2022 –
Co-Founder, Asian/Pacific/American Voices: A COVID-19 Public Memory Project	2020 –
Advisory Council, Hate Is a Virus Community Action Fund	2020 –
Board of Directors, The W.O.W. Project	2019 –
Steering Committee, Chinatown Art Brigade	2019 –
Create Change Artist-in-Residence, The Laundromat Project	2019 – 2020
Artist-in-Residence, Fourth Arts Block	2018 – 2019
Digital Media Organizer, 18 Million Rising	2015 – 2017
Educator, Museum of Chinese in America	2012 – 2015

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

“Organizing Coalitions,” Panel presentation for Foundations of Political Theory section at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. September 2023. *Entire panel withdrew participation.*

“Proliferating A/P/A Voices: A COVID-19 Public Memory Project.” Invited panelist for virtual roundtable at the Oral History Association Annual Meeting. Online. October 2021.

“Anti-Asian Racism and Envisioning Asian American Activist Futures” Invited speaker for Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month event at LaGuardia Community College. New York, New York. May 2022.

“On Community Engagement and Social Justice Research in the Digital Age.” Invited speaker for Community Engagement speaker series at SUNY Binghamton. Online. September 2021.

“A State of Crisis: Gender and Racial Impacts of COVID-19.” Invited panelist for virtual roundtable hosted by Utah State University. April 2021.

“The Mailbox Screening: Chinatowns and Speculative Futures.” Invited speaker for Social Fiction speaker series by Arizona State University’s Center for Science and the Imagination. Online. April 2021.

“Triangulation’s Engine: How Racial Capitalism Affects Asian American Racialization.” Presented (with Christian Hosom) at the Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity (SPIRE) at Princeton University. February 2020.

“The Power of Art Against Gentrification.” Invited panelist by the Poster House Museum. July 2021.

“The Women’s Film: A Rare Screening and Talk with Makers.” Invited panelist for discussion presented by the Documentary Forum at the City College of New York and Third World Newsreel. March 2021.

“Creating Resource Pathways: Considering Opportunities and Funding Sources for Women of Color in the Discipline.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference. September 2020.

"Anti-Blackness in the Asian American Community and Building Solidarity." Invited speaker for webinar hosted by Asian American Progressive Student Union. Online. August 2020.

"Asian American Activism: A Roundtable Discussion" Invited panelist for event hosted by UC Santa Barbara Asian American Studies Department and Bulosan Center for Filipinos Studies Initiative at UC Davis. Online. August 2020.

"Reflections on Asian American Youth Activism and Cultural Production for Emergent Futures." Community Talk for Crossing Asian America First Saturdays at the Brooklyn Museum. New York, NY. November 2019.

“Building Community Power: Asian American Media-Based Organizing as Resistance.” Invited panelist for Association for American Studies Conference. Honolulu, HI. November 2019.

"Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Roundtable on Arts and Activism" Invited participant for the NYC Commission on Human Rights APAHM series. New York, NY. May 2019.

"Looking Back, Moving Forward: The Emerging Needs of Asian Pacific American Communities." Invited speaker for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at St. John’s University. New York, May 2019.

“Growing the Grassroots and the Movement for Housing Justice in Manhattan’s Chinatown.” Presented at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Meeting. Madison, WI. April 2019.

"Projecting Resistance Through Community Art, Technology, and Placekeeping in the Global City." Invited speaker at Sarah Lawrence College. Bronxville, NY. February 2019.

"We Won't Move: Evictions, Cultural Production, and Resisting Displacement." Keynote speaker for 'Deis Impact Festival at Brandeis University hosted by the Asian American Students Association. Waltham, MA. February 2019.

"Neighborhood Power: Organizing in the Aftermath of Civil Rights." Invited speaker for Right to the City Symposium hosted by the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum. Washington, D.C. October 2018.

"Navigating Work-Life Balance for Minority and Marginalized Students and Scholars." Panelist at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. September 2018.

"When Immigrant Women Hold Up the Sky: The (Re)generation of Manhattan's Chinatown." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. September 2018.

"Not Today, Satan: Using the Internet to Fight Erasure and Displacement in Asian American Communities." Panelist for discussion at Netroots Nation. New Orleans, LA. August 2018.

"Body Politics, Race, and Civic Engagement in New York City." Invited speaker for Womxn's HERstory Month Trailblazers Panel held at New York University. New York, NY. March 2018.

"Continuum: Power Through Perspective." Keynote speaker for the Annual East Coast Asian American Student Union Conference at Cornell University. New York, Ithaca. March 2018.

"The Gendered Consequences of Displacement in Los Angeles Chinatown and Boyle Heights." Guest lecturer (for Aileen Cardona's Latino Politics class) at Pace University. New York, NY. November 2017.

"Immigrant Histories, Memories, and Creative Placemaking in Manhattan's Chinatown." Guest lecturer (for Deland Chan's Sustainable Cities class) at Stanford University. Palo Alto, SF. October 2017.

"Chinese Immigration, Trauma, and Displaced Histories in the Americas." Invited speaker for the Chinese Pluralities Through the Americas Conference hosted by Chinese Historical Society of America. San Francisco, CA. October 2017.

"Conflict, Conciliation, and Cities' Search for Legitimacy." Roundtable for the New Urban Politics Mini-Conference at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 2017.

"Know Chinatown Grow Chinatown: Building on Past and Present for the Future." Keynote speaker for the Annual Chinatown Beautification Day Conference hosted by Chinatown Youth Initiative. New York, NY. August 2017.

"Bridging Theory and Praxis: Activism and Storytelling in the Digital Age." Keynote speaker for the practical speaker series hosted by Pi Sigma Alpha at University of California Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA. May 2017.

"Envisioning Creative Futures: Immigrant and Youth Mobilization Against Displacement." Invited speaker at the New York City Asian American Student Annual Conference at New York University. New York, NY. April 2017.

"Politics of Possibility: Intergenerational Resistance Against Displacement in San Francisco, New York, and Boston." Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC. April 2017.

"Chinatown Resistance: Youth Mobilization Against Evictions in New York and Boston." Presented at the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PREIC) at University of California Santa Barbara. May 2017.

"Let's Talk Chinatown: Oral Histories of a Changing Neighborhood." Moderator of discussion at Chatham Square Public Library hosted by the New York Public Library's Community Oral History Project. New York, NY. May 2017

"Asian American Media Activism: Addressing Culture, Citizenship, and Coloniality." Panelist for discussion hosted by the Department of Media, Culture, and Communication at New York University. New York, NY. February 2017.

"Challenging Mainstream Narratives: Reclaiming and Amplifying Our Data." Panelist for discussion at the Annual Asian American Community Development Conference hosted by Asian American Equality Fund. New York, NY. October 2016.

"Accountability in Social Science Research: Collaboration with Diverse Communities." Invited speaker for the Social Justice Conference hosted by the Multicultural Center at UC Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA. May 2016.

“Asian American Youth Power, Civic Engagement, and Digital Activism.” Guest lecturer (for Janelle Wong’s Asian American Politics class) at University of Maryland College Park. College Park, MD. April 2016.

“Asian American Digital Media Activism and the Model Minority Mutiny.” Invited guest speaker at the New York City Asian American Student Annual Conference at New York University. New York, NY. April 2016.

“Digital Media Activism and Community Building: Limitations and Participation Possibilities.” Invited speaker at the Asian Pacific American Annual Conference at University of Albany. Albany, NY. April 2016.

“Gentrification, Dislocation, and Political Destabilization” (with Jamila Michener). Presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. Miami, FL, April 2015.

“Asian American Media Representation: A Critical Analysis of ABC’s Fresh Off the Boat.” Invited speaker for the After Dark Series hosted by the Asian and Asian American Center at Cornell University. Ithaca, NY. March 2015.

“Power of Public Art: The Political Significance of the Mural Movement in New York City from 1960 to present.” Presenter for the Pláticas series hosted by the Latina/o Studies Program at Cornell University. Ithaca, NY. March 2014.

“How Far Have We Come? From the Third World Liberation Front to Asian American Studies Now.” Invited speaker at the East Coast Asian American Student Union Conference at Columbia University. New York, NY. February 2013.

“Asian American Youth Identity, Culture, and Political Activism.” Keynote speaker for the Students Working for Asian Pacific American Growth Conference at Ithaca College. Ithaca, NY. April 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Founder, Junior Women of Color in Political Science Writing Retreat, 2020-present

Co-Chair, Western Political Science Association Decolonizing the Discipline Virtual Community, 2020-present

Co-Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Section on Gender, Race, and Policy, 2021

Editorial Board, Urban Affairs Review, 2020-present

Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellow, New York University, 2018-20

Visiting Scholar, CUNY Center for Place, Culture and Politics, 2017-18

Visiting Scholar, Asian/Pacific/American Institute at New York University, 2017-18

Mentor, Leadership Alliance National Symposium at Brown University, 2015-18

Leadership Board, Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusion at Cornell University, 2015-16

President, Society for Asian American Graduate Affairs at Cornell University, 2015-16

Graduate Mentor, McNair Scholars Achievement Program at Cornell University, 2013-15

Search Committee Member, Associate Dean for Inclusion and Student Engagement at Cornell University, 2014

Search Committee Member, Associate Dean and Director of Asian American Center at Cornell University, 2014

Graduate Mentor, Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives at Cornell University, 2012 – 2015

COMMENTARY AND INTERVIEWS

“Degentrification Archives.” Interviewed for Hyperallergic. February 2023.

“Tomie Arai and Diane Wong on Collecting AAPI Stories.” Interviewed for Asian American Arts Alliance. March 2023.

“Empty Chinatown Storefront Becomes a Community Tribute.” Interviewed for Hyperallergic. January 2023.

“What is an Archive?” Panelist for Quiet Before and Kearny Street Workshop Curated Series. October 2021.

“What the Museum of 2020 May Look Like.” Interviewed for Curbed in New York Magazine. April 2021.

“New Generational Thinking About Anti-Asian Violence—It Runs Deeper Than Hate.” GenForward Blog. March 2020.

“On Community Care: Documenting A/P/A Voices During COVID-19.” Moderator for event. December 2020.

“Education as Entrapment: Abolishing Student Debt Is Just the Beginning.” GenForward Blog. December 2020.

“Asian American Youth Support Defunding The Police, Investing In Black Futures.” GenForward Blog. October 2020.

“Global Chinatowns: Histories of Resistance and Community.” Asian American Writers Workshop Radio. August 2020.

“Displaced Archives.” Published in Asian American Feminist Collective’s How to Make History zine. November 2019.

“Saving the Oldest Store in NYC’s Chinatown.” Interviewed for CNN’s Great Big Story

“Dreaming Diaspora in Chinatowns Around the Globe.” Interviewed by Minju Bae for The Gotham. March 2019.
“Inside New York’s Oldest Store in Chinatown.” Interviewed for The Guardian. February 2018.
“Intergenerational Art Project Mixes Old and New in Chinatown.” Interviewed for Next City. February 2018.
“Chinatown Shop Talk” (with Mei Lum). Interviewed for Urban Omnibus. January 2017.
“Fighting for Chinatown.” Interviewed for SinoVision English Channel. August 2017.
“How is Gentrification hitting Chinatowns’ Most Vulnerable.” Interviewed for AsiaSociety. August 2017.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Journal of Asian American Studies; Amerasia Journal; American Political Science Review; Political Science Quarterly; PS: Political Science and Politics; Social Science Quarterly; Perspectives on Politics; Urban Affairs Review; City and Society; Housing Policy Debate; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Social Forces, Thresholds Journal.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Association for Asian American Studies
American Studies Association
Urban Affairs Association
Oral History Association

LANGUAGE AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

Fluent in English, Mandarin, and Shanghainese. Proficient with Microsoft, InDesign, Dedoose, Stata, ArcGIS.