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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

PhD in Sociology, May 2008

Specializations: sociological theory, globalization, urban sociology, Latin America

MA in Sociology, May 2002

Tufts University, Medford, MA

BA in Sociology and International Relations, May 1998

Honors: highest honors in thesis, *magna cum laude*, and Phi Beta Kappa

CURRENT POSTION

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of Sociology, Fall 2008-present

Affiliations: International Relations, Latin American Studies, Leadership Studies,
Urban & Environmental Planning

Research and teaching interests: comparative urban studies, globalization &
development, fieldwork methods, contemporary theory, built environment,
political sociology, Latin America, Southern Europe, Middle East

VISITING POSITIONS

Department of Urban Studies & Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting Affiliate, Spring 2011

Facultad de Arquitectura, Diseño y Urbanismo; Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Visiting Fellow, Program on Urbanism and Cities, 2003-2004

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

Centner, Ryan. (forthcoming 2012) "Techniques of absence in participatory budgeting: Space, difference, and governmentality across Buenos Aires." *Bulletin of Latin American Research*.

Centner, Ryan. (forthcoming 2011) "Microcitizenships: Fractious forms of belonging after Argentine neoliberalism." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.

Centner, Ryan. (2011) "Ways out of crisis in Buenos Aires: Translocal landscapes and the activation of mobile resources," pages 109-124, in *Translocal Geographies: Spaces, Places and Connections*, edited by Ayona Datta and Katherine Brickell. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing.

Centner, Ryan. (2010) "Spatializing distinction in cities of the global South: Volatile terrains of morality and citizenship." *Political Power and Social Theory* 21: 281-298.

Centner, Ryan (2010) "Cities and strategic elsewhere: Developments in the transnational politics of remaking urban space." *New Global Studies* 4(1): 1-7.

Centner, Ryan. (2009) "Conflictive sustainability landscapes: The neoliberal quagmire of urban environmental planning in Buenos Aires." *Local Environment* 14(2): 175-194.

Centner, Ryan. (2008) "Places of privileged consumption practices: Spatial capital, the dot-com habitus, and San Francisco's internet boom." *City & Community* 7(3): 193-223.

Centner, Ryan. (2007) "Redevelopment from crisis to crisis: Urban fixes of structural adjustment in Argentina" *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 51: 3-32.

BOOK REVIEWS

Building Globalization: Transnational Architecture Production in Urban China, by Xuefei Ren. *American Journal of Sociology*. (forthcoming 2011)

Insurgent Citizenship: Disjunctions of Democracy and Modernity in Brazil, by James Holston. *City & Community*. (forthcoming 2011)

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

"Migration to and within Latin America, 1945-Present." *World History Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Press. (2011)

"Migration to Latin America, 1900-1945." *World History Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Press. (2011).

"Asian Migration to Latin America in the early 1900s." *World History Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Press. (2011).

"Structural Adjustment." *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. (2010)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Boom, Bust, and Blur in Buenos Aires: The Urban Afterlives of Adjustment. (book manuscript; in preparation)

“Moving away, moving onward: Divergent political paths out of gentrifying neighborhoods in Buenos Aires.” (article manuscript; conditionally accepted)

“Recombinant geographies of citizenship across South America: Variations on the right to the city in São Paulo, Caracas, and Buenos Aires.” (article manuscript, with Carmen Rojas; revise and resubmit)

“Redevelopmentalities and redevelopment states” (special journal issue manuscript; in preparation)

“The kidnapped *flâneur*: Performing the gender of fear in the Paris of South America.” (article manuscript; in preparation)

TEACHING & ADVISING

COURSES

Urban Sociology	Islam & Europe
Cities of the Global South	Globalization & Social Change
Leadership & Politics	Space & the Built Environment
Qualitative Research Methods	Latin American Societies
Social Theory	Masculinities

RESEARCH ADVISING

- Walczynszyn, Christopher. “Fighting Homophobia after EU Accession: Strategies of the Gay Rights Movement to Craft Political Discourse in Poland.” (chair; senior honors thesis in International Relations; 2011-2012)
- Savala, Joshua. “Contesting Disasters: The 1906 Valparaíso Earthquake, State Violence, and Working Class Solidarity in Chile.” (reader, MA thesis in Latin American History; 2011-2012)
- Connors, Amy. “Art, Artists, and Gentrification in Boston’s New Urban Frontier.” (reader, senior honors thesis in Sociology; 2011-2012)
- Richards, Daniel. “The Lives of a New England Triple-Decker Residence.” (reader, senior honors thesis in Architectural Studies; 2011-2012)
- Coffey, Alison. “The *Unidades de Polícia Pacificadora* of Rio de Janeiro: Power, Security, and New Democratic Potentials” (reader; senior honors thesis in Latin American Studies; awarded highest honors; 2010-11)
- Lewenstein, Gabriel. “Environmental Attitudes of the Middle Class in Mumbai” (primary advisor for Summer Scholar research conducted with support from the Tufts Institute for the Environment; 2010)

- Maruri, Swapna. “Iraqi Refugees in Boston: Transition, Identity, and Social Change” (chair; senior honors thesis in Sociology; awarded high honors; 2009-10)
- Strauss, Jeremy. “Transportation Justice in Roxbury and Somerville” (chair; senior project in American Studies; 2009)
- Koppelman, Carter. “Resource Networks and Slum Politics: Grassroots Organizations, Drugs, and the State in Santiago de Chile and Rio de Janeiro” (reader; senior honors thesis in International Relations; awarded highest honors; awarded best thesis prize; 2008-9)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Lectures and Student Activities Grant from the Toupin-Bolwell Fund (to fund events of the Transnational Studies Working Group that integrate scholars and undergraduates), Tufts University (2010)

Grant-in-Aid from Faculty Research Award Committee (to fund summer research on reforms to urban planning laws in Brazil), Tufts University (2009)

Diversity Fund Grant (to found Transnational Studies Working Group), Tufts University (2009-11)

Critical Language Scholarship in Turkish, US Department of State (2008)

Dissertation Fellowship in Latin American Sociology, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (2003-2006)

Academic Progress Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2003-2004)

Summer Grant in Development & Risk, Social Science Research Council (2003)

Summer Research Grant in Latin America, Tinker Foundation (2002)

University of California Regents Intern-Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2002-2003)

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation (1999-2002)

Class of 1948 Award, Sociology Prize, and Phi Beta Kappa, Tufts University (1998)

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Researcher for Center for Global Metropolitan Studies (UC Berkeley), assisting Peter Evans, 2007-2008

Researcher for book project, *Poverty Capital: Microfinance and the Frontiers of Millennial Development*, assisting Ananya Roy; 2007-2008

Bilingual Interviewer for *btwInformingChange*, Berkeley, CA; 2006-2007

Researcher for book project, *Global Assemblages: Technology, Politics, and Ethics as Anthropological Problems*, assisting Aihwa Ong and Stephen Collier; 2001-2002

Research Assistant, Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, San Francisco, CA; 1998-1999

Newsletter Editor, North American Indian Center of Boston, Jamaica Plain, MA; 1996

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Fractious Forms of Post-Neoliberal Urban Belonging: Microcitizenships in Buenos Aires.”

- Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College (April 2011)

“Recombinant geographies of citizenship: Differentiations of ‘the right to the city’ in São Paulo, Caracas, and Buenos Aires.”

- Mellon Program in Latin American Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (April 2011)
- Myron Weiner Seminar Series on International Migration, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (December 2010)

“Redevelopmentalities in cities on the edge: Transformative spaces and subjects from Buenos Aires to Istanbul.”

- Transnational Studies Initiative, Harvard University (December 2010)
- Program in Urban Studies and Department of Sociology, Brown University (November 2010)

“James Holston’s *Insurgent Citizenship: Disjunctions of Democracy & Modernity in Brazil* (Princeton University Press, 2008),” Author Meets Critics session.

- American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA (August 2010)

“The kidnapped *flâneur*: Performing the gender of fear in the Paris of South America.”

- Women’s Studies Research Colloquium, Tufts University (December 2009)

“Microcitizenships and Multiscalar Politics after Argentine Neoliberalism.”

- Department of Sociology, Boston University (October 2009)

“The Microcitizenships of Fractious Urbanism in Buenos Aires.”

- Department of Sociology, George Washington University (December 2007)
- Department of Geography, San Diego State University (December 2007)
- Department of Geography, King’s College, University of London (November 2007)

“Florida 2004: Fair or Fraudulent?”

- Center for the Pacific Rim, University of San Francisco (March 2005)

“Neoliberalism & Third World Cities: Structurally Adjusted Urbanism as a Way of Life from Buenos Aires to Istanbul to Kuala Lumpur.”

- Global Inequities Symposium, Tufts University (March 2002)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & SESSIONS

“Bust & Blur in Buenos Aires: Urban Afterlives of Structural Adjustment,” *Unequal Cities*. Urban Geography Research Group, Royal Geographical Society. Edinburgh, Scotland; November 2011.

“Techniques of Absence in Participatory Budgeting: Space, Difference, and Governmentality across Buenos Aires,” *Political Sociology II: Promises and Pitfalls of Deliberative Politics*. American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV; August 2011.

“Differentiations of ‘the right to the city’ in São Paulo, Caracas, and Buenos Aires,” *Social Justice and the Right to the City*. Sociology of Urban and Regional Development Research Committee, International Sociological Association. Amsterdam, Netherlands; July 2011.

“The Rise of Redevelopment: Remaking or Replacing Development?” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. Madrid, Spain; June 2011.

“The Urbanism of Structural Adjustment: Developmental Models at an Unintended Scale.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. Madrid, Spain; June 2011.

“Redeveloping Europeanness Out of Place: Struggles over Tradition in Buenos Aires and Istanbul.” International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments. Beirut, Lebanon; December 2010.

Sombras del Estado, Prácticas Cotidianas y Lo Urbano en el Cono Sur, session organizer and discussant. Latin American Studies Association. Toronto, ON; October 2010.

Urban Sociology, reviewer for all papers and organizer of all sessions in the subfield. American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA; August 2010.

- Urban Sociology I: Space, Meaning & Practice (organizer and discussant)
- Urban Sociology II: Networks and Trajectories across Scales (organizer; discussant: Jon Norman, Loyola University Chicago)

Redevelopmentalities and Redevelopmental States, session co-organizer (with Sylvia Nam) and presider; discussant: Kris Olds, University of Wisconsin. Association of American Geographers. Washington, DC; April 2010.

“Leadership in Unexpected Places: Governmentality, the Abject, and Missed Opportunities,” *Diversity and Leadership in the 21st Century: New Directions in*

Research and Teaching. International Leadership Association. Prague, Czech Republic; November 2009.

Urban Redevelopment Gone Global, session organizer, presider, and discussant. American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA; August 2009.

“Architectures of Exclusion,” panel host. *Orienting Istanbul: Cultural Capital of Europe?* Berkeley, CA; September 2008.

Ethnographic Perspectives on Citizenship & Urban Change in the ‘New’ South America, panel organizer; discussant: Daniel Goldstein, Rutgers University. Latin American Studies Association. Montréal, QC; September 2007.

“Conflicted Sustainability & Crushing Landscapes: The Neoliberal Quagmire of Urban Environmental Planning in Buenos Aires,” *Cities, Consumption, and Environment*. American Sociological Association. New York City, NY; August 2007.

“Structural Adjustment & Comparative Redevelopment in Buenos Aires: The Politics of Urban Entrepreneurialism, 1989-2004,” *Urban Development & Redevelopment in Comparative Perspective*. Urban Affairs Association. Seattle, WA; April 2007.

“Mapping Microcitizenships in Post-Neoliberal Buenos Aires,” *Urban Change in Latin America*, session chair. Association of American Geographers. San Francisco, CA; April 2007.

The Politics of Neoliberal Urban Development in Latin America: Rearticulations of Citizenship, Territoriality, and Subjectivity, panel organizer; discussant: Teresa Caldeira, UC Irvine. American Anthropological Association. San José, CA; November 2006.

“Spatial Capital: The Power to Take Place,” *Public Sociology*. American Sociological Association. Montréal, QC; August 2006.

“Paisajes de memoria y huellas de terrorismo del estado,” *Lo que queda en el después: Reflexiones a 30 años del último golpe militar en Argentina*. Latin American Studies Association. San Juan, PR; March 2006.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Occasional reviewer for:

- Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica y Tecnológica (Government of Argentina)
- *American Journal of Sociology*
- *American Sociological Review*
- *Cities*

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- *Cities, Culture & Society*
- *City & Community*
- *Ethnography*
- *Geopolitics*
- *International Journal of Urban & Regional Research*
- *Planning Theory*
- *Political Geography*
- Routledge Press
- *Traditional Dwellings & Settlements Review*
- *Urban Studies*

Co-Organizer, “Transnational Studies of Race and Social Identity” Speaker Series, Tufts University (2011-2012)

Member, Search Committee for Chair in Sociology, Tufts University (2011)

Sole Reviewer, “Urban Sociology” track, American Sociological Association annual meetings, Atlanta, GA (2010)

Member, Selection Committee for Graduate Student Paper Award; section on Community and Urban Sociology; American Sociological Association (2010)

Member, International Relations Executive Committee, Tufts University (2010-present)

Member, Undergraduate Awards Committee, Tufts University (2010)

Member, Editorial Council for *Apuntes de Investigación* (Argentina; 2008-present)

Co-Founder, Transnational Studies Working Group, Tufts University, Tufts University (2008-present)

Founder & Facilitator, “Metropolitan Development in the Global South” working group; UC Berkeley (2005-2007)

Bilingual Voter Emergency Operator, Kerry-Edwards Campaign, Broward County HQ (2004)

Conference organizer, “Race & Ethnicity in Global Context,” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* (2002)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Sociological Association
- Association of American Geographers

- International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments
- Latin American Studies Association
- Research Committee on the Sociology of Urban & Regional Development
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

LANGUAGES

- *English* (native language)
- *Spanish* (fluency)
- *Portuguese* (high proficiency)
- *French* (high proficiency)
- *Turkish* (intermediate proficiency)

GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

LECTURING

Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Lebanon, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Scotland, and Spain

FIELDWORK

Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, France, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Turkey

REFERENCES

ANANYA ROY

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