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EDUCATION

- 2017 — PhD Candidate, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley | Designated Emphases in Science and Technology Studies, Global Metropolitan Studies, Expected graduation in Spring 2022
- 2015 M.A. International Affairs, Graduate Program of International Affairs, The New School
- 2012 B.A. Foreign Languages and International Affairs, B.A. Political Science, Bellarmine University

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2018 Pedagogical Methods, U.C. Berkeley
- semester-long module on innovative pedagogical methods and forms of assessment in higher education; curriculum development; teaching ethics; student mentoring and counseling
- 2018 Teaching Conference, Professional Standards and Ethics, U.C. Berkeley
- two-day conference on teaching ethics; advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in curriculum development, pedagogy, and forms of assessment; training on managing sensitive subjects and conflict in the classroom

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2022 Cox, S., Grove, K., and Barnett, A. "Design-Driven Resilience and the Limits of Geographic Critique." *The Geographical Journal*.
- 2021 Cox, S. "Inscriptions of Resilience: Credit Ratings and the Government of Climate Risk in Greater Miami, FL," *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.
- 2021 Collier, S. and Cox, S. (in alphabetical order) "Governing Urban Resilience: Insurance and the Problematization of Climate Change," *Economy and Society*, 50(2), 1-22.
- 2020 Grove, K., Cox, S., and Barnett, A. "Racializing Resilience: Assemblage, Critique, and Contested Futures in Greater Miami Resilience Planning," *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 110(5), 1613-1630.
- 2020 Grove, K., Barnett, A. and Cox, S. "Designing Justice? Race and the Limits of Recognition in Greater Miami Resilience Planning," *Geoforum*, 117, 134-143.

- 2019 Collier, S. and Cox, S. (in alphabetical order) "Design and the Scaling of Politics," *Political Geography*, 74, 102017.
- 2016 Collier, S., Cox, S., and Grove, K. (in alphabetical order) "Rebuilding by Design in Post-Sandy New York," *Limn*, 7.

Refereed Chapters

- 2022 Cox, S. "Urban Resilience for the 21st Century," *Urban Violence, Resilience, and Security: Governance Responses in the Global South*, Glass, M., Seybolt, T., and Williams, P., eds. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2022 Cox, S. "Accounting for Climate Justice: Fiscal Fights over Climate-Changed Urban Futures," *Urban Climate Justice: Theory, Praxis, Resistance*, Rice, J., Long, J., and Levenda, A., eds. Athens: University of Georgia Press. In press.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Research Awards

- 2022 The Rausser College of Natural Resources, U.C. Berkeley | The Katherine S. and James K. Lau Graduate Fellowship in Climate Equity (\$17,500)
- 2020 National Science Foundation | Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Geography (\$18,000)
- 2019 Blum Center for Developing Economies, U.C. Berkeley | InFEWS Fellowship, (\$34,000)
- 2019 Social Science Matrix, U.C. Berkeley | Research Award (\$1,500)
- 2019 Center for Global Metropolitan Studies, U.C. Berkeley | Summer Research Grant (\$4,000)
- 2017 Graduate Division, U.C. Berkeley, 2017-2022 | Fellowship for Graduate Study (\$28,000 per year)
- 2015 Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School | Julien J. Studley Research Grant (\$12,500)
- 2013 Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School, 2013-2015 | Merit Scholarship (\$40,000)
- 2012 Bellarmine University | winner of Miguel de Cervantes Award for Excellence in Spanish Language and Culture
- 2011 Humana Foundation | winner of essay contest on human rights and women's leadership
- 2008 Bellarmine University | Monsignor Horrigan partial tuition scholarship

Travel Awards

- 2022 Graduate Division, U.C. Berkeley | International Conference Travel Grant (\$1,500)

- 2022 Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley | Conference Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2019 Blum Center for Developing Economies, U.C. Berkeley | InFEWS Travel Research Grant (\$1,500)
- 2012 Ministry of Education, Government of Spain | English Teaching Grant (\$24,000)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

- 2022 “Adaptive Agencies and the Capitalization of Climate Changed Urban Futures,” invited presentation at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference, July 9-11.
- 2022 “Making Climate (In)visible: The Politics of Transparency in Climate-Changing Miami, Florida,” invited paper at the Design Turn: Rehearsing Futures workshop, Humboldt University, June 23-24.
- 2022 “Centering Work: Toward Ethnographies of Urban Climate Finance” (with John Morris and Emma Colven), invited paper at the Decentering Urban Climate Finance: Relational Comparison in Theory and Practice workshop, University of Zurich, May 5-6.
- 2022 “Designerly Natures: Race, Environment, and the Limits of Design-Driven Resilience in Miami-Dade County,” (with Kevin Grove), the American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Mar. 1.
- 2022 “Urban Violence, Resilience, and Security: Governance Responses in the Global South,” panelist, the American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Feb 28.
- 2022 “Why’s Every Problem a Climate Problem?” The Politics of Everyday Climate Expertise in Miami, Florida,” invited presentation at the American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Feb 28.
- 2021 “Boundaries of Emergency: The Fiscal Politics of COVID-19 ‘Emergency’ Spending in Miami, Florida,” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Nov. 18.
- 2021 “Bonding out the Future: Race, Expertise and the Politics of Resilience Finance in Miami, Florida,” Decentering Urban Climate Finance Workshop, Oct. 27-29.
- 2021 “Cities and Climate Finance,” The British Academy, online roundtable for the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties. Jul. 26.
- 2020 “Resilient Infrastructure and Urban Creditworthiness,” invited paper at Bratislava Conference on Earth Systems Governance, Sep. 15-17.
- 2019 “Climate Change and the Politics of Urban Creditworthiness,” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Planning Theory track, Oct. 24-27 (declined due to travel ban).
- 2019 “Rating Urban Resilience and Vulnerability,” American Association of

- Geographers Annual Conference, Apr. 3-7.
- 2019 “Climate Change and the Politics of Urban Creditworthiness,” Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Conference, Sept. 4-7.
- 2018 “Insurance and the Art of Catastrophe Governance,” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Apr. 10-14.
- 2017 “Insurance and the Resilient City,” Sciences-Po, invited paper presented at Governing Uncertainties workshop.
- 2016 “Rebuilding by Design in Post-Sandy New York,” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Mar. 29-Apr. 2.
- 2015 “Infrastructure and Gender in Post-Conflict Sudan,” United Nations Office for Project Services, invited presentation, May 8.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “Making Climate (In)visible: The Politics of Transparency in Climate-Changing Miami, Florida,” for public lecture series “Dis/Entangling Material Futures,” Humboldt University of Berlin, Department of Cultural History and Theory, June 20.
- 2022 “Climate Risk and Insurance,” Urban Climate Finance Network Reading Series, May 11.
- 2021 “Parametric promises: the Shifting Value(s) of Parametric Insurance in Climate-changing Urban Contexts” for online symposium, “The Insurance Weathervane: What Insurance Tells Us about Climate, Geopolitics, and Society,” University of Tasmania, School of Geography, Planning and Spatial Sciences. Oct. 18.
- 2019 “Market Movement on Climate Risk: What it Means for Cities,” Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative, U.C. Berkeley, Nov. 21.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Session Lecturer, “Equitable Adaptation Finance? A View from Miami,” CP119: Planning for Sustainability, Department of City and Regional Planning, Nov. 9.
- 2020 Session Lecturer, “Resilience Planning in Miami: ‘Fake Economies’ and the Art of Persuasion,” CP119: Planning for Sustainability, Department of City and Regional Planning, Nov. 5.
- 2020 Student Instructor, CP 280: Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley
 - 20 students enrolled. Designed curriculum (made reading list; facilitated class discussion; designed and marked assessments) and redesigned class structure and activities for a virtual learning environment due to COVID-19.
- 2019 Session Lecturer, “Financial Markets, Cities, and Climate Change,” Urban Resilience Working Group, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley, Dec. 6.

- 2019 Session Lecturer, “Race and the Politics of Urban Resilience Planning in Greater Miami,” Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley, Oct. 24.
- 2019 Session Lecturer, “Financial Speculation and the Environment: A Case Study in Greater Miami, FL,” LDARCH205: Environmental Planning Studio, Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, U.C. Berkeley, Apr. 29.
- 2018 Student Instructor, CP 200: History of City Planning, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley
- 21 students enrolled. Co-designed curriculum (made reading list; led seminars; maintained virtual learning environment for the module; designed and marked assessments), provided informal mentoring and counseling to first generation and minority students.
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, CP 214: Infrastructure and Urban Resilience, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley
- 16 students enrolled. Co-designed curriculum for module on climate change and cities (made reading list; facilitated guest speakers, designed assessment).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Department of Sociology, U.C. Berkeley, Graduate Student Researcher, 2020-2021
- Helped plan collaborative, transdisciplinary research project on the role of labor in just energy transition politics through the case of utility PG&E in California; helped edit successful funding proposal on the project
- 2019 Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley, Graduate Student Researcher
- Designed and led collaborative research project on how financial market actors and technologies in catalyze urban climate resilience initiatives in the U.S; conceptualized, wrote peer-reviewed journal article on project findings
- 2016 The New School Graduate Program in International Affairs, Graduate Student Researcher, 2014-2016
- Devised and wrote research proposal to conduct nine-month research project on Rebuild by Design and participatory planning politics; secured external funding and conducted said research project independently; helped write peer-reviewed article on project findings

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2022 *Journal of City Climate Policy and Economy*, Associate Editor
- 2022 *Economy and Society*, Reviewer
- 2022 *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, Reviewer
- 2021 *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, Reviewer
- 2021 *Columbia University Journal of International Affairs*, Reviewer
- 2017 *Political Geography*, Reviewer

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2021 Student Representative, PhD Selection Committee, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley
- Designed evaluation system for PhD applicants that emphasized contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion; made admission recs
- 2020 Student Representative, “Urban Design and Adaptive Transformation” Faculty Search Committee, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley
- Designed evaluation system for applicants for PhD students; organized and led PhD student and faculty discussions about job applicants, as well as PhD student interaction with individual job applications

EXTRACURRICULAR SERVICE

- 2020 Brower Youth Awards, Environmental Justice Leadership, Earth Island Institute, Berkeley, CA | Judge
- Reviewed the applications of five finalists for youth environmental and social justice leadership award
- 2019 Urban Resilience Working Group, Department of City and Regional Planning, U.C. Berkeley | Organizer
- Led and organized bi-weekly meetings of postgraduate students interested in urban resilience and adaptation. Facilitated discussion and provided informal training and mentoring on adaptation finance and financial risk assessments on climate change
- 2019 “Assembling Resilience: Expert Systems and Knowledge Infrastructures in Climate Change Governance,” Social Sciences Matrix, U.C. Berkeley | Research team member
- Helped lead and organize bi-weekly meetings of interdisciplinary research team on urban resilience and adaptation; made reading list; facilitated writing workshops and collaborative proposal writing

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

- 2015 DNAinfo New York, Reporter and Producer. 2015-2017.
- 2015 United Nations Office for Project Services, Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Gender Mainstreaming in Post-Conflict Infrastructure Projects, Sudan. Consultant.
- 2014 Freelance journalist. Work has appeared in publications such as The New Republic, Salon, and Africa is a Country. 2014-2017.

TEACHING SPECIALISMS

Human Geography	Climate Governance	Urban Adaptation Politics
Economic Geography	Urban Sustainability and Resilience	Climate Justice
Urban Geography	Climate Finance	

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Spanish	Fluent
French	Reading proficiency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2021	American Anthropological Association
2019	Associate of Collegiate Schools of Planning
2019	Society for Social Studies of Science
2017	American Association of Geographers