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EDUCATION

Doctoral Studies, 2012 – December 2016 (expected completion)

Geography Department, University of Washington

Dissertation: *Philanthropy, Poverty and Politics: Social Justice*

Philanthropy as an Expression of Inequality Politics

Research areas: nonprofit studies, relational poverty studies, feminist political economy, class identity and formation, geographies of inequality

Chair: Dr. Sarah Elwood. Committee: Drs. Victoria Lawson and Steve Herbert.

M.A., 2012

Geography, University of Washington

Thesis: *Cultivating Good Workers: Youth Gardening, Nonprofits and Neoliberalization*

Committee: Sarah Elwood and Victoria Lawson

B.A., 2008

Geography, Macalester College, Magna Cum Laude

Minors: Environmental Studies and Studio Art Magna Cum Laude

Capstone: *"It Just Changes Over Time": A Political Ecology of Agricultural Trends in the Twin Cities Second-Generation Hmong Community*

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

PUBLICATIONS:

In Press:

Gordon, E., Elwood, S. Mitchell K. Forthcoming. Critical Spatial Learning: Participatory Mapping, Spatial Histories, and Youth Civic Engagement. *Children's Geographies*.

Agloro, A., Gordon, E., Melton, S., Taylor, J. & Thumbran, J. 2014. The Future of Higher Education and Building Hybrid Careers: Reflections from leaders in the field. *Public: A Journal of Imagining America*.

Gordon, E. 2013. Under-served and un-deserving: Youth empowerment, poverty discourses and subject formation. *Geoforum*, 50, 107-116.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

- 2016 Gordon, E. Decentering Poverty in Alternative Philanthropic Practice. Paper presented as part of the Relational Poverty Network at Annual American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, March 28-April 3
- 2015 Gordon, E. Alternative Philanthropy and the Making of Economic Subjects. Paper presented as part of the Community Economies Collective, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, April 21-25
- 2014 Relational Poverty Network, Conference Organizer and Participant. Seattle, WA, Oct 9-11.
- 2014 Gordon, E. and Olsen, H. New Geographies of Philanthropy and Giving, Session organizers and discussant.
Gordon, E. Theorizing the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Outside of Neoliberalism. Paper presentation.
Gordon, E. A Narrative of Engagement. Panel Presentation.
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL, April 8-12.
- 2014 Gordon, E. Theorizing the Nonprofit Sector Outside of Neoliberalism. Paper presented at the Critical Geography Conference, Boulder, Co, Feb 21-23.
- 2012 Gordon, E. Under-served and Un-deserving: Youth Subjectivities and Empowerment Programs in Seattle, Washington. Paper presented at Sixth Annual Conference on Race, Ethnicity and Place, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Oct 23-27.
- 2012 Gordon, E. Reflexive Partnerships: Graduate Students, Youth and Community Organizations. Poster presented at Imagining America Annual Meeting, New York, October 3-6.
- 2012 Gordon, E. It's All About Job Skills: Neoliberalism, Non-Profits, and the Impacts on Young People in Seattle, Washington. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of Association of American Geographers, NY, NY, Feb 24-28.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2015-16 Project in Interdisciplinary Pedagogy Fellowship, UW Bothell
- 2014 Howard Martin Award, University of Washington Department of Geography \$1,500
- 2014 Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Margaret Trussell Fellowship \$1,000

- 2014 Travel Award, Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest
\$1,350
- 2014 Dissertation Fellowship, Urban Geography Specialty Group
\$500
- 2014 Student Paper Competition, Urban Geography Specialty Group
- 2013-2014 Publicly Active Graduate Education Fellow, Imagining America
\$500
- 2012 Urban Geography Specialty Group Graduate Fellowship Award, AAG
- 2011, 2013 Graduate Fellowship for Initiative and Excellence, University of Washington

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014-15 Program Manager, Research Assistant
Assistant to Drs. Sarah Elwood and Victoria Lawson
University of Washington
Working under the National Science Foundation Research Coordination Grant: Relational Poverty Network awarded to Sarah Elwood and Victoria Lawson.

Winter 2011 Research Assistant
Assistant to Drs. Katharyne Mitchell and Sarah Elwood
University of Washington, Department of Geography
Working under Spencer Foundation Civic Engagement Grant: Mapping Youth Journeys, awarded to Katharyne Mitchell and Sarah Elwood.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Appointments

2015-16 Pre-doctoral lecturer, University of Washington Bothell, Project in Interdisciplinary Pedagogy
Fall 2015 BIS 393: Reimagining Nonprofits
Winter 2016 BIS 218: Power of Maps
Spring 2016 BIS 393: Reimagining Nonprofits

Summer 2015 Lead Instructor, Human Geography: More than Maps and Capitals
Robinson Center for Young Scholars, University of Washington

Summer 2014 Co-Director, LSJ 390: Seattle and Amsterdam in Comparative Perspective,
UW Study Abroad

Teaching Assistantships

- Fall 2013** GEOG 230: Global Inequality, Department of Geography, University of Washington. Instructor: Dr. Vicky Lawson
- Spring 2013** GEOG 360: Introduction to GIS. Department of Geography, University of Washington. Instructors: Dr. Joseph Hannah and Dr. Luke Bergmann.
Fall 2012
Spring 2012
Spring 2011
- Winter 2013** GEOG 461: Urban GIS. Department of Geography, University of Washington. Instructors: Sarah Elwood and Brandon Derman
Winter 2012
- Fall 2011** GEOG 123: Introduction to Globalization, Department of Geography and Jackson School of International Studies. Instructors: Matthew Sparke and Joseph Hannah.
Fall 2010

Invited and Guest Lectures

- Spring 2015** Social Justice Philanthropy and Community Engaged Research. Macalester College, Sustainable Development. Dr. Roopali Phadke.
- Winter 2013** Qualitative research methodologies in the field. Honors Geog Seminar 497. Dr. Lucy Jarosz.
- Winter 2013** Practicing Geography and Geographic Practice, Panelist. Undergraduate Research Program. Organizer: Dr. Kim England.

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2014-2016** Co-Director, PAGE program, Imagining America
- 2014-2015** Student Representative, Political Geography Specialty Group
- 2013-2014** Co-Organizer, Department Colloquium Series
- 2012-2014** Co-Organizer, Graduate Workshop Series on Teaching
- 2012-2013** Department Social and Community Coordinator
- 2011-2012** Co-President of the Geography Department Graduate Student Association

COMPLEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – present** **Facilitator, Organizer**
The Justice Lab, Seattle, WA.

Organize small critical dialogues about race, gentrification, social justice and empathic connection.
Build multi-racial and cross-class understandings of experience

- Fall 2015** **Facilitator**
Future Seattle: A People's Forum, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA.
Facilitated 90-minute conversations with diverse constituents of Seattle about changing nature of the city.
Create report coalescing similar conversations from other facilitators.
- Fall 2014** **Donor Organizer, Member**
Social Justice Fund, Seattle, WA
Collectively fundraised over \$100k for economic justice organizing in the NW.
- 2012 – 2014** **Co-Organizer**
Eat for Equity, Seattle
Coordinated and executed large-scale community dinners benefitting local nonprofit organizations.
Organized small scale philanthropy and built culture of generosity.
Fundraised in-kind donations and helped publicize work of events.
- 2008-2010** **High School Coach**
College Possible, St. Paul, MN
Guided 60 low-income students towards admission to 4-year colleges and universities.
Helped students apply for financial aid and scholarships.
Built community and camaraderie among cohort of first-generation college students.
- Summers** **Trip Leader**
2008-2011 Becket Chimney Corners YMCA, Youth Travel Programs
Led 11-15 youths in summer-long international service, leadership development and cultural exchange programs to China, Vietnam, Russia, and Sweden.
- 2006** **Intern**
Eureka Recycling – Digitization of Recycling Route Maps using ArcGIS. St. Paul, MN

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2014-15** Social Justice Fund NW – Archival research and practicum for public scholarship. Develop historical narrative using SCALAR
- 2013-14** Imagining America PAGE Blog Salon – coordinated, published and edited.

- 2013-14** The Seattle Globalist – Writings on philanthropy, liberalism and travel.
- 2013** Women Who Rock Film Festival – Film Screening, “Now Promenade Right on Home.” Seattle, WA
- 2012** Women Who Rock Digital Archive – Oral History, Charmaine Slaven of The Tallboys. Seattle, WA
- 2012** Seattle Youth Garden Works – Program Evaluation Analysis
- 2011** Urban Farm Hub – Urban Agriculture Map. Seattle, WA
- 2008** Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota – Jobs-Housing Mismatch. Minneapolis, MN.

AFFILIATIONS

- 2010-Present** Graduate Certificate in Public Scholarship
Simpson Center for the Humanities
Portfolio Adviser: Candice Rai, (English)
- 2010-Present** Association of American Geographers
Political Geography Specialty Group
Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group
Urban Geography Specialty Group
Socialist and Critical Geography Specialty Group

PEER REVIEWS PROVIDED

The International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement
The Journal of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development
Social Science and Medicine
Plenum: A Journal of Geography

SOFTWARE

ArcGIS 10.1, Prezi, Atlas ti, Microsoft: Word, Excel, Powerpoint. Apple: Pages, Keynote, Numbers, Final Cut Pro, Express Scribe