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Education

- Ph.D Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (expected 2020).
Designated Emphasis: Global Metropolitan Studies.
Dissertation: “Cruel Streets: Criminalizing Homelessness in San Francisco”
Committee: Loïc Wacquant (chair), Armando Lara-Millan, Nancy Scheper-Hughes, Teresa Gowan
- M.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2013.
 M.A. Social Anthropology, Central European University, 2010.
 B.A. Economics, Bard College, 2008.

Research and Teaching Interests

Urban Sociology, Poverty, Criminal Justice, Welfare, Work, Housing and Homelessness, Social Theory, Ethnography, Qualitative Methods, Community Action Research, Social Policy.

Publications

- Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*
- 2019 Chris Herring. In Press. “Complaint-Oriented Policing: Regulating Homelessness in Public Space.” *American Sociological Review*.
- Chris Herring, Dilara Yarbrough, and Lisa Marie Alatorre. 2019. “Pervasive Penalty: How the Criminalization of Homelessness Perpetuates Poverty.” *Social Problems*.
- 2016 Chris Herring and Emily Rosenman. 2016. “Engels in the Crescent City: Revisiting the Housing Question in Post-Katrina New Orleans.” *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*, 15(3), 616-638.
- Chris Herring, Manuel Rosaldo, Josh Seim, and Benjamin Shestakovsky. 2016. “Living Theory: Principles and Practices for Teaching Social Theory Ethnographically.” *Teaching Sociology*, 12(1), 1-12.
- 2015 Chris Herring and Manuel Lutz. 2015. “The Roots and Implications of the United States’ Homeless Tent Cities.” *City*, 19 (5), 689-701.
- 2014 Chris Herring. 2014. “The New Logics of Homeless Seclusion: A Comparative Study of Homeless Encampments in the Western United States.” *City and Community*, 13(4), 285-309.
- Book Chapters*
- In Press Chris Herring. In Press. “Between Street and Shelter: Homeless Seclusion and the Neutralization of Poverty.” In J. Flint and R. Powell (eds.) *Class, Ethnicity, and State in the Polarized Metropolis: Putting Wacquant to Work*. London: Palgrave.
- Bilal Ali, Lisa Marie Alatorre, Jennifer Friedenbach, Chris Herring, TJ Johnston, and Dilara Yarbrough. In Press. “Fighting Anti-Homeless Laws through Participatory Action Research: Reflections from the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness’ Criminalization Study.” In S. Greenbaum and P. Zinn (eds), *Collaborating for Change: A Participatory Action Research Casebook*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
- Winner of the 2019 Society of Social Problems Community Partner Paper Award.

- 2013 Chris Herring. 2013. "The Housing Question of Disaster Reconstruction: Rebuilding New Orleans on the Tenants of an Ownership Society." In E. Murphy and N. Hourani (eds.), *The Housing Question: Tensions, Continuities, and Contingencies in the Modern City*. Ashgate Press.
- 2012 Zoltan Gluck and Chris Herring. 2012. "The Homeless Question of Occupy." In *Occupy!: Scenes from Occupy America*. New York: Verso Press.
- Reviews, Essays, Encyclopedia Articles, and Edited Issues*
- In Press Chris Herring and Paul Boden. "Criminalizing Homelessness" in *Counterpoints: A Bay Area Atlas by the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project*. Oakland, CA: PM Press.
- 2019 Chris Herring. "Concentrated Poverty." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, 1-10. Wiley-Blackwell. Republished from Wikipedia authored article "Concentrated Poverty."
- 2018 Gretchen Purser, Lisa Bates, Erin McElroy, Mannisa McCleave Maharawal, Daniela Aiello, Pamela Phan, Terra Graziani. 2018. "Eviction Lab Misses the Mark." *Shelterforce*
- Most read article on *Shelterforce* in 2018.
- 2017 Chris Herring, Miranda Smith, and Thomas Gilbert (eds). 2017. "The Roots and Implications of the Trump Election." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. 61: 23-42.
- 2015 Chris Herring. 2015. "Tent City, America." *Places: Public Scholarship of Architecture, Landscape and Urbanism*. December.
- Featured in The Baltimore Sun, BoingBoing, Digg, Corey Doctrow.
- Chris Herring. 2015. "Evicting the Evicted: The Spurious Rationales of 'Homeless Sweeps.'" *Progressive Planning Magazine*. Fall, 29-32.
- Appearance on WFFA Dallas Evening News.
- Chris Herring. 2015. "Sheltering Those in Need: Architects Confront Homelessness." Introductory Essay for the 2016 Berkeley Prize Essay Competition. UC Berkeley, College of Environmental Design.
- Chris Herring, Dilara Yarbrough, and Tony Sparks. 2015. "Punishing the Poorest." *Street Sheet*. San Francisco. Six articles for San Francisco's Homeless Street newspaper based on the report *Punishing the Poorest*.
- Chris Herring. "Four Fallacies of the Jungle Eviction." *BeyondChron* op-ed. San Francisco.
- Republished in the *Street Spirit, KQED Forum*. Cited on *Alternet, Truthout, California Planning and Development Report, Planetizen*.
- 2014 Manissa McCleave Maharawal and Chris Herring (eds). 2014 "Struggles for the Public University." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. 58: 23-42.
- Chris Herring. 2014. "The Magical Bum: The Cinematic Paradox of Positive Portrayals of Homelessness." *The State of Things Film Journal*. Los Angeles.
- 2013 California Historical Society Magazine. Mark Wyman, Hoboes: Bindlestiffs, fruit tramps, and the harvesting of the west. (New York: Hill and Wang, 2010), 336 pp. & Art Hazelwood, Hobos to Street People: Artists Responses to Homelessness from the New Deal to the Present. (Sa Francisco: Freedom Voices, 2011).
- 2012 Zoltan Gluck and Chris Herring. 2012. "Rearticulating the Struggle for Education." *The Occupy Gazette*. New York: N+1 Publishing.
- Chris Herring. 2012. "Occupy Academia!" London School of Economics' Impact Blog.
- 2010 Chris Herring. 2010. *Central European University Journal of Political Science*. Loic Wacquant, Punishing the Poor: The Neoliberal Government of Social Insecurity (London: Duke University Press, 2009), 365 pp.

Policy Reports and Briefs

- In Press Jamie Chang, Mark Flemming, Chris Hannsman, Chris Herring, Pike Long, Dilara Yarbrough. In Press. "The San Francisco Homeless Needs Assessment Study." Sponsored by the Yes

- on C! Coalition and the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness.
- 2015 Chris Herring, Dilara Yarbrough, Lisa Marie Alattore, and the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness, 2015. “Punishing the Poorest: How San Francisco’s Criminalization of Homelessness Perpetuates Poverty.”
- Dedicated articles on the report published in the *San Francisco Examiner*, *San Francisco Weekly*, *Mission Local*, the *San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper*, and the *Huffington Post*. Referenced in *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Guardian*, *Al Jazeera America*.
- Chris Herring, Dilara Yarbrough, and Lisa Marie Alattore. 2015. “How Quality of Life Enforcement Affects Homelessness. Policy brief for California State Senate Bill SB608 “The Right to Rest Act.”
- 2010 Chris Herring. 2010. “Tent Cities in America: A Pacific Coast Report.” National Coalition for the Homeless. Washington DC.
- Referenced on *NBC*, *CBS*, *Newsweek*, *Huffington Post*, *Atlantic Cities*, *Daily Telegraph* (London), *United Nations Newsletter*, *Education News*, *Legislative Analysis of California Senate Bill SB608*.

Under Review / In Progress

- Chris Herring. “Urban Revanchism Reloaded: Homelessness, Policing, and Gentrification.” R&R at *Antipode*.
- Jeff Garnand and Chris Herring. “Public-Private Parasites: How Business Improvement Districts Criminalize Homelessness.” Being prepared to submit to *Urban Affairs Review*.
- Chris Herring. “Precarious Housing Fixes: The Limits of Homeless Housing Programs in San Francisco.” To be presented at *The Sociology of Housing Conference* at Georgetown University, October 2019.

Presentations

- 2019 “Pervasive Penalty: How the Criminalization of Homelessness Perpetuates Poverty” with Dilara Yarbrough and Lisa Marie Alatorre. Society of Social Problems Annual Meeting. New York City.
- “Fighting Anti-Homeless Laws through Participatory Action Research: Lessons from the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness’ Criminalization Study.” With Dilara Yarbrough and Lisa Marie Alatorre. Society of Social Problems Annual Meeting. New York City.
- “Healthy Streets Operation Center’s Impact on the Criminalization of Homelessness in San Francisco.” Invited presentation. San Francisco Police Commission. San Francisco.
- “Public-Private Parasites: How Business Improvement Districts Criminalize Homelessness.” With Jeff Garnand. Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles.
- “Healthy Streets Operation Center’s Impact on the Criminalization of Homelessness in San Francisco.” Invited presentation. San Francisco Board of Supervisors. San Francisco.
- “Therapeutic Penal Populism: Criminalizing Poverty in the Progressive City.” Bay Area Politics Workshop. University of San Francisco and UC Berkeley Political Science Departments. Berkeley.
- “The New Logics of Homeless Seclusion” Invited Lecture. Santa Clara University.
- “Coping with Tent City.” Invited presentation. Santa Rosa Homelessness Task Force.
- “Healthy Streets Operation Center’s Impact on the Criminalization of Homelessness in San Francisco.” Invited presentation. San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board. San Francisco.
- 2018 “Neutralizing Poverty: The Causes and Consequences of the Criminalization of Homelessness.” Invited Lecture. Global Urban Humanities Colloquium. UC Berkeley.
- “Coping with Tent City.” Invited presentation to Pyatok Architects, the firm working with the City of Oakland on outdoor shelter planning, design, and construction.

- “Access and Barriers to Benefits and Services for the Unhoused in the Bay Area.” Invited panelist. Code for America, a technology non-profit designing apps for increasing access to Cal Fresh and other aid to Californians. San Francisco.
- “Urban Revanchism Reloaded: Gentrification, Homelessness, and Policing.” Panelist and Panel Organizer with Manissa Maharawal, Don Mitchell, and Amanda Huron. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. New Orleans.
- “Pervasive Penalty: How the Criminalization of Homelessness Perpetuates Poverty” with Dilara Yarbrough. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia.
- “Pervasive Penalty: How the Criminalization of Homelessness Perpetuates Poverty” with Dilara Yarbrough and Kelley Cutler. Power at the Margins: An Academic and Organizing Conference. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- 2017 “Homeless Encampments in Perspective.” Invited lecture and two policy roundtables on homeless encampments. West Coast Poverty Center. University of Washington. Seattle.
- 2016 “Revaluating Expertise and Reversing Stigma: A Community Action Research Approach to Empirical Legal Studies.” Invited panelist. with Dilara Yarbrough. UC Berkeley and Sciences Po Mini Conference, “Social Solidarity.” Berkeley.
- “Revaluating Expertise and Reversing Stigma: A Community Action Research Approach to Empirical Legal Studies.” Invited Lecture. with TJ Johnston. UC Berkeley School of Social Work’s Annual Social Justice Symposium. Berkeley.
- “New Logics of Homeless Seclusion.” Hour-long discussion on my research on encampments. KPFA’s *Against the Grain* with C.S. Sung. Berkeley.
- “Punishing the Poorest: How the Criminalization of Homelessness Perpetuates Poverty in San Francisco.” Invited presentations with peer researchers and Dilara Yarbrough to 13 city agencies and commissions, 11 city supervisors, six state senators, investigators of the US Department of Justice reviewing the SFPD, the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty, the Center for Solutions Based Journalism, and over a dozen community forums. San Francisco.
- 2015 “The Roots and Implications of US Tent Cities.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago.
- “Fighting Anti-Homeless Laws through Participatory Action Research: Lessons from the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness’ Criminalization Study.” with Dilara Yarbrough. UC Berkeley Human Rights Center. Berkeley.
- “Coping with Tent City.” Invited Lecture. Metropolitan Dallas Homeless Alliance “Hard Conversations” Series. Dallas.
- “Advocacy and Research.” Invited Panelist. With Dilara Yarbrough and Jennifer Friedenbach. National Strategy Summit to End the Criminalization of Homelessness. Workshop with homeless activists across the US. National Coalition on Homelessness. Denver.
- 2013 “New Logics of Homeless Seclusion: A Comparative Study of Large-Scale Homeless Encampments.” RC21 International Sociological Association. Berlin.
- “New Logics of Homeless Seclusion: A Comparative Study of Large-Scale Homeless Encampments.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. LA.
- “New Logics of Homeless Seclusion: A Comparative Study of Large-Scale Homeless Encampments.” Urban Affairs Association Meeting. San Francisco.
- 2012 “The Housing Question of Disaster Reconstruction: Homeownership as the Sine Qua Non of Citizenship.” Infrastructures of Home and City: The Problem of Housing in Modern Urban Society.” Global Urban Studies Program, Michigan State University. East Lansing.
- “The Housing Question of Disaster Reconstruction: Proudhon in New Orleans.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. New York City.

- “New Logics of Homeless Seclusion: A Comparative Study of Large-Scale Homeless Encampments.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco.
- 2011 “New Logics of Homeless Seclusion: A Comparative Study of Large-Scale Homeless Encampments.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Las Vegas. Author Meets Critic: Teresa Gowan, *Hobos, Hustlers, and Backsliders*. Invited discussant. Ann Lucas Lecture Series, San Jose State University. San Jose.
- “Homeless by Law: Crafting a Photo-ethnography of California’s Transient Sex-Offenders.” Invited lecture. with photographer Ian Martin. UC Berkeley Center for Urban Ethnography “Images from the Field” lecture series. Berkeley.
- “New Logics of Homeless Seclusion: A Comparative Study of Large-Scale Homeless Encampments.” Spaces and Flows: An international conference of urban and extraurban studies. UCLA. LA.
- “Towards a Critical Geography of Disaster Reconstruction.” Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans.

Grants, Honors, and Awards

- Society of Social Problems Community Partner Paper Award. With Dilara Yarbrough and Lisa Marie Alatorre. 2019.
- Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy for Social Policy Dissertation Grant. 2019.
- Center for Engaged Scholarship Fellow. 2018.
- Herbert Blumer Teaching Fellowship, UC Berkeley Sociology Department. 2018.
- Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellow, UC Berkeley Law School and Center for the Study of Law and Society. 2017.
- UC Berkeley Dissertation Completion Grant. 2017.
- UC Berkeley Sociology Alumni Prize for Public Sociology. 2016.
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. 2016.
- Leo Lowenthal Grant, UC Berkeley Sociology Department. 2016.
- UC Berkeley Teaching Effectiveness Award, 2015.
- UC Berkeley Sociology Alumni Prize for Public Sociology. With the Berkeley Journal of Sociology Editorial Collective. 2015.
- UC Global Metropolitan Studies Summer Research Fellowship, 2015.
- UC Berkeley Sociology Social Justice Fellowship. 2015.
- UC Berkeley Human Rights Fellowship, UC Berkeley Law School. 2015.
- Sociological Initiatives Foundation Grant. with Dilara Yarbrough and the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness. 2015.
- UC Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2014.
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 2011-2015.
- Thomas J. Watson Fellowship (Declined), 2008.
- Central European University Department of Social Anthropology Academic Achievement Award. Highest ranked student in Department, 2010.
- Leon Botstein Award. Highest interdisciplinary achievement in graduating class of Bard College. 2008.

Teaching and Mentoring

Courses Taught

- Instructor of Record for Graduate Student Pedagogy Course, Fall 2018.
- Instructor of Record for Divided Cities, Spring 2018.
- Instructor of Record for Poverty Ethnography, Fall 2016 and Fall 2017.
- Instructor of Record for Advanced Workshop in Qualitative Methods, Summer 2014.
- Graduate Instructor for Contemporary Social Theory (Burawoy), Spring 2014.

Graduate Instructor for Classical Social Theory (Burawoy), Fall 2013.
 Graduate Instructor for Urban Sociology (Reed), Spring 2013.
 Reader for Economic Sociology, 2012 (Fligstein); Sociology of Poverty (Sanchez-Jankowski)
 2011, 2015, 2016, 2018.

Mentoring

Mentor to nine undergraduate researchers on a survey and interview study on Seeking Work after Incarceration. Institute of Research on Labor and Employment. 2017-ongoing.
 Honors Thesis Mentor, Sociology, 2012, 2018.
 Honors Thesis Mentor, Urban Studies, 2013, 2014.

Community Trainings and Courses

Survey and Interview Training for community-based research. San Francisco's "Yes on C" Coalition, 2019.
 Survey and Interview Training for community-based research. San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness, 2015.
 College Prep instructor, Eastern Correctional Facility. Bard Prison Initiative, 2006-2008.

Research Positions

Graduate Student Researcher with Sandra Susan Smith. "Seeking Work after Incarceration" Institute of Research on Labor and Employment and UC Berkeley Sociology. 2017-ongoing.
 Co-director of Research with Dilara Yarbrough. "San Francisco Homeless Needs Assessment Study." Yes on C! coalition.

Policy Positions

Member. San Francisco Police Department Homeless Advisory Board, 2017-present.
 Member. San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness Human Rights Workgroup, 2014-present.
 Editor. Annual policy briefs from the University of Seattle Homeless Advocacy Project and Berkeley Law Policy Advocacy Clinic 2015 - present.
 Consultant. ACLU of Seattle on legal cases regarding destruction of Homeless people's property and fines and fees, 2016.
 Consultant. Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area and Bay Area Legal in San Francisco, 2016-ongoing.
 Member. Bay Area Safe and Organized Spaces Coalition, 2017-2018.
 Researcher. SF Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Summer 2016.
 Consultant. Temporary shelter policy development in Oakland and San Francisco. UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, 2015.
 Researcher. National Coalition for the Homeless. 2009-2010.
 Project Manager. New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, division of multi-family housing new construction, New York, NY. 2008-2009.
 Community Planner with ACORN and the Broadmoor CDC, New Orleans, LA. 2007-2008.

University and Editorial Service

Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Ethnography*, *City and Community*, *Law and Society*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Urban Geography*, *Antipode*, *Journal of Radical Housing*, *Social Currents*, *Sociological Compass*.
 Managing Editor and Co-Founder of the revised online-first Berkeley Journal of Sociology. 2012-2014. 2016-2017. Editorial Collective Member, Berkeley Journal of Sociology, 2010-ongoing.

University of California, Berkeley

Co-Organizer with Laura Belik, Eric Goldfischer, and Rob Robinson of multi-day conference
“Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice.” Spring 2020.

Jury Member for the Berkeley Prize Essay Competition. UC Berkeley, College of
Environmental Design, 2016.

Coordinator of Center for Ethnographic Research Speakers Series, 2013 – ongoing.

Director of Departmental Conference, “Critical Approaches to Financialization,” 2013.

Berkeley Journal of Sociology Conference Organizer: 2011, 2012.

Central European University, Budapest

Student Representative to the Provost, 2009-2010.

Social Anthropology Representative to the Student Senate, 2009-2010.

Bard College

Editor of the Bard Journal of Social Research, 2006-2008.

Student representative of Economics Department faculty search committee, 2008.

Social Studies Representative of Educational Policies Committee, 2005-2007 (Chair, 2007).