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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2017– **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology  
American University, Washington DC
- Faculty Affiliate, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, 2020-2021

## EDUCATION

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- 2017 **Ph.D. Anthropology**  
Certificate in American Studies  
The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2015 **M.Phil. Anthropology**  
The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2005 **B.A. Anthropology**  
Sarah Lawrence College

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ***Books***

- In Progress *Eviction Blues: Displacement and Resistance in a Tech Capital*
- In Progress *Between Movements: Race Affect and Activism from Occupy Wall Street to Black Lives Matter*
- 2021 **Co-Editor.** *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance.* Oakland: PM Press

### ***Refereed Articles***

- Accepted "Tech-Colonialism: Gentrification, Resistance and Belonging in San Francisco's Colonial Present" *Anthropological Quarterly* (article accepted October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021)
- 2021 "Infrastructural Activism: Google Bus Blockades, Affective Politics and Environmental Gentrification in San Francisco" *Antipode: Radical Journal of Geography*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12744>

- 2021 **M. Maharawal** & E. McElroy with City Life/Vida Urbana. "Reflections on Doing the Work: City Life/Vida Urban and the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project" *Radical Housing Journal*
- 2018 **M. Maharawal** & E. McElroy. "The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project: Counter Cartography and Oral History towards Housing Justice in the Bay Area," *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 108(2): 380-389.
- 2017 "Black Lives Matter, Gentrification and the Security State in the San Francisco Bay Area," *Anthropological Theory* 17(3): 338-364.
- 2017 **M. Maharawal** & E. McElroy, "In the Time of Trump: Housing, Whiteness, and Abolition," *Abolition* (online journal), February 4.
- 2013 "Occupy Wall Street and a Radical Politics of Inclusion." *Sociological Quarterly* 54(2): 177-181.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2020 **M. Maharawal** and E. McElroy, (eds) "Speculation and Speculative Futures" in *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Edited by The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project. PM Press.
- 2020 **M. Maharawal**, E. McElroy, Shi M. "Introduction: Counterpoints - This is Not a Point" in *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*. Edited by The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project. PM Press.
- 2018 **M. Maharawal** & Z. Glück, "Occupy Wall Street: Finance Capital and its Discontents," in *Revolting New York*. Edited by Neil Smith & Don Mitchell, University of Georgia Press. Pgs. 286-300.
- 2018 **M. Maharawal** & E. McElroy, "In the Time of Trump: Housing, Whiteness, and Abolition," Reprinted in *Contested Property Claims*. Edited by M.Hojer et al. New York: Routledge Press. Pgs. 109-126.
- 2017 "San Francisco's Tech-led Gentrification: Public Space Protest and the Urban Commons," in *City Unsilenced: Urban Resistance and Public Space in the Age of Shrinking Democracy*. Edited by Jeff Hou and Sabine Knierbein. New York: Routledge. Pgs. 30-43.
- 2016 "Occupy Movements," in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118663219.wbegss203>
- 2012 "Reflections on the People of Color Caucus at Occupy Wall Street," in *We are Many: Reflections on Movement Strategy from Occupation to Liberation*, Edited by K. Khatib, M. Killjoy & M.McGuire, AK Press, Oakland. Pgs. 177-183.

### **Edited Volumes**

- 2014 C. Herring and **M. Maharawal** (Editors). "Struggles for the Public University" special issue of *The Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, Volume 58.
- 2015 **M. Maharawal**, A. Sheppard-Matsuo and C. Tomas-Reed (Editors). "You Can't Evict a Movement: Strategies Towards Housing Justice" special issue in *Viewpoint Magazine*. October 2015.

### **Short Articles**

- 2022 "Review of *A People's Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area*" Rachel Brahinsky and Alexander Tarr, University of California Press: 2020 in *Urban Geography*.
- 2020 "A Future Called Home." *American Ethnologist*, In "Post-Covid Fantasies," Catherine Besteman, Heath Cabot, and Barak Kalir, editors, *American Ethnologist* website, 19 October 2020
- 2018 "Of Riots and Ruins: The Built Environment and the J20 Trials," *City and Society*. Vol. 30 (3), Online Forum. December 3.
- 2018 **M. Maharawal** and E. McElroy "Mapping Dispossession and Mapping Affect: Silicon Valley and its Uneven Urban Impacts," *Anthropology News*.
- 2015 "Shut It Down: Notes on the #blacklivesmatter Protests in Oakland, California" *Focaal Blog* February 23.
- 2014 "Protest of Gentrification and Eviction Technologies in San Francisco," *Progressive Planning* 199: 20-24.
- 2014 S. Low, **M. Maharawal** and D. Dalakoglou, "Why Public Space Now: A Space for Democratic Practices," *Oculus*. Pgs. 24-25.
- 2014 **M. Maharawal**, Z. Glück, I. Natasia and C. Tomas-Reed, "Organizing Against Empire: Struggles Over the Militarization of CUNY," *The Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 58: 51-58.
- 2012 "What can we do in Public: Occupy and Challenges in Public Space," *Progressive Planning* 191: 20-24.
- 2012 "Fieldnotes on Union Square, Anti-Oppression, and Occupy," *Cultural Anthropology*, Hotspots online feature Edited by Maple Razsa & Jeffrey Juris. February 14.
- 2012 "Occupy Ethnography: Reflections on Studying the Movement," *Possible Futures: Dispatches*, Social Science Research Council. March 14.
- 2012 "PUKAR and the Human Right to Research," *American Anthropologist* 114(4): 682-683

## ***Public Scholarship***

- 2018 “Eviction Lab Misses the Mark” by D. Aiello, L. Bates, T. Graziani, C. Herring, E. McElroy, **M. Maharawal**, P. Phan, and Gr. Purser, *Shelterforce*. August 22.
- 2015 “Introduction: Strategies Towards Housing Justice” by C. Tomas-Reed and **M. Maharawal** *Viewpoint Magazine*. October 2015.
- 2014 “Making Space to Talk About Race” Crossing Borders, Bridging Generations Oral History Project, Brooklyn Historical Society
- 2013 “Hidden in Plain Sight: The Education Movement” by **M. Maharawal**, Z. Glück, I. Nastasia & C. Tomas-Reed, *Tidal Magazine: Occupy Theory*. February.
- 2012 Occupy Wall Street panel: has May Day made a difference?” With Tom Hayden, **M. Maharawal**, Billy Talen, Rinku Sen, Janter Byrne, Hannah Appel, *The Guardian*, May 2.
- 2012 “Why Race Matters After Hurricane Sandy” by **M. Maharawal** & I. Nastasia, *Waging NonViolence*. December 11.
- 2011 “What Makes Occupy Different: Inclusion,” *The Guardian* UK, November 15.
- 2011 “A Day in the Movement” by **M. Maharawal** & Z. Glück, *N+1 Magazine*, (online) November 16.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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### ***Major Professional Awards***

- 2016 **Susan Garfinkel Prize in Digital Humanities**, (M. Maharawal, Project Co-Founder and Director) for Narratives of Displacement and Resistance, awarded by the American Studies Association
- 2016 **Alternative Geography Award**, (M. Maharawal, co-recipient) for The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, awarded by Urban Studies Working Group, American Association of Geographers

### ***External Awards***

- 2019 **American Association of University Women**, Alternate, Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship
- 2015 **American Council of Learned Societies**, Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellow
- 2015 **The Blue Mountain Center**, Writing Fellow

- 2014 **New York Council for the Humanities**, Public Humanities Fellow
- 2013 **The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research**, Dissertation Research Grant
- 2012 **The Antipode Foundation**, Regional Workshop Award, (co-recipient with the Space Time Research Collaborative, Cindi Katz and Caitlin Cahill)
- 2010 **Oral History Summer Institute**, Fellow, Columbia University

***Internal Awards***

- 2020 **Antiracist Research and Policy Center, Faculty Affiliate**, American University
- 2017 - 2019 **Mellon Faculty Research Award**, College of Arts and Sciences, American University
- 2016 **Digital Humanities Innovation Grant**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2015 **Dissertation Fellow**, Center for Place, Culture and Politics, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2014 **Digital Innovation Fellow**, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2009 **Urban Sociology Summer Exchange Fellow**, Humboldt University, Berlin
- 2009 - 2012 **PhD Fellowship**, Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

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***Invited Talks and Presentations***

- 2021 “Conquistador Transportation and Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco” Invited Talk. Northeastern University April 1.
- 2021 “Conquistador Transportation and Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco” Invited Talk. George Mason University, January 27.
- 2021 “Conquistador Transportation and Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco” Invited Talk. Oregon State University, January 22.
- 2018 “Fifty years later: The Struggle for Housing Justice in the United States,” Conference on Race and Housing Fifty Years Later: The Legacy of the Fair Housing Act, Invited Panelist, Princeton University, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

- 2018 “Conquistador Transportation and the Urban Commons: Fighting Displacement and Eviction in San Francisco” **Keynote Lecture**, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Anthropology Symposium, George Washington University, March 30.
- 2018 “The J20 Cases: Struggling Against the Criminalization of Dissent in a Time that Demands Resistance” Invited Panelist, Georgetown University, March 22.
- 2018 “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project” Radical Mapping, Invited Panelist, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2016 “Oral History and Counter Mapping as Methods Towards Anti-Gentrification and Anti-Displacement” Invited Lecture, The Center for Place Culture and Politics, April 13.
- 2015 “The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project: Radical Mapping and Displacement in San Francisco” Invited Lecture, Oral History MA Program, Columbia University, October 1.
- 2014 “Oral History and Mapping Displacement in San Francisco” Invited Lecture, Sarah Lawrence College, March 12.
- 2014 “Oral Histories of Displacement” Invited Lecture & Workshop, Stanford University, January 22.
- 2014 “Politics Post-Occupy,” **Keynote Speaker**, Southwest Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, Peace Day Talk, Sarasota FL, January 25.
- 2013 “Reclaiming Land, Building the Urban Commons,” Invited Panelist, Columbia University, October 29.
- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street Visions and Reflections: Decolonization,” Invited Panelist, Hampshire College, October 24.
- 2012 “Race, Gender and Inclusion: Fieldnotes From Occupy” Invited Panelist, University of Connecticut Stamford, April 16.

### ***Panels Organized***

- 2021 “Authors Meet Critics: Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 7-11.
- 2018 “Urban Revanchism Revisited” double-panel organized with Christopher Herring, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10-14.
- 2018 “The Disrupters: Ethnographies of Techno-capitalism” panel organized with Erin McElory and Beth Gaglia. American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 14-18.
- 2015 “Aftermaths” track organized with Nazia Kazia and Mark Porter Webb, Society for the Anthropology of North America, New York April 16-18.

- 2013 "The New Youth Movements, Political Subjectivity, Crisis and Resistance" panel organized with Zoltán Glück, American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Nov 21.
- 2011 "The Productive Value of the Trace" panel organized with Priya Chandraskaran, Rachel Daniell and Malav Kanuga, American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Nov 15.

***Papers Presented at Conferences***

- 2021 "Author Meets Critics: *Thinking About History with A People's Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area*" American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 7-11.
- 2021 "Author Meets Critics: Speculation and Speculative Futures in Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance" American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 7-11.
- 2018 "Tech-Colonialism and Displacement" American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 14-18.
- 2018 "Urban Revanchism Revisited: Black Lives Matter and the Security State" American Association of Geographers. New Orleans, April 11.
- 2017 "Black Lives Matter, Gentrification and the Security State in Oakland" American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 1.
- 2017 "Mapping Towards Housing Justice" Public Anthropology Conference, American University, Washington D.C., November 3.
- 2016 "We Won't Go: Producing Memory, Care and Collectivity in San Francisco's Anti-Eviction Activism" American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, November 17.
- 2016 "Conquistador Transportation: Infrastructural Activism and the Fight Against Displacement in San Francisco" Society for the Anthropology of North America, Halifax, May 13.
- 2016 "Material Infrastructures and Infrastructural Activism: Displacement in San Francisco" American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, March 29.
- 2015 "Infrastructural Activism: Bus Blockades and the Fight Against Displacement in San Francisco" American Anthropological Association, Denver, November 19.
- 2015 "I thought Occupy would always be there": Depression, Hope, and Temporality in the Aftermath of Occupy," Society for the Anthropology of North America Meeting, New York, April 17.
- 2014 "Gentrification and Anti-Gentrification Organizing", Center for Place, Culture and Politics Annual Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, May 23.

- 2013 “From Safer Spaces to Affective Politics: The Case of the Free University” American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 23.
- 2013 “The Crown Heights Assembly: Race, Space and Gentrification” (with Zoltán Glück) American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 21.
- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street and the Politics of Inclusion: Ethnographic Reflections On Radical Democracy” (with Zoltán Glück) American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 17.
- 2011 “The Creation of the Peaceful City: Violence and Its Traces in Ahmadabad” American Anthropological Association, Montreal, November 15.
- 2010 “Zora Neale Hurston: Writing Alternative Ethnographies” American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 22.

#### MEDIA COVERAGE & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SELECTED)

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- 2014-present **Project Founder and Co-Director**, Narratives of Displacement and Resistance oral history project, at The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, San Francisco, CA
- 2013-present **Collective Member**, The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 **Featured** in book *When We Fight We Win: Twenty First Century Social Movements and the Activists that are Changing Our World*, The New Press.
- 2014 **Featured** in “Terkel’s Torch Bearers: Meet the New Generation of Oral Historians” *In These Times*, October 29.
- 2012-2014 **Lead Oral History Interviewer**, “Crossing Borders, Bridging Generations” Oral History Project, Brooklyn Historical Society
- 2012 **Featured** in “Faultlines” Documentary on Occupy Wall Street *Al Jazeera Media*
- 2012 **Featured** in The Express Tribune (Pakistan), June 14.
- 2012 **Invited panelist** with Jeffery Sachs on *Project Wisdom* a NHK Japanese public television show, November 6 and November 26.
- 2011 **Interviewed** with Eliot Spitzer, for “The Coffee Summit” in *New York Magazine*
- 2009-2011 **Co-organizer** “So-Called Marginalia” reading series, various venues in New York.

#### UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENTAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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##### **Professional Service**

- 2021 Faculty Mentor, American Ethnological Society.
- 2020 International Reviewer, Fonds National de la Recherche, Luxembourg.

2018 Book Prize Committee, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology.

### **Editorial**

2016-2018 **Consulting Editor**, *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*

2013-2015 **Co-Editor**, "Findings" Column, *Anthropology Now*

### **Department and University Service**

2020- *present* Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University

2018- *present* Grievance Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University

2017- 2020 Graduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University

2017- 2020 Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, American University

2015-2016 Executive Committee, Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center

2013 Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center

2011-2013 Co-Chair, Women of Color Network, The Graduate Center

2011 Student Representative, Doctoral Student Council, The Graduate Center

2010-2012 Co-Organizer, Public Space Working Group, The Graduate Center

**Peer-Reviewer** *City and Society, Annals of the American Association of Geographers, GeoForum, Antipode, Sociological Quarterly, Anthropological Quarterly, Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology, Berkeley Journal of Sociology, Radical Housing Journal*

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### **American University**, Department of Anthropology

"Anthropological Research Methods" (Fall 2020)

"Public Anthropology" (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)

"Contemporary Ethnographies" (Spring 2019)

"The Craft of Anthropology" (Fall 2018)

"Capitalism and Urban Transformation" (Spring 2018)

"Dissertation Writing Seminar" (Spring 2018)

"Anthropology of Life in the United States" (Spring, 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017)

#### **Baruch College, CUNY**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

"Advanced Research Methods" (Spring 2013)

"Power and Conflict (Spring 2013)

"Cultures and Peoples of South Asia" (Spring 2012)

"Introduction to Cultural Anthropology" (Fall 2010 - Spring 2012)

#### **Queens College, CUNY**, Department of Urban Studies

"Race and Ethnicity" (Spring 2009)

“Urban Studies 101: Urban Poverty and Inequality” (Assistant, Fall 2008 - Spring 2010)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & LANGUAGES

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**Languages**

Hindi (Speaking, Reading and Writing); French (Intermediate Speaking)

**Other Skills**

GIS Level 1

Trained Oral Historian

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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American Anthropological Association

American Association of Geographers