

LIZ KOSLOV

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 (expected) PhD in Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University
Committee: Eric Klinenberg (chair), Harvey Molotch, Marita Sturken
- 2009 MSc in Culture and Society, Department of Sociology,
London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2008 BA in Communication and Spanish and Latin American Literature,
George Washington University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Retreat: Moving to Higher Ground in a Climate-Changed City. Chicago:
University of Chicago Press (under advance contract).

Articles

- 2016 “The Case for Retreat.” *Public Culture* 28:2.

Web-Based Publications

- 2014 “Fighting for Retreat after Sandy: The Ocean Breeze Buyout Tent on Staten
Island.” *Metropolitics* (peer reviewed online journal).

(Also published in French, trans. Christina Mitrakos, as “Battre en retraite après
Sandy: le quartier d’Ocean Breeze à Staten Island”).
- 2013 “Materializing Crisis: Housing and Mental Health from Katrina to Sandy” (with
Alexis Merdjanoff). *Social Text: Periscope*.

Book Reviews

- 2014 “Beautiful Disaster.” Review of #SANDY: *Seen Through the iPhones of
Acclaimed Photographers*. *Public Books*.

Research Reports

- 2013 “A Tale of Two Sandys” (white paper published with Superstorm Research Lab).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2016 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2015 LeBoff Dissertation Research Grant, New York University

- 2013 Office of Sustainability Green Grant, for Superstorm Research Lab, New York University
- 2012-2013 Institute for Public Knowledge Funding Grant, for Superstorm Research Lab, New York University
- 2010 Presidential Management Fellowship, US Federal Government (declined)
- 2008 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2004-2008 Presidential Scholarship for Academic Achievement, George Washington University

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “Understanding Retreat: The Sociology of Buyouts in Post-Sandy Staten Island,” New York City Department of City Planning, New York: June 13.
Invited panel participant, “What If? The Politics and Psychology of Managed Retreat,” Waterfront Alliance annual conference, New York: May 12.
- 2014 “Understanding Adaptive Relocation: The Sociology of Buyouts in Post-Sandy New York City,” Regional Plan Association, New York: December 11.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2016 Invited roundtable participant, “After Lines: Delineation in Unruly Times.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN: November 17.
Invited participant, Climate Change Displacement workshop. Harvard Law School, Boston, MA: October 19-21.
“Unmaking the Waterfront: Experiences of ‘Managed Retreat’ from the Coast.” Water and the Making of Place in North America, Princeton American Studies Graduate Student Conference, Princeton, NJ: October 14-15.
“The Paradox of ‘Managed Retreat’: Movement and (Un)Development in the Context of Climate Change.” Development Sociology annual meeting, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: October 6-8.
“Imagining Unbuilding Community: The Role of Local News in Coastal Retreat.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA: August 23.
“Imagining Unbuilding Community.” Annual NYLON conference, London: March 20.
- 2015 Invited participant, Symposium on Climate Change and Public Health, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York: December 14-15.
Invited participant, Community Transformation at the Water’s Edge workshop, Consensus Building Institute, Boston: December 11.
Invited participant, Social Life of Climate Change workshop, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford: October 1.

“Socio-Spatial Inequality in Hurricane Sandy and Its Implications for the Urban Sociology of Climate Change” (with Gordon Douglas and Eric Klinenberg, presented by Gordon Douglas). American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago: August 23.

“Lines in the Sand: Flood Mapping and the Contested Boundaries of Risk.” Annual NYLON conference, Berlin: March 20.

Invited participant, Rebuild by Design University (RbDU) meeting and workshop, New York: April 10-11.

“Even Hotter: Sociology and Climate Change” (with Eric Klinenberg). Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, New York: February 28.

Invited participant, Craft of Ethnography annual meeting, Austin: February 6-7.

2014 “Cities, Class, and Climate Change: An Autopsy of Superstorm Sandy” (co-authored with Eric Klinenberg, presented by Eric Klinenberg). Plenary Session, American Sociological Association annual conference, San Francisco: August 16.

Invited participant, Craft of Ethnography annual meeting, New York: April 17-18.

Discussant, NYLON annual conference, New York: March 29.

2013 “Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Sociology of Buyouts in Post-Sandy Staten Island” (with Eric Klinenberg). Keynote, annual conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations, New York University School of Law: November 22.

2012 “Visual Methods and Urban Redevelopment: ‘Multi-Sighted’ Research in Elephant and Castle, London.” Congress for Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: May 16.

CAMPUS TALKS

2016 “The Case for Retreat,” Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University: May 13.

2015 “‘Giving it Back to Nature’: Managed Retreat on Staten Island after Hurricane Sandy.” Urban Greening Lab, New York University: April 28.

2014 “Mapping a Coastal Future: The Media and Materiality of Managed Retreat.” Media, Materiality, Infrastructure Workshop, New York University Department of Media, Culture, and Communication: March 7.

“Cultural History, Coastal Change: Digital Methods on Staten Island.” Cultural Geography and Graduate Scholarship in the Digital Humanities: A Roundtable on Digital Methods, Urban Humanities Symposium, New York University Humanities Initiative: April 11.

2013 “Waiting to Retreat: The Post-Sandy Buyout Process on Staten Island.” New York University Institute for Public Knowledge: May 21.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014-present Research Assistant, Rebuild by Design, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University. (Working with Rockefeller-funded initiative of the Presidential Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force to design and implement a longitudinal survey tracking social, economic, and health outcomes of post-Sandy relocation and rebuilding programs).
- 2013-present Co-Principal-Investigator, Superstorm Research Lab.
- 2013-2014 Research Assistant, Professor Arjun Appadurai, New York University. (Developed syllabi for a PhD seminar on materiality and an MA seminar on the cultural dimensions of globalization. Coordinated the Cultures of Finance working group).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Media and the Environment, New York University (Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Media Studies, New York University (Fall 2012)

History of Communication, New York University (Spring 2012)

Introduction to Communication Studies, George Washington University (Fall 2006)

Reader/Grader

The Culture Industries, New York University (Spring 2013)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Institutional and Departmental Service

- 2015-2016 Coordinator, NYLON Research Workshop, Institute for Public Knowledge
- 2015 PhD representative, Faculty Search Committee
- 2013-2015 Social events chair, Departmental PhD Committee
- 2012-2013 PhD representative, Departmental Events Committee
- Co-organizer, annual Neil Postman Graduate Conference
- 2012 Organizer, PhD Student Orientation

Professional Associations and Service

American Anthropological Association, American Association of Geographers, American Sociological Association, American Studies Association

Reviewer, *Global Policy*

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Jacobin: "Planning for Disaster: Community Climate-Adaptation Initiatives Preserve and Build on Stark Geographic Inequalities," 1 August 2016. <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/08/climate-change-bloomberg-warming-disaster-plans/>.

- The New Yorker*: “Retreat from the Water’s Edge,” video story, 16 October 2014.
www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/hurricane-sandy-retreat-waters-edge.
- New York Magazine*: “This is New York in the Not-So-Distant Future,” 7 September 2016.
nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2016/09/new-york-future-flooding-climate-change.html
- Urban Omnibus*: “Leaving the Sea: Staten Islanders Experiment with Managed Retreat,” 11 February 2015. urbanomnibus.net/2015/02/leaving-the-sea-staten-islanders-experiment-with-managed-retreat/.
- The Village Voice*: “Gentrified Aquarium: De Blasio’s Streetcar and the Tale of Two Waterfronts,” 13 September 2016. villagevoice.com/news/gentrified-aquarium-de-blasios-streetcar-and-the-tale-of-two-waterfronts-9100323.
- WNYC (The Brian Lehrer Show): “After Sandy: The Seminar” (with Eric Klinenberg and Jacob Faber), 4 June 2013. www.wnyc.org/story/296846-after-sandy-seminar/.
- WWNO, New Orleans Public Radio: “The Solution to Louisiana’s Coastal Problem that No One Wants to Talk About,” 17 November 2016. wwno.org/post/solution-louisianas-coastal-problem-no-one-wants-talk-about.