

# LIZ KOSLOV

## Curriculum Vitae

September 2017

### EDUCATION

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- 2017      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

### APPOINTMENTS

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- 2017-      Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences,  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Books

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

#### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2016      “The Case for Retreat.” *Public Culture* 28(2): 359-387.

#### 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**

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- 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**

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- 2017 “Ready to Retreat: The Social and Health Dimensions of Community-Organized Relocation.” Invited Special Session on Migrants, Refugees, and Managed Retreat: Avoiding Climate Catastrophes. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta: Nov 8.  
 “Community-Organized Retreat in Post-Sandy Staten Island.” Climate Change, Cities, and the Problem of Resilience Workshop. Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford: Apr 28.  
 “Ready to Retreat: Voluntary Home Buyouts in Post-Sandy New York City.” Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) Workshop on Planned Relocation in the Context of Climate Change. World Bank, Washington, DC: Apr 11.  
 “Ready to Retreat: Organizing Collective Relocation in a Climate-Changed City.” Design in the Anthropocene Lecture Series. Department of Landscape Architecture, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: Mar 8.
- 2016 “Understanding Retreat: The Sociology of Buyouts in Post-Sandy Staten Island.” New York City Department of City Planning, New York: Jun 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: Dec 11.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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- 2017 “Climate Change Adaptation Without Climate Change: Producing 'Agnostic Adaptation' on Staten Island after Hurricane Sandy.” Executive Session on How Anthropology Matters in the Anthropocene: Understanding the Cultures and Politics of Climate Change Denial. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC: Nov 30.

“Rising Tides, Rising Demands: Community-Organized Coastal Retreat in Post-Sandy New York City.” Panel on Water and Inequality. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal: Aug 15.

“Climate Change and the Future of Cities” (with Eric Klinenberg). Special Session on New Directions for Climate Action. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal: Aug 15.

“Contesting Coastal Futures: Flood Maps and Managed Retreat in Post-Sandy New York City.” Panel co-organized with Kasia Paprocki on Making the Future Present: Political Ecologies of Prefiguration. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston: Apr 6.

2016 Invited Roundtable Participant, “After Lines: Delineation in Unruly Times.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis: Nov 17.

Invited Participant, Climate Change Displacement Workshop. Harvard Law School, Cambridge: Oct 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: Oct 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: Oct 6-8.

“Imagining Unbuilding Community: The Role of Local News in Coastal Retreat.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle: Aug 23.

“Imagining Unbuilding Community.” Annual NYLON Conference, London School of Economics: Mar 20.

2015 Invited Participant, Symposium on Climate Change and Public Health. Institute for Public Knowledge, New York: Dec 14-15.

Invited Participant, Community Transformation at the Water’s Edge Workshop. Consensus Building Institute, Boston: Dec 11.

Invited Participant, Social Life of Climate Change Workshop. Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford: Oct 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: Aug 23.

“Lines in the Sand: Flood Mapping and the Contested Boundaries of Risk.” Annual NYLON Conference, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin: Mar 20.

Invited Participant, Rebuild by Design University (RBDU) Meeting and Workshop. New York: Apr 10-11.

“Even Hotter: Sociology and Climate Change” (with Eric Klinenberg). Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York: Feb 28.

Invited Participant, Craft of Ethnography Annual Meeting. University of Texas at Austin: Feb 6-7.

2014 “Cities, Class, and Climate Change: An Autopsy of Superstorm Sandy” (with Eric Klinenberg, presented by Eric Klinenberg). Plenary Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco: Aug 16.

Invited Participant, Craft of Ethnography Annual Meeting, New York: Apr 17-18.

Discussant, Annual NYLON Conference, New York: Mar 29.

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

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2017 “Mapping Climate Change: Contested Futures in New York City’s Flood Zone.” Comparative Media Studies/Writing Speaker Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Oct 19.

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: Apr 28.

2014 “Mapping a Coastal Future: The Media and Materiality of Managed Retreat.” Media, Materiality, Infrastructure Workshop, New York University: Mar 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: Apr 11.

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

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2014-2017 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).

- 2013-2017 Co-Principal-Investigator, Superstorm Research Lab (a mutual aid research collective focused on understanding how New York City policy actors, NGO leaders, activists, volunteers, and residents think about social, economic, and environmental issues following Hurricane Sandy).
- 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**

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### **Instructor of Record**

Media and Climate Change, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Spring 2018)  
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)

## **SUPERVISION AND MENTORING**

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### **Undergraduate Theses**

- 2017 Research Mentor for Elana Sulakshana, BA Sustainable Development, Columbia University, "Before and After Sandy: The Role of Social Capital in Disaster Recovery."
- Internal Examiner for Jenna Zimmerman, BA Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University, "Selling Sustainability: How Methods of Empowerment Over Manipulation Can Be Utilized to Rally Consumer Demand for a Greener Future."

### **Undergraduate Research Assistants**

- 2014-2015 Priya Mulgaonkar, BA Environmental Studies and Sociology, NYU  
Raka Sen, BA Sociology, Urban Design and Architecture Studies, NYU

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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### Institutional and Departmental Service

- 2017 Co-organizer, Annual NYLON Conference, New York University  
 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

Reviewer for *Global Policy*, *Urban Studies*

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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- 2017 Segment on the unequal impacts of Hurricane Harvey, MSNBC Live with Craig Melvin, Sep 1.  
 “Now Comes the Uncomfortable Question: Who Gets to Rebuild After Harvey?”  
*The Intercept*, Aug 30.
- 2016 “The Solution to Louisiana’s Coastal Problem that No One Wants to Talk About,”  
 WWNO New Orleans Public Radio, Nov 17.  
 “Planning for Disaster: Community Climate-Adaptation Initiatives Preserve and  
 Build on Stark Geographic Inequalities,” *Jacobin*, Aug 1.  
 “Gentrified Aquarium: De Blasio’s Streetcar and the Tale of Two Waterfronts,”  
*The Village Voice*, Sep 13.  
 “This is New York in the Not-So-Distant Future,” *New York Magazine*, Sep 7.
- 2015 “Leaving the Sea: Staten Islanders Experiment with Managed Retreat,” *Urban  
 Omnibus*, Feb 11.
- 2014 “Retreat from the Water’s Edge,” *The New Yorker* (video story), Oct 16.
- 2013 “After Sandy: The Seminar,” *The Brian Lehrer Show*, WNYC, Jun 4.