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EDUCATION

New York University

Ph.D. in Media, Culture, and Communication

2009 London School of Economics and Political Science

M.Sc. in Culture and Society

2008 George Washington University

B.A. in Communication and Spanish and Latin American Literature

APPOINTMENTS

2018- University of California, Los Angeles

Assistant Professor, Urban Planning and Environment and Sustainability

2017-2018 Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Koslov, Liz. *Retreat: Moving to Higher Ground in a Climate-Changed City*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Under advance contract.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Buck, Holly Jean, Laura Jane Martin, Oliver Geden, Peter Kareiva, Liz Koslov, Will Krantz, Ben Kravitz, John Noël, Edward A. Parson, Christopher Preston, Daniel L. Sanchez, Lynn Scarlett, and Shuchi Talati. 2020. "Evaluating the Efficacy and Equity of Environmental 'Stopgap Measures." *Nature Sustainability* 3: 499-504.

Klinenberg, Eric, Malcolm Araos, and Liz Koslov. 2020. "Sociology and the Climate Crisis." *Annual Review of Sociology* 46: 649-669.

Koslov, Liz. 2019. "How Maps Make Time: Temporal Conflicts of Life in the Flood Zone." *City: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action* 23(4-5).

- Koslov, Liz. 2019. "Avoiding Climate Change: 'Agnostic Adaptation' and the Politics of Public Silence." *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 109(2): 568-580.
- Reprinted in *Environmental Governance in a Populist/Authoritarian Era*, 2020, ed. James McCarthy, New York: Routledge, 268-280.
- Koslov, Liz. 2016. "The Case for Retreat." Public Culture 28(2): 359-387.
- Koslov, Liz. 2014. "Fighting for Retreat after Sandy: The Ocean Breeze Buyout Tent on Staten Island." *Metropolitics*. Apr 23.
- Also published in French, trans. Christina Mitrakos, as "Battre en retraite après Sandy: le quartier d'Ocean Breeze à Staten Island." Nov 24.

Essays and Book Reviews

- Paprocki, Kasia, Daniel Aldana Cohen, Rebecca Elliott, and Liz Koslov. 2019. "The Useful Discomfort of Critical Climate Social Science." *SSRC Items*. May 7.
- Koslov, Liz. 2018. "Let Us Now See Climate Change." Review of Jeff Goodell's *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World,* Ashley Dawson's *Extreme Cities: The Peril and Promise of Urban Life in the Age of Climate Change,* and Elizabeth Rush's *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore. Public Books.* Sep 4.
- Koslov, Liz. 2014. "Beautiful Disaster." Review of #SANDY: Seen Through the iPhones of Acclaimed Photographers (ed. Wyatt Gallery). Public Books. Feb 15.
- Koslov, Liz, and Alexis Merdjanoff. 2013. "Materializing Crisis: Housing and Mental Health from Katrina to Sandy." *Social Text: Periscope*. Oct 29.

Reports

- Koslov, Liz. 2017. "Annex 1: The Case of Buyouts." In *A Toolbox: Planning Relocations to Protect People from Disasters and Environmental Change* (report by Georgetown University, the International Organization for Migration, and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency).
- Bergren, Erin, Jessica Coffey, Daniel Aldana Cohen, Ned Crowley, Liz Koslov, Max Liboiron, Alexis Merdjanoff, Adam Murphree, and David Wachsmuth. 2013. "A Tale of Two Sandys" (Superstorm Research Lab white paper).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2019-2020	Faculty Research Grant, UCLA Center for the Study of Women
2017-2018	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, MIT
2016	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2015	LeBoff Dissertation Research Grant, NYU
2013	Office of Sustainability Green Grant, for Superstorm Research Lab, NYU
2012-2013	Institute for Public Knowledge Funding Grant, for Superstorm Research Lab, NYU
2010	Presidential Management Fellowship, US Federal Government (declined)
2004-2008	Presidential Scholarship for Academic Achievement, George Washington University

INVITED TALKS AND PANEL PRESENTATIONS

May 2020	"Ready to Retreat: Community-Organized Relocation After Hurricane Sandy." PEople on the MOve in a Changing Climate (PEMOCC) Webinar. Georgia Sea Grant.
Oct 2019	"Climate Change's Human Impact." Opening Session, PolicyWest 2019. Pacific Council on International Policy. Beverly Hills, CA.
Sep 2019	"The Fight for Retreat: Urban Unbuilding in the Era of Climate Crisis." Colloquia Series, Department of Anthropology and School of the Earth, Ocean & Environment. University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
Jun 2019	Invited Panelist, Opening Event, At What Point Managed Retreat? Resilience Building in the Coastal Zone Conference. Climate Adaptation Initiative, Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY.
May 2019	"Ready to Retreat: Community-Organized Relocation After Hurricane Sandy." California Coastal Resilience Network Webinar. California State Coastal Conservancy.
May 2019	"Providing Space for the River: Thoughts from New York." Confluence: A Watershed Workshop. Los Angeles Waterkeeper, Los Angeles, CA.
Apr 2019	"The Meaning of Retreat: Movement and Unbuilding in a Time of Climate Change." Cultures of Energy 8. Rice University, Houston, TX.
Mar 2019	Invited Respondent, Democracy in Retreat? Master Planning in a Warming World Colloquium on the Challenges of Planning for Climate Change. Tulane River and Coastal Center, New Orleans, LA.
Dec 2018	"Ready to Retreat: Community-Organized Relocation After Hurricane Sandy." Panel on Adapting to "Coastal Squeeze": Managed Retreat as a Strategy for Maintaining Coastal Ecosystems. Restore America's Estuaries and Coastal States Organization National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and Management, Long Beach, CA.
Jun 2018	"The Fight for Retreat: Urban Unbuilding in the Era of Climate Change." Social Life of Climate Change Lecture Series. London School of Economics and Political Science.
May 2018	"The Fight for Retreat: Urban Unbuilding in the Era of Climate Change." Climate Infrastructures Conference. Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU.
Apr 2018	"The Case for Retreat: Urban Unbuilding and the Limits of Resilience." Bounce Forward: Moving Communities from Crisis to Resilience Workshop. Center for Resilient Communities, Northwestern University. Evanston, IL.
Apr 2018	"Avoiding Climate Change: Adaptation Amidst Denial After Hurricane Sandy." Rising Waters: A Workshop on Urban Waterscapes. Penn Program in the Environmental Humanities, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.

Feb 2018	"Ready to Retreat: Community-Organized Relocation After Hurricane Sandy." Retreat and Relocation: A Colloquium on Climate Migration. Organized by the Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, University of Miami, Harvard Graduate School of Design, and Georgetown University. Miami, FL.
Nov 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, GA.
Oct 2017	"Get Us Outta Here: Community-Organized Retreat in Post-Sandy New York City." Risk and Resilience Lecture Series. Harvard Graduate School of Design. Cambridge, MA.
Apr 2017	"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, CA.
Apr 2017	"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.
Mar 2017	"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.
Jun 2016	"Understanding Retreat: The Sociology of Buyouts in Post-Sandy Staten Island." New York City Department of City Planning, New York.
May 2016	Invited Panel Participant, "What If? The Politics and Psychology of Managed Retreat." Waterfront Alliance Annual Conference, New York.
Dec 2014	"Understanding Adaptive Relocation: The Sociology of Buyouts in Post-Sandy New York City." Regional Plan Association, New York.
Conference	PARTICIPATION AND PANELS ORGANIZED
(Aug 2020)	(Cancelled due to COVID-19). Presider and Co-organizer (with Daniel Aldana Cohen), Special Session on Urban Sociology and the Promise of a Green New Deal. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
(Apr 2020)	(Cancelled due to COVID-19). "Rising Tides, Rising Demands: The Fight for Community-Led Retreat from the Coast." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
Sep 2019	Invited Participant, Policy and Regulations of Relocation Meeting. National Center for Atmospheric Research. Boulder, CO.
Jun 2019	Chair, Panels on Environmental Justice and Equity, Community Resilience and Planned Relocation. At What Point Managed Retreat? Resilience Building in the Coastal Zone

	Conference. Climate Adaptation Initiative, Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY.
Aug 2019	"When Rebuilding No Longer Means Recovery: The Stress of Staying Put After Hurricane Sandy" (with Alexis Merdjanoff and Elana Sulakshana, presented by Liz Koslov). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
Apr 2019	"The Right to Retreat: Urban Climate Justice in a Sinking City." Panel co-organized with Kian Goh, "There Is No Right to the City Without Urban Climate Justice." Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
Dec 2018	Invited Participant, Workshop on Legal and Policy Tools for Managed Retreat. Hosted by Georgetown Climate Center and the Coastal States Organization. Long Beach, CA.
Nov 2018	"They Used to Call Us Swamp Kids': Meanings and Maintenance of Whiteness on a Changing Coast." Panel on Resilience, Redevelopment, and Justice in New Coastal Frontiers. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
Nov 2018	Invited Participant, UCLA Workshop on Environmental Stopgaps, Los Angeles, CA.
Sep 2018	Invited Participant, Working Group on Vulnerable Communities. Association of Pacific Rim Universities Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Conference, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
Aug 2018	"Avoiding Climate Change: Everyday Denial and the Production of Agnostic Adaptation." Panel on the Emotional Politics of Environmental Threats. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
May 2018	Workshop on Migration-Climate-Health: With a Focus on Trapped Populations. Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder.
Apr 2018	"From Managed Decline to Managed Retreat: Climate Change and the Politics of Urban Unbuilding." Panel on Decommissioned Places: Theorizing Urban and Rural Retreat. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
Apr 2018	Chair and Co-organizer (with Brianna Castro), Panel on Temporality, Agency, and Migration in the Context of Climate Change. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
Nov 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.
Aug 2017	"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 2017	"Climate Change and the Future of Cities" (with Eric Klinenberg). Special Session on New Directions for Climate Action. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.

Apr 2017	"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.
Nov 2016	Invited Participant, "After Lines: Delineation in Unruly Times" Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis.
Oct 2016	Invited Participant, Climate Change Displacement Workshop. Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA.
Oct 2016	"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.
Oct 2016	"The Paradox of 'Managed Retreat': Movement and (Un)Development in the Context of Climate Change." Development Sociology Annual Meeting, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
Aug 2016	"Imagining Unbuilding Community: The Role of Local News in Coastal Retreat." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle.
Mar 2016	"Imagining Unbuilding Community." Annual NYLON Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science.
Dec 2015	Invited Participant, Symposium on Climate Change and Public Health. Institute for Public Knowledge, New York.
Dec 2015	Invited Participant, Community Transformation at the Water's Edge Workshop. Consensus Building Institute, Boston.
Oct 2015	Invited Participant, Social Life of Climate Change Workshop. Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford, CA.
Aug 2015	"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.
Mar 2015	"Lines in the Sand: Flood Mapping and the Contested Boundaries of Risk." Annual NYLON Conference, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin.
Apr 2015	Invited Participant, Rebuild by Design University (RBDU) Meeting and Workshop, New York.
Feb 2015	"Even Hotter: Sociology and Climate Change" (with Eric Klinenberg). Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York.
Feb 2015	Invited Participant, Craft of Ethnography Annual Meeting. University of Texas at Austin.

Aug 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.
Apr 2014	Invited Participant, Craft of Ethnography Annual Meeting, New York.
Mar 2014	Discussant, Annual NYLON Conference, New York.
Nov 2013	"Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Sociology of Buyouts in Post-Sandy Staten Island" (with Eric Klinenberg, presented by Eric Klinenberg). Keynote Address, Annual Conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations. NYU School of Law.
May 2012	"Visual Methods and Urban Redevelopment: 'Multi-Sighted' Research in Elephant and Castle, London." Congress for Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
CAMPUS TAL	KS AND EVENTS
Jul 2019	"Retreat: Urban Unbuilding in the Era of Climate Crisis." IoES Science Simply Lecture Series. UCLA.
Apr 2019	Panel Moderator. Thriving in a Hotter LA. Luskin Summit: Livable LA. UCLA.
Jan 2019	Panel Participant. The Context of Climate Change Breakdown. Urban Humanities Initiative. UCLA.
Dec 2018	"The Fight for Retreat: Urban Unbuilding in the Era of Climate Change." IoES Seminar Series in Environment and Sustainability. UCLA.
Oct 2018	Panel Participant. Navigating the Academic Job Market. UCLA Luskin School.
Oct 2017	"Mapping Climate Change: Contested Futures in New York City's Flood Zone." CMS/W Speaker Series. MIT.
May 2016	"The Case for Retreat." Special Issue Release of Climate Change and the Future of Cities: Migration, Adaptation, and Social Change on an Urban Planet, <i>Public Culture</i> . Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU.
Apr 2015	"'Giving it Back to Nature': Managed Retreat on Staten Island after Hurricane Sandy." Urban Greening Lab, NYU.
Mar 2014	"Mapping a Coastal Future: The Media and Materiality of Managed Retreat." Media, Materiality, Infrastructure Workshop. NYU.
Apr 2014	"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. NYU Humanities Initiative.

May 2013 "Waiting to Retreat: The Post-Sandy Buyout Process on Staten Island." Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2018-	Faculty Affiliate, Luskin Center for Innovation, Climate Adaptation and Community Resiliency Initiative, UCLA.
2018-	Research Affiliate, Urban Humanities Initiative, University of California, Los Angeles.
2014-	Research Affiliate, Rebuild by Design, Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU. (PI on project to develop and field a survey tracking social, economic, and health outcomes of post-Sandy relocation and rebuilding programs).
2013-	Co-PI, Superstorm Research Lab. (Mutual aid research collective focused on understanding how policy actors, NGO leaders, activists, volunteers, and residents think about social, economic, and environmental issues after Hurricane Sandy).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles

Sea Level Rise and Social Response, graduate (Spring 2020) Environmental Justice Through Multiple Lenses, undergraduate (Winter 2020) Environmental Justice, graduate (Spring 2019) Environmental Science Practicum, undergraduate (2018-2019, client: LA Waterkeeper)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Media and Climate Change, undergraduate and graduate (Spring 2018)

New York University

Media and the Environment, undergraduate (Fall 2015)
The Culture Industries, undergraduate (reader/grader, Spring 2013)
Introduction to Media Studies, undergraduate (teaching assistant, Fall 2012)
History of Communication, undergraduate (teaching assistant, Spring 2012)

George Washington University

Introduction to Communication, undergraduate (teaching assistant, Fall 2006)

SERVICE

Institutional Service

2019-2020	Leadership Team, UCLA Center for Diverse Leadership in Science
2019	UCLA Center for the Study of Women Awards Committee, Fall Travel Grants
2019	Review Committee, Charles F. Scott Fellowships, UCLA Graduate Division

Departmental Service

2019-2020	Staffing Committee, Urban Planning, UCLA
2019	Pritzker Award Committee, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, UCLA
2018-2020	PhD Committee, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, UCLA
2018-2019	Admissions Committee (PhD), Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, UCLA
2018	IoES Representative, Ad Hoc Review Committee, UCLA
2017	Co-organizer, Annual NYLON Conference, NYU
2015-2016	Coordinator, NYLON Research Workshop, Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU
2015	PhD Representative, Faculty Search Committee, NYU
2013-2015	Social Events Chair, Departmental PhD Committee, NYU
2012-2013	PhD Representative, Departmental Events Committee, NYU
2012-2013	Co-organizer, Annual Neil Postman Graduate Conference, NYU
2012	Organizer, PhD Student Orientation, NYU

Professional Associations and Service

American Association of Geographers American Planning Association American Sociological Association

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Annals of the American Association of Geographers; Columbia University Press; Current Anthropology; Economy & Society; Global Environmental Change; Global Policy; International Journal of Urban and Regional Research; One Earth; Organization & Environment; Science Advances; Socio-Ecological Practice Research; Socius; Urban Studies

Public/Community Activities and Affiliations

Steering Committee, Climigration Network. (Community of practitioners dedicated to advancing dialogue and fostering innovation on the topic of managed retreat. Supported by the Consensus Building Institute in partnership with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation).
Advisory Committee, "At What Point Managed Retreat? Resilience Building in the Coastal Zone." Conference organized by the Climate Adaptation Initiative, Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York.
Resilience Task Force Member, Waterfront Alliance, NY-NJ Metropolitan Region.
Review Committee, Climigration Awards, Consensus Building Institute.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Jan 2020	<i>Curbed NY</i> : "NYC's Coastline Could Be Underwater by 2100. Why Are We Still Building There?"
Oct 2019	Inverse: "Managed Retreat' from Climate Change Isn't Turning Out the Way We Thought."

Oct 2019	NPR: "Sweeping Study Raises Questions About Who Benefits from Buyouts of Flood-Prone Homes."
Oct 2019	Earther: "Americans Are Already Moving Away from the Rising Water's Edge."
Oct 2019	Geografie: "Georganiseerde terugtrekking: Nieuwe loot aan de boom van de klimaatadaptatie."
Oct 2019	Daily Bruin: "Youth and Social Media Fuel Movement Demanding Action to Fight Climate Change."
Sep 2019	VICE: "We Need to Talk About a Planned Retreat from Climate Disaster Zones Now."
Sep 2019	New York Daily News: "How to Advance by Retreating: As Climate Change Advances, It's Time to Think About Leaving the Coasts."
Aug 2019	<i>The New York Times</i> : "How to Rebound After a Disaster: Move, Don't Rebuild, Research Suggests."
Jul 2019	VICE: "This Is What the US Could Look Like When Our Coasts Are Under Water."
Jul 2019	VICE: "'Climate Despair' Is Making People Give Up on Life."
Feb 2019	Daily Beast: "In Los Angeles, Climate-Change Gentrification Is Already Happening."
Oct 2018	CityLab: "The Dutch Can't Save Us from Rising Seas."
Sep 2018	Vox: "Hurricane Florence's Floods Caused Severe Property Damage. Here's a Solution."
Aug 2018	NPR: "Wisconsin Reservation Offers a Climate Success Story and a Warning."
Jul 2018	Scientific American: "Surrendering to Rising Seas."
Jul 2018	Climigration.org: "Summer Reading: 8 Select Climigration Voices."
Oct 2017	Popular Science: "These Staten Islanders Lost Their Neighborhood to Sandy. Here's Why They're Not Taking It Back."
Oct 2017	Bedford + Bowery: "While Urbanists Imagine NYC's Retreat from the Coast, It's Already Happening."
Sep 2017	Vox: "Abandon Florida? Not Quite. But It's Time for a Retreat from Flood Zones."
Sep 2017	MSNBC Live with Craig Melvin: Segment on the unequal impacts of Hurricane Harvey.
Aug 2017	The Intercept: "Now Comes the Uncomfortable Question: Who Gets to Rebuild After Harvey?"
Mar 2017	Carbon Brief: "Guest Post: Adapting to Climate Change Through 'Managed Retreat."

Nov 2016	WWNO New Orleans Public Radio: "The Solution to Louisiana's Coastal Problem that No One Wants to Talk About."
Sep 2016	The Village Voice: "Gentrified Aquarium: De Blasio's Streetcar and the Tale of Two Waterfronts."
Sep 2016	New York Magazine: "This is New York in the Not-So-Distant Future."
Aug 2016	Jacobin: "Planning for Disaster: Community Climate-Adaptation Initiatives Preserve and Build on Stark Geographic Inequalities."
Feb 2015	Urban Omnibus: "Leaving the Sea: Staten Islanders Experiment with Managed Retreat."
Oct 2014	The New Yorker: "Retreat from the Water's Edge" (video story).
Jun 2013	The Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC: "After Sandy: The Seminar."