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Employment 2018- Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina,  
Greensboro

2005-2006 Gilbert W. Beebe Fellow, Radiation Effects Research  
Foundation, Hiroshima, Japan

Education 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
• Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies

2010 M.A., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

2005 B.A., Sociology, Columbia University  
• Departmental Honors

Interests urban sociology, political sociology, social theory, development and  
globalization, race and ethnicity, global South, ethnography

## Publications *Journal articles*

Zachary Levenson. 2018 (forthcoming). "The Road to TRAs Is Paved with  
Good Intentions: Dispossession through Delivery in Post-Apartheid Cape  
Town." *Urban Studies*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1177/  
0042098017735244.

Zachary Levenson. 2017. "Precarious Welfare States: Urban Struggles over  
Housing Delivery in Post-Apartheid Cape Town." *International Sociology*  
32(4):474-92.

Zachary Levenson. 2017. "Living on the Fringe in Post-Apartheid Cape  
Town." *Contexts* 16(1):24-9.

- Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, UC Berkeley (2017)

Zachary Levenson. 2014. "We Are Humans and Not Dogs': The Crisis of Housing Delivery in Post-Apartheid Cape Town." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 58:15-22.

Harry M. Cullings, Zachary Levenson, Sachiyo Funamoto, and Sachiko Teranishi. 2006. "Changes in Atomic Bomb Survivors' Dosimetry with the New Dosimetry System DS02." *Japanese Journal of Health Physics* 41(4):261-71.

### *Book chapters*

Zachary Levenson. 2017. "Social Movements beyond Incorporation: The Case of the Housing Assembly in Post-Apartheid Cape Town." Pp. 89-104 in *Global Resistance in Southern Perspective: The Politics of Protest in South Africa's Contentious Democracy*, edited by Marcel Paret, Carin Runciman, and Luke Sinwell. London: Routledge.

- Published in peer-reviewed *Mobilization* book series
- Herbert Blumer Prize for best graduate student paper, UC Berkeley, 2017

### *Short essays and reviews*

Zachary Levenson. 2017. "A Wake for Urban Theory." *British Journal of Sociology* 68(4):785-90.

Zachary Levenson. 2016. Review of Keith Breckenridge's *Biometric State: The Global Politics of Identification and Surveillance in South Africa, 1850 to the Present*. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*. 51(5):636-8.

Zachary Levenson. 2012. Review essay on Marie Huchzermeyer's *Cities with 'Slums': From Informal Settlement Eradication to a Right to the City in Africa*. *Transformation* 78:133-43.

### *Other writing* (\*equal coauthorship)

\*Zachary Levenson and Sean Jacobs. 2018. "The Limits of Coloured Nationalism." *Mail & Guardian*, June 15, 32.

- Expanded version available at <https://mg.co.za/article/2018-06-13-00-the-limits-of-coloured-nationalism>

Zachary Levenson. 2017. "Articulating Trumpism, or, Thanks, Obama!" *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 61:8-15.

- Republished by *Huffington Post*

\*Sam Ashman, Zachary Levenson, and Trevor Ngwane. 2017. "South Africa's ANC: The Beginning of the End?" *Catalyst* 1(2): 75-106.

Zachary Levenson. 2017. "Free Speech and the Politics of the Dog Whistle." *Huffington Post*.

Zachary Levenson. 2014. "Permanent Temporariness: Relocation Camps in Post-Apartheid Cape Town." *SLUM Lab* 9:156-8.

Zachary Levenson. 2012. "Image and Realities of Politics: Social Movements in South Africa." *Against the Current* 27(4):14-6.

Zachary Levenson. 2011. "Occupying Education: The Student Fight against Austerity in California." *NACLA Report on the Americas* 44(6):25-8.

Regular contributor to *Africa Is a Country*

- Author archive at <http://africasacountry.com/author/zachary-levenson/>

*Work in progress* (\*equal coauthorship)

Zachary Levenson. "Make Articulation Gramscian Again." Manuscript under review for invited submission to *Making Concepts for Geographical Praxis: Thinking Alongside Gillian Hart*, edited by Sharad Chari, Mark Hunter, and Melanie Sampson (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2019).

\*Sam Ashman, Zachary Levenson, and Trevor Ngwane. "State Capture, the Highest Stage of Crony Capitalism." Manuscript in preparation for invited submission to *BRICS, Geopolitics and Social Resistance in Africa: Thriving or Surviving?*, edited by Justin van der Merwe, Patrick Bond, and Nicole Dodd (London: Pluto, 2019).

Zachary Levenson. "Selective Dispossession: Managing Rural-Urban Resettlement in Democratic South Africa." Under review.

Zachary Levenson. "Explaining Evictions: The Politics of Representation and Recognition in Post-Apartheid Land Occupations." Manuscript in preparation.

\*Ricardo Jacobs and Zachary Levenson. "Dislocating Surplus Populations:

The Political Logic of Dispossession in South African Cities.” Manuscript in preparation.

- Awards
- 2017 Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, UC Berkeley
  - Herbert Blumer Prize for best graduate student paper, UC Berkeley
  - Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
  - 2016 Herbert Blumer Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching, UC Berkeley
  - 2005 Honors awarded for senior thesis, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- Grants and Fellowships
- 2018 The Sociological Review Early Career Researcher Conference Funding Award
  - 2017 Summer Research Grant, Global Metropolitan Studies, UC Berkeley
  - 2016 Social Science Matrix Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley
  - Research Fellow, Slow Science Institute, Berkeley, CA
  - 2014 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley
  - 2013 Small Grant, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley
  - Summer Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
  - 2012 John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley
  - Andrew and Mary Thompson Rocca Scholarship in Advanced African Studies, Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley
  - Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley
  - Summer Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
  - 2011 Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
  - 2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison

2005 Gilbert W. Beebe Fellowship, Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Hiroshima, Japan

Invited Talks “Reversing Apartheid or Renewing It?,” July 17, 2018, “Race and Inequalities,” Plenary Session of RC21, 19<sup>th</sup> International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada

“Explaining Evictions: The Politics of Housing in Post-Apartheid Cities,” February 6, 2017, Department of Urban Studies, Yale-NUS, Singapore

“Changing Order in Political Societies: The Politics of Land Invasions in Post-Apartheid Cape Town,” April 21, 2015, “The Impact of Human Rights in a Global Age,” Social Science Matrix, University of California, Berkeley

#### Conference

Presentations “Race, Class, and Immorality in a Land Occupation” • Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 14, 2018, New Orleans, LA • Racial Displacements Conference at University of Birmingham, June 19, 2018, Birmingham, UK • 19<sup>th</sup> International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, July 18, 2018, Toronto, Canada

“Determining When to Evict” • American Sociological Association 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 15, 2017, Montreal, Canada • 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 5, 2017, Montreal, Canada

“Urbanization in Hostile Environments” • Capitalist Development in Hostile Environments Conference at Università della Calabria, June 7, 2017, Rende, Italy

“Dislocating Surplus Populations” • Sociology of Development 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Cornell University, October 7, 2016, Ithaca, NY

“Precarious Welfare States” • American Sociological Association 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 23, 2016, Seattle, WA

“Explaining Evictions” • Class, Politics, and Society Conference at New York University, May 20, 2016, New York, NY • American Sociological Association 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 20, 2016, Seattle, WA •

Center for African Studies Colloquium at University of California, Berkeley, September 21, 2016, Berkeley, CA • Sociology of Development 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Cornell University, October 7, 2016, Ithaca, NY • Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 5, 2017, Boston, MA

“The Road to TRAs Is Paved with Good Intentions” • Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, March 30, 2016, San Francisco, CA

“Competing Logics of Delivery in Post-Apartheid South Africa” • Sociology of Development 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Brown University, March 14, 2015, Providence, RI • Class, Politics, and Society Conference at New York University, May 18, 2015, New York, NY • American Sociological Association 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 21, 2015, Chicago, IL • International Sociological Association RC43: Housing and the Built Environment Conference at University of Illinois-Chicago, September 16, 2015, Chicago, IL

“The Politics of Selective Dispossession” • 18<sup>th</sup> International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, July 18, 2014, Yokohama, Japan

“Social Movements Beyond Incorporation” • Contentious Politics, Capitalism, and Social Movement Theory at University of Johannesburg, May 22, 2014, Johannesburg, South Africa

“Dispossession through Delivery” • Historical Materialism Conference at York University, May 11, 2014, Toronto, Canada

“The Dialectic of Representation and Recognition in Post-Apartheid Land Occupations” • Urban Circulations Workshop at University of California, Berkeley, May 9, 2014, Berkeley, CA • American Sociological Association 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 19, 2014, San Francisco, CA • Historical Materialism Conference at New York University, April 26, 2015, New York, NY

#### Teaching

University of North Carolina, Greensboro:

- Sociology 490: Contemporary Social Theory, Fall 2018
- Sociology 344: Global Society, Fall 2018

University of California, Berkeley:

- Sociology 375: Pedagogy Seminar (with Cihan Tuğal), Fall 2016
- Sociology 190: Absolutely Surplus: Social Exclusion in Contemporary Sociology, Fall 2015
- Sociology 190: Space and Power: A Global Sociology of Urban Planning, Fall 2014
- Teaching assistant for: Sociology 101: History of Sociological Theory: Marxism (Michael Burawoy), Fall 2017, Fall 2010 • Sociology 102: History of Sociological Theory: Sociology (Michael Burawoy), Spring 2011 • Development Studies 100: History of Development and Underdevelopment (Gillian Hart), Spring 2016 • Interdisciplinary Studies 100A: Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis (Gary Wren), Spring 2014 • Sociology 102: Contemporary Social Theory (John Lie), Spring 2010 • Sociology 102: Contemporary Social Theory (Dylan Riley), Fall 2009 • Sociology 101: Classical Social Theory (Dylan Riley), Spring 2009 • Sociology 140: Political Sociology (Laura Enriquez), Fall 2008
- Reader for: Sociology 145: “Isms”: The Political and Social Imagination of the Modern World (Dylan Riley), Spring 2018 • Interdisciplinary Studies 100A: Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis (Rakesh Bhandari), Summer 2015

Service Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *City and Community*, *Historical Materialism*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Urban Studies*

Urban network representative, Social Science History Association (2017-18)

Organizing committee: *Changing Urban Spaces* conference sponsored by the *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, UC Berkeley, March 13, 2009 • *Violence* conference sponsored by the *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, UC Berkeley, March 14, 2008

Editorial board, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* (2007-09)

Membership American Sociological Association (ASA) • International Sociological Association (ISA) • Association of American Geographers (AAG) • Social Science History Association (SSHA)