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## EDUCATION

### University of California at Berkeley

**Ph.D. Department of City and Regional Planning**

Dec., 2013

Dissertation Title: "Spatial Politics in Metropolitan Miami: Cuban American Empowerment, Municipal, Incorporations and Cultural Production."

### University of Miami

**M. Urban Design & Town Planning**

2002

**M. Architecture**

2000

**B. A. Political Science and International Area Studies**

1997

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015 - Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS

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| UC Berkeley DCRP Lighting Talk Circus Merit Award                     | Spring 2012             |
| UC Berkeley Dissertation Award  | Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 |
| Center for Research on Social Change Graduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley | Fall 2011 - Spring 2013 |
| Mentored Research Award   | Spring 2009             |
| Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley                         | Fall 2010               |
| Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, DCRP                   | Spring 2009             |
| Mellon Travel Grant UC Berkeley CMES                                  | Fall 2008               |
| Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Student Fellow                       | Summer 2002             |
| Knight Foundation Scholar Community Building                          | Fall 2001 - Spring 2002 |
| Miami Beach Urban Arts Committee                                      | Spring 2002             |

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed

"Spatial Politics in Metropolitan Miami: Planning, Cuban American Empowerment and Municipal Incorporations, 1960-2005" in *On the Spatial Epistemology of Politics, or How We Know Politics Through Space: Essays for Design Studies*. Under Revision - Forthcoming 2015. Wendell & Samuels Eds. Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts

"Urban Planning in the face of an Immigration Crisis: Metropolitan Planning in Dade County and the Mariel Boatlift of 1980" in *Journal of Planning History*. Under Revision - Forthcoming 2016.

## **Other Publications**

- “Spatial Politics in Metropolitan Miami, 1980 – 1992: Cuban American Crisis, Community Development and Empowerment” *Institute for the Study of Societal Issues - Fellows Working Paper Series*  
(<http://escholarship.org/uc/item/6mk5t5nb>)
- “Editorial: Putting the Pieces Together” *Berkeley Planning Journal*, Vol. 22, Fall-Spring 2009, ix - xvii  
(<http://escholarship.org/uc/item/09p58381>)
- “A Conversation with Abdou Maliq Simone,” *Berkeley Planning Journal*, Vol. 22 Fall-Spring, 2009,  
(<http://escholarship.org/uc/item/8q29221k>)
- “Book Review: Miami Modern Metropolis,” *Berkeley Planning Journal*, Vol. 23, Fall-Spring, 2010,  
(<http://escholarship.org/uc/item/16j2c4d9>)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate-Level Courses**

#### **Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley**

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|--|-------------------|
| 204B: Research Methods for Planners, Lecturer (Forthcoming)  | Spring 2015       |
| [IN]City Program, Lecturer and Lead Studio Instructor        | Summer 2014       |
| Race, Equity and The City, Graduate Student Instructor       | Spring 2013       |
| [IN]City Program, Lead Studio Instructor                     | Summer 2013       |
| [IN]City Program, Lead Studio Instructor                     | Summer 2012       |
| [IN]City Program, Lead Studio Instructor                     | Summer 2011       |
| [IN]City Program, Studio Instructor                          | Summer 2010       |
| Graphics for Planners, Graduate Student Instructor           | Spring 2008, 2009 |
| The Urban Community, Graduate Student Instructor             | Fall 2008         |
| Housing in Developing Countries, Graduate Student Instructor | Spring 2007       |
| Global Poverty, Graduate Student Instructor                  | Fall 2007         |

#### **Department of Urban Studies and Planning, San Francisco State University**

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| USP/PLSI 480 Urban Policy and Analysis, Lecturer | Fall 2014   |
| USP 530 Alternative Urban Futures, Lecturer      | Spring 2014 |

#### **Department of Urban and Regional Planning, San Jose State University**

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| URBP 201 Community Assessment, Lecturer | Fall 2013 |
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#### **Florida International University**

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| Master of Urban Design, Adjunct Faculty | Fall 2011 |
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## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Citizenship and Public Space**

#### **Public-Private Security Assemblages Research Fellow, U. of Amsterdam, Summer 2014**

This project is an ongoing multidisciplinary effort to study how citizenship is being reconfigured through hybrid forms of security governance in cities around the world. During my fellowship I worked with graduate students to develop articles and conference presentations. I presented my research on Miami and carried out research for two articles – one on tourism and race in Miami Beach Florida and the other on urban governance and metropolitan planning in Dade County, FL.

## **Transit Oriented Development**

### **Graduate Student Researcher, University of California Transportation Center, Spring - Fall 2007**

I carried out schematic designs for transit-oriented developments projects in the Central Valley cities of Stockton and Merced. This work was part of studies carried out to determine the best alternative for the High Speed Rail line in California's Central Valley. The plans were presented to public officials, academics, and the general public.

## **Historic Preservation and Architecture**

### **Research Associate, Miami Beach Community Development Corporation, 1999 - 2002**

- Miami Modern Architecture Exhibit 1945-1972: I provided curatorial work and research for a photographic exhibit featuring mid-century architecture in Miami Beach, FL.
- Highland Park Historic Preservation Report: I conducted a survey of more than 50 existing structures in Miami's Highland Park neighborhood to prepare a historic preservation report.
- Miami Architecture Guide: I conducted research of over 300 prominent architectural structures across the Dade County Area for the first architecture guide in the city.

## **NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

- "Interventions: The City-zens Project" in Reimagining West Coconut Grove, pp. 45-50.  
Edited by Samina Quereshi (Space makers Press, Boston, 2005).
- "Dispatch: Meeting of the Minds" *Places Magazine*, Vol. 19:3, 2007  
([http://places.designobserver.com/media/pdf/Meeting\\_of\\_the\\_474.pdf](http://places.designobserver.com/media/pdf/Meeting_of_the_474.pdf))
- "River + City + Life: A guide to renewing Toronto's Lower Don" *Places Magazine*, Vol. 20:3, 2008  
([http://places.designobserver.com/media/pdf/RIVER+CITY+LIF\\_98.pdf](http://places.designobserver.com/media/pdf/RIVER+CITY+LIF_98.pdf))
- "Dispatch: Peripheries De-centering Urban Theory" *Places Magazine*, Vol. 21:1, 2009  
(<http://escholarship.org/uc/item/124539d7>)
- "A View of Haiti from Liberty City" *Places Design Observer*, January 2010  
(<http://places.designobserver.com/feature/a-view-of-haiti-from-liberty-city/12677/>)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- "Metropolitan Planning in Miami and the Rebellion of Municipal Incorporations in Dade County."  
2015 Urban Affairs Association Conference, Miami Florida, April 2015 (Forthcoming).
- "Design Justice" Breaking Barriers, Building Community: 35 Years of Training Social Change Scholars.  
UC Berkeley, ISSI, May 2014.
- "Spatial Politics in Metropolitan Miami, 1980-1992: Cuban American Crisis, Community Development and Empowerment." 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Planning History Conference, Society for American City And Regional Planning History, Toronto, October 2013.
- "Immigrant Spatial Politics: Cuban American Crisis, Community Development, and Empowerment 1980-1991." 9<sup>th</sup> Congress of Cuban American Studies, Florida International University, May 2013.
- "Talking about Race and Planning: The Pedagogy of Race and Equity in the city." Design Activism Conference. UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design, April 2013.
- "Spatial Politics and Planning in Metropolitan Miami." Institute of Governmental Studies. Challenging Urban Borders: The Geopolitics of Immigration and Segregation Conference, April 2013.
- "Planning the Immigrant City: The Myth of Multiculturalism and Insurgent Publics in Metropolitan Miami." International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments, Oct. 2012.
- "Social Change and the City: Urban Planners and the 1980 Mariel Boat Lift Refugee Crisis".  
Latin American Studies Association, May 2012.
- "Planning for a Humanitarian Crisis: The Mariel Boatlift and Urban Planning in Miami".

- UC Latino Issues Conference, Center for Latino Policy Research, May 2012.
- “Introducing the Trashy Transect: Composting with the Miami 21 Form Based Code”.  
Congress of the New Urbanism, May 2012.
- “Finding Foucault in Tropical Urbanism: Planning Genealogies and Urban Historiography in Miami”.  
American Anthropological Association, November 2011.
- “Design for a Transnational Bio-politics? Urban Reconstruction between Miami and Port-Au-Prince”.  
American Collegiate Schools of Planning, October 2010.
- “Utopia, Dystopias and Heterotopias of Difference: Planned and Unplanned Spaces in  
Metropolitan Miami”. International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments,  
December 2010.
- “Miami Emergent Urbanism: Urban Citizenship and Architectural Aesthetics beyond the North  
American Metropolis”. Re-Imagining the Americas: Immigration, Trans-nationalism and Diaspora,  
Maxwell School, Syracuse University, April 2009.
- “What Public Space? Whose Public Interest? Hip Hop Weekend, Art Basel and the Paradox of  
Public Space in Miami”. UC Berkeley Breslauer Graduate Student Conference, “The Public Interest”,  
March 2009.
- “Traditions of Place-making and Fundamentalisms of Practice: New Urbanism in Dubai, Iraq  
and Afghanistan”. International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments,  
December 2008.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Community Development**

#### **Community Assessment Manager – Ignatian Center, Santa Clara University, Spring 2014**

This position consisted of supporting Santa Clara University’s Ignatian Center in the development of community partnerships in the Washington-Guadalupe neighborhood, an immigrant neighborhood near downtown San Jose. My work consisted of adapting charrette techniques to enable communication between stakeholders, experts and academics. I adapted participatory design techniques, produced data visualizations, and developed design-thinking exercises to facilitate the interaction between residents and SCU Faculty, staff and students.

### **Architecture and Urban Design**

#### **Architectural & Urban Designer Torti Gallas and Partners, Washington, DC, June 2003 – July 2006**

##### **City Vista Mixed-use Development**

This project consisted of the design of an award winning mixed-use building in downtown Washington DC. The new development included a combination of retail space, condominium and apartment units 20% of which were set aside as affordable housing. Duties included: zoning and program analysis, construction documents, code research, mechanical & electrical coordination, value engineering and coordination with construction documents.

##### **Fort Irwin Town Center**

Part of the Fort Irwin Military Housing Revitalization in California, this project consisted of the design of a town center with retail and civic amenities for military enlisted personnel. Duties included: site plan analysis, sustainable construction material research, code research, schematic design, design development, value engineering and coordination with construction documents.

##### **Salishan Unit Type Design**

This project consisted of the design for multiple unit types in a Hope VI development located in Tacoma, Washington. Duties included: site analysis and planning, unit program analysis, individual

unit design, design development and construction documents, grading analysis, policy research, ADA code research, and the development of presentation materials.

Belmont Heights Community Center

This project consisted of the design for a community center in a proposed Hope VI master plan located in Tampa, Florida. Duties included: program analysis, site planning, renderings, schematic design and design development.

Harbor View Hillside Master Plan

This project consisted of the design for the master plan for a Hope VI project in Duluth, Minnesota. Duties included: site analysis, charrette preparation and execution, programmatic analysis, housing policy analysis, site planning & grading, and master plan coordination of unit types.

A. Harry Moore Neighborhood

This project consisted of the programmatic analysis for a potential Hope VI development in New Jersey. Duties included: massing studies, schematic design of unit types, site documentation and site plan analysis.

**Architectural Designer Miami Intermodal Consortium, Miami, FL, December 2002 – June 2003.**

Miami International Airport Intermodal Center

This projection consisted of assisting a team of engineers in the design development and construction documents for the Miami International Airport’s Intermodal Center. Duties included: precedent studies, sectional studies, Florida Department of Transportation policy analysis, coordination of construction documents with civil engineers, and development of presentation materials.

**Architectural Designer Allan T. Shulman Architect, Miami, FL, March 1999 – December 2002**

L’Allemand Residence

This project consisted of the design of a new high-end mansion in Miami Beach, Florida. Duties included: schematic design, design development, phasing analysis, construction documents, mechanical and electrical coordination, permitting, and project management.

Valdez Residence Addition

This project consisted of the design of an addition to a historic residence in Miami Beach, Florida. Duties included: historic preservation research, schematic design, design development, construction documents, project management, client relations, code research, presentations in front of the Miami Beach design review board and permitting.

**PARTICIPATION IN URBAN DESIGN CHARRETTES**

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| Haiti Reconstruction Charrette                         | University of Miami School of Architecture      | 2010 |
| Biloxi Mississippi Gulf Coast Reconstruction Charrette | Torti Gallas and Partners Inc.                  | 2005 |
| Mexico Beach, FL.                                      | Correa Valle, Valle Inc.                        | 2002 |
| Coral Gables, FL.                                      | Knight Foundation Program in Community Building | 2002 |
| Stuart, FL.  | Correa Valle, Valle Inc.                        | 2001 |
| Macon, GA.   | Knight Foundation Program in Community Building | 2001 |

**EXHIBITIONS**

“Planning India: From Chandigarh to NanoCity”

San Francisco, CA, 2010

This exhibition was based on a collaboration between Swissnex San Francisco and UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design. It showcased the work of the Nanocity studio. Spring semester and summer long planning studio at UC Berkeley's DCRP.

"The Living Traditions of Coconut Grove" Exhibition

Miami, FL, 2002

This exhibition featured work carried out with high-school students from the Coconut Grove neighborhood in the City of Miami. The work featured "urban portraits" that the students developed by using digital tools to create collages mixing architectural design elements with personal narratives.

"The Other Modern"

Bologna, Italy 2000

This travelling exhibition featured two wood crafted architectural models, one of New York's Flat Iron Building, and the second of Cita Universita in Rome, Italy.

"Dessau: Between History and Future"

Dessau, Germany 1999

This exhibition featured the design of a poster showcasing the industrial landscape of Dessau, Germany.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

National Charrette Institute Certificate Training 2014: This certificate focuses on the necessary participatory planning techniques for sustainable community planning, regional/comprehensive planning, Transportation Infrastructure planning and Transit Oriented development planning.

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent: Spanish & English

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

AutoCAD, Adobe Suite, ARC GIS