

Research Inventory

Name	Department	Areas of Focus/ Description of Research
Casey R. Barrier	Anthropology	<p>Casey Barrier is a historical materialist. As a practicing anthropological archaeologist/historical anthropologist, his research is broadly focused on some of the major world-historical transitions that have occurred consistently in the past, historical changes which have shaped the cultural-evolutionary trajectories of all human groups worldwide, and which have increasingly brought all humans into a single, shared, global cultural system today. His publications to date have focused on issues of political economy and surplus; shifts to farming economies during moments of incipient urbanization; the dialectical process of time and space relations within changing cultural totalities; and the politics of work and status under egalitarian and early stratified societies. An example of relevant published work includes: <i>Evaluating narratives of ecocide with the stratigraphic record at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Illinois, USA, February 2021</i>. This research looks at the importance of validating narratives of ecocide in the stratigraphic record.</p>
Susanna Fioratta	Anthropology	<p>Area of Focus: Socio-cultural anthropology; migration; politics and the state; everyday experiences of global economies; Islam; food and taste; West Africa.</p> <p>Susanna Fioratta is a socio-cultural anthropologist whose research explores questions of mobility, belonging, personhood, and how people manage insecurity in everyday life. Her first book, <i>Global Nomads</i> (Oxford UP, 2020), examines a case of migration in the West African Republic of Guinea that challenges simplistic assumptions about migration as a crisis to be resolved. Based on ethnographic fieldwork in Guinea and among Guinean migrants in Senegal, the book shows how migration can be an ordinary practice full of social and personal meaning, and that desires to go abroad are not infrequently intertwined with dreams of building a future at home. Fioratta has also written about political rumor and conspiracy theory, migration and commerce between Guinea and China, gendered social expectations in an Islamic reform movement, rethinking ethnography, marriage as a path to adulthood, and the social implications of work and money. Her future research plans include exploring West African migration in the Americas, and investigating the social and political dimensions of specialty coffee and craft beer in Colombia.</p>
Jennie Bradbury	Archeology	<p>Since 2016, Jennie Bradbury has been co-director of the Kūbbā Coastal Survey Project, Lebanon. This region represents one of the only remaining coastal areas with relatively well-preserved archaeological horizons. Unfortunately, this situation is rapidly changing, with new beach resorts, greenhouses and industrial units being constructed along this coastline at an unprecedented rate. The project focuses on several key research themes exploring the extent and nature of settlement from the Palaeolithic to the early 20th century CE at key locations on the coast and inland, as well as the interplay between maritime and terrestrial water resources and economic activities.</p> <p>She is also involved in two other field projects in Lebanon, the Nahr al-Jawz survey (NJS) and Jabal Moussa Archaeological Survey (JMAS). These projects aim to explore long term settlement patterns and the interconnections between humans and their environment in two very different landscapes: riverine and forested upland.</p>
Astrid Lindenlauf	Archeology	<p>Areas of focus: Classical art and archaeology, practices of disposal and recycling, fortifications and urban development; intellectual history of archaeology.</p> <p>In her research, Astrid aims to challenge the entrenched oppositions between archaeology, philology, history and sociology, following the tradition of material culture studies. She has investigated patterns of disposal and recycling in ancient Greece, biographies of artefacts and other key issues in the field of Classical Art and Archaeology, including questions of absolute chronology. Currently, she is exploring the urban development of ancient Athens by studying the successive walls from the Mycenaean period to the 18th century A.D. Apart from published data this project uses my new documentation of the city-walls in the Kerameikos of Athens.</p>
Tom Mozdzer	Biology	<p>Research Interests: Global change ecology; Plant ecological physiology; Conservation Biology; Invasion ecology; Carbon cycling; Eco-Evo dynamics.</p>

Sydne Record	Biology	<p>Research Interests: Understanding drivers of biodiversity across scales of space, time, and biological organization.</p> <p>Sydne's research incorporates knowledge of field-based ecology, statistics, and computer modeling to determine what processes structures biodiversity across a wide range of spatiotemporal scales.</p>
David Ross	Economics	<p>Areas of Focus: Industrial organization; environmental policy; local governance.</p> <p>David Ross specializes in public policies toward imperfectly competitive industries and the impact of technological change on economic performance. Following his election to his local township governing board, his scholarship has turned to environmental and other governance problems facing ex-urban communities.</p>
Jiyoon (June) Kim	Economics	<p>Areas of Focus: Economics of Welfare and Poverty, Health Economics, Labor Economics</p> <p>June's overarching research goal is to expand understanding on determinants of health disparity and social inequality faced by vulnerable groups to improve health at the individual, community, and societal levels. Under this overarching research theme, June has two strands of research agenda: 1) evaluation of government programs and policies to understand their impact on the vulnerable, and 2) examination of the broad determinants of population health.</p> <p>Her current research topics include the economic costs of extreme temperatures, the effects of paid family leave, and spillover/peer effects in health.</p>
Andrew Nutting	Economics	<p>Andrew W. Nutting's research is in applied microeconomics, and he has published peer-reviewed articles concerning the economics of education, law and economics, and sports economics.</p> <p>His current research topics include migration within the United States and criminal sentencing.</p>
Alice Lesnick	Education	<p>Areas of Focus: Community-building in education and mentoring; community-based and collaborative learning; conflict resolution and restorative practice.</p> <p>An example of her work includes the article <i>Help (not) wanted: Neo-liberal discourses of leadership against community knowledge and control in comparative context, 2018</i>. In this work, she and fellow co-authors compare two neo-liberal education reform activities that are not often studied in tandem: alternative teacher certification in the USA, as explored through Teach for America, and the growing international service learning movement. In making this comparison, the authors aim to better understand what these programs have in common: a white supremacist world view at once unstated and pervasive, which reinforces harmful ideas about what it is to respond to the purported needs and desires of others, not expressed in their own terms. This globalization of "helping" may increase the difficulty of those targeted by such "help" to speak in their own terms.</p>
Alison Cook-Sather	Education	<p>Area of focus: Student-faculty pedagogical partnership and student voice in teacher education and professional development; equity and inclusion in education.</p> <p>Alison's research focuses on how differently positioned participants in education can work together toward more equitable and inclusive learning.</p>
Chanelle Wilson	Education	<p>Area of Focus: Anti-racist education, decolonization of curriculum and schools, intercultural sensitivity, multicultural education, urban education, teacher education, culturally relevant pedagogy, constructivism .</p> <p>Chanelle's current scholarship focuses on race and anti-racism in education, decolonization of schools and the mind, students as teachers and learners, culturally relevant pedagogy in international schooling contexts, and multicultural education in K-12 settings. Chanelle has a passion for using research to improve the educational experiences of marginalized groups, promoting equity and critical race-focused conversations: her life's goal is to rethink, reimagine, and revolutionize education to meet the needs of all children.</p>
Jennifer Vargas	English	<p>Jennifer Harford Vargas researches and teaches on Latina/o cultural production, hemispheric American studies, race and ethnicity, theories of the novel, decolonial imaginaries, narratives of undocumented migration, and testimonio forms in the Americas.</p>

Sara Grossman	Environmental Studies	Sara J. Grossman specializes in the environmental humanities with teaching and research interests in nineteenth and twentieth-century environmental history and culture, environmental justice, disability studies, and environmental poetry.
Don Barber	Geology	Areas of Focus: Sedimentology, geochemistry and geomorphology – applied in coastal environments to address questions of sea-level rise, climate change, sustainability and resilience.
Selby Hearth	Geology	Areas of focus: Museums & Mineral Curation, History of Geology, Science Communication, Mineralogy, Planetary Geology, Acid Mine Drainage. Selby studies human histories of Geology, particularly the ways that Geology has interacted with colonialism. She is the curator of the Bryn Mawr Mineral Collection, and is very interested in the ways that we present mineral displays to the public. She also also studies the mineralogy of Mars, using satellite data, and field research on Acid Mine Drainage sites.
Pedro Marengo	Geology	David's research involves the use of sedimentary and geochemical approaches to solve paleobiological problems. He has been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation to study the link between extreme volcanism, global warming and ocean acidification following the End Permian mass extinction, the largest biotic crisis in Earth history. He is also currently involved with a combined sulfur and oxygen isotope study of the Late Paleozoic icehouse to greenhouse climate transition. By using stable isotopes of sulfur preserved in brachiopods and oxygen isotopes preserved in conodonts, he hopes to better understand sulfur cycle dynamics during this important warming event.
Gary Wray McDonogh	Growth & Structure of Cities	Teaching and Research Interests: Urban Space and Conflict, Global Iberian Societies, Culture and Myth, Chinese Diaspora/Hong Kong, Globalization/Cultural Hybridity Cultural Studies, Digital and Mass Media and, Cultures of Ecology, Literature\Film, Urban Power Relations
Lauren Restrepo	Growth & Structure of Cities	Research Interests: Chinese city planning; Chinese bureaucratic politics; Uyghur ethnopolitics; post-conflict development; critical development studies; urban theory
David Byers	GSSWSR	Research and Scholarly Interests: Clinical theory, ethics, practice, and research; Translational research; LGBTQIA+ studies; Psychoanalytic theory; Adolescence and emerging adulthood; Social identity and intersectionality; Restorative justice; Social work education; International social work; Qualitative methodology. David's research focuses on community and clinical ethics, especially related to care and allyship in settings of precarity and stigma. His work examines the ethical claims embedded in both informal helping responses and professionalized, clinically oriented care work. In the case of peer-based helping, he studies why and how adolescents and emerging adults try to support peers facing bias-based bullying and cyberbullying – and why they don't. He co-authored the article <i>Social Identity as a Factor in Bystander Responses to Bias-Based Verbal Aggression Among College Students</i> is an example of this work.
Carolina Hausmann-Stabile	GSSWSR	Research and Scholarly Interests: Pediatric suicidal behaviors Latina adolescents Minority youth Latin America Health disparities and social justice Mental Health Cultural competence Global Health

Kerry Lee	GSSWSR	To date, Kerry's scholarship has been conducted using quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research designs and international and US-based samples and focuses on four overarching areas: (1) family violence; (2) trauma/child maltreatment; (3) substance abuse; and (4) mental wellbeing/illnesses regarding the functioning of children, adults, and families. Kerry's research agenda is primarily driven by the need to better understand the experiences and impact of racial/ethnic minority groups who are often excluded from research despite having myriad experiences with various trauma and structural and economic disadvantages. Kerry's research has been published in the Journals of Interpersonal Violence; Trauma, Violence, and Abuse; Child Abuse & Neglect; Child Abuse Review; Sociological Studies of Children and Youth; Violence & Victims; and Social Work Research.
Cindy Sousa	GSSWSR	Research & Scholarly Interests: health; political violence; community and historical trauma; parental resilience and family well-being; place; individual and collective resilience. A recent example of Cindy's work includes: <i>Ratliff, G. A., Sousa, C., Graaf, G., Akesson, B., Kemp, S. (in press). Considering the role of place in how service, safety, and resources have been impacted by COVID-19 in North America: A socio-ecological perspective. Socio-Ecological Practice Research</i>
Thomas Vartanian	GSSWSR	Research and Scholarly Interests: Neighborhoods, Food Stamp/SNAP, welfare and employment; poverty among the elderly, children and single mothers, parental leave policies.
Kalala J. Ngalamulume	History	Kalala Ngalamulume specializes in the history of health and disease in West Africa. His most recent book, entitled <i>Colonial Pathologies, Environment, and Western Medicine in Saint-Louis-du-Senegal, 1867-1920</i> (Peter Lang, 2012), explores how the French colonial and medical authorities and the urban residents responded to the emergence and re-emergence of deadly epidemic diseases and environmental contamination in the capital of Senegal and French West Africa.
Monique Scott	History of Art & Museum Studies	Monique specializes in how diverse museum visitors make meaning of race and culture in museums, particularly representations of Africa and people of African descent, the basis for her 2007 book <i>Rethinking Evolution in the Museum: Envisioning African Origins</i> . Her recent research focuses on the representation of Africa in Philadelphia museums, exploring the dense tension between African objects collected as art or artifact in some of the country's oldest museums.
Victor Donnay	Math	Areas of focus: Chaotic properties of dynamical systems. Math and science education. Linking mathematics education to issues of sustainability.
Thimo Hiesenberg	Philosophy	Areas of Focus: German Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Political Economy An example of his work includes "Hegel and the Problem of Affluence." <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> (in press 2021).
Carol Hager	Political Science	Areas of focus: Comparative politics and public policy; environmental politics; technology and politics; social movements; German/European politics
Joel Schlosser	Political Science	Joel Alden Schlosser is a political theorist and his research follows the late Sheldon Wolin (his teacher's teacher) by seeking to make the history of political thought relevant to the present. In all of his research he strives to provide a way to understand and to criticize contemporary political life by using the concepts and vocabulary that since antiquity have sustained concern for what Wolin called "the possibilities of collectivity, common action and shared purpose." This commitment has led to sustained research into the ancient Athenian democracy as well as contemporary democracies, in particular the latter's ongoing struggles with inclusion, diversity, and equality. Employing a range of humanistic approaches, Joel draws on philosophical, historical, and literary sources to open new ways of theorizing contemporary political phenomena such as race, neoliberalism, critique, hope, inquiry, and fantasy.

Seung-Youn Oh	Political Science	Seung-Youn specializes in international relations and comparative politics in East Asia. Her broader academic interests include China's industrial restructuring and upgrading, state-owned enterprise reform and corporate governance, the effects of national origin of foreign direct investment on local economic development, as well as the evolving role of Chinese governments at the national and sub-national levels in shaping the country's developmental path. In her article <i>China's Race to the Top: Regional and Global Implications of China's Industrial Policy</i> , 2021, she examines the global and regional implications of China's revitalized state capitalism model through the sectoral lens of the Chinese automotive industry, which stands at the intersection of both traditional and green industrial policy.
Heejung Park	Political Science	Heejung Park is a cultural and developmental psychologist. She studies cultural values and lived experiences of children, youth, and families across diverse ecological and national settings. She is interested in identifying challenges and strengths associated with migration, social change, and adaptation experiences in an increasingly interconnected and multicultural world. She also studies sleep as a correlate of wellbeing that may vary across cultural and socioeconomic contexts.
Laurel Peterson	Psychology	Laurel Peterson is a health psychologist trained in applied social psychology and behavioral medicine whose work spans diverse topics from HIV/AIDS to salivary cortisol to substance use. Her research explores the mediating processes linking the experience of discrimination to health outcomes, including increased likelihood of engaging in risky health behavior and physiological wear and tear on the body. A cross-cutting theme of her work focuses on how race and gender and the social experience of these identities (i.e., racial discrimination, masculinity, gender discrimination) impact health cognitions, behaviors, and physiological processes.
Jose Vergara	Russian	Areas of Focus: 20th- and 21st-century Russian literature, contemporary Russian culture, prison writing, environmental humanities, digital humanities
Veronica Montes	Sociology	Areas of Focus: Immigration/migration; Latino communities in the U.S.; gender; globalization; qualitative research methods; political economy A recent example of her work includes <i>Deportability and manifestations of suffering of immigrants and their families</i> , 2019
David Karen	Sociology	Areas of Focus: Sociology of education; social inequality; social movements; sociology of sports; research methods