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Associate Professor  
Department of Economics  
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## EDUCATION

2000 PhD Sociology, co-supervised in Geography, London School of Economics

1994 BA Interdisciplinary Social Science, New School for Social Research

*Teaching and Research Fields:* political economy, state power, economic history, environmental history, climate change, sustainable energy, American history, warfare, and political violence.

## ACADEMIC POSTS

2117-present Associate Professor, Economics, John Jay College, CUNY  
2014-2017 Lecturer, Global Liberal Studies program, New York University  
2002-2010 Visiting Scholar, Center for Place, Culture and Politics, City University of New York Graduate Center  
2012-2014 Professor of Sustainable Development, and Director, Climate Change, Food and Energy Program, School for International Training  
2011 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Brooklyn College  
1997-2002 Assistant Professor, Humanities Program, New College of California.  
1998-2000 Adjunct professor department of Sociology Anthropology St. Mary's College, Moraga California

## BOOKS

2020 *Radical Hamilton: Economic Lessons from a Misunderstood Founder*  
Verso, August 2020  
Audiobook by Audible, September.

2011 *Tropic of Chaos: Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence*  
New York: Nation Books

Prize: Santa Monica Public Library, Green Prize For Sustainable Literature  
2012  
Translated into Arabic *المعرفة عالم سلسله* [Knowledge of World Series],  
[ *الوطنى للثقافة والفنون والآداب* National Council for Culture,  
Arts and Letters] 2014  
Audiobook by Audible.

2004 *The Freedom: Shadows and Hallucinations in Occupied Iraq*  
New York: The New Press

2003            *The Soft Cage: Surveillance from Slavery to the War on Terror*  
New York: Basic Books

1999/2008    *Lockdown America: Police and Prisons in the Age of Crisis*  
New York: Verso (second revised edition, 2008)

Books in progress:

*Storm Socialism and the Power of the Sun*

*South, North, and West: An Economic and Environmental History of The United States*

## **ARTICLES** (\*indicates peer-reviewed)

2015\*        “The Environment Making State: Territory, Nature, Value,” *Antipode* 47(4), 829-848.

2015\*        “Flower of War: An Environmental History of Opium Poppy in Afghanistan,” *SAIS Review of International Affairs* 35 (1): 183-200.

2008\*        “Afghanistan: Uses and Abuses of a Buffer State,” *New Political Science*, 30(1), 89-101.

2003        “Back to the Motherland: Cuba in Africa,” *Monthly Review*, 55 (2), 52-58.

2001\*        “America’s Jihad: A History of Origins,” *Social Justice*, 28 (3), 31-38.

2001        “The ‘New’ Criminal Justice, 1968 to 2001,” *Monthly Review*, 53(3), 19-28.

2000\*        “Crime As Social Control,” *Social Justice*, 27(3), 43-50.

1998\*        “Postmodern Maroon in the Ultimate Palenque,” *Peace Review*, 10 (3), 419-426.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

2020    Book Chapter, “Climate in the Age of Neoliberalism,” Michael Boyden, (ed.), *Themes in American Literature and Culture*, Cambridge University Press.

2020    Book Chapter, “A Left Defense of Carbon Dioxide Removal: the state must be forced to deploy civilization saving technology,” in J.P. Sapinski, Holly Jean Buck and Andreas Malm, (ed.s), *Has it Come to This? The Promises and Pitfalls of Geoengineering*, Rutgers University Press.

2020    Book Chapter “Maximalist Elites and The Ecological Burden of Southern History,” in Michael Sorkin and Daniel Monk, (ed.s) *Catastrophe and Revolution: Essays for Mike Davis*, Terreform/Urban Research Press.

2017    “Climate Change and Conflict" in Paul Joseph (ed.) *The SAGE Encyclopedia of War: Social Science Perspectives*, SAGE Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA.

- 2016 “Environment-Making in the Capitalocene Political Ecology of the State,” in Jason W. Moore, (ed.), *Anthropocene or Capitalocene? Nature, History, and the Crisis of Capitalism*. Oakland: PM Press, 166-185.
- 2016 “The Catastrophic Convergence: Militarism Neoliberalism and Climate Change,” in Nick Buxton and Ben Hayes, (ed.s), *The Secure in The Dispossessed: How the Military and Corporations are Shaping a Climate Changed World*. London: Pluto, 23-39.
- 2013 “This is Your Mind on Lockdown,” in Anthony J. Nocella II and David Gabbard, (ed.s) *Policing the Campus: Academic Repression, Surveillance, and the Occupy Movement*. New York: Peter Lang, xi-xiii.
- 2007 “Planet America: The Revolution in Military Affairs as Fantasy and Fetish,” in Ashley Dawson and Malini Johar, (ed.s), *Exceptional State*. Durham: Duke University Press, 88-104.
- 2006 “The Big Easy Dies Hard,” in, Betsy Reed, (ed.), *Unnatural Disasters*, New York: Nation Books, 7-13.
- 2006 “New Orleans: Raze or Rebuild?” in, Betsy Reed, (ed.), *Unnatural Disasters*, New York: Nation Books, 153-161.
- 2006 “Afghanistan: The Other War,” in Royce Flippin, (ed.), *Best American Political Writing of 2006*, New York: Avalon, 287-297.
- 2004 “Lied to, Stretch Thin and Mistreated,” in Mark LeVine and Viggo Mortensen, (ed.s), *Twilight of Empire: Responses to Occupation*, 101-107.
- 2003 “Bring Us Your Chained and Huddled Masses,” in Thomas Frank, (ed.), *Boob Jubilee: More Salvos From the Baffler*, New York: Norton, 51-60.
- 2003 “Us Against Them in the Me Decade,” in Thomas Frank, (ed.), *Boob Jubilee: More Salvos From the Baffler*, New York: Norton, 328–340.
- 2003 “Deadly Nostalgia: The Politics of Boot Camps,” in Tara Herivel and Paul Wright, (ed.s), *Prison Nation*, New York: Routledge, 85-92.
- 2002 “American Jihad,” in Phil Scraton, (ed.), *Beyond September 11*, London: Pluto, 10-19.
- 2002 “Satellites of Sorrow: Prison in the Circuitry of Social Control,” Deepak Sawhney, (ed.), *Unmasking LA*, New York: Saint Martin’s, 47-66.
- 2002 “State Repression,” Joy James, (ed.), *States of Confinement: Policing, Detention, and Prisons*, New York: Palgrave, 303-311.
- 2001 “Colony Kosovo,” in, Russ Kick, (ed.), *You Are Being Lied To*, New York: Disinformation Books, 111-113.
- 2001 “Rehabilitating Prison Labor: The Uses of Imprisoned Masculinity,” Terry Kupers, (ed.), *Prison Masculinities*, Philadelphia: Temple, 247-254.

## ESSAYS

- 2020 “Our Economy Is a Sick Beast: The Corporate Debt Crisis Explained,” *Common Dreams*, March 28, w/ Dante Dallavalle.
- 2020 “Wall Street Is High on Government Supply,” *Jacobin*, March 9, w/ Dante Dallavalle.
- 2020 “Impeachment Without Class Politics: An Autopsy” *Jacobin*, January 9.
- 2019 “Saving the Planet Without Self-Loathing,” *Jacobin*, October 3.
- 2019 “The Limits of ‘Experiencing’ the Climate Crisis,” *Jacobin*, August 23.
- 2019 “Make Corporations Pay for the Green New Deal,” *Jacobin*, March 13.
- 2017 “If We Fail,” *Jacobin*, August 29.
- 2017 “Free Speech as Battleground,” *Jacobin*, April 1.
- 2017 “Trump’s ‘Hard Power’ Budget,” *Jacobin*, February 18.
- 2016 “Listening to Trump,” *Jacobin*, November 22.
- 2016 “Garbage In, Garbage Out: Clinton’s Ground Game,” *Jacobin*, November 11.
- 2016 “The Next Refugee Crisis,” *Jacobin*, January 26.
- 2015 “Farmer suicides, Naxal Violence and Climate Change,” *Times of India*, December 2.
- 2015 “Why the State Matters,” *Jacobin*, October 30.
- 2015 “The Making of the American Police State,” *Jacobin*, July 28.
- 2014 “Reading Hamilton from the Left,” *Jacobin*, August 26.
- 2014 “Rethinking the State: Shadow Socialism in the Age of Environmental Crisis,” *New Politics*, Winter.
- 2013 “A radical approach to climate change,” *Dissent*, Summer.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Climate Change and Our Toxic Coasts,” keynote at, *Climates of Crisis: life, power, and Planetary Justice*, World-Ecology Research Network, SUNY Binghamton, February 7-8.
- 2019 “Necrotic Elites, or Whatever Happen to the Ruling Class?” plenary at *Planetary Utopias, Capitalist Dystopias: Justice, Nature & the Liberation of Life*, Fifth Annual Conference World-Ecology Research Network, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, May 30-31, June 1, 2019,

- 2015 “Surveillance and Its Connection to Larger Social Issues,” plenary at Exposed: Privacy, Security and the Smart City Conference at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, November 6.
- 2015 “Is Green Developmentalism Possible?” Invited paper for workshop, From the Streets to The State, Department of Political Science, York University, Toronto, October 30.
- 2015 “Nature, Numbers, and Developmentalism: The Environment Making State in Early America,” Featured Speaker, Ecologically Unequal Exchange: Environmental Injustice in Comparative and Historical Perspective, Conference at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, October 15-16.
- 2015 “Capitalism, The Environment-Making State, and The Question of Ecological Limits,” plenary, at the World Society, Planetary Natures Crisis and Sustainability in the Capitalocene and Beyond conference, SUNY Binghamton University, July 9-11.
- 2015 “Lockdown America in retrospect: why the political economy of criminal justice still matters,” plenary, Socialism 2015 conference, Chicago, Illinois, July 3.
- 2013 “The Political Economy of Climate Change,” keynote, Union of Radical Political Economists, conference “Political Economy of the Environment,” October 5, 2013 at St. Francis College, Brooklyn.
- 2013 “A Political Economic Assessment of the US invasion of Iraq, a decade later” keynote lecture, annual convention of Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW), Chicago, July 2.
- 2013 “A Radical Approach to Dealing with Climate Change,” plenary, Left Forum, Pace University, New York City, July 5.
- 2013 Climate Change and Conflict in the Global South,” keynote lecture and plenary panel, Peace and Conflict Studies Conference, Utah Valley University, Provo Utah, March 21.
- 2013 “The Environmental State: Territoriality, Violence, and Value,” The 2013 ANTIPODE AAG Lecture at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA., April, 10.
- 2013 “War and Climate Crisis,” keynote at “Will the World of 2050 Be Livable?” conference, Department of Political Science, William Paterson University, March 28.
- 2013 Climate Change and Conflict in the Global South,” keynote lecture and plenary panel, Peace and Conflict Studies Conference, Utah Valley University, Provo Utah, March 21.
- 2012 “Climate Violence and Empire,” keynote lecture at Anticipating Climate Disruption: Sustaining Justice, Greening Peace, Peace and Justice Studies, Annual Conference, Tufts University, Cambridge, Mass. October 4-6.
- 2012 “The Geography of Violence,” keynote, Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, annual meeting, Vassar College, Feb. 22.

- 2011 “Reflections on the Internal Politics of the United States,” plenary, Carter Center, Atlanta, GA, Trilateral Media Dialogue: Columbia, United States, Venezuela, June, 14.
- 2008 “From Attica to Gitmo: The Political Uses of Incarceration in the US,” keynote, Colloquium on the Constitution and the Imagining of America, Amherst College, May.
- 2008 “Failed States and Climate Change,” keynote at Crime, Justice and War in a World Without Borders Conference, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky, April 15.
- 2007 “Afghanistan: The Uses and Abuses of a Buffer State,” Plenary Speaker, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of Caucus For A New Political Science, at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, September 2.

## **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2020 “Climate Crisis in the Age of Bernie,” Democratic Socialists of America, Oakland, CA February 15.
- 2019 “The Green New Deal,” Panel with David Harvey, The Democracy in Europe Movement 2025, or DiEM25, at The People’s Forum NYC, May 19.
- 2019 “Storms and the State: How the Political Economy of Government Will Change in the Age of Climate Crisis,” Lebanon Valley College, April 11
- 2019 “The Storm State: The Political Economy of Government in the Age of Climate Crisis,” invited lecture, George Mason University, February 14.
- 2018 “Disaster Sovereign: The Political Economy of Government as an Environment Making Institution,” keynote at “People politics and the environment,” Inaugural Anthropocene Symposium, University of South Florida Tampa, November 2.
- 2018 “The Current and Future Crisis of Global Climate Refugees,” keynote at Nebraskans For Peace Annual Conference, University of Nebraska at Kearney, September 22.
- 2018 “Coping with Crisis: Climate Change and Economic Transformation,” invited lecture, University of Virginia, Department of History, February 12.
- 2018 “Tropic of Chaos Now,” invited lecture, Fordham University, October 30.
- 2018 “Left Economic Nationalism,” panel at John Jay Economics Department, November 13.
- 2017 “From the New Mold Belt to Storm Socialism: the Perils and Possibilities of the Climate Crisis,” public lecture, sponsored by East Bay DSA, at Humanist Hall Oakland, CA, September 22.

- 2016 “Refugees, States, and Climate Change,” invited lecture, Smith College, February 12.
- 2016 “Capitalism in the Web of Life: Author Meets Critics,” presenter and moderator, The New School University Center, 63 Fifth Avenue, New York, February 5.
- 2015 “Empire of Chaos: Climate Change and the Political Ecology of American Power,” invited lecture, Program On Global Environment, University of Chicago, April 23.
- 2013 “The Politics of Fossil Fuel Divestment,” invited lecture and debate, Janus Forum and Office of the President, Brown University, October 2.
- 2013 “Climate Change, Economic Development and Warfare,” invited lecture, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, September 25.
- 2013 “The Geostrategic and Economic Implications of Climate Change,” invited lecture, World Affairs Council Colorado Springs, September 26.
- 2013 “The Politics of Climate Change and Violence,” invited lecture, Colorado College Colorado Springs, September 24.
- 2013 “An Economic History of the State in the context of Climate Change,” invited lecture, Social Justice Speakers series, northern Arizona University, Flagstaff Arizona, April 1.
2012. “Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence,” invited lecture, Department of Geography & Environment, London School Of Economics, London, UK, October 24.
- 2012 “Political Economy of Climate Violence” invited lecture at Criminology Seminar CUNY Graduate Center, New York City, NY. September 27.
- 2012 “Mapping the Tropic of Chaos,” The Global Studies Lecture, Worcester State University, April 11.
- 2012 “Violence and the History of Neoliberalism,” invited lecture, History Department, NYU, February 27.
- 2011 “Geopolitics of Climate Change,” invited lecture, Woodward Center, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Canada, December 2.
- 2011 “The New Era of Climate Wars” 11th annual Dominick S. Graham Lecture on War and Society, The Gregg Centre, University of New Brunswick, Canada, November 24.
- 2011 “Climate Change and Violence,” invited lecture, World Affairs Council, University of Washington, Seattle, July 12.
- 2011 “Climate Violence in the Global South,” invited lecture, World Affairs Council of Oregon, Mercy Corps Action Center, Portland Oregon, July, 11.

- 2011 “Climate Change and Political Violence,” invited lecture at conference structured around *Tropic of Chaos*, Pocantico Conference Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, May, 17-19.
- 2009 “Criminal Justice & Surveillance: From Nixon to Obama,” invited lecture, SUNY Old Westbury, November 11.
- 2009 “Afghanistan Now: A Hundred Year History of War,” invited lecture, Sarah Lawrence College, April.
- 2009 “Water, Politics & War,” invited lecture, Sociology Forum, College of Southern Nevada, March 11.
- 2008 “The Violent Geography of Global Warming,” invited lecture, Will Miller Memorial Lecture, University of Vermont, April 8.
- 2008 “Afghanistan and Iraq,” invited lecture, Pitzer College, April, 22.
- 2007 “Understanding the Afghan War,” invited lecture, College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, March 7.
- 2007 “Afghanistan: a View From the Ground,” invited lecture Albertson College, Caldwell, Idaho, March 2.
- 2007 “Understanding U.S. Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq,” invited lecture, Boise State University, Idaho, March 1.
- 2006 “Surveillance and Obedience in American History,” invited lecture, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, November 30.
- 2006 “Lockdown: The Criminal Justice Buildup,” invited lecture, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 14.
- 2006 “Current Social Movements in Latin America,” invited lecture, Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas, Austin, March 6.
- 2005 “Criminal Justice Since 1968,” invited lecture, College of William and Mary, Virginia, December.
- 2005 “Understanding the Iraq War,” invited lecture, Public Forum, Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) Henderson, NV, November 2.
- 2005 “Surveillance and Prison,” invited lecture, University of Central Arkansas, October 14.
- 2005 “Iraq and New Orleans,” invited lecture, Bowdoin College, Maine, November 7.
- 2002 “Everyday Surveillance from Slavery to the Internet Age,” invited lecture, Washington College, MD, Philosophy Department, April 17.
- 2002 “Surveillance in America,” invited lecture, Hampshire College, Amherst MA, April.



- 2002 “Police, Prisons and Surveillance,” invited lecture, Bard College, February.
- 2001 “Race and Class in *Lockdown America*,” invited lecture, University of California, Berkeley, Ethnic Studies, October.
- 2001 “Police and Prisons in the Age of Crisis,” invited lecture, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Sociology Department, April.
- 2001 Public Lecture, “The Long Criminal Justice Buildup,” invited lecture, Webster University, Saint Louis, February.
- 2000 “The Criminal Justice: From Nixon to Now,” invited lecture, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ, November.
- 2000 Public Lecture, “The Long and Lost War on Drugs,” invited lecture, American University of Arizona, Flagstaff, November.
- 2000 “Police and Prison in California,” invited lecture, University of California, Berkeley, Ethnic Studies Department, November.
- 2000 “Drug Wars, From Nixon to Clinton,” invited lecture, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, October.
- 2000 “The Hidden Uses of Criminal Justice,” invited lecture, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., October.
- 2000 “Lockdown America,” invited lecture, New York University, New York, October.
- 2000 “Class and Race in American Justice,” invited lecture, University of Winnipeg, September.
- 2000 “From Attica to the New Crackdown,” invited lecture, Oberlin College, Ohio, April.
- 2000 “Political Economy of the Criminal Law,” invited lecture, University of Pennsylvania, Law School, Philadelphia, April.

## **GRADUATE TEACHING**

January 2018 – Present

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Economics Department and International Criminal

MA level Seminars taught:  
Economics 799 thesis writing seminar

Economic 745 International Political Economy

Economic 760 Political Economy of the Environment

September 2019– December 2019

John Jay College Department International Crime and Justice

ICJ 710 Political Economy of Illegal Markets

January 2012 – June 2014

School for International Training, Graduate Institute, Vermont Campus and Washington, DC Center.

MA level Seminars taught:

*International Political Economy of Climate Change* School for International Training, Vermont campus Spring 2012

*Theory and Practice of Sustainable Development*, Vermont Campus, Fall Semester 2012.

*Food Systems a Political and Environmental History*, Vermont Campus, Fall Semester 2012.

*Theory and Practice of Sustainable Development*, Washington DC Program (bi-weekly intensive meetings) Fall 2012.

*Theoretical Foundations of Political Thought*, Vermont Campus, Spring 2013.

*Food Systems a Political and Environmental History*, Vermont Campus, Spring 2013.

*Issues in Environmental History and Development*, DC Center, Summer 2013.

*Theory and Practice of Sustainable Development*, Washington DC Program, (bi-weekly intensive meetings) Fall 2013.

*Food Systems a Political and Environmental History*, SIT Vermont Campus, Spring 2014

## **MA THESES SUPERVISION**

School For International Training, Sustainable Development Program, Vermont Campus and Washington DC Center, supervised, partially supervised, the following students:

Darrick Ryser, “Development and the United Nations” analyzed the UN’s efforts to assist Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, completed 2014.

Paul Haag, compared social change strategies and outcomes of the nonprofit sector and organized labor, completed 2015.

Reese Joern, analyzed efforts of Mercy Corps to introduce sustainable livestock practices in Tajikistan, completed 2015.

Chiara Boin, analyzed commercial organic farming Texas (in progress).

Spencer Fain, researched interaction NGOs and local government in Albanian speaking area of Macedonia, (in progress).

Marissa Markowitz, analyzed women agricultural cooperative efforts to achieve development in Mongolia, completed in DC program September 2013.

Robin Wong , The effectiveness of US government support for Renewable energy and minigrids in Sub-Saharan Africa, completed in DC program September 2014.

Toni Ferre, assessing the relationship between economic development and ethnic conflict in Myanmar, completed in DC program September 2014.

## **UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**

Fall 2017-Present

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, multiple sections

ECO 280 Economics of Labor

ECO 310 Economics in Historical Perspectives

ECO 333 Sustainability: Preserving the Earth as Human Habitat

ECO 405 Seminar in Economics

Fall 2014 – Spring 2017

Lecturer, Program in Global Liberal Arts, New York University, Courses:

Social Foundations III: Modernity and its Discontents, 1700 to the present (three sections Fall Semester 2015).

Social Foundations II: environmental and political construction of the modern world, 700 to 1700 (two sections Spring Semester 2015).

Social Foundations III: Modernity and its Discontents, 1700 to the present (one sections Spring Semester 2015).

Social Foundations III: Modernity and its Discontents, 1700 to the present (three sections Fall Semester 2014).

2011

Visiting Assistant Professor, Brooklyn College, NYC,  
Classes:

*Criminology: Justice and Injustice in America* (one section)

*Introduction to Political Thought* (two sections)

2003 – 2006

Research Fellow, CUNY Graduate Center, NYC,  
Supervised by Neil Smith, Professor of Geography  
Globalization, Empire, and Warfare.

1998 – 2002

Assistant Professor, Humanities Program, New College of California, San Francisco.

*Understanding the Social World: Introduction to Social Theory*

*Political Economy of Incarceration: From Slavery to the Super-Max*

*The Long 1970s: An International Economic History*

*San Francisco as Environment*

1999- 2000

Adjunct Faculty Department of Sociology and that Anthropology, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA

*Urban Sociology* (Spring 99)

*Social Problems* (Fall 2000)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

January 2012 –June 2014

### **Founding Director, IHP Climate**

Climate Change, Food and Energy Program, International Honors Program  
My role as founding director of the undergraduate study abroad program, International Honors Program's Climate Course, involved regular visits to Morocco, Bolivia, Vietnam, and California; hiring staff (two in each country); facilitating partnerships with local NGOs and universities; creating experiential curriculum; as well as hiring and supervising teams of traveling adjunct faculty. My administrative duties involve regular coordinating and negotiating with the human resources, technology, publicity, and finance departments of the school for international training. I also interacted regularly with IHP alumni (the program, once stand-alone now part of SIT, is 50 years old and has an active alumni network). In the field and through coordination with my staff, I regularly coordinated and negotiated with educational, non-governmental, and governmental institutions in all four countries we visited.

## **ACADEMIC GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Ford Foundation Research Fellow, CUNY Graduate Center, 2003 to 2005

Soros Senior Justice Fellow, Open Society Institute, 2001 to 2003

Visiting Scholar, Humanities Center, University of Minnesota, summer 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Society for Environmental History

Association of American Geographers

American Historical Association

## **JOURNALISM**

Between 2003 and 2010, reported extensively from conflict zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, and various parts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Wrote dozens of feature stories, essays and reviews on the politics of warfare, crime, state repression, economic justice, energy and climate change for publications including *Fortune*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *London Review of Books*, *Mother Jones*, *Playboy* and *The Nation*.

## WRITING FELLOWSHIPS

Puffin Writing Fellow, Nation Institute, April 2011- April 2012  
Research Fellowship, Rockefeller Brothers Foundation, 2009-2010  
Senior Fellow, Demos, 2010 to present  
Stanley Foundation Reporting Award, 2007  
Nation Institute Writing Fellow, 2005 to 2008  
Writer in Residence, Blue Mt. Center, Summer 2002 and 2006  
Visiting Scholar, Center for International Studies, University of Utah, March 2002  
Writer in Residence, Mesa Refuge, Summer 2001 and 2006

## EDITORIAL

2007-present.

Contributing Editor, *The Nation*. Write features and editorials; recruit, vet, and edit freelance writers; guest edited 2008 special issue on climate change.

2002 - present.

Contributing Editor, *The Brooklyn Rail: Critical Perspective on Arts, Politics and Culture*. Write features and reviews, commission and edit work.

## AWARDS

The Green Prize for Sustainable Literature, 2012  
Emmy Award Nomination, Outstanding Investigative Journalism, 2010  
Lange-Taylor Prize, Center for Documentary Studies, Duke, 2009  
Best Magazine Writing, SDX Prize, Society of Professional Journalists, 2008  
National Council on Crime and Delinquency, PASS Award, "Literature," 2000  
National Council on Crime and Delinquency, PASS Award, "Magazine," 1998

## SELECT ARTICLES SINCE 2001

*Le Monde Diplomatique* (English Edition)

"Why climate change will make you love big government," February 2012

"Reading the world in a loaf of bread," August 2011

*LA Times* op-ed

"Make the Big Green Buy," *LA Times*, December 19, 2010

*Fortune*

"Chocolate's Bittersweet Economy" *Fortune*, February 2008

*Washington Post*

“War Stripped of All its Glory,” *Washington Post*, November 29, 2009  
“Throwing Away the Key,” *Washington Post*, April 8, 2001

*London Review of Books*

“Diary: Afghan Opium Trade,” *London Review of Books*, 20 January 2005  
“Bolivia: Who Owns the Rain,” *London Review of Books*, 7 July 2005

*Mother Jones*

“The Romantic Radical: Bolivia,” *Mother Jones*, December 26, 2006  
“The Bomber of Bamiyan,” *Mother Jones* May/June 06

*New York Times* op-ed

“Congo's Crisis, Congo's History,” *International Herald Tribune*, Dec 27, 2007

*The Nation*

“Ecuador's Paradise lost,” *The Nation*, August 28, 2013  
“Ideology and Electricity: Soviets in Afghanistan,” *The Nation*, May 7, 2012  
“Nuclear Dead End: It's the Economics, Stupid,” *The Nation*, April 18, 2011  
“Pakistan One Year After the Floods,” *The Nation*, July 18, 2011  
“Green Strategy Now,” *The Nation* December 2, 2010  
“A Warning From Japan,” *The Nation*, April 4, 2011  
“Fukushima's Spent Fuel Rods Pose Grave Danger,” *The Nation*, March 15, 2011  
“Nuclear Hubris: Could Japan's Disaster Happen Here?” *The Nation*, March 13, 2011  
“The Big Green Buy,” *The Nation*, August 9, 2010  
“Retaking Rio,” *The Nation*, May 31, 2010  
“The Case for EPA Action,” *The Nation*, May 3, 2010  
“The Road to Re-Election Runs Through Kabul?” *The Nation*, December 7, 2009  
“Zombie Nuke Plants,” *The Nation*, November 19, 2009  
“Can China Go Green?” *The Nation* April 15, 2009  
“Three Mile Island, the NRC and Obama,” *The Nation*, March 27, 2009  
“Limits and Horizons,” *The Nation*, March 11, 2009  
“Class Struggle in the New China,” *The Nation*, July 30, 2008  
“What Nuclear Renaissance?” *The Nation*, April 24, 2008  
“A New Diplomacy for Pakistan,” *The Nation*, January 4, 2008  
“The Fight to Save Congo's Forests,” *The Nation*, October 22, 2007  
“Big Is Beautiful: Green Energy,” *The Nation*, April 19, 2007  
“Who Will Get the Oil,” *The Nation*, March 1, 2007  
“Empire Fall,” *The Nation*, March 12, 2007  
“Iraq Study Group: Defeat With Honor,” *The Nation*, December 18, 2006  
“Taliban Rising,” *The Nation*, October 30, 2006  
“Chaos and Fear Stalk Afghanistan,” *The Nation*, September 25, 2006  
“Letter from Bolivia: Morales Moves,” *The Nation*, June 19, 2006  
“Colombia's Deep Divide,” *The Nation*, May 25, 2006  
“When GI Joe Says No,” *The Nation*, May 8, 2006  
“In the Path of a Storm, Vets Protest a War,” *The Nation*, May 8, 2006  
“Afghanistan: The Other War,” *The Nation*, March 9, 2006  
“Fury Over Foreigners,” *The Nation*, February 2006,  
“The Question of Kurdistan,” *The Nation*, November 14, 2005  
“New Orleans: Raze or Rebuild,” *The Nation*, 26 September 2005  
“The Big Easy Dies Hard,” *The Nation*, 26 September 2005  
“Bolivia's Battle of the Wills,” *The Nation*, 4 July 2005  
“Tear Gas in the Andes,” *The Nation*, 26 June 2005

“Hugo Chávez and Petro Populism,” *The Nation*, 11 April 2005  
“Afghan Poppies Bloom,” *The Nation*, 24 January 2005  
“Who Rules Afghanistan,” *The Nation*, 15 November 2004  
“Postcard from Kabul,” *The Nation*, 9 October 2004  
“What ‘Democracy’ Looks Like,” *The Nation*, 5 October 2004  
“Fables of Reconstruction,” *The Nation*, 30 October 2004  
“The News From Planet Falluja,” *The Nation*, 5 July 2004  
“The Rough Guide to Baghdad,” *The Nation*, 19 July 2004  
“Rebellion in Baquba,” *The Nation*, 25 June 2004  
“A Deserter Speaks,” *The Nation*, 25 March 2004  
“Al Jazeera Goes to Jail,” *The Nation*, 11 March 2004  
“Two Sides: Iraq’s Nasty, Brutish & Long War,” *The Nation*, 23 February 2004  
“Many Peaces, One War,” *The Nation*, 10 November 2003  
“Stretched Thin, Lied to & Mistreated,” *The Nation*, 6 October 2003  
“Postcard from Cancun,” *The Nation*, 15 September 2003  
“Policing the Color Line,” *The Nation*, 1 October 2001  
“Big Brother’s Corporate Cousin,” *The Nation*, 6 August 2001  
“The Drug Coast: Cocaine in West Africa,” *Playboy*, February 2009  
“Our Battles Joined: Murder in Afghanistan,” *Playboy*, January 2008

*Condé Nast Traveler*

“Feel Good Caribbean: Sustainable Tourism,” *Condé Nast Traveler*, July 07

*California Lawyer*

“The Outsider: Anthony Romero and the ACLU,” April 2010

*The Walrus* (Canada)

“The Bad Future: Climate Change,” *The Walrus*, October 31, 2006

“Iraq: Dispatches from the Void,” *The Walrus*, April 2006

*San Diego Union-Tribune*

“Death Squads: Buried Secrets,” *San Diego Union-Tribune*, June 8, 2003

“Red Tide: McCarthyism in Twentieth-Century America,” *San Diego Union-Tribune*,  
December 14, 2003

*Salon*

“Good morning, Baghdad!” *Salon*, September 23, 2006

“Prison Rape as a Disciplinary Tactic,” *Salon*, August 23, 2001

*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Lessons from the Big House,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, October 22, 2000

*Middle East Report*

“Afghan Wonderland,” *Middle East Report*, Summer, 2006

“Big Empire, Little Minds,” *Middle East Report*, Fall, 2012

## **DOCUMENTARY FILM**

Producer and field researcher: *Fixer: The Taking of Ajmal Naqsbandi* (2009), directed by Ian Olds. This feature length documentary is about the war in Afghanistan.

*Fixer* won the following honors:

Emmy Nomination, Outstanding Investigative Journalism, 2010  
Première, Rotterdam International Film Festival, 2009  
Best New Documentary Filmmaker, Tribeca Film Festival, 2009  
First Prize of the Jury at Documenta Madrid, 2009  
University Jury Prize at Pesaro, Italy, 2009  
Official selection at more than 20 international film festivals; theatrical release in New York and Los Angeles; aired on HBO as well as on Italian, German and French TV.

Field Producer, on *Occupation Dreamland* (2005), directed by Ian Olds. Feature length documentary about the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne in Falluja, Iraq. *Occupation* premiered at Rotterdam Film Festival and South by Southwest, won numerous awards and aired on the Sundance Channel.

Co-producer, *Gone Tomorrow* (19 min., 2001) documentary on the history of garbage.

Co-producer, *Wash Me Vegas* (12 min., 1999) documentary on water politics in Nevada.

## **RADIO JOURNALISM**

Radio Producer. Hosted and produced KPFA's *Flashpoints*, a news analysis program, three days a week. 1997 to 1998. Freelance Reporter. Sold radio features to Pacifica Radio, several NPR shows, and reported daily news at KPFA and WBAI. Covered prison issues in California, and reported from Guatemala and El Salvador. 1990 to 1994

## **SELECT TELEVISION APPEARANCES, SINCE 2002**

*Up with Chris Hayes, MSNBC*  
*Martin Bashir, MSNBC*  
*Ed Show MSNBC*  
*Live with Martin Bashir MSNBC*  
*Lehrer News Hour*  
*Fox News*  
*Bill Moyers Journal*  
*Now with David Brancaccio*  
*Democracy Now*  
*Washington Journal, CSPAN*  
*Reuters TV*

## **SELECT RADIO APPEARANCES, SINCE 2002**

*The World Tonight, BBC World Service*  
*Weekend Edition, NPR*  
*Politics, BBC*  
*The Diane Rehm Show*  
*Leonard Lopate Show, WNYC*  
*Tavis Smiley Show (national)*  
*Public Interest, with Warren Oneby (national)*  
*On Point, with Tom Ashbrook (national)*  
*Forum, with Michael Krasny KQED*



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