

Curriculum Vitae

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Wayne State University  
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EDUCATION

- December 2019      **PhD, Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy**  
*Critical Theory Emphasis*  
University of California at Irvine, School of Social Ecology  
Dissertation: “Knowledge, Power, and the Formation of a Detroit  
Insurgency: Charlevoix Village Association’s studied fight against racist  
displacement”
- May 2006            **BA, International Relations, *magna cum laude***  
Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-present Postdoctoral Fellow, Detroit, MI, Wayne State University, Department of Urban  
Studies and Planning, Principal Investigator: A. Rayman Mohamed.
- 2019-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Detroit, MI, Wayne State University, School of Social Work,  
*National Science Foundation: Water and Health Infrastructure Resilience and Learning*  
(Award # 1832692) Principal Investigators: Shawn McElmurry and Matthew Seeger.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- Research Assistant, Institute for Defense Analyses - Science and Technology Policy Institute  
Washington, D.C., 2005 - 2012

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Laskey, A.B.**, Stanley, E., Islam, K., Schwetschenau, S., Sobeck, J., Smith, R.J., McElmurry, S.P.,  
Kilgore, P., Taylor, K., & Seeger, M.S. (2023). Perspectives and Propositions on Resilience as  
Multi-Disciplinary, Multi-Level and Interdependent, *Natural Hazards Review*, in press.
- Laskey, A.B.**, & Nicholls, W. (2019). Jumping Off the Ladder: Participation and Insurgency in  
Detroit’s Urban Planning. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 85(3), 348-362.
- Laskey, A.B.** (2015). Of Forms and Flow: Movement through Structure in W.E.B. Du Bois’s  
Composition of *Darkwater*. *CR: The New Centennial Review*, 15(2), 107-118.

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

- Laskey, A.B.** (Revise and Resubmit). “Stop Sugar Coating Shit”: Community Knowledge Slaps  
Back.

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Piqueiras, E., Stanley, E. & **Laskey, A.B.** (Revise and Resubmit). Mitigating Challenges of Collaborative Science through Team Ethnography.

Islam, K., **Laskey, A.B.**, Schwetschenau, S., Sheppard, R., Smith, R., Sobeck, J., Stanley, E., Taylor, K., Kilgore, P., Love, N., McElmurry, S., and Seeger, M. (Submitted). Interdependent Systems, Coordination, and Crisis Management: A Perspective on Medium-Scale Events.

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

**Laskey, A.B.** and Mohamed, A.R. Who Benefits from Redevelopment? Gaps in Perceptions between Developers and Long-Term Residents in Detroit.

Mohamed, A.R. and **Laskey, A.B.** Urban Growth Machines and the Exclusion of Black Developers.

Taylor, K., Zarb, S., Ibrahim, K., **Laskey, A.B.**, Smith, R., Love, N. Problem Definition and Agenda Setting: Examining the Bureaucratic Politics of Drinking Water Infrastructure Systems.

Sobeck, J, **Laskey, A.B.**, Smith, R. Using Wright's Overlapping Authority Model to Understand Intergovernmental Relations Between and Among Drinking Water Systems and Public Health.

**Laskey, A.B.** "Stop Displacement, Resegregation, and Gentrification!": Strategies of Community Self-Organization Across Generations in Detroit.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

**Laskey, A.B.**, & Nicholls, W. (2020). Jumping Off the Ladder: Participation and Insurgency in Detroit's Urban Planning. In Lauria, M., & Slotterback, C. S. (Eds.). *Learning from Arnstein's Ladder: From Citizen Participation to Public Engagement*. Routledge.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Ebert Flattau, P., Lal B., **Laskey A.**, and Ford, III, J. J. (2009). [Portfolio Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Grants Program on "International Research and Education in Engineering" \(IREE\)](#). Science and Technology Policy Institute, Washington, D.C. IDA Document D-3727.

#### AWARDS & HONORS

2022 Wayne State Graduate School, Postdoctoral Research Award

2022 School of Social Work, Research Skills Accelerator Program

2018 Lincoln Land Institute, Case Study Award

2017 School of Social Ecology, Dean's Award for Community Engagement

2015 School of Social Ecology, Graduate Student Mentoring Award

#### INTERNAL GRANTS

2022 Wayne State University, Office of the Vice President of Research, Social Science Research Support Program, "Organizational Emergence: A Case Study of Detroit Will Breathe."

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STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 School of Social Ecology, Dean's Dissertation Fellowship
- 2017-18 School of Social Ecology, Dissertation Data Collection Stipend
- 2016 School of Social Ecology, Dean's Advancement Fellowship for Diversity Students
- 2015, Department of Planning, Policy & Design, PhD Program Assessment Report, Co-lead
- 2014 Department of Planning, Policy & Design, PhD Program Needs Assessment Survey, Co-lead
- 2013-14 Intel Science and Technology Center for Social Computing, Graduate Student Researcher Award
- 2013-17 Department of Planning, Policy & Design, Summer Funding Award
- 2012-13 Department of Planning, Policy & Design, Graduate Student Fellowship

TEACHING

College for Creative Studies, Adjunct Faculty

Graduate School

Graduate Seminar – Contemporary Issues in Design (Fall 2021 & Fall 2022)

Wayne State University, Part-time Faculty

Department of Urban and Studies and Planning

Sustainable Cities (Winter 2020 & Winter 2019)

Environmental Planning (Fall 2019)

University of California at Irvine, Teaching Assistantships

Department of Planning, Policy & Design

California Population (Winter 2016)

Urban Inequality (Winter 2015)

Intro to Urban Studies (Fall 2014)

Sustainability 2, cross-listed with *Earth Systems Science* (Spring 2013)

Public Policy and Management (Reader - Winter 2013)

School of Social Ecology

Naturalistic Field Research, undergraduate writing requirement (Fall 2015)

Statistical Analysis (Summer I 2015)

Environmental Analysis and Design (Spring 2015)

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 "Interdependencies Between Drinking Water Systems & Public Health is More Than an Ideal," *Association of State Drinking Water Administrators*, Virtual. Shawn McElmurry, Nancy Love, Joanne Sobek, Richard Smith, and **Allison Laskey**.

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2020 “Resilience and Equitable Development: Three Ethnographic Renderings from Detroit,” George Mason University, *Center for Resilient and Sustainable Communities*, C-RASC Virtual Brown Bag Lunch Series, October 7.

2018 “Public Engagement and Detroit's Struggle to Ensure Equitable Development,” Wayne State University, *Department of Urban Studies & Planning*, Urban Studies & Planning Brown Bag Talk, April 10.

INVITED WORKSHOPS

2022 “Performing Public Participation: Reinvigorating a Critical Research Agenda for Urban Planning,” Co-organized by Janice Barry and Dan Milz, with funding from: Social Sciences Research and Humanities Council Connection Grants, Government of Canada, Toronto, ON, October 22 & November 3-6.

2020 ““Stop Displacement, Resegregation, and Gentrification!': Charlevoix Village Association and the formation of a Detroit insurgency,” *Journal of Planning and Education Research* Early Career Scholars Writing Workshop, Virtual, August 3-5.

2017 “A Framework for Thinking Insurgency in Detroit,” University of Michigan, The Detroit School Series Colloquia, Detroit Doctoral Writing Workshop, Detroit, MI, October 20.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Papers Presented

2022. “Community knowledge slaps back: When residents disrupt planning through self-organized insurgency,” invited to panel pre-organized by Janice Barry and Dan Milz, “Learning the Ropes of Participation from the Grassroots,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Toronto, ON.

2022 “Mitigating Challenges of Collaborative Scientific Teams through Ethnography,” *International Science of Team Science*, Virtual Conference, Eduardo Piqueiras, Erin Stanley, and **Allison Laskey**. [Nominated for Best Paper Award]

2021 “Healthy Cities Need Interdependence Between Water Systems and Public Health in a COVID-19 World,” *Ecocity World Summit*, Virtual Conference, Joanne Sobeck, **Allison Laskey**, and Karla Feeser.

2020 “Insurgent Knowledge in Planning: A Community-Based Approach to Change,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Virtual Conference, **Allison Laskey**, Tristan Taylor and Brian Silverstein. [accepted but withdrawn due to pandemic conditions].

2019 “Jumping Off The Ladder: Participation and Insurgency in Detroit’s Urban Planning,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Greenville, SC.

2019 “Engagement with CDCs and the Politics of Insurgency,” *Urban Affairs Association*, Los Angeles, CA.

2018 “We Will Not Be Moved! Detroiters Refuse the Displacement and Domination of Gentrification,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Buffalo, NY.

2017 “Contending with Resegregation on Detroit’s Road to Revitalization,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Denver, CO.

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2016 “A Framework for Thinking Insurgency In Detroit,” *Spaces of Struggle: A Mini-Conference on Radical Planning*, Portland, OR.

2016 “Black Counterpublics and Detroit Insurgent Planning,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Portland, OR.

2015 “Making A Way in Detroit When Indignity Won’t Do,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Houston, TX.

2014 “*Darkwater's* Diagnosis for Detroit: Finding A Way Out of No Way,” *Society for Cultural Anthropology*, Detroit, MI.

2009 “Growing a Science of Science Policy (SoSP) Community of Practice,” *Atlanta Conference on Science and Innovation Policy*, Atlanta, GA.

Panels & Roundtables Organized

2019 “Radical and Insurgent Planning: Reflecting on Concepts, Stories, Geographies, and Futures,” *American Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Los Angeles, CA; co-organizers Raksha Vasudevan and Magdalena Novoa.

2014 “The Work of Detroit in the Black Horizon: Toward a ‘Future that Happened a Long Time Ago’ and Remains Yet to Come,” *Society for Cultural Anthropology*, Detroit MI; co-organizer Nahum D. Chandler.

Discussant

2017 “Dismantling the Urban Decline Machine,” *Spaces of Struggle: A Mini-Conference on Radical Planning* Denver, CO.

Posters

2022 “Drinking Water and Public Health: Discovering and navigating interdependencies for social and environmental justice,” *Society for Social Work Research*, Washington, D.C. Erin Stanley, Richard Smith, Joanne Sobeck, **Allison Laskey**, Kristin Taylor, and Shawn McElmurry.

2021 “How U.S. Drinking Water Systems Operators Respond to Challenges and Interact with Public Health Departments: Implications for Resilient Cities,” *Ecocity World Summit*, Rotterdam, Netherlands, Richard Smith, **Allison Laskey**, Sara Schwetschenau, Erin Stanley, Kristin Taylor, Joanne Sobeck, Matt Seeger, and Shawn McElmurry.

2020 “Navigating and Identifying Lessons Learned in Team Science,” *Graduate Research Symposium*, Wayne State University, Detroit MI, Erin Stanley, **Allison Laskey**, and Eduardo Piqueiras.

PRACTITIONER CONFERENCES

2021 “Water Health Infrastructure Resilience and Learning,” *Preparedness Summit*, National Association of City and County Health Officials, Virtual. **Allison B. Laskey, PhD**; Karla R. Feeser, MPH; Shawn P. McElmurry, PhD, PE.

2010 *Wild & Wonderful, Witty & Wacky Workshop Work Week*, Highlander Research and Education Center, June 1-5.

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CAMPUS TALKS

2023 “Struggling to Age in Place: Long Term Detroiters’ Fight to Stop Displacement, Resegregation, and Gentrification,” Wayne State University, *Institute of Gerontology*, Winter Colloquia Series, February 7.

2021 “Re-imagining Resilience,” Wayne State University, *Humanities Center Brownbag*, March 9.

2019 “Greening the Curriculum,” Wayne State University, *Office of Campus Sustainability*, Green Street — The Intersection of Learning and Sustainability, October 15.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Peer Reviewer

*Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*

*Journal of Community Practice*

*Journal of Planning and Education Research*

*National Political Science Review*

Royal Town Planning Institute Library Series, Routledge

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of California at Irvine

Research Justice Learning Community, Office of Academic Affairs (2015)

Student Co-Representative to Faculty, Department of Planning, Policy & Design (2012-13)

SECURITY CLEARANCE

2005-2012 Department of Defense, Secret