

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EXPERTISE

Urban Geography; Feminist Geography; Urban Social Theory; Sustainable Infrastructure; Just Transitions, Environment and Health; Urban Inequities; Social Movements; Societal Dimensions of Information and Communication Technologies; Public Schools as Critical Infrastructure; Social Action Research

EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. May 1994 | Department of Geography
Clark University
Dissertation: "Ties to People, Bonds to Place: The Urban Geography of Low-income Women's Survival Strategies" Advisor: Susan Hanson. |
| M.A. May 1991 | Department of Geography
Clark University |
| M.A. Jan. 1988 | Urban and Regional Studies
University of Sussex, Brighton, England
Thesis: "Alternative Responses to the Changing Pattern of Women's Employment: Trade Unions and Local Authorities" Advisor: Andrew Sayer. |
| B.A. May 1986 | Geography and Political Science
Clark University
Magna Cum Laude |
| 1984-85 | London School of Economics, London, England |

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| 2012-present | Professor
Department of Geography, Environment and Urban Studies
Temple University |
| 2001-2022 | Senior Research Fellow
Information Technology and Society Research Group |

2000-2012	Temple University Associate Professor Department of Geography and Urban Studies Temple University
1996-2000	Assistant Professor Department of Geography and Urban Studies Temple University
1995-96	Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Geography University of Southern California
1992-96	Assistant Professor Department of Geography Georgia State University
1989-91	Research Assistant Clark University National Science Foundation funded project, “The Spatial Clustering of Women's Employment,” (Drs. Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

July 2023-present	Director, Provost Strategic Initiative for the Sustainability Science and Environmental Justice Collaborative between CLA (led by CSC) and CST (1.15M over three years). The goal of the Collaborative is to facilitate interdisciplinary sustainability and EJ education, research, community engagement and DEI goals. Oversight of budget, personnel, research, curriculum development and programming.
July 2017-present	Director, Center for Sustainable Communities, Temple University. Responsible for management of all activities related to the mission to conduct integrated social and environmental research on natural, technological, and socio-economic systems to address the challenges of sustainability—how can we meet the needs of people locally and globally through equitable, innovative, and practical solutions that protect the environment which sustains life on the planet. Oversight of budget, personnel, research, and programming.
July 2013-June 2023	Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Responsible for management of all departmental affairs related to students, faculty and staff, alumni relations, oversight of academic programs including: Geography and Urban Studies major and minor programs, Environmental Studies major and minor programs,

Undergraduate Certificate in GIS, MA and PhD in Geography, Professional Science Master's in Geographical Information Systems and Geospatial Data Science, Graduate Certificates in GIS and GDS, and department participation in General Education and interdisciplinary programs; oversight of budget; implementation of strategic planning process and oversight of research enterprise. Oversight of self-study and external review 2021-2022.

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| January-June 2013 | Interim Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. |
| 2010-2016 | Director, Greater Philadelphia Women's Studies Consortium. The Consortium is comprised of fifteen Gender and Women's Studies Programs. Directs and coordinates all aspects of Consortium activities including the Scholar-in-Residence Program, conferences, workshops, monthly meetings, and budget implementation. |
| 2011-2012 | Graduate Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Directs and coordinates all aspects of Master's Degree Program in Geography and Urban Studies and Ph.D. Program in Urban Studies including admissions, orientation program, advising, monitoring student progress, curriculum, and graduate student funding. |
| 2010-11 | Undergraduate Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Directs and coordinates all aspects of undergraduate programs in the department including advising and curriculum development for the majors and minors in Geography and Urban Studies and Environmental Studies. |
| 2001-2006 | <p>Academic Program Coordinator of Integrated Technology Learning Community Education Program. Through partnerships established between the IT and Society Research Group, Harrison Campus Compact, and Temple University Upward Bound, and Service-learning courses offered in the Social Sciences, this program serves over 450 public school students living in North Philadelphia communities through positive youth development.</p> <p>This program aims to provide career exploration opportunities in the TU campus setting through technology literacy training, applied and integrated technology learning, and developing project-based research skills. The program provides one-on-one mentoring, workshops, campus visitations, and curricular instruction related to the use and development of information technologies, including the creation of youth designed and focused information systems. This program also provides instruction in research skills, including field studies, community research, and community collaborative research.</p> |

- 2002-2003 Academic Program Coordinator of Philadelphia Youth Network, Year-Round In-School Youth Program. “Enhancing Basic and Technological Literacies through Collaborative Career Exploration Experiential Learning Projects.”
- 1999-2002 Co-Advisor and Academic Program Coordinator of Harrison Plaza Campus Compact. The purpose of this initiative is to link Temple University and the Harrison Plaza community to help to overcome the “digital divide” as it relates to youth and adult education, college readiness, and employment opportunities. Involved in all aspects of project administration including development and implementation of research program, development and implementation of service-learning program, and budget implementation.
- 1998-00 Graduate Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. Directs and coordinates all aspects of master’s degree programs in Geography and Urban Studies and Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Urban Studies including: admissions, orientation program, advising, monitoring student progress, curriculum, and graduate student funding.
- 1998-00 Co-Director of Geography and Urban Studies/Kensington Welfare Rights Union Partnership Program. The purpose of this initiative is to link GUS and KWRU through a program of shared activities that aim to enhance the effectiveness of KWRU’s community organizing efforts through information management and technology. Involved in all aspects of project administration, including development and implementation of research program, development and coordination of service-learning program, and budget administration. Co-organizer of “Information Management and Technology Use Workshop for Economic and Environmental Justice Organizations” at Temple University, March 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele. 2011. *Information and Communication Technology Geographies: Strategies for Bridging the Digital Divide*. University of British Columbia, Canada: Praxis (e)Press. <https://scholarshare.temple.edu/handle/20.500.12613/6153>

- Reviewed in *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Urban Geography*, and *Environment and Planning A*
- Author Meet the Critics Panel, Association of American Geographers

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

*Student

Heck, S.*, Gilbert, M.R., Pearsall, H, and Hoque S. forthcoming, “Envisioning Schools as Critical Social Infrastructure: Advancing a Convergence Research Agenda for Sustaining Community Wellbeing” *The Professional Geographer*.

Luz Adriana Muñoz Duque, Rosa Amelia Estrada Acuña, Tyler Munn*, Luis Carlos Bañol Muñoz, Sterling Johnson*, Melissa R Gilbert, Allison Hayes-Conroy (2024) “What matters beyond particle matter?: Examining air pollution's synergistic effects on bodies and health through Bio3Science in Medellín,” *Social Science & Medicine*, Volume 361,117331,ISSN 0277-9536, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.117331>.

Gilbert, Melissa R., Eakin, Hallie, and McPhearson, Timon (2022) “The role of infrastructure in societal transformations,” *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, Volume 57, 2022, 101207, ISSN 1877-3435, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cosust.2022.101207>

Gutierrez-Velez Victor, Gilbert, Melissa R; Kinsey, Dirk*, and Behm, Jocelyn E. (2022) “Beyond the urban and the rural: conceptualizing a new generation of infrastructure systems to enable rural-urban sustainability.” *Current Opinion on Environmental Sustainability*. 56 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cosust.2022.101177>

Karkun Sen, S.*; Pearsall, H.; Gutierrez-Velez, V.H.; Gilbert, M.R. (2021) Measuring Equity through Spatial Variability of Infrastructure Systems across the Urban-Rural Gradient. *Land*, 10, 1202. <https://doi.org/10.3390/land10111202>

Pearsall, H., V.H. Gutierrez-Velez, M.R. Gilbert, S. Hoque, H. Eakin, E. Brondizio, W. Solecki, L. Toran, J.E. Baka, J.E. Behm, C. Brelsford, C. Hinrichs, K. Henry, J. Mennis, L.A. Roman, C. Rosan, E.C. South, R.D. Valletta. (2021) Advancing equitable health and well-being across urban–rural sustainable infrastructure systems. *npj Urban Sustainability* **1**, 26. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s42949-021-00028-8>

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele. May 3, 2018 Defining the Geographic and Policy Dynamics of the Digital Divide. In: S. Brunn and Roland Kehrein (Eds). *The Changing World Language Map*. Springer. Pp. 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-73400-2> https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-319-73400-2_39-1#Sec2

Gilbert, Melissa R. (2010) Theorizing Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities: Critical Geographies of ‘Race,’ Gender, and Technological Capital. *Information, Communication & Society*, 13(7), 1000-1018. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2010.499954>

Gilbert, Melissa R. (2010) Place, Space, and Agency: Moving Beyond the Homogenous Ghetto, *Urban Geography*. 31(2), 148-152. <https://doi.org/10.2747/0272-3638.31.2.148>

Gilbert, Melissa R., Masucci, Michele, Homko, Carol, and Bove, Alfred A. (2008) Theorizing the Digital Divide: Information and Communication Technology Use Frameworks among Poor Women using a Telemedicine System, *Geoforum*. 39, 912-925.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2007.08.001>

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele (2008) Reflections on a Feminist Collaboration: Goals, Methods and Outcomes. In K. Falconer Al-Hindi and P. Moss (Eds.), *Feminisms in Geography: Space, Place, and Environment* (pp. 237-246). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele (2006) The Implications of Including Women's Daily Lives in a Feminist GIScience, *Transactions in GIS* 10(5), 751-761.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9671.2006.01026.x>

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele. 2006. Geographic Perspectives on E-collaboration Research. *International Journal of E-Collaboration* 2:1, pp. i-v.
 Republished as: Gilbert, M. and Masucci, M. Geographic Perspectives on E-Collaboration Research *Information Technology Newsletter*. Vol. 17, no. 2, pp. 7-9. July 2006

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele (2005) Research Directions for Information and Communication Technology in Geography. *Geoforum* 36(3), 277-79.

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele. 2005. Moving Beyond 'Gender and GIS' to a Feminist Perspective on Information Technologies: The Impact of Welfare Reform on Women's IT Needs. In *A Companion to Feminist Geography*, pp. 305-321. Edited by J. Seager and L. Nelson. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publications.

Published in online edition, April 2010. <http://www.scribd.com/doc/33009713/A-Companion-to-Feminist-Geography>

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Masucci, Michele (2004) Feminist Praxis in University Community Partnerships: Reflections on Ethical Crises and Turning Points in Temple-North Philadelphia IT Partnerships. In D. Fuller and R. Kitchin (Eds.), *Radical Theory/Critical Practice: Making a Difference Beyond the Academy* (pp.147-158).University of British Columbia, Canada: Praxis (e)Press. <http://www.praxis-eypress.org/availablebooks/radicaltheorycriticalpraxis.html>

Gilbert, Melissa R. (2001) From the 'Walk for Adequate Welfare' to the 'March for our Lives': Welfare Rights Organizing in the 1960s and 1990s, *Urban Geography* 22(5), 440-456.
<https://doi.org/10.2747/0272-3638.22.5.440>

Cope, Meghan and Gilbert, Melissa R. (2001) Introduction to Special Issue: Geographies of Welfare Reform, *Urban Geography* 22(5), 385-390.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (2000) Identity, Difference, and the Geographies of Working Poor Women's Survival Strategies. In K. Miranne and A. Young (Eds.), *Gendering the City: Women, Boundaries and Visions of Urban Life* (pp.65-87). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1999) Place, Politics, and the Production of Urban Spaces: A Feminist Critique of the Growth Machine Thesis. In A. Jonas and D. Wilson (Eds.), *Twenty-One Years After: Critical Perspectives on the Growth Machine* (pp.95-108). New York: SUNY Press.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1998) 'Race,' Space, and Power: The Survival Strategies of Working Poor Women, *Annals of the Association of American Geographer* 88(4), 595-621.

Reprinted in Lin, J. and Miele, C. (2005) (Eds.). *The Urban Sociology Reader*. New York, NY: Routledge, 190-199.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1997) Identity, Space, and Politics: A Critique of the Poverty Debates. In J.P. Jones, H. Nast and S. Roberts (Eds.), *Thresholds in Feminist Geography* (pp. 29-45). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1997) Feminism and Difference in Urban Geography, *Urban Geography* 18(1), 90-103.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1994) The Politics of Location: Doing Feminist Fieldwork at 'Home', *The Professional Geographer* 46(1), 90-96.

Hanson, Susan, Pratt, Geraldine, Mattingly, Doreen, and Gilbert, Melissa R. (1994) Women, Work, and Metropolitan Environments. In I. Altman and A. Churchman (Eds.), *Women and the Environment* (pp.227-254). New York, NY: Plenum Press.

Edited Volumes

Gilbert, Melissa R., Eakin, Hallie, and McPhearson, Timon (2022) Sustainable Infrastructures, Special Issue, *Current Opinion in Environmental Research*. [Volume 55](#), April 2022

Halford, Susan, Savage, Mike, and Gilbert, Melissa R. (2010) Digital Social Inequalities, Special Issue, *Information, Communication & Society*. 13(7).

Cope, Meghan and Gilbert, Melissa R. (2001) Geographies of Welfare Reform, Special Issue, *Urban Geography* 22(5).

Reports

Heck, Sarah, Pearsall, H. and Gilbert, Melissa R. (2023) Climate Resilience, Racial Equity, and Economic Inclusion. William Penn Foundation. December 23, 2023. 1-54.

Other Publications

Gilbert, Melissa R. (2010) Social Justice and Web Science: Theory, Praxis and Everyday Life. In Proceedings of the WebSci10: Extending the Frontiers of Society On-Line, April 26-27th, 2010, Raleigh, NC: US.

Gilbert, Melissa R. and Mullings, Beverly (2009) Obituary: Dr. Glen Strauch Elder (1967-2009) *Gender, Place, and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography* 16(5) 631-2.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (2005) Can Feminism Change the Academy? A View from Feminist Geography. Featured Essay. *Temple University Faculty Herald*. March 29, 2005.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1994) Importance of "Race," Place, and Networks in the Survival Strategies of Low-income Women. In *Third Women's Policy Research Conference Proceedings*, Institute for Women's Policy Research. Washington, D.C.: Institute for Women's Policy Research.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1993) Reflections from the United States. In *Contextualizing Feminist Geography: International Perspectives*, J. Monk et al. Working Paper 27, Commission on Gender and Geography, International Geographical Union.

Book Reviews

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1996) Review of *The Bubbling Cauldron: Race, Ethnicity, and the Urban Crisis* by M. Smith and J. Feagin (Eds.), Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 1995, *Gender, Place and Culture* 3(3), 357-59.

Gilbert, Melissa R. (1995) Review of *Full Circles: Geographies of Women over the Life Course* by C. Katz and J. Monk, (Eds.) Routledge, London, 1993, *Economic Geography* 71(2), 213-14.
 Gilbert, Melissa (1995) Review of "It Just Ain't Fair" *The Ethics of Health Care for African Americans* by A. Dula and S. Goering, (ed.) Praeger, Westport, 1994, *Journal of Health and Place* 1(2), 134-35.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded

2025 Hirsh, E. (PI), Pearsall, H., Gilbert, M., Bernhard, S (co-PIs) The Agricultural Futures Archive: Rural and Urban Growers in the Shadow of the Solar Panel. Mellon Foundation. 12/1/2024 - 11/30/2027. Awarded: \$500,000 (Temple: 130,314).

2023 Gilbert M. (PI) and Pearsall, H. (co-PI) Research Scan on Climate Resilience, Racial Equity, and Economic Inclusion. William Penn Foundation. 10/01/2023-6/30/024. Awarded \$50,000.

- 2023-2025 Gilbert M. (PI), Pearsall H., Hoque, S. (co-PIs) Emerging critical infrastructures during COVID-19: The role of PA school districts in supporting vulnerable communities during crisis. Spencer Foundation. Start Date: 07/01/2023- 06/30/2025. Awarded: \$249,957.00
- 2022-2023 Gilbert, M (PI), Hayes-Conroy, A., Gutierrez-Velez, V., Kulthanal, R., and Behm, J. “Catalyzing Convergence Research on Health and Well-being through a Bio3Science Sustainability Framework” 2022 Catalytic Collaborative Research Initiative Program Award from the Office of the Vice President for Research, Temple University. Amount Awarded: \$195,000. 01/01/2022-12/31/2023
- 2022 Senior Research Personnel, 2021 Smart and Connected Communities Planning Grant. “SCC-PG: Planning for Resilience and Equity through Accessible Community Technology: Developing a Community-Led Planning Tool for Climate Readiness”. National Science Foundation. Grant #2125375. Amount Awarded: \$150,000. 01/01/2022-12/30/2022. (Rosan, C. P.I.)
- 2019 Gilbert, M (PI), Brondizio, E., Hoque, S., Solecki, S., and Toran, L. (Co-PIs). “How Does Infrastructure Shape Equity and Well-being across the Urban-Rural Gradient?” Conference on Concepts for Advancing Sustainable Urban Systems (SUS) Research Networks, National Science Foundation Grant #1929834. June 1-September 30, 2019. Amount Received: \$50,000.00.
- 2018 Gilbert, M (PI) Frontiers in Transdisciplinary Sustainability Science Research: Conference and Workshop. Oak Ridge Associated Universities Event Award. Spring. Amount Received: \$4000.00.
- 2017-2018 Gilbert, M (PI), Stinard-Kiel, S. (Co-PI). Geographies of Trauma: Examining a Social Service Paradigm Shift in Two US Cities. National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences Program-Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award. Grant #1657164. May 2017 – August 31-2018. Amount Received: \$15,561.00.
- 2013-2015 Drabick, D. (PI), McCloskey, M. (PI), Gilbert M. and Mohamed, F., (Co-PIs). “Neurodevelopmental Markers of Intermittent Explosive Disorder: From Neurotransmitters to Neighborhoods.” Office of Vice Provost for Research, Temple University: Health & Life Science Related Research Projects. June 2013 – May 2015. Amount Received: \$200,000.
- 2011 Temple University, Summer Research Award: “Reconceptualizing the “urban” in urban education: Implications for future research”. Amount Received: \$7,000.

- 2008-2009 Temple University, Research Leave, “Digital Divides, Urban Inequalities and the New Economy: Three Neighborhoods in Metropolitan Philadelphia”. Competitive Award.
- 2008-2009 Temple University, Grant-in-Aid, “Digital Divides, Urban Inequalities and the New Economy: Three Neighborhoods in Metropolitan Philadelphia”. Amount Received: \$3000.
- 2007-2008 Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Research Incentive Fund, “Digital Divides and Metropolitan Inequalities”. Amount Received: \$5000.
- 2007 Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Mid-Career Fellowship: “Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities: A Case Study of Philadelphia”. Two Course Release.
- 2007 Temple University, Summer Research Fellowship: “Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities: A Case Study of Philadelphia”. Amount Received: \$4,500.
- 2005 Philadelphia Foundation, Summer Career Exploration Program. “Integrated IT Career Exploration at Temple University.” Research Fellow. Grant Funded for \$11,000 plus \$25,000 incentive funds. (PI M. Masucci).
- 2005 Summer Research Intensive Program, Scholar in Residence, “Building IT Skills among Inner-city Youth” ITEST, National Science Foundation.
- 2004-2007 Senior Research Personnel, Building Information Technology Skills Among Inner City Youth Program (BITS), funded through NSF ITEST Grant #0423242 (P.I. M. Masucci).
- 2003 Philadelphia Foundation, Summer Career Exploration Program. “Overcoming Digital Divide Barriers through Summer Career Exploration Opportunities. Co-Investigator. Amount Received: \$23,599.
- 2002 Gear Up. “Service Learning for Forward and Beyond Positive Youth Development: Community Information Systems and Community Research.” Co-Director. Amount Received. \$6000.
- 2001 School and Community Partnerships, Temple University “Service-Learning Component to Graduate Course on Employment and Poverty”. Amount Received. \$3000.
- 2001 Temple University, Research Leave. “A Comparison of the Welfare -to - Work Experiences of Women with and without Access to Information

- Technology at Harrison Plaza Public Housing Development, North Philadelphia Empowerment Zone.” Competitive Award.
- 2001 The Pennsylvania Compact, Research Grant “Examining Service-Learning Experiences of Community and Student Participants in Educational Programs of the Computer Resource Center at Harrison Plaza Public Housing Development.” With Michele Masucci and Lori Shorr. Amount Received: \$7,000.
- 1999-01 Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Study of Literature, Literacy, and Culture, Temple University.
- 1999 Temple University, Summer Research Fellowship. “Economic Human Rights as an Organizing Strategy in Poor Communities in the US.” Competitive Award. Amount Received: \$4,500.
- 1999-01 Demonstration Community Technology Center, Harrison Plaza Public Housing Development. Funding provided to the Harrison Plaza Tenant Association by the Housing and Urban Development, Technical Assistance Grant Program. With Lori Shorr and Michele Masucci. Amount Funded: \$55,000.
- 1998 The Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development, The Community Collaborative Grant Program, “Pilot Program to Develop a Community-Based Information Technology Use Service-Learning Course between Temple University and the Kensington Welfare Rights Union.” With Michele Masucci. Amount Received: \$3,000.
- 1997 Temple University. Summer Research Fellowship, “Working Poor Women: Ethnicity, Job Search Strategies, and Geographical Constraints.” Competitive Award. Amount Received: \$4,500.
- 1994-95 Georgia State University. Research Initiation Grant, “Race, Gender and Urban Poverty: The Geography of Working Poor Women’s Survival Strategies.” Competitive Award. Amount Received: \$5,000.
- 1991-93 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research in Geography and Regional Science. “Ties to People, Bonds to Place: The Urban Geography of Low-income Women’s Survival Strategies.” Amount Received: \$8,755.
- 1991-92 Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Grant for Research on the Urban Underclass. “The Urban Geography of Low-income Minority Women’s Survival Strategies.” Amount Received \$18,995.

- 1988-89 Mary E. and Irene Piper Fellowship, Clark University. Amount Received: Tuition and Stipend.
- 1987-88 Honorary Research Fellowship, Women's Studies Research Centre, Oct-March, University of Lancaster, England.
- 1986-87 Fulbright Scholarship, University of Sussex, England.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Jan Monk Service Award, Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, April.
- 2010-2011 Invited Participant, Leadership Academy 5, Temple University.
- 1995 Nystrom Award Session for best dissertations in the discipline, Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, March, Chicago, IL.
- 1992 27th International Geographical Congress, Graduate Student Travel Grant.
- 1991 Association of American Geographers, Urban Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Proposal Award.
- 1991 Association of American Geographers, Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group Dissertation Proposal Award.
- 1985 Phi Beta Kappa, Clark University.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 2021 AAG Leadership Workshop, Panelist "Building your leadership skills," June 4, 2021.
- 2020 AAG Webinar Panelist "Encroachment or Opportunity? Geography in a World of Interdisciplinary Programs," October 23, 2020."
- 2016 "Place, Space and Power: Using feminist geographical theory to understand digital and urban inequalities in Philadelphia," Yale School of Architecture, Yale University, February 26.
- 2011 "Theorizing Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities: Critical Geographies of 'Race,' Gender, and Technological Capital," Department of Geography, Queen's University, Canada, March 29.

- 2011 “Critical Issues in Participatory Action Research,” Presentation and Workshop, Department of Geography, Queen’s University, Canada, March 28.
- 2011 “Digital Inequalities: A Research Perspective from the United States,” Web Science Doctoral Training Centre, University of Southampton, UK, March 9.
- 2011 “Place, Space and Power: The Intersection of Digital and Urban Inequalities in Philadelphia,” Community Development Lecture, Funded Lecture Series, School of Architecture, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI, January 12.
- 2010 “Social Justice and Web Science: Theory, Praxis and Everyday Life,” **Keynote Presentation.** Web Science 2010. Raleigh, NC, April.
- 2009 “Social and Technical Capital in Inner-City Communities,” Workshop on Gender and Technical Capital: Setting the Research Agenda, ESRC Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change, University of Manchester, January.
- 2008 Discussant, “Hearts of Darkness: City and Suburb in the Neoliberal Imagination,” Matt Ruben, Urban Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, March.
- 2008 “A Critical Geographic Analysis of Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities,” Department of Geography, DePaul University. February.
- 2007 “Academic Freedom in post-9/11 US,” Department of Geography, University of Vermont, March.
- 2007 “Urban Social Justice Pedagogy and Social Action Research: Building Sustainable University-Community Partnerships in Philadelphia,” Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts, February.
- 2006 “Place, Space and Power: The Intersection of Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities,” 21st Century Cities: Research from Temple. Institute for Public Affairs and the Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. November.
- 2006 “The Urban Geography of Women’s Daily Lives,” Informal Science Lecture, National Science Foundation. Temple University, July.
- 2005 “Urban Racial Justice Scholarship: Critical Issues in Social Action Research,” Keynote Address, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, University of Buffalo, September.
- 2005 “The Urban Geography of Women’s Daily Lives,” Informal Science Lecture, National Science Foundation. Temple University, July.
- 2004 “Women, Welfare Policy and the ‘Digital Divide’: A Feminist Perspective on

- Information Technologies,” Urban Studies Program, New School University, March.
- 2004 “Women, Welfare Policy, and the ‘Digital Divide’: A Feminist Perspective on Information Technologies,” Department of Geography, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, January.
- 2001 “Poor Women’s Economic Empowerment: A Feminist Perspective on Information Technologies,” School of Public and Urban Affairs, University of Delaware, March.
- 1999 “Welfare Rights to Human Rights,” Women’s Studies Colloquium, Temple University, September.
- 1998 “From Walking for Adequate Welfare to Marching for Our Lives: Poor People’s Organizing in the 1960s and 1990s,” **Keynote Presentation**, Geography Graduate Student Conference, University of West Virginia, October.
- 1998 “March for Our Lives: Poor People Organizing Against Welfare Reform,” Department of Geography, Rutgers University, April.
- 1997 “From ‘Welfare Queen’ to ‘Welfare Reform’: An Alternative Analysis of Identity, Space, and Power,” Department of Geography, University of Delaware, May.
- 1997 “‘Race,’ Space, and Power: Survival Strategies of Poor Women,” Department of Geography, University of Vermont, March.
- 1996 “‘Race,’ Space, and Power: Survival Strategies of Poor Women,” Department of Geography Colloquium, University of California, Los Angeles, February.
- 1996 “Ties to People, Bonds to Place: ‘Race,’ Space, and the Survival Strategies of Poor Women,” Department of Geography, University of Southern California, January.
- 1995 “The Geography of Poor Women’s Survival Strategies,” Honors Colloquium: Georgia State University, May.

Conference Presentations

- 2024 Heck, S., Gilbert, M., Pearsall H., Hoque, S “Decision Making, Equity, and Adaptive Capacity in Public Schools during the COVID 19 pandemic. American Association of Geographers, Honolulu, HI (virtual), April 20, 2024.
In Session Emerging and sustaining critical social infrastructure during the COVID 19 pandemic 2: Novel perspectives on community health and wellbeing,

- Virtual, Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers. April, 20, 2024
- 2023 Heck, S., Gilbert, M., Pearsall H., Hoque, “Envisioning place-based public schools as critical infrastructure for sustaining community well-being during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic”. Middle States Regional Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 27, 2023.
- 2022 Gilbert, M., Heck, S., Pearsall H., Hoque, S., “Envisioning an intersectional feminist geographical approach to place-based public schools as critical infrastructure for sustaining community well-being during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic in the US” International Conference on Crisis, Recovery and Gender: Feminist Spatial Perspectives. Commission on Gender and Geography International pre-Conference for the 100th International Geographical Union Congress. Barcelona, Spain. July 15
- 2022 Gilbert, M., Heck, S., Pearsall H., Hoque, S., “Envisioning place-based public schools as critical infrastructure for sustaining community well-being during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.” Session [Civic Infrastructural Action III - Provisioning](#). Virtual, Annual Meeting of American Association of Geographers. February
- 2020 Heck, S., Gilbert, M., and Pearsall H. “Schools as Essential Social Infrastructure: Examining Institutional Decision Making, Adaptive Capacity and Social Equity During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Virtual Race, Ethnicity and Place Virtual Conference, October 21-23.
- 2020 Heck, S., Gilbert, M., and Pearsall H. “Assessing Schools as Infrastructure Across the Urban-Rural Gradient: How Do Schools Provide Sustainable Urban Infrastructure During the COVID-19 Pandemic?” Virtual Applied Geography Virtual Conference, October 18-20.
- 2019 Panelist, “Keynote Panel of Digital Geographies Specialty Group on Digital Geographies of Difference” Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, Washington DC, April.
- 2018 Panelist, “Chairs’ Symposium I: Encroachment or Opportunity? Defining Geography in a World of Environmental Studies, Global and International Studies, GIScience, Environmental Science and Sustainability Studies.” Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA April.
- 2018 Panelist, “Conceptual, Operational and Practical Challenges for Transdisciplinary Sustainability Science Research.” Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA April.

- 2017 Heck, S. and Gilbert, M. "Broadening geographies of education from the perspective of youth organizing." Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April.
- 2016 Gilbert, M. "Theorizing Poverty and ICTs: Reconsidering Philadelphia's Cyber Past, Present and Future." Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March.
- 2016 Panelist, "Author Meets the Critics: Geoff Deverteuil's "Resilience in the Post-Welfare Inner City: Voluntary Sector Geographies on London, Los Angeles and Sydney." Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, March.
- 2014 Gilbert, M. and Masucci, M. "A Policy Framework for ICTs and Urban Inequalities" Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL, April.
- 2013 Gilbert, M. and Irby, D. "Critical Geographic Perspectives on Urban Educational Research." Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, April.
- 2012 Irby, D. and Gilbert, M. (accepted). "The 'Urban' in Urban Education: Conceptions, Questions, and Implications." Division G - Section 5: Social Context of Research on Schools and Communities. Paper presentation, American Educational Research Association AERA 2012 Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada. April 2012.
- 2012 "Shifting the Policy Discourse around the Digital Divide in the High Speed Internet Era," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, New York, February.
- 2012 Panelist, "Author Meets Critics: Melissa R. Gilbert and Michele Masucci's *"Information and Communication Technology Geographies: Strategies for Bridging the Digital Divide,"* Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, New York, February.
- 2010 Panelist, "In Memoriam: Glen S. Elder," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Washington DC, April.
- 2009 "A Critical Geographic Framework for Examining the Intersection of Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, March.
- 2008 Panelist, "Author Meets Critics: Loic Wacquant's *Urban Outcasts: A Comparative Sociology of Advanced Marginality,*" Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, April.

- 2008 Panelist, "Celebrating Susan Hanson's 45 years in Geography II: Opening New Horizons," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, April.
- 2007 "Place, Space and Power: A Framework for Examining the Intersection of Digital Divides and Urban Inequalities," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, April.
- 2007 Panelist, "Author Meets Critics: David Wilson's *Cities and Race*," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, April.
- 2005 "Empowerment and the Digital Divide: A Post *Ground Truth* Analysis of Poor Women's ICT Frameworks," Special Session on the Tenth Anniversary of *Ground Truth*. Annual Meetings, Association of American Geographers, Denver, April, Co-authored with M. Masucci.
- 2004 "'Race,' Gender, and Place: Reconceptualizing the 'Digital Divide' from the Perspective of Poor Women's Economic Empowerment," Conference on Race/Ethnicity and Place. Howard University, September, Co-authored with M. Masucci.
- 2004 Panelist, "Continuity and Change in Urban Inquiry: Focus on Philadelphia," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia, March.
- 2003 Panelist, "Women, Space, and Technology III," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, March.
- 2001 Panelist, "GIS and Society II: Feminist Perspectives on Information Technologies," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, New York City, March.
- 2001 Panelist, "Gendered Livelihoods," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, New York, March.
- 1999 Panelist, "Discussion of the Themes Raised in Paul Jargowsky's *Poverty and Place: Ghettos, Barrios, and the American City*—The Biennial Best Book Award Winner," Annual Meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Louisville, April.
- 1999 "From the 'Walk for Adequate Welfare' to the 'March for Our Lives': Welfare Rights Organizing in the 1960s and 1990s," Annual Meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Louisville, April.
- 1998 "From Welfare Rights to Human Rights: Poor People Organizing Against Welfare Reform," Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December.

- 1998 “March for Our Lives: Poor People Organizing Against Welfare Reform,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, March.
- 1998 Panelist, “Feminism, Geography, and Human Rights,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, March.
- 1998 Panelist, “The Spatial Mismatch and Entrapment Hypotheses: A Critical Appraisal,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, March.
- 1997 “Gender, ‘Race,’ and Space: A Feminist Critique of the Poverty Debates,” Annual Meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, Canada, April.
- 1997 “The Geography of Women’s Lives: A Global Perspective,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, TX, April. Co-authored with Glen Elder.
- 1996 “Urban Growth Machines, Everyday Life in the City, and the Production of Urban Spaces,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, NC, April.
- 1995 “Gender, ‘Race’ and Poverty: Working Poor Women's Everyday Struggles,” New Horizons in Feminist Geography. University of Kentucky, Lexington, January.
- 1995 “Reconceptualizing Urban Poverty: The Geography of Working Poor Women's Survival Strategies,” Nystrom Award Session, Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March. Competitive.
- 1995 Panelist, "'Race,' Gender, and Geography: Theory and Politics I," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March.
- 1994 “A Critique of the ‘Urban Underclass’ Thesis,” Meetings of the Southeastern Division, Association of American Geographers, Virginia Beach, VA, November.
- 1994 Panelist, "Incorporating Multiculturalism and Gender into the Geography Curriculum," Meetings of the Southeastern Division, Association of American Geographers, Virginia Beach, VA, November.
- 1994 Panelist, "Social Resources," Conference of Fellows: New Perspectives on Urban Poverty Research, Social Science Research Council, Ann Arbor, MI, June.
- 1994 Panelist, "Author Meets the Critics: Joni Seager's *Earth Follies: Feminism and Environmental Concerns*" Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April.

- 1994 Panelist, "Distinguished Feminist International Relations Scholar Roundtable: Honoring Cynthia Enloe--Feminist Politics *'The Morning After'*" Annual Meeting, International Studies Association, Washington, DC, April.
- 1993 "The Politics of Location: Doing Feminist Fieldwork at 'Home,'" Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Atlanta, GA, April.
- 1993 Panelist, "Place Matters: Comparative Perspectives on Feminist Geography," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Atlanta, GA, April.
- 1992 "Reconceptualizing Urban Poverty: African-American and Non-Hispanic White Women's Survival Strategies in the Inner City," Meetings of the South Eastern Division, Association of American Geographers, Louisville, KY, November.
- 1992 "The Urban Geography of 'Race' and Gender: Low-waged Women's Survival Strategies in the Inner-City," 27th International Geographical Congress, Washington, DC, August.
- 1992 Discussant, "Changing Production and Labor Practices and their Consequences for Women," 27th International Geographical Congress, Washington, DC, August.
- 1992 "Importance of 'Race,' Place, and Networks in the Survival Strategies of Low-income Women," Third Women's Policy Research Conference, Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, DC, May.
- 1992 "'Race,' Place, and Gender: The Urban Geography of Low-income Women's Survival Strategies," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Diego, CA, April.
- 1991 "Women, Resistance, and the Production of Urban Spaces," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Miami, FL, April.
- 1990 "Resource or Constraint? A Feminist Critical Analysis of Women's Spatial Rootedness," New England Regional Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Norwich, CT.
- 1990 "Radical Forms of Bureaucracy? Women Organizing in the Transport and General Workers Union," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Toronto, Canada, April.
- 1989 "Justifying Feminist Theory: Notions of Theoretical Adequacy and the Implications for Feminist Politics," New England Regional Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.

Other Conference Activity

- 2022 “Bio3Science” Research Workshop. Temple University and the University of Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia. August 3-4.
- 2021 Organized Philadelphia Hub of “EJ in PA” State-wide conference on Environmental Justice Issues in PA attended by community organizations. April 6, 2021.
- 2019 Organizer, “*How Does Infrastructure Shape Equity and Well-being across the Urban-Rural Gradient?*” National Science Foundation Sustainable Urban Systems Workshop, Temple University, September 11-13, 2019
- 2018 Organizer, “Symposium on Transdisciplinary Sustainability Science,” Temple University, March 22-23.
- 2017 Co-Organizer, “Geographies of Youth Political Engagement,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, April.
- 2015 Organizer, Greater Philadelphia Women's Studies Consortium's Student Research Conference, Temple University, April 10.
- 2013 Organizer, Greater Philadelphia Women's Studies Consortium's Student Research Conference, Temple University, April 27.
- 2013 Co-organizer, “Critical Geography Perspectives in Educational Research,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, April.
- 2011 Co-organizer, “Philadelphia’s Digital Divide Report Card,” Temple University, Philadelphia, May.
- 2007 Organizer, “Author Meets the Critics: Laura Pulido’s *Black, Brown, Yellow and Left*,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, April.
- 2006 Co-organizer, “Critical Geographies of Telemedicine and Health,” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago, March.
- 2005 Invited Participant. Workshop to develop a public lecture series and associated curriculum. bITS: Building Information Technology Skills, a Temple University project funded by the National Science Foundation. May 23-26, 2005.
- 2002 Invited Participant. Workshop on “Place,” Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Chicago, IL May.

- 2001 Co-organizer, "GIS and Society II: Feminist Perspectives on Information Technologies," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, New York City, March.
- 1999 Co-organizer, "Information Management and Technology Use Workshop for Economic and Environmental Community Organizations," Philadelphia, March 25-27.
- 1998 Co-organizer, "Geographies of Welfare Reform I," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA. March.
- 1998 Co-organizer, "Geographies of Welfare Reform II," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA. March.
- 1997 Invited Guest. Welfare Reform Research Coordination Meeting, Institute for Women's Policy Research. Washington DC. July.
- 1996 Chair and Co-organizer, "Economic Development and Urbanization in the South I," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers. Charlotte, NC, April.
- 1996 Co-organizer, "Economic Development and Urbanization in the South II," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers. Charlotte, NC, April.
- 1996 Chair and Organizer, "Author Meets the Critics: Laura Pulido's *Environmentalism and Economic Justice*," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers. Charlotte, NC, April.
- 1995 Organizer, "'Race,' Gender, and Geography: Theory and Politics I," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March.
- 1995 Chair and Organizer, "'Race,' Gender, and Geography: Theory and Politics II," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March.
- 1995 Chair and Organizer, "Authors Meet the Critics: *Gender, Work and Space* by Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March.
- 1994 Organizer, "Author Meets the Critics: Joni Seager's *Earth Follies: Feminism and Environmental Concerns*," Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA, April.
- 1992 Chair and Discussant, "Competing Discourses in Landscapes of Change" Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Diego, CA, April.
- 1990 Co-organizer, "Gender, Class and Organizing: Putting Progressive Politics into Practice." Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Toronto, Canada, April.

CURRICULA DEVELOPED AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Courses:

Urban Dynamics: General Education Course
Urban Society: “Race,” Class, and Gender (Introductory Urban Studies Course)
“Race,” Class, Gender and the City, Writing Intensive
“Race,” Class, Gender and the City, Service-Learning Course
Urban Policy Analysis, Writing Intensive
Senior Seminar in Geography and Urban Studies

Graduate Courses:

Seminar: Research Design
Seminar: Master’s Paper Course
Seminar: History and Theory of Urban Studies
Seminar: Critical Urban Theory
Seminar: Employment and Poverty in the Changing Urban Economy
Seminar: Race, Class, Gender and the City
Seminar: Modern Urban Analysis
Seminar: Service-Learning Course on Information and Technology Needs of Low-resource
Community-based Organizations

Program Development:

Director, Collaborative in Sustainability Science and Environmental Justice. Oversaw the creation of a Professional Science Masters in Sustainability and Environmental Justice (2023-present) Launched in Fall 2024.

Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Began the development of an online Graduate Certificate in GIS (2022-2023).

Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Oversaw the reorganization of the doctoral and master’s programs to Geography (2021-2023).

Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Oversaw the creation of the Professional Science Masters and Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Data Science (2019-2020)

Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Oversaw the creation of the Professional Science Masters, Graduate Certificate and Undergraduate Certificate in GIS, and 4+1s (2013-2015)

Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Oversaw the redesign and implementation of Geography and Urban Studies Major and Environmental Studies Major (implemented Fall 2014)

Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee to redesign two majors Geography and Urban Studies and Environmental Studies (2012-2013)

Chair, Ad hoc Committee to propose doctoral program in Urban Studies and redesign the master's program (2006-2008)

Chair, Committee to develop Urban Dynamics for the General Education Curriculum (2005-2008)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Temple University

Postdoctoral Researchers

Sarah Heck, PHD. Spencer Foundation Sponsored Project, 2023-2026

Doctoral Student Supervision (since 2009 when new program introduced)

Malone, Danicia (2024-)

Tolosa, Melissa (2018-)

Heck, Sarah Ph.D. Geography and Urban Studies, June 2023 "Sustainable Futures, Water Infrastructure Legacies and Racial Capitalism: A Case Study of the Mid-Mississippi River Region"

Kinsey, Dirk Ph.D. Geography and Urban Studies, June 2023 "Emerging Critical Health Geographies of Mass Supervision"

Biswas, Ritwika Ph.D. Geography and Urban Studies, May 2020 "Reclaiming the Urban: An Intersectional Analysis of Women's and Men's Experiences of Public Spaces in Kolkata, India."

Guerrier, Sendy Ph.D. Geography and Urban Studies, May 2016 "The Social Networks of Haitian Immigrants Employed in the Long-term Care Industry in Metropolitan Philadelphia: Complex Intersections of Race, Nationality, Class, and Gender."

Hammelman, Colleen (2011-2013)

Stinard-Kiel Sarah (2013-2020)

Melissa Tolosa (2018-)

GUS Doctoral Exam Committees (since 2009 when new program was introduced)

Christian Bruku (2024-2025)

Liz Riedman (2020-2022)

Steve Dickinson (2018-2022)
Croog, Rebecca (2014-18)
Foster, Alec (2013-2016)
Hammelman, Colleen (2013-2016)

Dissertation Committees

Michael Henderson, PhD. Geography and Urban Studies, 2024, “Geography Hesitant.” Member

Liz Riedman, PhD. Geography and Urban Studies, 2024, “Greening with Care: Exploring Environmental Justice in Philadelphia’s Urban Green Infrastructure through a Feminist Labor Lens.” Member

Alisa Shockley, PhD. Geography and Urban Studies, 2022, “Co-victims of Gun Violence: How Black Women Navigate Spaces of Trauma.” Member.

Foster, Alec, PhD. Geography and Urban Studies, 2016, “Everyday Environments, Everyday Identities: Urban Environmental Geographies of Philadelphia.” Member.

Hammelman, Colleen, Ph.D. Geography and Urban Studies, 2016, “Connecting for Survival: Understanding the Spatial Implications of Migrant Women’s Survival Strategies in Medellin, Colombia, and Washington DC.” Member.

Garbow, Diane, Ph.D. Anthropology, 2016, “Crafting Colombianidad: The Politics of Race, Citizenship and the Localization of Policy in Philadelphia” Qualifying Exams and External Member.

Wiig, Alan, Ph.D. Geography and Urban Studies, 2014, “After the Smart City: Global Ambitions and Urban Policymaking in Philadelphia.” Member.

Philipp, Jessica Jengeleski, Political Science 2012 “The Day Before Reform: Causes of State Campaign Finance Reform 1970-2005.” External Member

Avalre, Bretton, Ph.D. Anthropology, August 2010 “From Marxist Guerillas to Rastafari Warriors: The Rise, Fall, and Reinvention of the National United Freedom Fighters.” External Member

Grabner, Manuela (Doctoral candidate, Dept. of Geography at the University of Vienna, July-Sept 2009) “Spaces of Action in Globalized Cities: Vienna, Dakar, and Philadelphia”. Faculty Mentor.

Gollub, Justin, Ph.D. Political Science, November, 2007, “Beyond the District: Extra-District Representation in State Legislatures.” External Member

Irby, Decoteau, Ph.D. Education, May 2009 “Understanding the Zero Tolerance Era School Discipline Net: Net-widening, net-deepening, and the cultural politics of school discipline.”
External Member

Laughlin, Lynda, Ph.D. Sociology, 2006, “Understanding the Social and Spatial Neighborhood Contexts for Working Mothers: An Examination of Child Care Services and Outcomes.”
External Member

Smiley-Robinson, Karen, Ph.D. Anthropology, 2012, “The Industrialization of Social Services: the Effects of the For-Profit Model on the Workforce.” External Member

MA Student Supervision (since 2009 when new program introduced)

Etienne, Mary (2011- 2013)

Falcon, Julia (2011- 2013)

Mizes, Chris (completed 2010)

Selman, Melissa (completed 2011)

Watzman, Bethany (completed 2010-12)

Voss, Courtney (2009)

Undergraduate Students Supervised on Funded Research

Gwen Pfister, William Penn Foundation (2023-2024)

Alisha Armstrong, William Penn Foundation (2023-2024)

Kristin Cornish, Spencer Foundation (Fall 2023-25) LAURA

Eve Machata (Mellon Foundation, 2025)

Natalie Teasdale (Mellon Foundation, 2025)

Jonah Hudson (Mellon Foundation 2025)

Sophie Mayes (Mellon Foundation, 2025)

Master's Theses Supervised (until 2009 when new program introduced)

Bostic, Mark (MA Urban Studies, completed 2000) “You can’t start the revolution on an empty stomach: social change organizations and alternative economic development studies.”

Copeland, Ivory (MA Urban Studies, completed 2000) “The effects of welfare sanctions on women’s employment decisions in Philadelphia, PA.”

Danner, Stacey (MA Urban Studies, completed 2001) “Black Banks as Economic Development Tools for Black Empowerment.”

Guigar, Caroline (MA Urban Studies, completed 2007, Co-chair) “Women’s Health and the Digital Divide: How Women’s Daily Lives Impact their Use of a Telemedicine System.”

Herring, Aiisha (MA Urban Studies, completed 2000) “The effects of welfare reform on the service delivery of community-based organizations.”

Irby, Decoteau (MA Urban Studies, completed 2004) “Hip Hop, Urban Labor Markets and the “American Dream”: A Study of Young Black Men in Philadelphia.”

Manik-Pearlman, Tamara (MA Urban Studies, 2007-2009).

Munoz, Lorena (MA Urban Studies, completed 2000) “Improving HIV/AIDS prevention education for Latinas: Evaluating the Mujer es Salud program at Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.”

Robinson, Vonetta (MA Urban Studies, completed 2004) “Surviving on SEPTA: The Public Transit Needs of Welfare Mothers in Philadelphia.”

Searson, Aaron (MA Urban Studies, completed 2009) “The Prospect for Community-Based Intervention into Workforce Development Policy for Low-Skilled Urban Populations: A Historical Case Study of Relations between the State and the Opportunities Industrialization Center of America (OICA), and within OICA, under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.”

Towey, Shawn (MA Urban Studies, completed 2009) “Working for a living wage in Philadelphia.”

Exam and Theses Committees (until 2009 when new program introduced)

Allen, Marcy (MA Geography, completed 2000)
 Ballen, Sheila (MA Urban Studies, completed 2002)
 Birkhold, Matt (MA Geography, completed 2004)
 Buss, Andrew (MA Geography, completed 1998)
 Dayanim, Suzanne Lashner (MA Urban Studies, completed 2008)
 Donahue, Neil (MA Urban Studies, completed 1997)
 Dzurkinko, Nijmie (MA Urban Studies, completed 2006)
 Etienne, Harley (MA Urban Studies, completed 2003)
 Funiba, Neba (MA Urban Studies, completed 2002)
 Gilmore, Marcus (MA Urban Studies, completed 2001)
 Holloway, Derek (MA Urban Studies, completed 2002)
 Kiefer, Heather (MA Urban Studies, completed 2002)
 Liu, Jingcheng (MA Geography, completed 2001)
 McCann, Jessica (MA Urban Studies, completed 1999)
 Pennington, Alisha (MA Geography, completed 2001)

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Temple University

University

2022-	Vice Provost Strategic Plan “Collaborative on Sustainability and Environmental Justice”
2017-2022	Chair, Committee on Environmental and Global Change Research, Office of the Vice President for Research
2015-2018	Member, Advisory Board, Blackstone LaunchPad
2016	Member, Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Search
Spring 2012	Member of Selection Committee, Fulbright Scholarship Program
Fall 2010	Co-chair, Committee on the Status of Women, Faculty Senate
2009	Member of Selection Committee, Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership
2005-2010	Member, Committee on the Status of Women, Faculty Senate
2001-2002	Co-Chair, Advisory Committee to the Vice Provost of Research on Cross-Cutting, Inter-College Research
2001-2002	Steering Committee, University Community Collaborative of Philadelphia
1998-2001	Service-Learning Roundtable
1999-2001	Representative Faculty Senator of the College
1998-1999	Faculty Senate Committee on the Status of Women
1997-2000	Faculty Senate Committee on Student Award Selection Committee

College

2024-	Member, Tenure Committee
2017-	Director, Center for Sustainable Communities
Fall 2023,	Member, Faculty Responsibility Committee

2023-2024	Member, Committee for Promotion to Full, Anthropology.
2020-	Member, Strategic Plan Committee
2019-	Member, Technology Committee
2015-2019	Chair, Budget Priorities Committee
2017-	Member, Academic Technology Committee
2015	Member, Committee to hire a Senior Director of Marketing and Communications
2014	Member, Committee to hire a Director of Enrollment Management
2013-19	Member, Budget Priorities Committee
2010-13	Member, Academic Technology Committee
2009-10	Member, Women's Studies Curriculum Committee
2008-15	Member, Women's Studies Steering Committee
2004	Participant, Women's Studies Strategic Planning Meeting
2000-2002	Board Member, Institute for the Study of Literacy, Literature, and Culture
2000-2001	Service-Learning Committee, Temple University
1999	Focus Group, University/Community Partnerships Task Force, March
1999-00	Curriculum Committee, Women's Studies
1998-00	Affiliated Faculty, Institute for Cultural Studies
1997-00	Student Grievance Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
1996-	Affiliated Faculty, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Program

Department

Fall 2024-	Member, Graduate Committee
2024-2025	Member, Personnel Committee
Fall 2024	Member, Promotion Committee, Dr. Rosan

Fall 2023	Member, Promotion Committee, Dr. Pearsall
Fall 2023	Member Promotion and Tenure Committee, Dr. Thomas
2013-2023	Chair
2013	Interim Chair (January–June)
Fall 2012	Graduate Chair
Fall 2012	Chair, Personnel Committee
Fall 2012	Chair, Search Committee for Food Systems Position
Fall 2012	Member, Undergraduate Committee
2011-12	Graduate Chair
2011-12	Member, Undergraduate Committee
2011-2012	Chair, Search Committee for Cartography and Geovisualization Position
2011-2012	Chair, Personnel Committee
2010-2011	Chair, Search Committee for Environmental Studies and Methodology Position
2010-2011	Undergraduate Chair
2010-2011	Chair, Personnel Committee
2010-2011	Member, Graduate Committee
2009-2010	Member, Executive Committee
2007-2008	Member, Executive Committee
2007-2008	Member, Search Committee for Spatial Analysis Position
2007-2008	Member, Executive Committee
2006-2008	Chair, Ad hoc Committee to propose doctoral program in Urban Studies
2006-2008	Member, Undergraduate Committee
2006-2008	Member, Graduate Committee

- 2005-2008 Chair, General Education Committee: Urban Dynamics Course
- 2004 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, External Review
- 2003-2005 Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University
- 1998-2000 Graduate Chair, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University
- 1998-1999 Coordinator Departmental Colloquium Series "Comparative Studies of the Politics of Place," Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University
- 1996-97 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University

University of Southern California

- 1995-1996 Co-coordinator Departmental Colloquium, Department of Geography, University of Southern California

Georgia State University

University

- 1995 Georgia State University Coordinator, University Center Speaker, Dr. Ed Malecki
- 1994 Organizer, University Center Speaker, Dr. Neil Smith
- 1993-94 Member, Task Force on General Education

College

- 1994-95 Chair, By-laws Committee, Women's Studies Institute
- 1993-94 Member, Women's Studies Committee to Organize Women's History Month
- 1992-1995 Faculty Member, Metropolitan Studies
- 1992-95 Faculty Member, Women Studies Institute

Department

- 1994-95 Undergraduate Advisor (70 students), Department of Geography
- 1992-93 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Geography

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021-25 Member, Advisory Board, National Science Foundation, Sustainable Regional Systems Research Network – the Transformation Network. PI Mark Stone, Award # 2115169.
- 2023 Program Review, Department of Geography and Environmental Planning, Towson University, March 16-18, 2023.
- 2021 Program Review, Department of Geography, George Washington University, December 2-3, 2021
- 2021 Program Review, Urban Studies Program, San Diego State University, November 5, 2021
- 2015- Member, Editorial Board, *Geographical Review*
- 2015-17 Member, Finance Committee, Association of American Geographers
- 2010-2016 Director, Greater Philadelphia Women’s Studies Consortium
- 2013-2016 National Councillor, Elected. Association of American Geographers
- 2015-2016 Treasurer and Member of Executive Committee, Association of American Geographers
- 2014-2015 Member, J. Warren Nystrom Committee, Association of American Geographers
- 2011-2012 Member, Geography and Spatial Sciences Senior Advisory Panel, National Science Foundation. 2.5-year appointment.
- Spring 2012 Distinguished Judge, Geis Student Research on Women Conference, University of Delaware.
- Spring 2011 Distinguished Judge, Geis Student Research on Women Conference, University of Delaware
- 2010-2014 Member, Board of Review, Temple University Press
- 2009-15 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Urban Geography*
- 2009-2012 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Gender, Place, and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*
- 2009-2010 Past Chair, Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers

- 2007-2009 Chair, Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 2004-07 Advisory Board, “Building IT Skills among Inner-city Youth” ITEST, National Science Foundation
- 2003-07 Treasurer, Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 1999-2002 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Environment and Planning A*
- 1997-2000 Member of the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography, Association of American Geographers
- 1997-2000 Member of the Nominating Committee, Urban Affairs Association
- 1996 Paper Competitions Committee for 1997 Annual Meeting, Urban Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 1995-96 Program Coordinator for 1996 Annual Meeting, Urban Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 1995-97 Board Member of Urban Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 1995-1997 Treasurer, Socialist and Critical Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers
- 1993 Member of the Local Arrangements Committee of the Annual Meetings of the Association of American Geographers, April, Atlanta, GA
- 1992-94 Secretary/Treasurer of Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers

Reviewed Scholarly Manuscripts, Publications, and Grants Proposals for:

Acme
Annals of the Association of American Geographers
Antipode
Economic Geography
Environment and Planning A
Environment and Planning D
Gender, Place, and Culture
Geoforum
Geographical Review

Growth and Change
Information, Communication and Society
Journal of Community Service Learning
Professional Geographer
Social and Cultural Geography
Sociology
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Transactions of Institute of British Geographers,
Urban Geography
Geography in America at the Dawn of the 21st Century
 National Science Foundation
 National Geographic
 Blackwell Press
 Guildford Press
 Prentice Hall

Temple University Press
 University of Georgia Press

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| 2025 | Board Member, Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia |
| 2024 | Member, Planning, Transportation, and Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Transition Committee for Montgomery County PA Commissioners Chair Jamila Winder & Vice Chair Neil Makhija, Report submitted March 15, 2024 |
| 2021 | “What is Critical Race Theory and How is it Relevant for K-12 Education” Invited Virtual Presentation, Administration, Springfield Township School District, PA, July 27. |
| 2021 | “What is Critical Race Theory and How is it Relevant for K-12 Education” Invited Presentation, Administration, Lower Merion School District, June 21. |
| 2021 | Created document about Critical Race Theory for School Board Directors in Montgomery County, PA for Democratic Party. |
| 2009-2021 | School Board Director, Lower Merion School District, Montgomery County, PA.
President (2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020)
Vice President (2011, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021)
Chair, Curriculum Committee (2015-2017)
Chair, Communications Committee (2009-2011)
Chair, Policy Committee (2011-2012)
Board Representative to Education Foundation of Lower Merion (2011-2014)
Member, Curriculum Committee (2009-2012)
Member, Policy Committee (2010-2011, 2014-2017) |

Member, Communications Committee (2014-2016)
Member, Ad Hoc Legal Committee (2010-2011)
Member, Legislative Committee (2009-2010, 2016-2017)

2013 Member, Planning Commission, Montgomery County, PA

2012 Member, Transition Committee for Planning, Environment, and Transportation.
Josh Shapiro and Leslie Richards, Montgomery County Commissioner's
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