

# Samantha Teixeira

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## EDUCATION

### University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

PhD, Social Work – April 2014

Title: “It seems like no one cares”: Youth Perspectives on Housing Abandonment and Urban Blight

*Honors: Defended with Distinction*

*Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Outstanding Social Work*

*Doctoral Dissertation of the Year Award*

### University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

MSW, Community Organizing/Social Administration—May 2009

*Honors: Dean’s Scholar*

### University of New Hampshire College of Health and Human Services

BA, Social Work—May 2005

*Honors: Cum Laude*

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015-present Assistant Professor, Boston College School of Social Work

2014-2015 Assistant Professor, West Virginia University School of Social Work

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental justice, social and spatial inequality, community based research, participatory research, youth empowerment, neighborhood effects on youth

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer Reviewed*

1. **Teixeira, S.** & Zuberi, A. Neighborhood social and environmental factors and asthma among children living in low-income neighborhoods: The importance of informal social control. (In Press). *Family and Community Health*.
2. Kravitz-Wirtz, N., **Teixeira, S.**, Hajat, A., Woo, B., Crowder, K., & Takeuchi, D. (2018). Early-life air pollution exposure, neighborhood poverty, and childhood asthma in the United States: 1990-2014. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, *15*, 1114-1127.
3. Sprague-Martinez, L., Richards-Schuster, K., **Teixeira, S.**, & Augsberger, A. (2018). The power of prevention and youth voice: A strategy for social work to ensure healthy development for youth. *Social Work*, *63*(2), 135-143. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swx059>
4. Ferguson, K., **Teixeira, S.**, Wernick, L., & Burghardt, S. (In Press). Macro interventions and their influence on individual and community well-being. *Journal of Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1468017318757160>

5. Booth, J.M., **Teixeira, S.**, Zuberi, A., & Wallace, J.M. (2018). Barrios, ghettos, and residential racial composition: Examining the racial makeup of neighborhood profiles and their relationship to self-rated health. *Social Science Research*, 69, 19-33. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2017.10.002>
6. **Teixeira, S.** (2018). Qualitative Geographic Information Systems (GIS): An untapped research approach for social work. *Qualitative Social Work*, 17(1), 9-23. doi: 10.1177/1473325016655203
7. **Teixeira, S.** & Gardner, R. (2017). Youth-led participatory photo mapping to understand urban environments. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 82, 246-253. <https://doi-org.proxy.bc.edu/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2017.09.033>
8. Zuberi, A. & **Teixeira, S.** (2017). Child health in low income neighborhoods: The unexpected relationship with neighborhood disorder and other aspects of neighborhood distress. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 45(4), 459-472. doi: 10.1002/jcop.21858
9. **Teixeira, S.** & Hash, K. (2017). Tweeting macro practice: Social media in the social work classroom. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 53(4), 751-758.
10. **Teixeira, S.** & Kolke, D. (2017). Using local data to address abandoned property: Lessons learned from a community health partnership. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, 11(2), 175-182. doi: 10.1353/cpr.2017.0022
11. **Teixeira, S.** & Zuberi, A. (2016). Mapping the racial inequality in place: Using youth perceptions to identify unequal exposure to neighborhood environmental hazards. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 13(9), 844. doi:10.3390/ijerph13090844
12. Ohmer, M.L., **Teixeira, S.**, Booth, J., Zuberi, A., & Kolke, D. (2016). Preventing violence in disadvantaged communities: Strategies for building collective efficacy and improving community health. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 26(7-8), 608-621. doi: 10.1080/10911359.2016.1238804
13. Takeuchi, D.T., Sun-Hee Park, L., Thomas, Y., & **Teixeira, S.** (2016). Race and environmental equity: Introduction to the special issue. *Du Bois Review*, 13(2), 215-219. doi: 10.1017/S1742058X16000199
14. **Teixeira, S.** & Sing, E. (2016). Reclaim Northside: An environmental justice approach to address vacant land in Pittsburgh. *Family and Community Health*. 39(3), 207-215. doi: 10.1097/FCH.0000000000000107
15. **Teixeira, S.** (2016). Beyond broken windows: Youth perspectives on the impact of housing abandonment and urban blight on individual and community well-being. *Child Indicators Research*. 9(3), 581-607. doi: 10.1007/s12187-015-9327-1
16. **Teixeira, S.** & Krings, A. (2015). Sustainable social work: An environmental justice framework for social work education. *Social Work Education*, 34(5), 513-527. doi: 10.1080/02615479.2015.1063601
17. Yamatani, H., **Teixeira, S.**, & McDonough, K. (2015). Employing people with disabilities: A preliminary assessment of a start-up initiative. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 25(8), 830-842. doi: 10.1080/10911359.2015.1028261
18. Young, D., **Teixeira, S.**, & Hartnett, H. (2015). Social action meets social media: Environmental justice in West Virginia. *Journal of Contemporary Rural Social Work*, 7, 1-11.

19. **Teixeira, S.** (2015). "It seems like no one cares": Participatory photo mapping to understand youth perspectives on property vacancy. *Journal of Adolescent Research, 30*(3), 390-414. doi:10.1177/0743558414547098
20. **Teixeira, S.** & Wallace, J.M. (2013). Data driven organizing: A community-university partnership to address vacant and abandoned property. *Journal of Community Practice, 21*, 248-262.
  - **Won the annual Marie O. Weil Outstanding Scholarship Award for outstanding scholarship in the Journal of Community Practice**
21. Soska, T., **Teixeira, S.**, Legault, S., Crawford, K., & Hardoby, M. (2011). EU–US Symposium on Community and Social Development: A transatlantic dialogue on comparative perspectives on the state of community work and social inclusion. *Journal of Community Practice, 19*, 438-455.

### **Book Chapters**

- Teixeira, S.** (2016). Perspectives and Debate: What is the most significant factor contributing to poor health and well-being among children and youth of color? In Valire Copeland (Ed.), *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration, Volume 3: Health and Wellness*, (pp. 417-423). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- Wallace, J.M. & **Teixeira, S.** (2013). Assessing the state of the village: Multi-method, multi-level analyses for comprehensive community change. In Robert Silverman and Kelly Patterson (Eds.), *Schools and Urban Revitalization: Rethinking Institutions and Community Development* (pp. 136-150). New York, NY: Taylor & Francis/Routledge.
- Ohmer, M., Sobek, J., **Teixeira, S.**, Wallace, J.M., & Shapiro, V. (2010). Community-based research: Rationale, methods, roles and considerations for community practice. In Mary Weil and Mary Ohmer (Eds.), *Handbook of Community Practice* (pp. 791-807). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

### **Reports and Briefs**

- Chu, Y., Figueroa, V., Jones, K., Lombe, M., Rosales, R., **Teixeira, S.**, and Wang, K. (2017). Catholic Charities Teen Center at St. Peter's 2012-2015: A report prepared by the Boston College School of Social Work.
- Kemp, S.P., Reyes Mason, L., Palinkas, L.A., Rechkemmer, A., & **Teixeira, S.** (2016). Policy recommendations for meeting the Grand Challenge to Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment. Policy Brief No. 7, September 2016. American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare Grand Challenges for Social Work.
- Teixeira, S.**, Wallace, J.M., & Yonas, M. (2009). An environmental scan of youth violence prevention programs in selected Allegheny County communities. Prepared for the Pittsburgh Youth Crime Prevention Council. Funded by the United Way of Allegheny County.

### **Book Reviews**

- Teixeira, S.** (2018). Invited Book Review: Ecological social work: Towards sustainability. *British Journal of Social Work, 48*(2), p. 548-549. doi: 10.1093/bjsw/bcw169
- Teixeira, S.** (2014). Invited Book Review: Research methods for community change: A project based approach. *Journal of Community Practice, 22*, p. 503-505.

### ***Publications Under Review***

Mason, L.R. & **Teixeira, S.** *Grand Challenges book series: Social solutions for environmental change.* New York, New York: Oxford University Press. (Invited Prospectus Under Review).

**Teixeira, S.**, Mathias, J., & Krings, A. The future of environmental social work: Looking to community initiatives for models of prevention. (Under Review).

Woo, B., Kravitz-Wirtz, N., Sass, V., Crowder, K., **Teixeira, S.**, & Takeuchi, D. Residential segregation and racial/ethnic disparities in ambient air pollution. (Revise and Resubmit). *Race and Social Problems*.

**Teixeira, S.**, Zuberi, A., and Bamwine, P.M. Children and Youth. In Elise Fullmer (Ed.) *Connecting the Dots: Intersectionality and the Understanding of Diverse Groups*. (Under review).

### ***Manuscripts in Progress***

Zuberi, A. & **Teixeira, S.** Death and taxes: Going beyond poverty to examine the spatial inequality in premature death.

**Teixeira, S.**, Sprague Martinez, L., Augsberger, A., & Richards-Schuster, K. (authorship and order to be determined). Opportunities to “Make Macro Matter” through the Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative.

Richards-Schuster, K., **Teixeira, S.**, Augsberger, A., Sprague Martinez, L. (authorship and order to be determined). Creating youth participation in social work: Exploring best practices and lessons learned from experience.

**Teixeira, S.**, Lombe, M., Chu, Y., Figueroa, V., Rosales, R. (authorship and order to be determined). Community partnered research: Implications for teaching, scholarship and service.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 2016 | Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA) Emerging Scholar Award                      |
| 2015 | Society for Social Work and Research Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award   |
| 2014 | Marie O. Weil Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Journal of Community Practice                                 |
| 2014 | International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) Child-Well Being Scholar   |
| 2013 | Community Practice Award- University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work   |
| 2009 | Dean’s Scholar- Awarded to MSW students who graduate with a 4.0 GPA-University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work   |
| 2008 | Donaldson Memorial Award-University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  |
| 2005 | IV-E Child Welfare Scholarship-New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and University of New Hampshire |

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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| 2018 | Boston College, Office of the Provost, Ignite Grant (Co-P.I.: \$25,000)<br>Understanding the Effects of Large Scale Housing Transformation on Families and Children: A Longitudinal Study of Public Housing Residents in South Boston<br>Principal Investigators: Samantha Teixeira, Rebekah Levine Coley (Lynch School of Education), and Neil McCullagh (Carroll School of Management) |
| 2016 | Boston College, Office of the Provost (Co-P.I.: \$62,500)  |

Boston College School of Social Work and Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston (CCAB)  
Community Partnership

Principal Investigators: Margaret Lombe, Samantha Teixeira, Ruth McRoy

- 2016 Boston College, Office of the Provost, Research Incentive Grant (P.I.: \$15,000)  
Mapping Opportunity: Uncovering Youth Perceptions of the Neighborhood Environment and its Impact on Well Being
- 2013 University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, Dissertation Fellowship
- 2011 Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, Schweitzer Environmental Fellowship (\$3,500)

## REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 **Teixeira, S.**, Lombe, M., Wang, K., Figueroa, V., Rosales, R., Chu, Y. Jones, K., & Ingerman, S. A multi-method assessment of positive youth development in a community based teen center. Poster presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 10-14).
- Richards-Schuster, K., **Teixeira, S.**, Augsberger, A., & Sprague-Martinez, L. Engaging youth voice: Participatory strategies for achieving equity and justice. Roundtable, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 10-14).
- 2017 Sass, V., Crowder, K., Kravitz-Wirtz, N., Hajat, A., **Teixeira, S.**, & Takeuchi, D. Air pollution and children's mental health. Oral presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Atlanta, GA. (November 4-8).
- Zuberi, A. & **Teixeira, S.** Death and taxes: Going beyond neighborhood poverty to estimate the spatial inequality in premature death. Oral presentation, Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN. (April 19-22).
- Teixeira, S.** Youth engaged community based participatory research to understand and address urban environmental issues. Oral presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA (January 11-15).
- Willett, J., Powers, M., Hayward, A., Reyes Mason, L., & **Teixeira, S.** Advancing a community-engaged research agenda to address the grand challenge of creating social responses to a changing environment. Roundtable presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA (January 11-15).
- Kemp., S.P., Reyes Mason, L., **Teixeira, S.**, Fernandez, A., & Palinkas, L. Building social work's environmental research capacity. Roundtable presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA (January 11-15).
- Ohmer, M.L., **Teixeira, S.**, Booth, J.M., Zuberi, A., Kolke, D., Kim, B.K., Shapiro, V. Sharpe, T. Community and behavioral health approaches for preventing youth violence and improving well-being. Roundtable presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA (January 11-15).
- Booth, J.M., **Teixeira, S.**, Zuberi, A., & Wallace, J.M. Ghettos, barrios, and the impact of residential segregation on racial and ethnic differences in self-rated health. Poster presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA (January 11-15).

- 2016 **Teixeira, S.**, Kolke, D., & Wallace, J. Using local data to catalyze community development: A community campus partnership connecting research to action. Oral presentation, Community Campus Partnerships for Health 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference. New Orleans, LA (May 11-14).
- Teixeira, S.** and Zuberi, A. Unpacking the racial inequality in place: Using youth perceptions to inform and address racial inequality in neighborhood environments. Oral presentation, Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. San Diego, CA (March 16-19).
- Teixeira, S.**, Nicotera, N., Kao, D., & Lavery, A. Using innovative mixed-methods to map context in social work research. Workshop, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 13-17).
- 2015 **Teixeira, S.** & Hash, K. Twitter in the classroom: Using social media to teach macro practice. Poster presentation, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO. (October 15-18).
- Krings, A., **Teixeira, S.** Rogge, M., & Fike, C. Integrating social work and environmental justice: Implications for social work education. Panel presenter and co-convenor, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO. (October 15-18).
- Hunt, D. & **Teixeira, S.** Social action meets social media: Organizing for environmental justice in rural communities. Oral presentation, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO. (October 15-18).
- Zuberi, A. & **Teixeira, S.** Low-income neighborhoods and child health: Assessing the influence of physical and social neighborhood conditions on childhood health. Oral presentation, Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Miami, FL (April 8-11).
- Teixeira, S.** Are abandoned houses really abandoned? How blight facilitates youth delinquency through the use of “trap houses.” Oral presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA. (January 14-18).
- 2014 **Teixeira, S.** & Garlington, S. Public participation GIS & intersectionality: Using spatial research tools to build theory. Oral presentation, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Tampa, FL. (October 23-26).
- Teixeira, S.** Youth led research and action for community change. Workshop, Alliance for Children and Families National Conference. Pittsburgh, PA. (October 15-17).
- **Top-rated conference workshop nominated for inclusion in “Best of the 2014 Alliance National Conference” webinar series.**
- Teixeira, S.** “It’s like they’re tearing down your memories”: Resident perceptions of property vacancy and blight and its implications for community practice. Oral presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. San Antonio, TX. (January 15-19).
- 2013 **Teixeira, S.** and Wallace, J. Youth mapping to understand neighborhood perceptions and create safe passageways. Oral presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA. (January 16-20).
- Teixeira, S.** and Wallace, J. A multilevel analysis of individual and neighborhood level predictors of child maltreatment. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA. (January 16-20).

- 2012      **Teixeira, S.** The Homewood Children's Village: A collaborative partnership to build community capacity and transform a neighborhood for children. Poster presentation, Urban Affairs Association 42nd Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. (April 18-21).
- Teixeira, S.** and Wallace, J. Examining the state of the village: Multi-method, multi-level analyses for comprehensive community change. Oral presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC. (January 11-15).
- 2011      **Teixeira, S.** and Wallace, J. Data-driven organizing for community health: The Homewood Children's Village property assessment project. Oral presentation, American Public Health Association 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition, Washington, D.C. (October 29-November 2).
- Wallace, J. and **Teixeira, S.** Community Based Participatory Research, teaching, and service: Lessons learned from the Homewood Children's Village. Oral presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research, Tampa, FL. (January 12-16).
- Teixeira, S.** and Wallace, J. Data driven organizing and neighborhood change: The Homewood Children's Village property assessment project. Oral presentation, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research, Tampa, FL. (January 12-16).

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017      **Teixeira, S.** Housing, neighborhoods, and health: A case study in Homewood. Invited oral presentation, Segregation Summer Institute: National and Local Perspectives on Residential Segregation Issues. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. (July 19-July 20).
- Teixeira, S.** Participatory photo mapping to understand youth perspectives on the urban environment. Oral presentation, Seventh Annual Social Sciences Librarians Boot Camp. Tufts University, Medford, MA. (June 9).
- Teixeira, S.** Invited Discussant on use of Geospatial Technology to solve Grand Challenges for social work. American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare Harnessing Technology for Social Good Conference. Los Angeles, CA (April 27-28).
- Teixeira, S.** Social work and environmental justice: A natural fit. Invited round table participant, via video conference. World Social Work Day at the United Nations, Geneva: Social Work and Sustainable Development. Geneva, Switzerland (March 22).
- 2016      Kemp, S., Palinkas, L., Reyes Mason, L., **Teixeira, S.**, Wagner, K., Wong, M. Strengthening the social response to the human impacts of environmental change. Invited oral presentation as part of the Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 13-17).
- 2015      **Teixeira, S.** Youth led research and action for community change. Invited lecture for Howard University Community, Administration, and Policy Practice course. (October 20).
- Wallace, J., Kolke, D., **Teixeira, S.**, Jackson, J. Community based participatory research in Homewood. Invited oral presentation at the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA. (May 6-8).

Hunt, D., **Teixeira, S.**, Hartnett, H., Burns, J. Social action meets social media: Environmental justice in West Virginia. Invited oral presentation at the West Virginia National Association of Social Workers Spring Conference. Charleston, WV. (April 27-29).

2014 **Teixeira, S.** Beyond broken windows: Youth perspectives on the impact of housing abandonment and urban blight on individual and community well being. Invited oral presentation, International Society for Child Indicators Mentoring Workshop on Child Well Being. Baltimore, MD. (September 3-4).

Jones, A.M., Merryman, M., Gregory, K., **Teixeira, S.** You wanna do what? Using visual research to forge a path to epistemological flexibility. Invited panelist at the International Visual Sociology Association Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, PA. (June 27-29).

2011 **Teixeira, S.** Putting the community in community development. Invited panelist for presentation at the 1st Annual Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group Community Development Summit. (May 25).

2010 **Teixeira, S.** and Wallace, J. Data Driven Organizing: Partnerships for Community Change in the Homewood Children's Village. Invited presentation at the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership and Pittsburgh Neighborhood and Community Information Systems User Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. (June 11).

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2018 Co-Principal Investigator: Boston College, Office of the Provost, Ignite Grant (Co-P.I.: \$25,000) Co-PIs: Rebekah Levine Coley (Lynch School of Education) and Neil McCullagh (Carroll School of Management)  
*Understanding the Effects of Large Scale Housing Transformation on Families and Children: A Longitudinal Study of Public Housing Residents in South Boston*  
This project initiates a program of research that will provide an early and detailed view into South Boston residents' experiences of the redevelopment of the Mary Ellen McCormack housing project, document how residents' voices contribute to this process, and track child and adult residents' engagement, health, and social and economic well-being through displacement and relocation.

2016 Co-Principal Investigator: Boston College School of Social Work and Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston (CCAB) Community Partnership (\$62,500) Co-PIs: Margaret Lombe, Samantha Teixeira, Ruth McRoy  
*Longitudinal Assessment of Educational and Socio-Behavioral Outcomes for Youth Participants in a Community Based Teen Center*  
This study aims to collaborate with Catholic Charities' St. Peter's Teen Center to assess the longitudinal impact of participation in the St. Peter's Teen Center programs on educational and socio-behavioral outcomes for youth participants. We aim to inform future programming decisions and contribute to the academic literature on Positive Youth Development and best practices for youth programs.

2016 Principal Investigator: Boston College Research Incentive Grant (\$15,000)  
*Mapping Opportunity: Uncovering Youth Perceptions of the Neighborhood Environment and its Impact on Well Being*  
This study, conducted in partnership with Youth Hub Boston, aimed to engage youth in participatory research to elicit input about their lived experience and analyze spatial patterns of neighborhood use. Specifically, the study aimed to understand what meaning Boston-area youth



ascribe to cues in the neighborhood environment and how these neighborhood features affect their opportunities for success.

- 2012-2014      Research Assistant: Comm-Univer-City of Pittsburgh (PI: John Wallace)  
*Multi-Level Analysis of Property Vacancy and Child Outcomes*  
Analyzed administrative and human service data using Hierarchical Linear Modeling and ArcGIS 9.0 software and created maps to assist with community intervention efforts.
- 2010-2011      Research Assistant: Comm-Univer-City of Pittsburgh (PI: John Wallace)  
*Youth Mapping to Create Safe Passageways*  
Obtained funding and IRB approval for Youth Mapping to Create Safe Passageways project and recruited and trained youth research partners in community mapping and photo elicitation study.
- 2009            Research Assistant: Comm-Univer-City of Pittsburgh (PI: John Wallace)  
*Homewood's "Dirty Thirty": Data Driven Organizing*  
Coordinated neighborhood assessment, trained resident data collectors, created an intervention that resulted in boarding up of 23 vacant properties.
- 2008            Research Assistant: University of Pittsburgh Center on Race and Social Problems  
*Environmental Scan of Youth Violence Prevention Programs in selected Allegheny County Neighborhoods* (Co-PIs: John Wallace and Michael Yonas)  
Identified youth violence prevention programs and co-authored technical report for the United Way and the Pittsburgh Youth Crime Prevention Council.

#### **SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2018            The Food Project Institute. A three-day intensive seminar on youth development, sustainable farming, and food systems.
- 2018            Academic Technology Advisory Board (ATAB) Geospatial Mapping Group. A year-long interdisciplinary faculty cohort for professional development in digital scholarship using geospatial mapping.
- 2018            Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) Called to Serve: Preparing Students for Careers Working with and for Others Cohort. A year-long faculty learning community.
- 2017            National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grant Writing Coaching Group. (Participant through application).
- 2016            Academic Technology Advisory Board (ATAB) Mediakron Special Projects Cohort. A year-long faculty learning community for professional development in digital pedagogies.
- 2016            Intersections and Volunteer Service Learning Center Nicaragua Faculty Staff Immersion Trip.
- 2014            Mentoring Workshop in Child Well-Being. Presented by Annie E. Casey Foundation and Chapin Hall. Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD. (September 3-4). (Participant through application).
- 2012            Multilevel Statistical Modeling. Presented by Statistical Horizons, Dr. Tenko Raykov. Temple University. (March 23-24).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Boston College**

Fall 2018 *Basic Macro Skills*  
Spring 2018 *Community Based Participatory Research (Group Independent Study)*  
Spring 2017 *GIS and Spatial Data Analysis (Independent Study)*  
Fall 2016 *Human Behavior and the Social Environment (2 sections)*  
Fall 2015 *Human Behavior and the Social Environment (2 sections)*

### **West Virginia University**

Spring 2015 *Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Organizations, Groups, and Communities*  
Fall 2014 *Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Individual Development within the Family Context*

### **University of Pittsburgh**

Spring 2014 *Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work*  
Fall 2013 *Human Behavior and the Social Environment*  
Spring 2013 *Human Behavior and the Social Environment (Teaching Assistant)*  
*Intimate Partner Violence (Teaching Assistant)*  
Fall 2012 *Human Behavior and the Social Environment (Teaching Assistant)*

### **University of New Hampshire**

Fall 2005 *Social Work Practice: Interventions with Individuals and Families (Teaching Assistant)*  
Spring 2004 *Social Work Practice: Interventions with Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Teaching Assistant)*

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2010-2015 Neighborhood Assessment Consultant  
Operation Better Block, Inc.  
Developed neighborhood property assessment tool and managed parcel-level assessment in the Homewood neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Assisted in developing and implementing door-to-door survey of neighborhood social and environmental conditions. Created resident-friendly research reports to distribute findings to neighborhood residents.

2010-2013 Program Evaluator  
Operation Better Block, Inc. Junior Green Corps Program  
Developed and implemented data collection and analysis tools to evaluate the effectiveness of youth career development program. Compiled data into reports for program and funder use.

2011-2012 Schweitzer Environmental Fellow  
Homewood Children's Village and Operation Better Block, Inc.  
Supervised adolescent participants in community clean-ups, gardening, and tree plantings. Implemented environmental education and work readiness curriculum and provided mentoring and social support.

2009-2010 Community-Based Research Associate  
University of Pittsburgh and Operation Better Block, Inc.  
Managed community based research partnership between non-profit organization and university; recruited and trained resident research partners.

- 2007-2008     Legislative Intern  
 State Representative Chelsa Wagner, Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
 Researched policy and legislation and prepared policy briefs.  
 Collaborated with residents to foster multi-neighborhood development initiatives.  
 Advocated for sustainable development through municipal government partnerships.
- 2007-2008     Community Arts Planner  
 Friendship Development Associates, Inc.  
 Engaged artists and community members in the development and implementation of arts related programs and events for urban youth. Co-authored grant that secured \$45,000 for business district development.
- 2005-2007     Child Protective Service Worker, Assessment Division  
 New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth, and Families  
 Recruited through the IV-E Child Welfare Scholarship program. Interviewed children to assess safety risks. Implemented culturally relevant interventions for families.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2016-2017     Member, Boston College School of Social Work Workload Policy Task Force  
 2016-present   Member, Boston College School of Social Work Executive Board  
 2015-present   Member, Health/Mental Health concentration committee, Boston College School of Social Work  
 2015-present   Member, Macro concentration committee, Boston College School of Social Work  
 2014-2015     Member, PhD Committee, West Virginia University School of Social Work  
 2014-2015     Member, BSW Committee, West Virginia University School of Social Work  
 2013-2014     Member, BASW Committee, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
 2012-2013     President, University of Pittsburgh Social Work Doctoral Student Organization  
 2010-2011     Vice President, University of Pittsburgh Social Work Doctoral Student Organization

### ***Service to the Doctoral Program***

Doctoral Admissions Reviewer (2015-present)

Publishable Paper Committee Member:

- Kathleen Nielsen (2016)
- Elizabeth Gruenfeld (2016)

Research Assistants (funded):

- Victor Figuereo (2016)
- Robert Rosales (2016)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2016-present   Invited member, Mayor Martin Walsh's Office of Resilience and Racial Equity, Research and Evaluation Collaborative  
 2015-present   Member, Urban Research Based Action Network (URBAN) Boston Steering Committee  
 2015-present   City of Newton Economic Growth for all Coalition, Health and Well Being work group  
 2014-2015     Board member, Operation Better Block, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA  
 2013-2016     Schweitzer Fellowship Pittsburgh Mentor  
 2013            Schweitzer Fellowship Pittsburgh Selection Committee

## **EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- 2018-present Journal of Community Practice, Editorial Board
- 2017-present Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA) Awards Selection Committee  
SSWR Special Interest Group (SIG): Youth Participatory Research and Practice, Co-Convener
- 2016-present EcoHealth, Ad hoc reviewer  
Sustainability, Ad hoc reviewer  
Action Research Journal, Ad hoc reviewer  
Families in Society, Ad hoc reviewer  
International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Ad hoc reviewer  
Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Ad hoc reviewer
- SSWR Special Interest Group (SIG): Changing Urban and Global Environments: Research and Intervention, Co-Convener
- 2016 Du Bois Review, Co-Editor, Special Issue on Race and Environmental Equity  
Ad hoc book reviewer, Oxford University Press  
Council on Social Work and Education (CSWE) abstract reviewer
- 2015-present Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, Editorial board  
Child Indicators Research, Ad hoc reviewer  
Journal of Community Practice, Ad hoc reviewer  
Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Ad hoc reviewer  
ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information, Ad hoc reviewer  
Public Library of Science (PLOS) ONE, Ad hoc reviewer  
Journal of Adolescent Research, Ad hoc reviewer
- 2014 Ad hoc book reviewer, Oxford University Press

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- 2017 Social Work Grand Challenge: Climate change, natural disasters affect well-being. NASW Press, February 2017, Vol. 62, No. 2.  
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- 2011 In the Face of Stark Environmental Health Disparities, Harnessing Youth Voices as Neighborhood Change Agents: Five Questions for a Fellow with Samantha Teixeira  
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<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10200/1073706-53.stm>

Street studies: Afoot in Homewood  
<http://blogs.sites.post-gazette.com/index.php/news/city-walkabout/8446-street-studies-afoot-in-homewood>

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM software)  
GIS (ArcGIS)  
ATLAS.ti (Qualitative data analysis)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)  
Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA)  
Alliance for Strong Families and Communities  
Urban Affairs Association (UAA)