

# 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—April 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

Community-based research, participatory research, CBPR, YPAR, youth empowerment, neighborhood effects on youth, environmental justice, social and spatial inequality

### Google Scholar Profile:

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## PUBLICATIONS

(underlined denotes community partner co-author; \* denotes student co-author)

### *Peer-Reviewed*

1. **Teixeira, S.**, Hwang, D. \*, Spielvogel, B. \*, Cole, K., & Coley, R. (2020). Participatory photo mapping (PPM) to understand youths’ experiences in a public housing neighborhood preparing for redevelopment. *Housing Policy Debate*. DOI: 10.1080/10511482.2020.1741422
2. Rao, S. \* ^ & **Teixeira, S.** ^ (2020). The Green New Deal: Social work's role in environmental justice policy. *Social Work*, 65(2), 197-200. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swaa004>. ( ^ Equal Contributors)
3. **Teixeira, S.**, Lombe, M., Figuereo, V. \*, Chu, Y. \*, Wang, K. \*, Bartholomew, M. \*, Rosales, R. \*, Perez-Aponte, J. \*, McRoy, R., Rambo, D., & Mayes, L. (2020). University and community agency partnerships: Implications for teaching, scholarship, and service. *Journal of Social Work Education*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2020.1713943>

4. Hokanson, K. \*, Neville, S. \*, **Teixeira, S.**, Singer, E., Berzin, S. (2019). "There are a lot of good things that come out of it at the end:" Voices of resilient foster youth during emerging adulthood. *Child Welfare, 97* (6), 233-249.
5. **Teixeira, S.**, Mathias, J., & Krings, A. (2019). The future of environmental social work: Looking to community initiatives for models of prevention. *Journal of Community Practice, 27*(3-4), 414-429, doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2019.1648350
6. Woo, B. \*, Kravitz-Wirtz, N., Sass, V., Crowder, K., **Teixeira, S.**, & Takeuchi, D. (2019). Residential segregation and racial/ethnic disparities in ambient air pollution. *Race and Social Problems, 11*(1), 60-67. doi: 10.1007/s12552-018-9254-0
7. **Teixeira, S.** & Zuberi, A. (2018). Neighborhood social and environmental factors and asthma among children living in low-income neighborhoods: The importance of informal social control. *Family and Community Health, 41*(4), 214-224. doi: 10.1097/FCH.0000000000000202
8. 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.
9. 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 youths' healthy development. *Social Work, 63*(2), 135-143. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swx059>
10. Ferguson, K., **Teixeira, S.**, Wernick, L., & Burghardt, S. (2018). Macro interventions and their influence on individual and community well-being. *Journal of Social Work, 18*(6), 679-702. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1468017318757160>
11. 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. doi: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2017.10.002
12. **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
13. **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>
14. 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
15. **Teixeira, S.** & Hash, K. (2017). Tweeting macro practice: Social media in the social work classroom. *Journal of Social Work Education, 53*(4), 751-758.
16. **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

17. 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
18. **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
19. 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
20. **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
21. **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
22. **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
23. 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
24. 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.
25. **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
26. **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***
27. 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.

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

28. **Teixeira, S.** & Kennedy, H. (Under Review). Social work and Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR): Past, present, and future. *Social Work*.
29. **Teixeira, S.**, Richards-Schuster, K., Augsberger, A., & Sprague Martinez, L. (Under Review). Participatory research approaches with youth: Ethics, engagement, and meaningful action. *American Journal of Community Psychology*.

### ***Publications in Late Stages of Preparation***

30. **Teixeira, S.**, Richards-Schuster, K., Sprague Martinez, L., Augsberger, A., & Evans, K.\* Opportunities to “Make Macro Matter” through the Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative.
31. Zuberi, A. & **Teixeira, S.** Death and taxes: Going beyond poverty to examine the spatial inequality in premature death.

### ***Book Chapters***

1. **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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

### ***Book Chapters in Preparation***

4. Forbes, R., Krings, A., Minnick, D., Mitchell, F., **Teixeira, S.**, & Billiot, S. (In preparation for June submission). Creating social responses to a changing environment. In Martell Teasley, Michael Spencer, and Melissa Bartholomew (Eds.), *Racism and The Grand Challenges for the Social Work Profession*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

### ***Reports and Briefs***

1. Coley, R., **Teixeira, S.**, Hwang, D.\*, Spielvogel, B.\*, Lown, J.\* (2020). Mary Ellen McCormack Resident Survey 2019.
2. \*Hokanson, K. & **Teixeira, S.** (2020). Youth and adult perspectives on the Sparkshare youth-driven community impact model.
3. Chu, Y.\*, Enelamah, N.\*, Suzuki, L.\*, Lombe, M., & **Teixeira, S.** (2019). Centre Street Food Pantry Study Report.
4. Chu, Y.\*, Figuereo, 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.
5. 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.

6. **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**

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

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2020	Boston College School of Social Work Mentor of the Year Award
2019	Faculty Fellowship (pre-tenure research leave), Boston College Office of the Provost
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 <i>Journal of Community Practice</i>
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

### **FUNDING**

2020	Russell Sage Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Co-P.I.: \$25,916) <i>Moving Communities to Opportunity: Exploring Public Housing Redevelopment as a Strategy for Addressing Structural Barriers to Economic Mobility</i> Principal Investigators: Samantha Teixeira and Rebekah Levine Coley
2019	United Way of Massachusetts Bay (Consultant, Co-P.I.: \$20,000) <i>Mary Ellen McCormack Community of Opportunity Survey</i> Principal Investigators: Samantha Teixeira, Rebekah Levine Coley
2019	Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD) and the Corcoran Center for Real Estate and Urban Action (P.I.: \$2,500) <i>Caribbeans in Boston: An Integral and Growing Population</i>

- 2019 Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston (Co-P.I.: \$500)  
*The Longitudinal Impacts of Participation in a Community-Based Teen Center: Key Stakeholder Interviews*  
Principal Investigators: Margaret Lombe, Samantha Teixeira, Ruth McRoy
- 2018 Boston College, Office of the Provost (Co-P.I.: \$25,000)  
*Understanding the Effects of Large Scale Housing Transformation on Families and Children: A Longitudinal Study of Public Housing Residents in South Boston*  
Principal Investigators: Samantha Teixeira, Rebekah Levine Coley, and Neil McCullagh
- 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)

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 **Teixeira, S.** Youth Participatory Action Research: A Conversation and Networking Event. Invited presentation co-sponsored by the Urban Research Based Action Network (URBAN), Simmons University Community Engagement and Simmons University College of Social Sciences, Policy, and Practice. Boston, MA (March 25). (Canceled due to Covid-19).
- 2019 **Teixeira, S.,** Sprague Martinez, L., Augsberger, A., & Richards-Schuster, K. Youth participatory research: Ethical considerations and lessons learned from experience. Invited roundtable presentation, American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting and Expo. Philadelphia, PA (November 2-6).
- Teixeira, S.** Community strategies for countering violence: Contributions of participatory research. Invited presentation for European delegation of the U.S. State Department International Visitor Leadership Program hosted by World Boston. Boston, MA (June 6).
- 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).

## **REFEREED PRESENTATIONS**

2020 **Teixeira, S.**, Augsberger, A., Richards-Schuster, K., & Evans, K.\* Opportunities to "Make Macro Matter" through the Grand Challenges for Social Work. Oral presentation. Macro Conference 2020. St. Louis, MO (May 28-30). (Conference canceled due to Covid-19).

**Teixeira, S.**, Rao, S.\*, Luce, C., Billiot, S., & Mitchell, F. The Green New Deal and its social work implications: A critical examination and discussion. Roundtable presentation. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 15-19).

**Teixeira, S.**, Levine Coley, R., Hwang, D.\*, Spielvogel, B.\*, Hokanson, K.\*, Cole, K. Participatory Photo Mapping (PPM) to understand youths' experiences in a public housing neighborhood preparing for redevelopment. Oral presentation. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 15-19).

Sonsteng, M., Ritterbusch, A., **Teixeira, S.**, Richards-Schuster, K., Mikell, D., Advancing justice or tokenism? A critical discussion of the past and future of participatory approaches to research in social work. Roundtable presentation. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 15-19).

**Teixeira, S.**, Mathias, J. Krings, A. Looking to community initiatives for models of prevention in environmental social work. Oral presentation. Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC (January 15-19).

2019 Hokanson, K.\* & **Teixeira, S.**, & Silverston, N. The SparkShare project: Moving youth organizations from local activism to regional impact. Oral presentation, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO (October 24-27).

**Teixeira, S.** & Evans, K.\*, Lombe, M., Wallace, J.M., & Ohmer, M. A view from all sides: Preparing students for community-engaged research. Oral presentation, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO (October 24-27).

**Teixeira, S.** Richards-Schuster, K., Sprague-Martinez, L., Augsberger, A. Participatory research with youth: Best practices for social work and lessons learned from experience. Workshop, Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. San Francisco, CA. (January 16-20).

2018 **Teixeira, S.**, Lombe, M., Wang, K.\*, Figueroa, V.\*, Rosales, R.\*, Chu, Y.\*, Jones, K.\*, & Ingberman, 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).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020 Co-Principal Investigators: Russell Sage Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (\$25,916); Co-PIs: Samantha Teixeira, Rebekah Levine Coley  
*Moving Communities to Opportunity: Exploring Public Housing Redevelopment as a Strategy for Addressing Structural Barriers to Economic Mobility*  
This project will assess the community contexts of public housing developments across the US, using quasi-experimental methods to answer: (1) How does redevelopment of public housing into mixed-income housing affect concentrated disadvantage, presence of resources, and presence of stressors in the community? (2) Do shifts in concentrated disadvantage, resources and stressors vary based upon geographic characteristics of the public housing sites, such as racial make-up and local economic conditions? 3) What characteristics shift most quickly, driving later neighborhood improvements in factors related to economic mobility? Results will have direct import for policy aimed at combating poverty to create economically integrated, resource-rich communities.

2019 Co-Principal Investigators: United Way of Massachusetts Bay (\$20,000); Co-PIs: Samantha Teixeira, Rebekah Levine Coley  
*Mary Ellen McCormack Community of Opportunity Survey*

Consulted on an effort to develop a survey of residents of the Mary Ellen McCormack public housing development to better understand their health and well-being at baseline, prior to a large-scale redevelopment of their community. After data collection, we will analyze the data and provide a report to inform an integrated services plan for residents.

Principal Investigator: Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD) and the Corcoran Center for Real Estate and Urban Action (P.I.: \$2,500)

*Caribbeans in Boston: An Integral and Growing Population*

Trained and supervised graduate assistant to conduct key stakeholder interviews and surveys to inform a report on demographic, housing, and neighborhood conditions of Caribbean residents in the Boston area.

- 2018 Co-Principal Investigator: Boston College Ignite Grant (\$25,000); Co-PIs: Rebekah Levine Coley, and Neil McCullagh  
*Understanding the Effects of Large Scale Housing Transformation on Families and Children: A Longitudinal Study of Public Housing Residents in South Boston*  
This study aimed to illuminate the experiences of residents of the Mary Ellen McCormack (MEM) homes, one of the largest public housing developments in New England, as they experience a massive redevelopment. We assessed residents' current service usage and needs to identify gaps in services leading up to the redevelopment of the property. We used mixed methods including the design of a longitudinal survey and qualitative, participatory methods to engage the residents to understand how resident displacement, relocation, and residence in a mixed-income community affects resident engagement, family functioning, and child and adult health and well-being.
- 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 aimed 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 aimed 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**

- 2019 Tips and Tactics for Talking about Race: A Toolkit for Social Workers in the New Millennium. One-day training provided by Kenneth V. Hardy, Drexel University.
- 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**

- Spring 2020 Instructor, Doctoral Research Internship  
Fall 2019 Instructor, Doctoral Research Internship  
Summer 2019 Instructor, *Community Organizing and Political Strategies*  
Spring 2019 Instructor, *Community-Based Participatory Research*  
Instructor, Doctoral Publishable Paper

Instructor, Doctoral Research Internship  
 Instructor, Doctoral Teaching Practicum  
 Fall 2018 Instructor, *Basic Skills in Macro Social Work Practice*  
 Instructor, Doctoral Research Internship  
 Instructor, Doctoral Publishable Paper  
 Spring 2018 Instructor, *Community-Based Participatory Research*  
 Instructor, Doctoral Teaching Practicum  
 Spring 2017 Instructor, *GIS and Spatial Data Analysis (Independent Study)*  
 Fall 2016 Instructor, *Human Behavior and the Social Environment* (2 sections)  
 Fall 2015 Instructor, *Human Behavior and the Social Environment* (2 sections)

Course Developed:

Spring 2018 *Community-Based Participatory Research (MSW level)*

**West Virginia University**

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

**University of Pittsburgh**

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

**University of New Hampshire**

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

**POST-MSW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

2010-2015 Neighborhood Assessment Consultant  
 Operation Better Block, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA  
 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, Pittsburgh, PA  
 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., Pittsburgh, PA

Supervised youth participants in community clean-ups, gardening, and tree plantings. Implemented environmental education and work readiness curriculum and provided mentoring and social support.

- 2009-2014     Research Associate  
Gist Design, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA  
Conducted primary research for human-centered design firm. Moderated one-on-one interviews and focus groups, analyzed qualitative and quantitative data, prepared reports for clients to drive product innovation processes.
- 2009-2010     Community-Based Research Associate  
University of Pittsburgh and Operation Better Block, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA  
Managed community-based research partnership between non-profit organization and university; recruited and trained resident research partners.

## **POST-BACHELOR'S PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

- 2007-2008     Legislative Intern  
State Representative Chelsa Wagner, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Pittsburgh, PA  
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., Pittsburgh, PA  
Engaged artists and community members in the development and implementation of arts related programs and events for 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, Portsmouth and Nashua, NH  
Recruited through the IV-E Child Welfare Scholarship program. Interviewed children to assess safety risks. Implemented culturally relevant interventions for families.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **Boston College**

- 2019-present     Co-Chair, Macro Specialization  
2019-present     Member, Academic Planning Committee  
2019-present     Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Curricular Committee  
2016-2018        Member, Boston College School of Social Work Executive Board  
2016-2017        Member, Boston College School of Social Work Workload Policy Task Force  
2016-2017        Advisor, Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center Community Research Program, Boston College  
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

### **Prior to BCSSW**

- 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 and Mentorship Activities***

- Dorothy Book Award Reviewer (2020)
- Doctoral Admissions Reviewer (2015-present)

Publishable Paper Chair:

- Josh Lown (2020)
- Kimberly Hokanson (2018)

Publishable Paper Committee Member:

- Kathleen Nielsen (2016)
- Elizabeth Gruenfeld (2016)
- Jaime Perez-Aponte (2020)

Research Assistants:

- Joshua Lown (2019-present)
- Bryn Spielvogel (2018-present) (Lynch School of Education and Human Development)
- Dabin Hwang (2018-present) (Lynch School of Education and Human Development)
- Kimberly Hokanson (2018)
- Victor Figuereo (2016)
- Robert Rosales (2016)

Teaching Assistants:

- Pooja Paul (2019)
- Kerri Evans (2018)

Dissertation Co-Chair:

- Smitha Rao (2020)

Dissertation Committee Member:

- Bryn Spielvogel (2018-present) (Lynch School of Education and Human Development)
- Kerri Evans (2019-2020)
- Kristi Roybal (2020) (University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2018-present Member, Mary Ellen McCormack Community of Opportunity Collaborative  
2018-present Volunteer, Sparkshare Boston  
2016-2017 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  
2015-2017 Member, 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

### *Editorial Activities*

- 2018-present *Journal of Community Practice*, Editorial Board  
2016 *Du Bois Review*, Guest Editor, Special Issue on Race and Environmental Equity  
2015-present *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, Editorial board

### *Ad hoc Reviewer* (journals listed alphabetically)

*American Journal of Community Psychology, American Journal of Public Health, Action Research Journal, Child Indicators Research, Criminology, EcoHealth, Environmental Sociology, Families in Society, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information, Journal of Adolescent Research, Journal of Social Work, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Journal of Youth Studies, PLOS One, Qualitative Health Research, Sustainability, The Lancet: Planetary Health Youth and Society*

### *Professional Service*

- 2020-present Co-Chair, Communities and Neighborhoods SSWR Conference Cluster  
2019-present Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA) board of directors (elected)  
2018-present Grand Challenge to Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment, Advancing Research and Practice Working Group, Co-Lead  
2017-present Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA) Awards Selection Committee  
2017-present SSWR Special Interest Group (SIG): Youth Participatory Research and Practice, Co-Convener  
2016-present SSWR Special Interest Group (SIG): Changing Urban and Global Environments: Research and Intervention, Co-Convener  
2016 Council on Social Work and Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting abstract reviewer  
2014-present Ad hoc book reviewer, Oxford University Press

## MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2019 Doing Research on—and with—Local Communities  
NASW Social Work Advocates Magazine, Feb-March 2019.  
[NASW Advocates Article](#)

How the neighborhood you grow up in affects your future  
PublicSource, December 2019  
<https://projects.publicsource.org/pittsburgh-neighborhood-success/>

- 2017 Social Work Grand Challenge: Climate change, natural disasters affect well-being. NASW Press, February 2017, Vol. 62, No. 2.  
<http://www.socialworkblog.org/featured-articles/2017/02/climate-change-natural-disasters-affect-well-being/>



- 2014 Homewood works on renewal bit by bit  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2014/01/27/Building-a-better-block/stories/201401270058>
- 2011 Homewood teens focus on 'green' movement  
<https://old.post-gazette.com/pg/11360/1199343-53-0.stm>
- 2011 In the Face of Stark Environmental Health Disparities, Harnessing Youth Voices as Neighborhood Change Agents: Five Questions for a Fellow with Samantha Teixeira  
<https://bit.ly/2ZsZIs1>
- 2010 System offers wealth of information for solving Pittsburgh's problems  
<https://old.post-gazette.com/pg/10200/1073706-53.stm>
- Street studies: Afoot in Homewood  
[http://blogs.post-gazette.com/index.php/news/city-walkabout/8446-street-studies\\_afoot-in-homewood](http://blogs.post-gazette.com/index.php/news/city-walkabout/8446-street-studies_afoot-in-homewood)

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM software)  
Geospatial analysis (ArcGIS)  
Qualitative data analysis (ATLAS.ti and NVivo)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)  
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)  
Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA)