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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Environmental Psychology, 2013
Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Dissertation: “*From Property Abandonment to Predatory Equity: Writings on Financialization and Urban Space in New York City*”

M.Phil, Environmental Psychology, 2009
Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

B.A., Psychology, 2002
University of California at Santa Barbara.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, 2016

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014- Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield.
2013-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies, Queens College of the City University of New York.
2010-2012 Instructor, Department of Behavioral Sciences, New York Institute of Technology.

AFFILIATIONS

2015- Associate Fellow, Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute, University of Sheffield

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Fields, D. (in press). Unwilling Subjects of Financialization. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.

Beswick, J., Alexandri, G., Byrne, M., Vives-Miró, S., **Fields, D.**, Hodkinson, S., and Janoschka, M. (2016). The rise of global corporate landlords in ‘post-crisis’ urban landscapes: A glimpse of London’s housing future? *City*, 20(2), 330-350.

- Output of “Researching Transnational Landlords” workshop organized by Fields and Hodkinson; authors listed in reverse order of seniority; all contributed equally.

Fields, D. and Uffer, S.M. (2016). The financialization of rental housing: A comparative analysis of New York City and Berlin. *Urban Studies*, 53(7), 1486-1502.

Fields, D. (2015). Contesting the financialization of urban space: Community-based organizations and the struggle to preserve affordable rental housing in New York City. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 37(2), 144-165.

Wissoker, P., **Fields, D.**, Weber, R. and Wyly, E. (2014). Rethinking real estate finance in the wake of a boom: A celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the special issues on property and finance in *Environment and Planning A*. *Environment and Planning A*, 46(12), 2787-2794. Introduction to open access virtual reader on Property and Finance. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1Z0lMzm>

Libman, K., **Fields, D.**, Saegert, S. (2012). Housing and health: A social ecological perspective on The United States foreclosure crisis. *Housing, Theory and Society*, 29(1), 1-24.

Libman, K., **Fields, D.**, Saegert, S. (2012). Toward a research agenda at the intersections of housing and health. *Housing, Theory and Society*: 29(1), 47-55.

Fields, D. (2011). Emotional refuge? Dynamics of place and belonging among formerly homeless individuals with mental illness. *Emotion, Space and Society*, 4(4), 258-267.

Saegert, S., **Fields, D.**, Libman, K. (2011). Mortgage foreclosure and health disparities: Serial displacement as asset extraction in African-American populations. *Journal of Urban Health*, 88(3), 390-402.

Fields, D., Libman, K. & Saegert, S. (2010). Turning everywhere, getting nowhere: Experiences of seeking help for mortgage delinquency and their implications for foreclosure prevention. *Housing Policy Debate*, 20(4), 647-686.

Saegert, S., **Fields, D.** & Libman, K. (2009). Deflating the dream: Radical risk and the neoliberalization of homeownership. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 31(3), 297-317.

- Awarded *JUA*'s Best Article of 2009 by the Urban Affairs Association

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Fields, D. (revised manuscript under review). Governing Urban Crisis: A Genealogy. *Environment and Planning A*.

Fields, D. (preparing revisions). Constructing a New Asset Class: Resurrecting Financialization after the Crisis. *Economic Geography*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Saegert, S., Libman, K. & **Fields, D.** (2009). Health and Housing: An interdisciplinary and social ecological analysis of the US foreclosure crisis as it relates to health. In: N. Freudenberg, S. Saegert and S. Klitzman (eds.), Urban Health: Interdisciplinary approaches to research and practice (161-178). San Francisco: Jossey Bass/Wiley.

Libman, K. & **Fields, D.** (2008). Ethical and Methodological Considerations in the Use of Video Messages in Social Science Research. In: M. Downing and L. Tenney, M. (eds.), Video Vision: Changing the Culture of Social Science Research (80-101). Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

ESSAYS, REVIEWS, AND COMMENTARY

García, M., **Fields, D.**, Font, M., and Garcia, G. (2015). Resisting the Next Wave of Speculation in Spain. *ROAR Magazine*. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1ILZwaB> Collaborative translation from original 2015 piece in Catalan published in *La Directa*. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1NZUtCg>

- Fields, D. (2015). From Foreclosure to Fair Lending: Advocacy, Organizing, Occupy, and the Pursuit of Equitable Credit, by Chester Hartman and Gregory Squires (eds.). *Antipode Foundation*, February 2015. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1O5Igtt>
- Fields, D. (2015). The Growth of the Investor Class within the Private Rented Sector. *Geography Lives* blog, University of Sheffield. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1bXHB1y>
- Fields, D. (2014). Finance as a new terrain for progressive urban politics. *Metropolitics*. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1tM6EtG>
- Fields, D. (2012). How it Works: Recovering Citizens in Post-Welfare Philadelphia by Robert Fairbanks II. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 36(1), 204-206.

REPORTS, WORKING PAPERS, AND TRADE PUBLICATIONS

- Fields, D., Kohli, R., Schafran, A.** (2016). *The Emerging Economic Geography of Single-Family Rental Securitization*. Community Development Investment Center, Working Paper 2016-02. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1OStCbR>
- Fields, D.** (2014). *The Rise of the Corporate Landlord: The Institutionalization of the Single-Family Rental Market and Potential Impacts on Renters*. Right to the City Alliance, Homes for All campaign. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1We1c2s>
- Fields, D., Justa, F, Libman, K, Saegert, S.** (2007). American Nightmare. *Shelterforce: Subprime Slide* (Special Issue), Summer 2007, #150, pp.14-17. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1PFJnCN>
- Fields, D., Housley, E., Clark, H., Saegert, S.** (2007). *Mortgage Foreclosure Emergency Prevention Program: Manhattan Community District 9 Risk Assessment and Recommendations*. Housing Environments Research Group and the Parodneck Foundation (commissioned by NY City Council). Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1Z1C68c>
- Fields, D., Libman, K., Saegert, S., Clark, H., Justa, F.** (2007). *Understanding Responses to the threat of Foreclosure among Low-income Homeowners*. Housing Environments Research Group, Center for Human Environments. Accessible at: <http://bit.ly/1PaE2Rb>

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES

Special editor (with Stuart Hodkinson). Housing Policy in Crisis. *Housing Policy Debate*. Expected publication April 2017.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2016** *Private Equity Landlords and Post-Crisis Housing Financialization in the US Sun Belt*. British Academy/Leverhulme Small Grant (£9500)
- 2015** *From Housing Crisis to Housing Justice*. Debate among social housing professionals, housing journalists, academics, and activists organized as part of the Festival of Social Science, UK Economic and Social Research Council (£1100)
- 2010-2012** *From Property Abandonment to Predatory Equity: Financialization and Urban Space in New York City*. National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Science Program: Doctoral dissertation grant (\$11,916/Award #1002780).

INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS

- 2015** Knowledge Exchange Grant, Research Exchange for Social Sciences, University of Sheffield (£1782)
- 2012** Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$1500)
- 2010** Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$1200)
- 2009** Sue Rosenberg Zalk Travel and Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$300)
- 2007** Sue Rosenberg Zalk Travel and Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$300)
Leann Rivlin Research and Travel Fund, Environmental Psychology program, CUNY Graduate Center (\$250)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

- 2013** Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award, Urban Affairs Association
- 2010** *Journal of Urban Affairs* Best Article Award (of 2009), Urban Affairs Association
- 2007** CUNY Belle Zeller Scholarship (for scholarship, public service, and leadership)

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2009-2010** Research Associate, Partnership for the Homeless, New York, NY
- 2008-2009** Research Associate, ReLearning Curve, New York, NY
- 2005-2008** Research Associate, Center for Human Environments, Graduate Center, CUNY.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Doctoral, University of Sheffield: Felicity Cannell (second supervisor), Anna Hawkins (second supervisor); Rowan Jaines (second supervisor)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Geography, University of Sheffield

- GEO114: Introduction to Human Geography (convener, 2016-17 academic year)
- GEO120: Information and Communication Skills for Geographers (convener, Autumn 2016)
- GEO117: New Horizons in Geography (Autumn 2016)
- GEO103: Region, Nation and World (convener, Spring 2015 and Autumn 2015)
- GEO151: Qualitative Methods in Human Geography (Spring 2015)
- GEO163: Information and Communication Skills for Geographers (convener, 2015-2016)
- GEO364: Urban Field Class (New York City) (Spring 2016, Autumn 2016)
- GEO358: Geographies of Europe Field Class (Lesvos, Greece) (Spring 2015)

Department of Urban Studies, Queens College (CUNY)

- Urban Poverty and Affluence (Fall 2013 and Spring 2014)
- Community Organization (Fall 2013, mixed undergraduate and masters)

- Shaping the Future of New York City (Spring 2014, undergraduate honors seminar)

Department of Behavioral Sciences, New York Institute of Technology

- Environmental Psychology (Fall, 2010-2012)
- Urban Society (Spring, 2011-2012)
- Curriculum development: seminar on housing and community development, developed as part of University-wide curriculum transformation process.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010-2013 Program Assistant/Acting Assistant Director, Mellon Transdisciplinary Committees for Globalization and Social Change, Study of Religion and Interdisciplinary Science Studies. Graduate Center, CUNY

2002-2005 Counselor/case manager, Progress Foundation, San Francisco, CA

INVITED LECTURES, PLENARIES, AND KEYNOTES (*denotes plenary or keynote)

2017 *Automated Landlord: Rent Relations, Financialization, and the Digital Turn. (plenary forthcoming in June). Unreal Estate? Rethinking Housing, Class, and Identity. ISA-RC43 Housing and the Built Environment conference. Hong Kong.

Automated Landlord (forthcoming in February). Economic Worlds Seminar Series, University of Nottingham.

2016 Unwilling Subjects of Financialization. Workshop on Risk, Financialization, Intimacy, and Family. Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

*Big Money, Local Lives: Globalization, Development, and the Affordable Housing Crisis. Pittsburgh Housing Summit: Human Rights, Affordable Housing, and Urban Development Strategies. University of Pittsburgh, US.

Constructing a New Asset Class: Resurrecting Financialization After the Crisis. Critical Finance Seminar. Centre for Research Architecture, Goldsmiths University, UK.

The Financialization of Rental Housing and Post-Crisis Urban Landscapes. International Conference on Barcelona's New Housing Bubble: Rental Market, Gentrification, and Tourism. Observatorio DESC (Organization for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) and Barcelona City Council, Spain.

*Financialization, Rental Housing, and Urban Space After the Crisis. Diputació de Barcelona (Barcelona Provincial Council) annual conference, Spain.

Right to Housing and Social Production of the Habitat (declined). Habitat III Thematic Meeting on Public Space in in Barcelona, Spain, sponsored by United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development.

2015 Distressed-as-Desirable Assets: Reassembling Financialization. Political Economy Research Group, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, UK.

Distressed-as-Desirable Assets: Assembling Post-crisis Geographies of Financialization. Postgraduate Research Network seminar, Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute, UK.

Assembling the Single-Family Rental Market: Post-Crisis Geographies of Financialization in the U.S. Center for Urban Research, University of York, UK.

- 2014** Finance and Inequality in Europe (panelist). Leeds University Business School, UK.
Rise of the Corporate Landlord. Cities and Social Justice Research Group, Department of Geography, University of Leeds, UK.
Financialization and Urban Political Struggles. House of the Commons: Exploring Creative Solutions to the Housing Crisis. Oxford, UK.
Lending, Debt and Foreclosure: The Real Estate Show Extended (panelist). ABC No Rio, New York, US.
- 2013** Career Paths and the Job Market (panelist). Critical Social-Personality and Environmental Psychology lecture series. The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, US.
Financialization, Real Estate and the Production of Urban Space. Urban Affairs lecture series. Queens College, City University of New York, US.
- 2012** Financialization and Urban Space: Predatory Equity, Rent Relations and Community Practice in New York City. Financialization and Urban Change (lecture series). Rutgers University, New Jersey, US.
Financialization and Urban Space: Predatory Equity, Rent Relations and Community Practice in New York City. Cities, Society and Space series at the University of Chicago, US.
- 2011** Predatory Equity and Rental Housing Quality and Security in New York City. Festschrift for Rodrick Wallace. New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, US.
- 2009** Beyond Bodies: Mortgage Foreclosure as Serial Displacement (with Kimberly Libman and Susan Saegert). Housing, Health and Serial Displacement (conference organized by the New York Academy of Medicine Working Group on Serial Displacement). New York Academy of Medicine, New York, US.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PANELS

- 2016** Decommodifying Home. Beyond the Zombie Economy: Building a Common Agenda for Change. Political Economy Research Centre at Goldsmith's College, London.
Market Logics in Housing Policy and Practice: An Exploration of the Relationship Between Financialization and Privatization (panelist). Urban Affairs Association. San Diego, CA.
Automated Landlord: Informational Practices and the Financialization of Renting. Association of American Geographers. San Francisco, CA.
Paths of Post-Crisis Financialization. Seminar on the Real Estate/Financial Complex. University of Leuven, Belgium.
- 2015** Distressed-as-Desirable Assets: Assembling Post-Crisis Geographies of Financialization. Doing Global Urban Research. Loughborough University, UK

Distressed-as-Desirable Assets: Post-Crisis Representations of Housing. Research Committee on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociology Association. Urbino, Italy.

Young People Coping with Austerity in a Hot Housing Market: The Case of 'Live-in-Guardians' (with Sarah Marie Hall and Mark Jayne). Generation Rent seminar. University of Sheffield.

- 2014** Toward a New Politics for Urban America? Prospects and Possibilities in the Post-Obama Age (panelist). Urban Affairs Association. San Antonio, TX.
- Rethinking Real Estate in the Wake of a Boom: A 20th Anniversary Celebration of the *Environment and Planning A* special issues on Property and Finance. Association of American Geographers. Tampa FL.
- 2013** Financialization and changing social relations of rent: Implications for an urban politics of finance. Urban Affairs Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Financialization and changing social relations of rent: Implications for an urban politics of finance. Association of American Geographers. Los Angeles, CA
- 2012** Financialization as a Context for Action: Community-Based Organizations and the Struggle to Preserve Affordable Rental Housing in New York City. Urban Affairs Association. Pittsburgh, PA
- The Socio-Spatial Differentiation of Predatory Equity in New York City. Association of American Geographers. New York, NY
- 2011** Crisis Tectonics: Shifting Spatialities of Housing-based Inequality in New York City. Urban Affairs Association. New Orleans, LA
- 2010** Mapping Over: Landlord Abandonment and Mortgage Foreclosure in New York City Neighborhoods Association of American Geographers. Washington, D.C.
- Mapping Over: Landlord Abandonment and Mortgage Foreclosure in New York City Neighborhoods. Urban Affairs Association. Honolulu, HI
- 2009** Belonging in New York City Neighborhoods: Community Integration of Urban-Dwelling People with Mental Illness. Society for Community Research and Action. Montclair, NJ
- Upsetting Ontology: How Foreclosure is Reshaping the American Dream. Association of American Geographers. Las Vegas, NV
- 2008** Beyond Dreams and Nightmares: Low-income homeowners reflect on the foreclosure crisis. Urban Affairs Association. Baltimore, MD
- 2007** The Use of Video Messaging in Social Science Research: Methodological and ethical considerations. Video Vision: A Conference for the Changing Culture of Social Science Research. CUNY Graduate Center. New York, NY

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP LEADERSHIP

- 2016** Operations of Capital: Studying the Nexus of Land, Housing, and Finance Across the North-South Divide (co-organizer with Stefan Ouma). Royal Geographical Society. London, UK
- 2015** From Housing Crisis to Housing Justice. Public event held as part of the Economic and Social Research Council Festival of Social Sciences.
Property and Social Justice. Faculty of Social Science conference, University of Sheffield.
Researching Transnational Landlords. Workshop held at Birkbeck College and co-organized with Stuart Hodkinson (University of Leeds) and Jo Bates (University of Sheffield)
- 2014** Rent Relations in the Financialized Economy (co-organizer with Benjamin Teresa). Association of American Geographers. Tampa, FL.
- 2013** The Politics of Financialization: Tensions, contradictions and contestation in community practice and urban governance (co-organizer with Benjamin Teresa). Urban Affairs Association. San Francisco, CA.
The Politics of Financialization: Tensions, contradictions and contestation in community practice and urban governance (co-organizer with Benjamin Teresa). Association of American Geographers. Los Angeles, CA
- 2012** The Financialization of Housing and Real Estate in Global Perspective (co-organizer with Daniel Sanfelici). Association of American Geographers. New York, NY.
- 2011** Graduate Urban Research Network (organizer). Urban Affairs Association. New Orleans, LA
- 2010** Reproduction of Urban Inequality in New York City (co-organizer with Katie Himmelfarb). Association of American Geographers. Washington, D.C.

ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

- 2014** Summer Institute in Urban Studies, cities@Manchester: University of Manchester.
- 2013** Cultures of Finance Summer Seminar, Institute for Public Knowledge: New York University.
- 2009** Urban Inclusion and Exclusion in Comparative Perspective, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Humboldt University.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Early Career Representative, Urban Geography Research Group, 2016-

URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION

Best Conference Paper Award committee, 2015

Emerging Scholar Award selection committee, 2014

Membership committee, 2013

Graduate student development workshops: The Dissertation Process (2014, 2016); Publication Strategies (2016); Getting Your First Job (2014, 2016)

ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND REVIEWING

Editorial advisory board, *Environment and Planning A*, 2016-2019

Associate editor, *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*, 2014-

Grant reviewer, Economic and Social Research Council

Book proposal reviewer, Routledge Press; SAGE Publications

Article reviewer: *Acta Sociologica*; *American Journal of Public Health*; *Antipode*; *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*; *Cities*; *Emotion, Space and Society*; *Environment and Planning A*; *Focaal—Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*; *Geoforum*; *Housing Policy Debate*; *Housing Studies*; *International Journal of Housing Policy*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Journal of Environmental Psychology*; *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *Tijdschrift voor economische en social geografie*; *Research in Political Economy*; *Urban Affairs Review*; *Urban Geography*; *Urban Studies*

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Research Committee, Right to the City Alliance, 2012-present: support grassroots research, provide research perspective to support Housing *for All* platform, principal author of 2014 *Rise of the Corporate Landlord* report (leading to meeting at US Federal Reserve Bank).

Community land trust feasibility study. Picture the Homeless, 2011-2013: contributed to collaboration among a grassroots homeless organization and CUNY faculty, graduate students and undergraduates to develop and plan a community land trust in New York City.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Faculty

Academic liaison, Crook Public Service Fellowship

Departmental

Erasmus and Study Abroad Coordinator, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, 2014-

Student Experience Officer, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, 2015-2016

Teaching and Learning Committee, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, 2015-

Curriculum Committee, Department of Urban Studies, Queens College (CUNY), 2013-2014

MEDIA

Interviewed for: Center for Public Integrity, Ireland National Public Service Broadcasting, InvestigateWest, Provisional University, NBC News, Salon, Vice Media, Toms Dispatch.

PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY ASSOCIATIONS

Association of American Geographers

Regional Studies Association

Urban Affairs Association