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Current Positions

2023 – present Distinguished Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy,
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2000 – 2012 University of Illinois Chicago
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Other Teaching, Administrative, and Research Positions

2020 – 2023 Head of Department, Department of Urban Planning and Policy,
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2013 – 2023 Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois
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2013 – 2019 Editor-in-Chief, *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*
2013 – 2019 Faculty Affiliate, Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois
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2012 – 2019 Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research, College of Urban
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2006 – 2013 Associate Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy,
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1999 Lecturer, Urban Planning and Policy Program, University of Illinois
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1998 – 1999 Senior Associate, Center for Urban Economic Development
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1996 Lecturer, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of
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1992 – 1996 Contributing Editor, *Public Investment*, American Planning Association
1988 – 1997 Project Director/Researcher, Research & Planning Department,
Chicago Urban League

Visiting Appointments

2016	Visiting Scholar, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town
2004 – 2016	Honorary Senior Research Fellow, School of Environment & Development, University of Manchester
2015	IAS Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor, University of Bristol Law School
2013 – 2014	Hallsforth Visiting Professor, Department of Geography, University of Manchester
2010	Visiting Professor, International Political Economy and Ecology, York University (Canada)
2009	Visiting Professor, Department of Economics and Econometrics, University of Johannesburg
2009	Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Social Sciences, Cornell University
1997 – 1998	Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy, School of Geography and International Centre for Labour Studies, University of Manchester

Education

2000	PhD, Public Policy Analysis/Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois Chicago
1989	MUPP, Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois Chicago
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Publications

Books

- McKittrick K and Theodore N, eds. (2024) *Freedom is a Place: Celebrating the Scholarship, Writing, and Organizing of Ruth Wilson Gilmore*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, in progress.
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- “On the Corner: Day Labor in the United States,” University of Johannesburg Department of Economics and Econometrics, South Africa, 2009.
- “Conducting Survey Research in Complex Urban Environments,” University of Johannesburg Department of Economics and Econometrics, South Africa, 2009.
- “The Engaged University and Community Practice,” University of South Africa, Department of Social Work, Pretoria, South Africa, 2009.
- “Chicago’s Changing Economic Landscape,” *The City Revisited: Community and Community Action in the 21st Century*, University of Chicago, 2009.
- “Day Labor and the Gloves-Off Economy,” Demos, New York, 2009.
- “Fast Policy and After-Welfare Restructuring,” *Welfare State Transformation Since 1970: Comparative International Perspectives*, University of Chicago Center in Paris, France, 2009.
- “Conditional Cash Transfers in the Americas,” Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brasilia, Brazil, 2009.
- “New Labour at Work: Long-Term Unemployment and the Geography of Opportunity,” Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies, University of Newcastle, UK, 2009.
- “On the Corner: Day Labor in the United States,” Department of Geography, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2009.
- “Market Rules: Making Neoliberal Urbanism,” *The Right to the City: Prospects for a Critical Urban Theory and Practice*, Technical University, Berlin, Germany, 2008.
- “Organizing Undocumented Workers: Sectoral Strategies,” *Organizing Low-Wage Workers in 21st Century Los Angeles*, UCLA, 2008.

- “Regulating Labor Markets from Below: Day Labor Worker Centers,” *Future of Low-Wage Work in Metropolitan America conference*, CUNY Graduate Center, 2008.
- “Day Labor and the Transformation of Work,” *Transforming Work conference*, St. John’s College, University of Oxford, UK, 2008.
- “Day Labor in the United States,” Department of Geography, University of Texas-Austin, 2008.
- “Community-based Job Training in Chicago: Challenges, Strategies, Prospects,” *New Entrants in the Economy conference*, UCLA, 2008.
- “Recombinant Workfare, Across the Americas,” *Making of Global Cities conference*, University of Minnesota, 2008.
- “Labor Markets from the Bottom Up,” School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 2008.
- “Policing Urban Space: Exploring the Geographies of (In)security in Chicago,” *Cultures of Democracy? Germany and the USA at Home and Abroad*, 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Midwest Center for German and European Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007.
- “Day Labor in the United States,” Construction Economics Research Network, Washington, DC, 2007.
- “Media Representations of Day Laborers,” IV National Convention, National Day Laborer Organizing Network, Silver Spring, MD, 2007.
- “Latinos on the Front Lines of a Changing Economy,” opening plenary, *SIGLO XXI: Economies of Class, Economies of Culture*, Inter-University Program for Latino Research, Austin, 2007.
- “The Urbanization of Neoliberalism,” *Right to the City conference*, Los Angeles, 2007.
- “New Labour at Work,” *Economics of New Labour conference*, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, 2006.
- “Flexible Recession: The Temporary Staffing Industry and Labor Market Adjustment in the United States,” Institute of Employment and Technology, Gelsenkirchen, Germany, 2006.
- “Day Labor in the United States,” German-American Institute, Heidelberg, Germany, 2006.
- “Work: New Trends in the Age of Globalization and Neoliberalism,” Landau University, Landau, Germany, 2006.
- “The Temporary Staffing Industry and Labor Market Adjustment in the United States,” U.S. Embassy, Berlin, Germany, 2006.
- “Securing the City: Emerging Markets in the Private Provision of Public Safety,” *Policing Crowds conference*, Free University, Berlin, Germany, 2006.
- “The Temporary Staffing Industry and Labor Market Adjustment in the United States,” U.S. Embassy, Berlin, Germany, 2006.
- “Migration and Labor Markets in the US,” UAM-Iztapalapa, Mexico City, Mexico, 2006.

- “Day Labor in the U.S., South Africa and Japan,” Transnational Communities Workshop, Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy, 2005.
- “Labor Brokering and the Re-regulation of Low-Wage Labor Markets in the US,” University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2005.
- “Street Corner Day Labor in the United States,” University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, 2005.
- “Contingent Chicago: Restructuring the Spaces of Temporary Labor,” University of Frankfurt, Germany, 2005.
- “Evaluation of Emerging EITC Campaigns,” EITC Funders Network, Chicago, 2005.
- “Transnationalism, Social Struggle, and Everyday Life in Albany Park (Chicago),” *North American Transnational Communities* conference, Tequesquitengo, Mexico, 2005.
- “Day Labor Worker Centers: Restoring the Floor in Urban Labor Markets,” NYU Law School, 2005.
- “Options for Resolving Community Conflicts over Day Labor,” Sarah Lawrence College, 2005.
- “Day Labor in the United States,” Hofstra University, 2005.
- “Using Participatory Research to Investigate Wage and Hour Violations,” *Enforcing the Minimum Wage for Working Families: A Conference on New Strategies for Communities and Government*, NYU Law School, 2005.
- “The Effects of Outsourcing on the United States,” *Global Hiring Strategies: Exploring the New Jobs Migration in the Work Economy*, Harvard Law School, 2004.
- “Outsourcing: How Management Consultants are Leading the U.S. Jobs Exodus,” *Globalizing Civil Society from the Inside Out*, Miami, 2004.
- “Beyond the New Paternalism: A Third Sector Response to Underemployment among Social Housing Residents in Chicago,” *(Social) Housing Companies and Labor Market (Re)Integration A Comparison between North America and Germany*, John F. Kennedy-Institute, Free University, Berlin, Germany, 2004.
- “Subterranean Labor Markets in Chicago,” Metropolitan Studies seminar series, New York University, New York, 2004.
- “Closed Borders, Open Markets: Immigrant Day Laborers’ Struggle for Economic Rights,” *Contested Urban Futures* conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 2003.
- “Internationalizing Workfare: Transatlantic Policy Transfer under Neoliberal Globalization,” *Moving from Income Support to Work?* John F. Kennedy Institute, Free University, Berlin, Germany, 2003.
- Discussant, *Networking and Best Practices in Workforce Development*, Ford Foundation and New School University, New York, 2003.
- “Day Labor Organizing,” *Human Rights in Chicago* seminar series, University of Chicago Human Rights Program, Chicago, 2003.

- “Undocumented Immigrants in Metropolitan Chicago,” public forum hosted by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Chicago, 2002.
- “Temping in the U.S. Healthcare Industry,” Annual Conference of the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute, Milwaukee, WI, 2002.
- “Immigrant Worker Organizing,” Ford Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation Grantee Dialogue, Aspen, CO, 2002.
- Discussant, Industrial Restructuring and its Impact on Low-Skilled Workers: Drivers of Change/Implications for Policy and Practice, Russell Sage Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation, New York, 2002.
- “Cycles of Contingency: The Temporary Staffing Industry and Labor Market Adjustment in the US,” *International Developments in Temporary Work* conference, University of Newcastle School of Policy and Graduate Business School, Newcastle, Australia, 2002.
- “Organizing the Informal Economy,” Harvard University Trade Union Program, Cambridge, 2002.
- “Organizing Temps: Representational Rights under *Sturgis*,” *AFL-CIO’s Workers’ Rights conference*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2002
- “Day Labor, Low-Wage Work, and Immigrant Employment Opportunities in Chicago,” *Illinois Immigrant Policy Project* conference, State of Illinois Department of Human Services, Chicago, 2001.
- “The Future of Union Organizing of Temp Workers,” National Labor Relations Board, Region 13 conference on employment relations, Loyola University, Chicago, 2001.
- “The Temporary Staffing Industry and U.S. Labor Markets: Implications for the Unemployment Insurance System,” U.S. Department of Labor, *America’s Workforce Network research* conference, Washington, DC, 2001.
- “Urban Entrepreneurialism and the Future of Community-Based Job Training,” *Producing Place(s): Economy, Governance and Resistance in the New Global Context* conference, Miami University, Oxford, OH, 2000.
- “Unions and Contingent Workers,” *National Convention of the AFL-CIO*, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, Chicago, 2000.
- “Beyond ‘Employability,’” *ESRC Conference on Globalisation and Labour*, Manchester, UK, 1999.
- “Training for Living Wage Jobs,” *U.S. Department of Labor Region V Annual Leadership Conference*, Chicago, 1999.
- “The ‘Employability’ Agenda and What It Means for British Trade Unions,” Institute of Employment Rights *Conference on Equity and Economic Efficiency*, London, UK, 1999.
- “Political Economies of Workfare,” annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Madison, WI, 1999.
- “The ‘Employability’ Agenda in Europe,” *Conference on Economic Efficiency and Social Justice*, sponsored by the *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, Cambridge, UK, 1999.

- “Between Welfare and Work: Workfare and the Regulation of Contingent Labor Markets,” *1998 annual meeting of the International Working Party on Labour Market Segmentation*, Trento, Italy.
- “Planning for Social Inclusion: Lessons from the US Empowerment Zones,” Regional Studies Association conference on *Building the Social Economy*, Leeds, UK, 1998.
- “Spaces of Contingent Work,” *ESRC Seminar Unpacking the Economy: Uneven Performance and Unstable Categories*, Manchester, UK, 1998.
- “Trans-Atlantic Policy Transfer and the UK Welfare-to-Work Agenda,” Regional Studies Association research seminar, *Labour Market Institutions in Comparative Context*, Leeds, UK, 1998.
- “Welfare Reform in the Heartland: Principles, Politics and Policy in Three Midwestern States,” *Between Welfare and Work: International Exchanges* conference, Manchester, UK, 1997.
- “Targeting Occupations in Workforce Development Planning,” *Labor Market Profiling and Workforce Development* conference, Annie E. Casey Foundation and Aspen Institute, Baltimore, 1996.
- “The Panacea That Didn’t Work: The Enterprise Zone Program in Illinois,” annual issues conference of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, Springfield, IL, 1994.
- “Promoting Business Development in Minority Communities: A Role for the State of Illinois,” *Illinois House of Representatives Illinois Jobs Summit*, Springfield, IL, 1993.

Academic Conference Presentations

- “Redefining ‘Core Competencies’: How Warehouses are Reworking the Social Division of Labor,” 2023 meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Nashville.
- “Adolph Reed: On Method,” 2023 meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Nashville.
- “How Movements Move: A Policy Mobilities Approach to Studying Repertoires of Contention,” 2019 meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC.
- “Surplus Labor: Mass Unemployment and Informality in Post-Apartheid South Africa,” 2018 meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans.
- “From shock absorber to institutional mediator: the evolving macro-regulatory functions of the US temporary staffing industry,” 2018 International Labour Process Conference, Buenos Aires.
- “Economic Informality: Between and Beyond North/South,” 2018 International Urban Conference, University of Cape Town.
- “Migrant day labourers in South Africa: worker centres and the regulation of informality,” 2017 Migrating Out of Poverty conference, London.
- “Day Labor, Worker Centers and the Regulation of Contingent Work,” 2015 Inter-University Research Centre on Globalization and Work, Montreal.

- “Paying for Good Behavior: Cash Transfer Programs in the Wild,” 2015 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago.
- “Worker Centers and the Re-regulation of Day Labor Markets in the US,” International Labour Organization, Geneva, 2015.
- “Organizing-Driven Research: Lessons from the National Domestic Worker Survey,” 2015 ARNOVA conference, Chicago.
- “Thirty Years of Welfare Restructuring in Britain,” 2014 Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers annual conference, London.
- “Restricting Movements: Right-Wing Think Tanks and Anti-Immigrant Lawmaking in the US,” 2013 RC21 conference, Berlin.
- “Spaces of Illegality: Applying the Attrition-by-Enforcement Doctrine in Phoenix, Arizona,” 2013 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles.
- “Distribution at the Margins: Extending GPNs to Goods-Movement Workers,” 2012 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York City.
- “Off the Books: Day Labor in the Great Recession,” 2011 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle.
- “Transnational Paternalism, Recombinant Workfare” 2010 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
- “Labor Geographies at Work: Retrospect and Prospect,” 2010 ISA World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- “Day Labor in the United States: Informality and Exploitation,” 12th annual Metropolis Conference, Montreal, Canada, 2010.
- “Leadership Development through Popular Education: Day Laborer Organizing in the United States,” 2009 annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- “Navigating the Informal Economy: How Nonprofit Organizations are Assisting Informal Sector Workers Prepare for Precarious Work in the U.S.,” 2009 annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- “Labor Market Lockdown: Making the Ex-offender Employability Crisis,” 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas.
- Discussant: The Right to the City, 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas.
- “Day Labor Worker Centers - Workplace Dispute Resolution on the Street,” 2009 annual meeting, Labor and Employment Research Association, San Francisco.
- “Embedding Neoliberalism: Shifting Policy Paradigms and the Contradictions of Urban Revitalization,” ISA-RC21 conference, Tokyo, 2008.
- “Worker Centers: Protecting Labor Standards in the Informal Economy,” 2008 annual meeting, Labor and Employment Research Association, New Orleans.

- “Neoliberalism in Question,” 2008 meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston.
- “Day Labor and Workplace Violations in the Residential Construction Industry,” 2008 annual meeting, Labor and Employment Research Association, New Orleans.
- “Day Labor Worker Centers: Protecting Labor Standards in the Informal Economy,” 2007 annual meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Seattle.
- “After Deindustrialization: Chicago’s Search for a New Mode of Growth,” 2007 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco.
- “Common Ground: The National Day Laborer Organizing Network and the Struggle over Public Space,” 2006 annual meeting, Royal Geographical Society, London.
- “Framing Policy Choices: Immigrant-Serving Organizations and Coalition Politics in Chicago,” 2006 annual meeting, American Sociological Association, Montréal, Canada.
- “Day Labor in the United States,” 2006 annual meeting, American Association of Geographers, Chicago.
- “Migrant Civil Society: New Voices in the Struggle over Community Development,” 2006 annual meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Montréal, Canada.
- “The Changing Role of Nonprofit Providers in Chicago’s Workforce Development System,” 2005 annual meeting, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Kansas City.
- “Policy Networks among Immigrant-Serving Organizations in Chicago,” 2005 ARNOVA conference, Washington, DC.
- “Pathways of Neoliberalization: Towards a Comparative Analysis of Urban Governance Restructuring in Western Europe and North America,” 2005 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Denver.
- Discussant: *The Job Training Charade*, 2004 annual meeting, Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco.
- “Closed Borders, Open Markets: Day Laborers’ Struggle for Economic Rights,” 2004 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia.
- “Undocumented Immigrants in Chicago: The Role of Workers’ Centers,” 2002 annual meeting, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Baltimore.
- “The Temporary Staffing Industry: Growth Imperatives and Limits to Contingency,” 2002 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles.
- Discussant: New Research on Labor Market Intermediaries, 2002 annual meeting, Industrial Relations Research Association, Atlanta.
- “Temped out? Industry Rhetoric, Labor Regulation, and Economic Restructuring in the Temporary Staffing Business,” 2001 annual meeting, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- “Unpacking the Temp Industry: Convergence and Divergence in Urban Labor Markets,” 2001 annual meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Detroit.

- “Working for Social Justice: Homeless Day Laborers in Chicago,” 2001 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, New York.
- “Homeless Day Laborers in Chicago,” Remaking Chicago conference, Chicago, 2000.
- “Workforce Systems in the Entrepreneurial City: The Rise and Fall of Community-Based Job Training in Chicago,” 2001 annual meeting, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Atlanta.
- “Workforce Systems in the Entrepreneurial City: The Rise and Fall of Community-Based Job Training in Chicago,” 2001 annual meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles.
- “On the Margins of Regulation: Exploring the Boundaries of the Temporary Help Industry,” 2001 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Pittsburgh.
- “Contingent Chicago: Mapping the Geographies of Temporary Labor,” 1999 annual meeting, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Chicago.
- “Insecurity in Work and Welfare: Towards a Trans-Atlantic Model of Labour Regulation,” 1999 annual conference, Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers, Leicester, England.
- “The Limits of Policy Transfer: Innovation and Emulation in Welfare to Work,” 1999 annual meeting, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, New York.
- “Growth and Restructuring of Chicago’s Temporary Help Industry,” 1999 Conference on Chicago Research and Public Policy, Loyola University, Chicago.
- “Globalizing Capital, Localizing Labor: Philips and the Politics of Corporate Restructuring,” 1998 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston.
- “On Parallel Paths: The Clinton/Blair Agenda and the New Geopolitics of Workfare,” 1998 annual conference, Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers, Kingston, England.
- “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Day Labor Contractors and the Restructuring of Low-Wage Labor Markets in Chicago,” 1997 Inaugural International Conference in Critical Geography, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- “Trading Warm Bodies: Processing Contingent Labor in Chicago’s Temporary Services Industry,” 1997 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Fort Worth, TX.
- “Employment Networks and the Creation of Local Labor Markets,” 1996 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Charlotte, NC.
- “Employer Interviews: A Tool for Investigating Local Labor Markets,” 1995 annual meeting, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Detroit.
- “Employment Availability and Inner-City Joblessness: Implications for Job Training Policy,” 1995 annual meeting, Urban Affairs Association, Portland, OR.
- “A Place to Work, a Place to Live: Documenting the Occupational-Residential Spatial Mismatch in Chicago,” 1995 annual meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago.

- “Within the City Limits: Tapping the Economic Development Potential of Local Government Spending,” 1994 annual meeting, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago.
- “Targeting Strategies for Inner-City Business Development,” 1993 annual meeting, American Planning Association National Planning Conference, Chicago.
- “Target Market Programs: Putting the Teeth into Set-Asides in the Post-Crosby Era,” 1993 annual meeting, National Conference of Minority Public Administrators, Norfolk, VA.
- “Stimulating Business Development in the Emerging Lines of Minority Enterprise: The Role of Minority Business Set-Asides,” 1992 annual meeting, American Society for Public Administration, Chicago.

Awards

- Distinguished Professor, University of Illinois Chicago, 2023.
- Highly Cited Researcher 2010-2020, Clarivate 2021.
- University Scholar, University of Illinois Chicago, 2016-2018.
- Researcher of the Year, University of Illinois Chicago, 2015.
- Highly Cited Researcher 2002-2012, Clarivate, 2014.
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Emerging Leaders Program, 2008-2010.
- *Crain’s Chicago Business*, 40 under 40, 2003.
- Royal Geographical Society (UK), Economic Geography Research Group, Overseas Research Scholar, 1999.
- Commonwealth Fund, Atlantic Fellowship in Public Policy, 1997-98.
- Inner-City Youth Foundation, Dantrell Davis Award for research on behalf of grassroots community organizations, 1995.

Grants Received as Principal Investigator (except where noted)

- US Department of Labor, 2022. Labor Standards in the United States, \$4,323,461.
- Hispanics in Philanthropy, 2021. Mutual Aid among Latinx- and Indigenous-Led Organizations during the COVID-19 Pandemic, \$37,000.
- Joyce Foundation, 2021. The Impact of Classifying Ride Share Drivers as Employees on the Illinois UI System, \$30,000.
- Antipode Foundation, 2021. Freedom is a Place: Celebrating the Scholarship, Writing, and Organizing of Ruth Wilson Gilmore, \$28,600 (co-PI).
- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, 2020. Third-Party Logistics Outsourcing: Governance Mechanisms and their Relationship to Warehouse Workforce Systems, \$249,741 (co-PI).
- Ford Foundation, 2018. Worker Centers, Industry Restructuring, and the Future of Work, \$250,000.

- James Irvine Foundation, 2017. Creating Pathways to Living-Wage Work: An Assessment of the Worker Center Ecosystem in California, \$200,000.
- Ford Foundation, 2016. Worker Centers, Labor Standards and the Future of Work, \$250,000.
- Ford Foundation, 2013. Rights at Work: Raising Labor Standards in a Volatile Economy, \$300,000.
- New World Foundation, 2013. New Strategies for Worker Organizing, \$45,000.
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 2011. Mapping the Geography of Opportunity: Neighborhood Effects and Employment Change in Chicago, \$93,000.
- Sociological Initiatives Foundation, 2011. After SB 1070: Immigration, Policing and the Politics of Attrition, \$20,000.
- Ford Foundation, 2010. Raising Standards in Contingent Labor Markets, \$200,000.
- UIC Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement, 2010. Employment Standards in Chicago, \$16,000.
- Ford Foundation, 2009. Improving Labor Market Outcomes for Low-Wage Contingent Workers, \$150,000.
- Russell Sage Foundation, 2009. Unregulated Work: Analyzing Workplace Violations in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City, \$81,367.
- Ford Foundation, 2008. Rethinking Intermediation, \$150,000.
- Rockefeller Foundation, 2006. Analyzing Labor Market Change: Research to Inform Public Policy, \$120,043.
- Ford Foundation, 2006. Immigration and Labor Market Change, \$175,000.
- Joyce Foundation, 2006. Unregulated Work in Chicago, \$154,327.
- UCLA, 2006. Under the Radar: Unregulated Jobs and Workplace Violations in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, \$40,000.
- John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, 2005. Evaluating EITC Outreach Programs in Eight Cities, \$168,563.
- Rockefeller Foundation, 2005. Improving Employment Opportunities in African American and Immigrant Neighborhoods, \$325,000.
- Rockefeller Foundation, 2004. Immigrant-serving organizations project, \$77,000.
- Rockefeller Foundation, 2004. Off the Radar: Unregulated Jobs in Chicago and New York City, \$58,060.
- Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2004. New strategies for community economic development, \$41,000.
- Russell Sage Foundation, 2004. Off the Radar Screen: Unregulated Jobs in Chicago and New York City, \$15,000.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 2004. Technical assistance and economic development planning in the Chicago region, \$82,500.
- Rockefeller Foundation, 2003. Research on economic development policy and practice, \$260,000.

- U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 2003. Technical assistance and economic development planning in the Chicago region, \$92,000.
- Rockefeller Foundation, 2003. Research on informal work and low-wage labor markets in New York City and Chicago, \$100,000.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 2002. Technical assistance and economic development planning in the Chicago region, \$100,000.
- Rockefeller Foundation, 2001. Monitoring the U.S. temporary staffing industry, \$150,000.
- Center to Protect Workers' Rights, 2001. Research on health and safety issues among temp workers in the Atlanta construction industry, \$17,960.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 2001. Technical assistance and economic development planning in the Chicago region, \$100,000.
- British Academy, 2000. Contingent Cities: Temporary Work Agencies and Urban Labour Markets in the UK and US, £5,000 (\$7,600).
- Ford Foundation, 2000. Research on the financial structure and labor market strategies of the temporary staffing industry, \$300,000.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 2000. Technical assistance and economic development planning in the Chicago region, \$100,000.
- Woods Fund, 2000. Research examining the economic contributions of undocumented workers in the Chicago Economy, \$30,000.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 1999. Review of literature and practice on urban manufacturing, \$14,226.
- Joyce Foundation, 1999. Evaluation of Chicago Commons ETC welfare-to-work programs and research workers' employment histories and advancement, \$153,696.
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1998. Research, policy advocacy and evaluation in support of the Chicago Workforce Development Partnership, \$244,400.
- Joyce Foundation, 1997. Policy advocacy and dissemination of research on job availability for welfare recipients, \$178,291.
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, 1997. Policy advocacy and dissemination of research on job availability for welfare recipients, \$143,000.
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1996. Analysis of employment opportunities for workers in low-income communities in Chicago, \$75,000.
- Joyce Foundation, 1996. Research on job availability for welfare recipients in the six-state Midwest region, \$166,000.
- Woods Fund, 1995. Job availability for welfare recipients in Illinois, \$50,000.
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1994. The dynamics of low-wage labor markets in Chicago, \$255,400.
- United Way of Chicago, Discrimination Priority Grant, 1991. Minority business development and public sector procurement policy, \$300,000.

Contracts Received as Principal Investigator

- Ford Foundation, 2020 Worker Center Retrospective, \$151,040.
- Ford Foundation, 2018. Worker Centers: A 10-Year Assessment, \$70,000.
- York University, 2016. Documenting Labor Standards in the United States, \$8,000.
- National Domestic Workers Alliance, 2015. Evaluation of Homecare Worker Job Training Programs, \$15,000.
- Jobs with Justice, 2014. Immigrant Workplace Organizing and the Problem of Employer Retaliation, \$36,000.
- Ford Foundation, 2013. Labor Organizing in the US South, \$18,000.
- Ford Foundation and Solidago Foundation, 2013. Assessing the Changing Landscape of Worker Organizing in New Mexico, \$8,500.
- Center for Evaluation Innovation, 2012. Developing Metrics for Measuring Foundation Portfolio Impacts, \$9,500.
- Inter-Alliance Dialogue, 2011. IAD Capacity-Building Project, \$70,000.
- Discount Foundation, 2011. The Wage Theft Movement in the United States, \$10,000.
- Chicago Community Foundation, 2010. Evaluation of Chicago Housing Authority job placement initiative, \$316,000.
- Working Hands Legal Clinic, 2010. Assessing Enforcement of Wage and Hour Laws in Illinois, \$15,000.
- SAJE, 2009. Media Representations of Housing Problems in Los Angeles, \$5,000.
- Illinois Department of Revenue, 2008: Illinois Tax Policy Review, \$30,000.
- Chicago Community Foundation, 2007. Evaluation of Chicago Housing Authority job placement initiative, \$523,747.
- United Way of Palm Beach County, 2007. Assessing Seniors' Economic Security, \$3,000.
- Chicago United, 2006. Assessing the Economic Impact of the Local Buying Initiative, \$8,796.
- United Way of Palm Beach County, 2005. Evaluation of the Palm Beach County Prosperity Campaign, \$100,000.
- National Economic Development Law Center, 2005. The role of temp agencies in workforce development, \$11,500.
- Chicago Jobs Council, 2004. Evaluation for the Job Training & Economic Development program, \$40,000.
- Latino Organization of the Southwest, 2004. Economic Development for Latino Workers on the Southwest Side, \$10,000.
- Illinois Department of Employment Security, 2003. Design of a community-based workforce development system, \$38,000.
- WashTech, 2003. Study on offshore outsourcing of IT jobs, \$10,000.

- National Community Tax Coalition, 2003. Evaluation of EITC technical assistance activities in San Antonio and Miami, \$9,500.
- Corporation for Supportive Housing, 2003. Identification of career ladders for entry-level workers living in assisted housing, \$38,000.
- Illinois Department of Human Services, 2002. Community economic development and community planning in two low-income communities, \$200,000.
- Chicago Metropolis 2020, 2002. Affordable housing indicators project, \$45,000.
- Illinois Department of Human Services, 2002. Community economic development and technical assistance in three low-income communities, \$517,352.
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, 2002. Regional Economic Development Information Center, \$22,550.
- WashTech, 2002. Study on the impact of the 2000-01 recession on Seattle's IT workforce, \$7,000.
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 2001. Regional economic development strategic planning, \$156,680.
- Chicago Metropolis 2020, 2001. Regional indicators project, \$30,000.
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 2001. Regional economic development strategic planning, \$83,834.
- Plumbing Industry Working Committee, 2001. Plan for the plumbing industry in the Chicago area, \$2,000.
- Chicago Workforce Board, 2000. Inventory of Chicago workforce development providers, \$17,600.
- Civic Committee of the Commercial Club, 2000. Evaluation of a purchasing program that links major corporations with suppliers located in high-poverty areas, \$30,500.
- Chicago Public Schools, 2000. Assessment of the Chicago Public Schools' Capital Improvements Program, \$9,000
- City of Chicago, Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, 1999. Labor market needs assessment for local WIA planning process, \$20,000.
- Public/Private Ventures and the Ford Foundation, 1999. Report on policies affecting the contingent workforce, \$15,000.
- City of Chicago, Mayor's Office, 1994. Audit of hiring practices on City of Chicago construction projects, \$93,000.

Editorial Boards, Boards and Advisory Committees

- *Convergence: A Magazine for Radical Insights*, Editorial Board, 2021 – present.
- Antipode Foundation, 2019 – present.
- *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Editorial Board, 2013 – 2020.
- Chicago Foundation for Women, Academic Advisory Council, 2013 – 2017.

- *Antipode*, International Advisory Board, 2009 – 2013.
- SACOM (Students and Scholars Against Corporate Misbehavior), Hong Kong, Academic Advisory Board, 2007 – present.
- Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies, Newcastle University, UK, Advisory Board, 2007 – 2013.
- *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society*, Editorial Board, 2006 – 2013.
- HarborQuest/Suburban Job Link, Board of Directors, 2002 – 2012.
- Chicago Jobs with Justice, Executive Committee, 2002 – 2004.
- Center on Policy Initiatives (San Diego), Research Advisory Board, 2000 – 2003.
- State of Illinois Human Resource Investment Council, Accountability & Research Committee, 1999 – 2001.
- Jobs Now Coalition (St. Paul, Minnesota), Research Advisory Board, 1996 – 2001.
- United Way of Chicago Economic Development Working Group, 1996 – 1997.
- Chicago Assembly, Advisory Board, 1990 – 1997.
- United Way of Chicago Human Capital Development Needs Assessment Committee, 1996 – 1997.
- Chicago Partnership for the Earned Income Tax Credit, 1995.
- Regional Partnership (Chicago), 1989 – 1994.
- Homeless Prevention Project (Chicago), 1989 – 1991.
- First Congressional District Housing Task Force (Congressman Chares Hayes), Chair of Affordable Housing Committee, 1988 – 1990.