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Current Appointments

College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, University of Illinois Chicago

- Distinguished Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, 2023 – present
- Head of Department, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, 2020 – 2023
- Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, 2013 – 2023
- Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research, 2012 – 2019
- Associate Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, 2006 – 2013
- Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, 2000 – 2006
- Lecturer, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, 1999

Center for Urban Economic Development, University of Illinois Chicago

- Director, 2019 – present
- Director, 2000 – 2012
- Senior Associate, 1998 – 1999

International Journal of Urban & Regional Research

- Editor, 2021 – present

Department of Geography, Harokopio University (Athens, Greece)

- Visiting Professor, 2024

Other Teaching, Administrative, and Research Positions

- Editor, Antipode Book Series, Wiley, 2019 – 2021
- Editor-in-Chief, *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*, 2013 – 2019
- Faculty Affiliate, Latin American & Latino Studies, University of Illinois Chicago, 2013 – 2019
- Senior Fellow, Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois Chicago, 2012 – 2021
- Lecturer, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1996
- Contributing Editor, *Public Investment*, American Planning Association, 1992 – 1996
- Project Director/Researcher, Research & Planning Department, Chicago Urban League, 1988 – 1997

Visiting Appointments

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

Education

- PhD, Public Policy Analysis/Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois Chicago, 2000
- MUPP, Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois Chicago, 1989
- BA, Urban Studies and Political Science, Macalester College, 1986

Publications

Books

- McKittrick K and Theodore N, eds. (2025) *Freedom is a Place: Celebrating the Scholarship, Writing, and Organizing of Ruth Wilson Gilmore*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, in progress.
- Antipode Editorial Collective, eds. (2019) *Keywords in Radical Geography: Antipode at 50*. Oxford: Wiley.
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Articles in Academic Journals

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- Theodore N (2023) "Day Labor Worker Centers: Advancing New Models of Equity and Inclusion in the Informal Economy," *Economic Development Quarterly* 37(4): 363-374.
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- Theodore N (2020) "Deportations and Development: Responding to El Salvador's New Migration Crisis," *Local Economy* 35(7): 635-654.
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- Theodore N (2020) "Regulating Informality: Worker Centers and Collective Action in Day Labor Markets," *Growth and Change* 51(1): 144-160.
- Theodore N (2020) "Governing through Austerity: (Il)logics of Neoliberal Urbanism after the Global Financial Crisis," *Journal of Urban Affairs* 42(1): 1-17.
- Peck J and Theodore N (2019) "Still Neoliberalism?" *South Atlantic Quarterly* 118(2): 245-265.
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- “Broken Laws, Unprotected Workers: Violations of Employment and Labor Laws in U.S. Cities,” *Reclaiming Wages conference*, Washington, DC, 2009.
- “Closed Borders, Open Markets: Immigrant Day Laborers’ Struggle for Economic Rights,” Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2009.
- “Worker Centers: Defending Labor Standards in the Informal Economy,” Informality – Informalité – Informalidad workshop sponsored by Public Safety Canada and the International Comparative Research Network on Informality in Cities (RECIM), Ottawa, Canada, 2009.
- “Closed Borders, Open Markets: Immigrant Day Laborers’ Struggle for Economic Rights,” *Workshop on City, Society and Space*, University of Chicago, Chicago, 2009.
- “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

- “Governing the post-crisis egalitarian city: The political potential of housing alliances in New Orleans,” 2024 meeting of the Urban Studies Association, New York City.
- “New terrains of late-neoliberal policymaking: The scale politics of (un)conditional cash in Brazil and the United States,” 2023 meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Rio de Janeiro.
- “Cities for a Guaranteed Income,” 2023 meeting of the International Sociological Association, Melbourne.
- “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.
- “Economic Informality: Between and Beyond North/South,” 2018 International Urban Conference, University of Cape Town.
- “From shock absorber to institutional mediator: the evolving macro-regulatory functions of the US temporary staffing industry,” 2018 International Labour Process Conference, Buenos Aires.
- “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-Croson 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)

- Ford Foundation, 2024. Core support to the Center for Urban Economic Development, \$100,000.
- 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.
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