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## Education

- 2015 – 2019      **University of California, Los Angeles**  
**Master of Architecture**  
*Urban Humanities Graduate Certificate*  
Research Studio Capstone Project: “Green New Wave,” an architectural-  
infrastructural proposal on underutilized publicly-owned land to confront a new  
climate future in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles, CA  
**Master of Urban and Regional Planning**  
*Concentration in Housing and Community Economic Development*  
Community Scholars Capstone Project: “Do Bills Build Homes? An Assessment of  
California’s 2017 Housing Package on Addressing the Housing Crisis in Los  
Angeles County”
- 2007 – 2011      **University of California, Berkeley**  
**Bachelor of Arts, Architecture**  
*Minor in Environmental Design in Developing Countries*

## Professional Experience

### *Academic Appointments*

- 2021/08 – Present      **Lecturer, University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ)**  
2021/08 – Present      Coordinator, Housing Equity Lab (HousEQ), Drachman Institute for the Built  
Environment  
2023/09 – Present      Co-Director, Arizona Research Center for Housing and Economic Solutions  
(ARCHES) (*formerly Arizona Research Center for Housing Equity and Sustainability*)

Instructor of Record for courses in Architecture (ARC), Sustainable Built  
Environments (SBE), Urban Planning (PLG), and Real Estate Development (RED),  
including:

- SBE 301 | Intro to Design Thinking (BS in Sustainable Built Environments)
- ARC 510D | Advanced Design Studio I (Master of Architecture)
- ARC 405 | Interdisciplinary Design Studio (BA in Design Arts & Practices)
- SBE 498 | Senior Capstone
- PLG 202 | Cities of the World: Systems and Societies
- RED 421/521 | Placemaking and Urban Form

Grants:

Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Tucson and Pima County Regional Collaborative with ARCHES, \$250,000 of \$7,000,000

Arizona Research Center for Housing Equity and Sustainability (ARCHES) HSI Center of Excellence, Co-Investigator and Co-Director, PIs: Deirdre Pfeiffer (ASU) and Dan Kuhlmann (UArizona), US Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$1,000,000 of \$3,000,000

“El Pueblo 50: Celebrating the Living Heart of Tucson’s Southside,” Co-PI with Jacqueline Barrios (College of Humanities), Becky Senf (Center for Creative Photography), University of Arizona, Office of Research, Innovation and Impact, Arizona Institute for Resilience, and College of Fine Arts, Arts Research + Resilience Project Grants, \$20,000 – [Public Programming and Exhibition](#), November 2025–May 2026, and Project Website: Stories South of 22nd, <https://ss22.st/>

“Documenting Resilience in Tucson’s Southside,” Co-PI with Jacqueline Barrios (College of Humanities), Meg Jackson Fox (Center for Creative Photography), Selina Barajas (Sunnyside Foundation), and Elizabeth “Liz” Soltero (Sunnyside Foundation), University of Arizona, Arizona Institute for Resilience, and College of Fine Arts, Arts|Humanities|Resilience Grant, \$15,000

“Aver las Avenidas: South Tucson Community Asset Mapping Pilot,” Co-PI with Jacqueline Jean Barrios, University of Arizona, RESTRUCT Grand Challenges Grant, \$10,000

*Research Experience*

2020/02 – 2021/10 Assistant Director of Design Research, cityLAB-UCLA (Los Angeles, CA)

Key Projects:

“School Lands for Housing,” Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Justice & Opportunity Grant, \$211,750, PI: Dana Cuff, additional collaboration with PIs Jeff Vincent (UC Berkeley Center for Cities and Schools), Elizabeth Kneebone and David Garcia (UC Berkeley Turner Center for Housing Innovation) – Report issued by [California School Boards Association](#), April 2022

“California 100: Housing and Community Development,” California 100 Initiative Grant, \$25,000 of \$90,000, PIs: Dana Cuff, Shane Phillips (UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies), Carolina Reid (UC Berkeley Turner Center for Housing Innovation) – Report issued by [California 100 Initiative](#), February 2022

2017/06 – 2020/02 Research Associate, cityLAB-UCLA (Los Angeles, CA)

*Professional Practice*

2022/01 Architect Registration Exams (ARE 5.0) Completed

2017/09 – 2018/10 Business Development Consultant, Abode Communities (Los Angeles, CA)

2017/06 – 2017/09 Business Development Intern, Abode Communities (Los Angeles, CA)

2016/05 – 2016/09 Project Associate, Yasmin Tong Consulting (Los Angeles, CA)

2013/10 – 2015/07 Design Associate, KTG Group (Oakland, CA)

## Professional Development

2025/Spring University of Arizona Transdisciplinary Research Academy, organized by the Office of Societal Impact & Community, Research, Evaluation and Development

2022/Summer University of Arizona Culturally Responsive Curriculum Development Institute, organized by Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives

2022/Summer Adobe Faculty Development Institute

## Publications

### *In Preparation*

2023 – Present “The Micro Field Studio” & “Southside Tucson Collaborations,” chapters in edited volume, *Urban Humanities 2: An (Un)Volume on Place, Pedagogy, and Practice* [forthcoming], edited by Jonathan Banfill, Jacqueline Barrios, Matthew Bernstine, Jonathan Jae-an Crisman, Aaron Shkuda, Jonathan Stitelman, Gus Wendel, and Kenny H. Wong

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

2020 “City Analog: Scavenging Sonic Archives and Urban Pedagogy,” Jacqueline Jean Barrios and Kenny H. Wong, *Review of Communication* 20, no. 4 (2020): 367-387, <https://doi.org/10.1080/15358593.2020.1829687>.

### *Reports and Other Publications*

2025/08 *State of Housing in Arizona*, Arizona Research Center for Housing Equity and Sustainability, Phoenix and Tucson: Arizona State University and University of Arizona. <https://isu.pub/2gXUZrM>

2024/08 *State of Housing in Arizona*, Arizona Research Center for Housing Equity and Sustainability, Phoenix and Tucson: Arizona State University and University of Arizona. <https://morrisoninstitute.asu.edu/sites/default/files/2024-08/state-of-housing-in-arizona-mr.pdf>

2022/04 *Education Workforce Housing in California: Developing the 21st Century School Campus*, Center for Cities + Schools, cityLAB, and Turner Center for Housing Innovation, Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California, <https://csba.org/GovernanceAndPolicyResources/ResearchAndPolicyBriefs/Education-Workforce-Housing>

2022/02 *The Future of Housing and Community Development: A California 100 Issue Report*, Shane Philips, Carolina Reid, Dana Cuff, and Kenny Wong [Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, Turner Center for Housing Innovation, and cityLAB-UCLA], <https://california100.org/>

2019/Fall “‘My Commute is Hell:’ UCLA Students, Extreme Commutes, Impacts, Solutions,” Dana Cuff and Gus Wendel, with Rayne Laborde, Melissa Rovner, Katherine Taylor-Hasty, and Kenny Wong, cityLAB-UCLA

2019/Fall “Fitting In, Fitting Out,” Dana Cuff and Gus Wendel, with Melissa Rovner, Rayne Laborde, Katherine Taylor-Hasty, and Kenny Wong, cityLAB-UCLA

- 2019/Fall *Living in the 21st Century Schoolyard: Exploring the School-Housing Nexus in Southern California*, Dana Cuff and Gus Wendel, with Rayne Laborde, Melissa Rovner, Katherine Taylor-Hasty, and Kenny Wong, cityLAB-UCLA
- 2019/04 “Housing and Educational Outcomes: Compelling Research,” Kenny Wong, in *Opportunity Starts at Home: Addressing Housing Insecurity for L.A. Community College Students*, Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing
- 2018/06 *Do Bills Build Homes? An Assessment of California’s 2017 Housing Package on Addressing the Housing Crisis in Los Angeles County*, UCLA Urban Planning Community Scholars Capstone Project, Thomas Abbot, Maxwell Albrecht, Roxana Aslan, Eve Bachrach, Soham Dhesi, Edgar Garcia, Khalilha Haynes, Liana Katz, Katrina Lapira, Lolly Lim, Sonia Suresh, Abigail Willis, and Kenny Wong
- 2016/Spring *Beyond Numbers: A Review of the Department of Urban Planning’s Commitment to Diversity and Social Justice through Curriculum*, Rica Garcia, Julia Heidelberg, and Kenny Wong, prepared for the Diversity, Disparities, and Differences (D3) Initiative, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

## Presentations, Exhibitions, and Conferences

- 2025/10 Panelist, “Hope for Housing,” Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health at University of Arizona, October 30, 2025
- 2025/10 Conference Organization, Urban Humanities Network Global (Un)Conference 02, St. Louis, MO, October 16–18, 2025
- 2025/10 Co-Presenter with Dr. Jacqueline Barrios, Plenary Session “Exhibitions and Creating Urban Humanities Publics,” Urban Humanities Network Global (Un)Conference 2, St. Louis, MO, October 16–18, 2025
- 2025/10 Invited Commentator for Panel, “Market/Place: Inhabiting Spaces of AAPI Affinities,” Urban History Association, 11th Biennial Conference, Metropolitan Majorities, Los Angeles, CA, October 9–12, 2025
- 2025/06 Panelist, “Advancing the Vision: Next Steps for Faith-Based Affordable Housing,” Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities (LISC Phoenix), June
- 2025/04 Panelist, “Community Solutions for Housing Forum,” Primavera Foundation, May 13, 2025
- 2025/02 Lightning Talk, “Teaching Sustainable Built Environments in the Tucson Community,” *Perspectives on Resilience 2025*, Arizona Institute for Resilience, February 4, 2025
- 2024/09 Moderator, “Emerging Trends from the *State of Housing in Arizona* Report” American Planning Association (APA) Arizona State Planning Conference, September 19, 2024
- 2023/10 Exhibition Design for *Ways of Knowing, Ways of Being: Arts Research and Integration*, and Contributor on “Documenting Resilience in Tucson’s Southside,” organized by Ellen McMahon and Jennifer Fields, October 17–26, 2023 at the Center for Creative Photography
- 2023/06 Respondent, “Treaty Portals: Global 19th Century Trans-imperialisms & the Urban Humanities,” Society for Global Nineteenth-Century Studies World Congress (SGNCS) Singapore, June 19–22, 2023

- 2023/06 Conference Presentation, Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC), June 8-10, 2023, Session 339, "Dispatches from the Urban Humanities: Making and Sustaining an Emergent Global Network"
- 2023/06 Conference Presentation, Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC), June 8-10, 2023, Session 355, "Big Books Field Studio: Design Methods and the Canon"
- 2023/03 Conference Organization, Urban Humanities Network (Un)Conference 01, Tucson, AZ, March 3-5, 2023
- 2023/03 Conference Presentation, Urban Humanities Network (Un)Conference 01, Tucson, AZ, March 3-5, 2023, "Book of the City"
- 2023/03 Conference Presentation, Urban Humanities Network (Un)Conference 01, Tucson, AZ, March 3-5, 2023, "Mapping South Tucson & Sunnyside Foundation Partnership"
- 2023/01 Conference Presentation, Modern Language Association, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 8, 2023, Session 724, "Big Book Field Studio: Opening the Canon and the Borderlands through Design"
- 2023/01 Big Book Field Studio: Opening the Canon and the Borderlands through Design," Modern Language Association, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 8, 2023, "
- 2021/10 "School-Housing Nexus: Community College and School District Land," panelist presentation at *Innovations in Housing Production: Case Studies for SBDO County*, hosted by San Bernardino County Housing and Community Development and Southern California Association for Nonprofit Housing
- 2019/Fall *Green New Wave*, with Haoyu Chen, Liyao Chen, and Siqi Zhang, research studio capstone project exhibited at *The Los Angeles Schools*, A+D Museum
- 2019/05 *LA 1992/London 1780: Sounding Out a Crowd*, with Jacqueline Barrios, project exhibited at *Salon 02\_plan*, Urban Humanities Alumni Symposium
- 2019/05 "City Analog: Sound Scavenging Archives," panel presentation and discussion for "Mapping the Plan" at *Salon 02\_plan*, Urban Humanities Alumni Symposium
- 2019/05 *Micro Public-ation and A Book of Plans*, installation and artbook designed and exhibited at *Salon 02\_plan*, Urban Humanities Alumni Symposium
- 2019/03 "City Analog: Scavenging for an Archive of LA/London Sounds," with Jacqueline Barrios, conference paper presented at *Mapping Spaces, Sounding Places: Geographies of Sound in Audiovisual Media*, University of Pavia, Cremona, Italy
- 2019/02 *LA 1992/London 1780: Sounding Out a Crowd*, with Jacqueline Barrios, project exhibited at Dickens Universe Graduate Conference, UCLA
- 2018/10 "The 21st Century School-House," project presented at *Introduction to Digital Humanities: Humanistic Data Visualization* (Digital Humanities 101) for Professor Ashley Sanders-Garcia
- 2018/05 *The Botanical Gardens of Sawtelle, Mist Opportunity*, and *The Ghosts of Emptiness*, zine publication, documentary/performance art video, and storybook panels exhibited at *Salon 01* Urban Humanities Alumni Symposium
- 2018/05 *Architecture, Urbanism and the Humanities: Convening III*, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Omnium, invited graduate participant for PI conference at UCLA

## Major (Unfunded) Grant Proposals

- 2025/06 *Housing Affordability, Policy Incentives, and the Financialization of Homeownership*, Co-I on ARCHES Grant Submission to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FR-6900-N-29R, Addressing the Housing Affordability Crisis Research Grant Program – NOFO awards canceled by sponsor
- 2025/05 Co-I on Drachman Institute Grant Submission in collaboration with College of Medicine, College of Public Health, and the Tucson Hope Factory to University of Arizona Big Idea Challenge – 1 of 14 finalists advancing to live pitch stage, among 72 total team submissions

## Honors and Awards

- 2018 – 2019 Howard & Irene Levine Distinguished Fellow, UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate
- 2017 – 2018 cityLAB Graduate Fellow, UCLA Architecture and Urban Design
- 2016 – 2017 Bank of America Low Income Housing Challenge Finalist, “Rooted Communities”

## Professional & Community Leadership

- 2025 – Present University of Arizona, College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture, Master of Architecture (M.Arch) Admissions Committee
- 2024 – Present University of Arizona, College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture, College Curriculum Committee (2-year term) & Council of Faculty Members (1-Year Term)
- 2023/05 – Present City of Tucson, Commission on Equitable Housing and Development, Voting Member Appointed by Mayor & City Council
- 2023 – Present Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Member and *Journal of Planning and Education Research* Peer Reviewer
- 2023 – Present Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), Member
- 2022 – Present University of Arizona Lotus Faculty and Staff Collective (*formerly Asian Pacific American Faculty and Staff Network*), Steering Committee and Founding Member
- 2022 – Present University of Arizona Lotus Lounge Student Space (*formerly Asian Pacific American Student Affairs*), Faculty-in-Residence
- 2021/06 – Present Urban Humanities Network, (Un)Conference Steering Committee and Founding Member
- 2017 UCLA Department of Urban Planning Student Admissions Committee
- 2016 – 2017 UCLA Planners of Color for Social Equity, Steering Committee
- 2015 – 2016 UCLA Critical Planning Journal, Editorial Board and Peer-Reviewer