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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025 – pres. Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Faculty Fellow, Research Team, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota

EDUCATION

PhD 2025 Urban Planning | University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Dissertation: "Plots on the Periphery: Black Women-Led Grassroots Planning in Inland Southern CA"

MSc 2016, Distinction Urbanization & Development | London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Thesis: "Democracy on the Edge: Migrants, Suburbanization, and Participation in Urban Planning"

BA 2011 Growth and Structure of Cities (major at Bryn Mawr College) | Haverford College

PUBLICATIONS – PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS

Madeline Hamlin and **Hilary Malson** [2026] "Abolition," *Keywords in Housing Justice*. PM Press. Accepted, forthcoming.

Hilary Malson (2023). "Tearing Down and Building Up: A History, Theory, and Practice of Abolitionist Housing Justice in the U.S.," in Michael Gunder (d.), Kristina Grange, and Tanja Winkler, eds., *Handbook on Planning and Power*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollchap/book/9781839109768/book-part-9781839109768-22.xml.

Hilary Malson (2022) "Reaping What We Sow: The Decolonizing Root of Black Experiments with Cooperative Housing and Community Land Trusts," in "Interface: Housing for People, Not for Profit: Models of Community-Led Housing," ed. Lisa Bates, *Planning Theory and Practice* 23 (2). DOI: 10.1080/14649357.2022.2057784. www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14649357.2022.2057784.

Ananya Roy, Ashley Bennett, Sam Lutzker, **Hilary Malson**, and Annie Powers, on behalf of The After Echo Park Lake Research Collective (2022), "Continuum of Carcerality: How Liberal Urbanism Governs Homelessness," *Radical Housing Journal* 4 (1): 71-94. DOI: 10.54825/CKDY3523. https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2022/continuum-of-carcerality/

Hilary Malson (2021). Book Review, "Public Los Angeles: A Private City's Activist Futures," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 45 (3): 575-576. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-2427.13020

PUBLICATIONS – SELECT PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP: REPORTS, ESSAYS, ARTICLES, and BRIEFS

Hilary Malson (2024). "Urban Renewal in Northern Virginia." *Encyclopedia Virginia*, Virginia Humanities essay. https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/urban-renewal-in-northern-virginia/.

The After Echo Park Lake Research Collective (2022). *(Dis)Placement: The Fight for Housing and Community After Echo Park Lake*, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy report. https://escholarship.org/uc/item/70r0p7q4.

Hilary Malson (2021). "*Black Landscapes Matter* Asks Why Black Landscapes are Separate from Landscape Design," *The Architect's Newspaper*, book review. www.archpaper.com/2021/10/black-landscapes-matter-black-landscapes-are-separate-landscape-design/.

Kaitlyn Quackenbush, Matthew Mello, and **Hilary Malson** (2021). "Data Brief for the Healthy LA Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Platform," *SAJE (Strategic Actions for a Just Economy)* report. www.saje.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/20210105_Cancel-Rent-Data-Brief_FINAL.docx-2.pdf.

Hilary Malson and Gary Blasi (2020). *For the Crisis Yet to Come: Temporary Settlements in the Era of Evictions*, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy report. https://escholarship.org/uc/item/3tk6p1rk.

Hilary Malson (2020). "Black Study and Abolition," *The Black Agenda Report*, Book Forum essay. www.blackagendareport.com/bar-book-forum-black-study-and-abolition-5.

Hilary Malson (2020). "'We're Here, We Ain't Hiding, We Ain't Going Nowhere': How Community Land Trusts and Solidarity Economies Are the Latest Strategies for Black Liberation in Mississippi," *Deem Journal*, article, volume 1: 54-57.

Ananya Roy, Hannah Appel, and **Hilary Malson** (2020). "Towards Justice: A Communiqué from Los Angeles," *Radical Housing Journal* 2 (1): 163-172. https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2020/towards-justice/.

Hilary Malson (2020). "A Southern Story," *The Architect's Newspaper*, feature article. www.archpaper.com/2020/09/redevelopment-in-louisville-pattern-of-prioritizing-property-over-people/.

Hilary Malson (2019). "Contested Memory, pt. 3: The Rebel Archive," *Monument Lab*, article. https://monumentlab.com/bulletin/the-rebel-archive.

Hilary Malson (2019). "Contested Memory, pt. 2: Cartographies of Freedom," *Monument Lab*, article. https://monumentlab.com/bulletin/contested-memory-pt-2-cartographies-of-freedom.

Hilary Malson (2018). "Contested Memory, pt. 1: Syncopation," *Monument Lab*, article. https://monumentlab.com/bulletin/contested-memory-pt-1-syncopation.

Hilary Malson (2018). "Black Geographies and the Question of Monuments," *Monument Lab*, article. https://monumentlab.com/bulletin/the-question-of-monuments.

Hilary Malson (2016). "Encountering Migration Dynamics in the Archives," *Smithsonian Institution Archives*, article. https://si-siris.blogspot.com/2016/10/encountering-migration-dynamics-in.html.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

UCLA — Ralphe J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, Rising to the Challenge Graduate Research Fellow, 2024

UCLA — Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, Grant for Housing Justice Public Scholarship Working Group, 2021

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine — Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow, 2019 — 2022

Monument Lab — Graduate Student Fellow, 2018 — 2019

UCLA — Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award for "Black Geographies, Settler Colonialism, and Border Studies," 2018

UCLA — Luskin Social Justice Award for "Narratives of Displacement and Resistance," 2018

UCLA — Eugene V. Cota Robles Fellowship, 2017 — 2024

LSE – Thesis Prize for MSc Urbanization and Development, 2016

Smithsonian Institution – James E. Webb Foundation MAP Visiting Student Fellow (supported MSc thesis research), 2016

Bryn Mawr College – Bolton Prize for Excellence in Research (department thesis award), 2011

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Kian Goh, UCLA Associate Professor Urban Planning – Housing and environmental justice in the Inland Empire research project, 2025

Genevieve Carpio, UCLA Associate Professor of Chicana/o Studies – Auto insurance discrimination in Southern California research project, 2024 – 2025

UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy – After Echo Park Lake research collective (PI: Ananya Roy, UCLA), 2021 – 2022

UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy – Housing Justice in Unequal Cities NSF research coordination network (PI: Ananya Roy, UCLA), 2017 – 2021

Thomas Mann House – Homelessness in Los Angeles research project (PI: Lisa Riedner, University of Göttingen), 2018 – 2019

Deshonay Dozier, CUNY PhD Candidate – Homelessness in Los Angeles dissertation research, 2018

RESEARCH CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

Occidental College and L.A. Mayor's Office – Truth in Los Angeles: Addressing Racial Justice through Recognition, Responsibility, and Repair Task Force, 2021

Public Counsel and Strategic Action for a Just Economy (SAJE) – Cancel Rent campaign of the Healthy LA Coalition, 2020 – 2021

Veterans Affairs of Greater Los Angeles – Project team member, "Tackling Structural Determinants of Homelessness: Training on Eviction and Racial Inequality" program development, 2019 – 2020

Southern California Library and The Broad Museum – Education programming development, "Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power," Tate Modern traveling exhibition, 2019

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Inland Empire People's History Conference | Co-Presented Paper with Kian Goh, "From the IE to the Coast and Back: Socio Environmental Justice in the Urban Region" | San Bernardino, May 3, 2025

Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference | Invited Panelist, "Urban Renewal in Northern Virginia" | Newport News, April 16, 2025

AAG Annual Meeting | Presented Paper, "'A Desert of Many Things': Abolitionist Struggles in Southern California's Inland Exurbs" | Detroit, March 28, 2025

AAG Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference (Mid-Atlantic Division) | Presented Paper, "Unincorporated and Under Threat" | Washington, D.C. October 13, 2023

Law and Society Association | Presented Paper with co-author Gina Hong, "Fighting to Shelter-In-Place: Tenant Battles Against Landlord Harassment and Illegal Evictions During COVID-19, and the Limitations of the Law for Protecting Tenants" | July 17, 2022

Association of American Law Schools | Invited Panelist, "Teaching Abolition Across Systems and Institutions," Civil Rights Section | Zoom (remarks at 3:00 and 27:45: www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1HRvkZKT-w), January 9, 2022

NYU Furman Center and NYU Journal of Legislation and Public Policy | Invited Panelist, "Under One Roof: Building an Abolitionist Approach to Housing Justice" Symposium | Zoom (https://vimeo.com/477681451), November 6, 2020

ACSP Annual Meeting | Invited Panelist, "Redistributing Power in Planning," Planners of Color Interest Group (POCIG) Roundtable | Zoom, November 5, 2020

*COVID-19 cancellations: scheduled to present a paper at AAG 2020 (Denver, CO); scheduled to serve as a moderator or discussant on panels at Power at the Margins II (Berkeley, CA), AAG 2020 (Denver, CO) and OAH 2020 (Washington, DC).

AAG Annual Meeting | Organizer and Moderator, "Organizing in Chocolate City: Race, Planning, and Social Justice" Session | Washington, D.C., April 7, 2019

AAG Annual Meeting | Presented Paper, "Oral History as Evidence: Planning Histories and the Documentation of Erasure," in the "Working with Stories" Session | Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019

UCLA "Housing Justice in Unequal Cities" Conference | Presenter, "Praxis: Reflection and Action" Session | Los Angeles, February 1, 2019

Thomas Mann House "The Struggle for Democracy" Conference, Getty Center | Panelist, "Expulsions: Shifting Borders of Democracy" Session (remarks at 44:00: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqFtyr5PJV4) | Los Angeles, June 19, 2018

UCLA "Black, Brown, and Powerful: Freedom Dreams in Unequal Cities" Conference | Organizer and Moderator, "Freedom is a Place: Land, Rent, and Housing" Session | Los Angeles, April 27, 2018

D.C. History Conference | Moderator, "'A Right to the City': Reflections on Legacies of Neighborhood Organizing" Panel | Washington, D.C., November 4, 2017

AAG Annual Meeting | Panelist, "Decolonial Geographies of Home/lands" Session | Boston, April 8, 2017

GUEST LECTURES

UMN | "From Bdote to the Blue Line Extension: Learning the Local Landscape as a Planning Scholar," Urban Planning Speaker Series | September 16, 2025

UCLA | "Housing Justice, Gentrification, and Disaster Capitalism," Urban Planning Department | February 5, 2025

Harvey Mudd College | "Housing Justice and Abolition in Planning," Cultural Geography Department | October 24, 2024

California State University, Los Angeles | "Plots on the Periphery: Black Women's Organizing at the City Limits," Geography Department | October 14, 2024

UCLA | "Housing Justice, Abolition, & Planning: Approaches to Research & Action," Urban Planning Department | August 26, 2024

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona | "Oral History as a Scholar Activist Research Method," Urban and Regional Planning Department | May 9, 2022

Scripps College | "Housing Justice as an Abolitionist Praxis," Politics Department | May 2, 2022

California State University, Los Angeles | "Why '*How* We Know' and '*Where* We Know From' Matter for Political Action," Child and Family Studies Department | April 27, 2022 and December 9, 2021

UCLA | "Black Experiments with Community Land Trusts and Cooperative Housing," Urban Planning Department | Zoom, January 26, 2022

Pomona College | "Politics From Below," Political Science Department | October 14, 2020

Pomona College | "Black Collectivity as Spatial Justice: A Black Diaspora Ontology of Community Development," Political Science Department | February 3, 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Qualitative Research Methods for Policy Analysts, Fall 2025

Teaching Fellow

Writing, Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Spring 2025

Teaching Associate

Introduction to Cities and Planning, Fall 2023
Engaging Los Angeles, Winter 2023, Spring 2023
Urban Revolutions, Spring 2021
Qualitative Research Methods, Fall 2020, Winter 2021
Writing, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant

Histories and Theories of Urban Planning, Fall 2018
Visual curriculum development, Introduction to Black Studies, Spring 2018
Form of the City, Spring 2011

Additional Educator Roles

Developed and implemented training module on conducting archival research for dissertation undergraduate research assistants, Summer 2022
Developed and implemented training module in oral history production for UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy researchers, Spring 2021

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Ad-hoc reviewer for: *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, *Antipode*, *Environment and Planning D: Society + Space, International Journal of Housing Policy,* and *Planning Theory*, 2021 – pres.

Editorial Board member of *Critical Planning Journal*, 2020 – 2022

Ananya Roy, Raquel Rolnik, Terra Graziani, and **Hilary Malson**, eds. *Methodologies for Housing Justice Resource Guide*, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy book. English: https://escholarship.org/uc/item/41g6f5cj. Español: https://escholarship.org/uc/item/3v76q8q5 2021

Ananya Roy and **Hilary Malson**, eds. *Housing Justice in Unequal Cities*, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy book. https://escholarship.org/uc/item/4kq1j0df 2020

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Qualitative Research Methods Working Group, UMN Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 2025 – pres.

Hiring Committee, UCLA Urban Planning – Critical Black Urbanism search, 2019 – 2020

Staff-Student Liaison Committee, London School of Economics Geography Department – 2015 – 2016

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action (LACCLA) – Board member, collective member, Spanish/English interpreter, 2017 – 2025

Community College to PhD (CC2PHD) – Mentor, 2018 – 2019

Collaboratively developed and implemented popular education instruction on alternatives to policing in Washington, D.C and Riverside CA – Educator, organizer, 2017 – 2018

Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) D.C. – Recruitment director, board member, instructor, mentor, 2006 – 2017

INVITED TALKS

Encyclopedia Virginia | Panelist, "Urban Renewal in Virginia: Decades of Destruction" | Zoom (remarks at 16:45: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XnpnXzu8IY), September 25, 2024

Provided briefings and remarks regarding *(Dis)Placement: The Fight for Housing and Community After Echo Park Lake* to the following: *The Los Angeles Times* editorial board; UCLA School of Medicine; Venice Community Housing; Coalition on Homelessness | March-May 2022

Core Digital Media | Lecturer, "How Race Became Risk: Redlining in Los Angeles" | Los Angeles, February 24 2022

Occidental College | Panelist, The Young Initiative Podcast, "Art and Memorialization as Truth-Telling" | Soundcloud (https://soundcloud.com/user-197144753), October 19, 2021

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles | Lecturer, "Disparities by Design: How Planning Policies Contribute to Health Inequities" | Los Angeles, March 25, 2021

End Homelessness Now LA | Lecturer, "Social Housing: Models and Key Considerations" | Los Angeles, October 17, 2020

Deem Journal | Panelist, "Learning to Live Together – A Roundtable on Co-Living" | Zoom, July 30, 2020

SELECTED PRESS

Quoted in *The Guardian* article on failures of homelessness governance in Los Angeles, May 16, 2022
www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/may/16/homelessness-los-angeles-lahsa-heidi-marston

Interviewed in Spanish for *Radio Jornalera* about research on homelessness, April 25, 2022
www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1139656249940478

Research on homelessness collaboratively developed with the *After Echo Park Lake* research collective profiled by The Los Angeles Times, Urban Institute, ABC 7, Fox 11 Los Angeles, The Epoch Times, Patch, KFI AM 640, The Eastsider LA, LAist, Knock LA, KTLA, Los Angeles Daily News, CBS News Los Angeles, CHIRP LA, March-June 2022

Quoted in *The Guardian* article on research on homelessness in Los Angeles, March 23, 2022
www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/mar/23/los-angeles-echo-park-unhoused-residents-homelessness

Review of Black Landscapes Matter discussed in *Planetizen* article, November 4, 2021
www.planetizen.com/news/2021/11/115174-new-book-interrogates-landscape-architecture-through-lens-black-spaces

Quoted in *Grist* magazine article on homelessness, encampments, and evictions research, April 13, 2021
https://grist.org/housing/los-angeles-echo-park-homelessness-policing-housing-covid/

Interviewed on KPCC 89.3 (*NPR* Pasadena) about homelessness and evictions research, August 5, 2020
https://archive.kpcc.org/programs/take-two/2020/08/05/21076/

Referenced in *The Architect's Newspaper* article on *Deem* magazine's focus on community-driven design, June 24, 2020
www.archpaper.com/2020/06/deem-journal-interview/

Quoted in *Next City* article on community-engaged research, January 31, 2019
https://nextcity.org/urbanist-news/finding-ways-to-turn-the-university-model-inside-out

RESEARCH and LANGUAGE SKILLS

Qualitative research methods | Archival, Community-Engaged, Ethnography, Interviewing, Oral History, Participant Observation (highly proficient in all); Certified in human subject research by the Smithsonian Institution (2016) and CITI (2019 – pres.)

Qualitative platforms | ESRI Story Map (proficient), Dedoose (basic)

Spanish | proficient, written and spoken

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL AFFILIATIONS

2024 – 2025 Black Geographies Working Group (UCLA Department of Geography)

2020 – 2025 Urban Sociology Working Group (UCLA Department of Sociology)

2020 – 2025 Black Feminism Initiative (UCLA Center for the Study of Women)

2017 – 2018 Mellon Foundation Urban Humanities Initiative (UCLA cityLAB)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2016 – 2017	Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community Museum, "A Right to the City" exhibit – Curatorial research assistant
2012 – 2015	National Trust for Historic Preservation, President Lincoln's Cottage – Communications assistant
2011 – 2012	Mt. Airy Community Development Corporation – Commercial revitalization and communications coordinator
2010 – 2011	Haverford College Library, Special Collections – Prints and photographs collections assistant

References available upon request.