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EDUCATION

PhD candidate, ABD	Urban Planning University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Dissertation: “Plots on the Periphery: Black Women’s Organizing at the City Limits” Committee: Ananya Roy (chair), Aisha Finch, Kian Goh, Michael Lens, Marques Vestal
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 [2025] “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://encyclopedia.virginia.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.

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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 — Ralph 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

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

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Kian Goh, UCLA Associate Professor of Urban Planning — Graduate student researcher, suburban environmental justice research project, 2025

Genevieve Carpio, UCLA Associate Professor of Chicana/o Studies — Graduate student researcher, automobile insurance discrimination research project, 2025

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

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

Thomas Mann House — Researcher, homelessness in Los Angeles (PI: Lisa Riedner, University of Göttingen), 2018 — 2019

Deshonay Dozier, CUNY PhD Candidate — Research assistant for dissertation, homelessness in Los Angeles, 2018

UCLA African American Studies — Graduate student researcher, visual curriculum development for Introduction to Black Studies online course (Instructor of Record: Jemima Pierre, UCLA), 2018

Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community Museum — Curatorial research assistant, “Right to the City” exhibit (PI: Samir Meghelli, Smithsonian), 2016 — 2017

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 — Education programming, “Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power,” Tate Modern traveling exhibition, 2019

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

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

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*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=ogFtyr5PJV4) | 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

INVITED TALKS

Encyclopedia Virginia | Panelist, “Urban Renewal in Virginia: Decades of Destruction” | Zoom (remarks at 16:45: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XnpxZu81Y>), 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

GUEST LECTURES

Harvey Mudd College | “Housing Justice and Abolition in Planning,” Social Sciences 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

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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 and CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

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

Form of the City, Spring 2011

Additional Trainings and Classroom Experience

Led Training in Archival Research for Undergraduate Research Assistants, Summer 2022

Led Training in Oral History, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, Spring 2021

Co-taught Housing Justice Activism, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, Winter 2019

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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

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

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 — present

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

Popular education 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

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 Jornaler*a 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

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Qualitative research methods and platforms | Archival, Ethnography, Interviewing, Oral History, Participant Observation (proficient in all); Certified in human subject research by the Smithsonian Institution (2016) and CITI (2019); ESRI Story Map (proficient), Dedoose (proficient)

Spanish | proficient, written and spoken

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

American Studies Association (ASA)

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

UCLA EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL AFFILIATIONS

2020 — pres. Urban Sociology Working Group (Organized by UCLA Department of Sociology)

2020 — pres. Black Feminism Initiative (Organized by the UCLA Center for the Study of Women)

2017 — 2018 Mellon Foundation Urban Humanities Initiative (Organized by UCLA cityLAB)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2016 — 2017 Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community Museum — 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

Dr. Ananya Roy, ananyaucla@ucla.edu

Professor of Urban Planning, Social Welfare, and Geography and Director of the Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA
Relationship: Committee Chair, Professor, Supervisor (2017 — pres.)

Dr. Aisha Finch, aisha.finch@emory.edu

Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Emory
Relationship: Professor, Committee Member (2018 — pres.)

Dr. Kian Goh, kiangoh@ucla.edu

Associate Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA
Relationship: Professor, Committee Member, Supervisor (2018 — pres.)

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Dr. Michael Lens, mlens@ucla.edu

Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA

Relationship: Committee Member, Professor, Supervisor (2021 – pres.)

Dr. Samir Meghelli, meghellis@si.edu

Chief Curator at the Smithsonian Institution's Anacostia Community Museum

Relationship: Supervisor (2016 – 2017); Mentor

Dr. Marques Vestal, mvestal@ucla.edu

Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA

Relationship: Committee Member (2022 – pres.)

Additional references available upon request.