**Recent NYU Job Placements**

**Hillary Angelo, University of California – Santa Cruz.** Angelo’s research investigates the relationship between ‘nature’ and urbanization at the small and large scale. She is particularly interested in how ideas about nature are formed, the social conflicts they produce, and how they are deployed to influence the built environment. Her work combines historical, visual, and ethnographic methods, and engages with urban and environmental sociology, environmental history, political ecology, and geography. Her earlier research on the politics of killing birds in New York City examined the social conflicts that erupt when doxic understandings of nature collide in diverse urban environments. Her current project, a history of urban greening in Germany’s Ruhr Valley, provides a critical standpoint on the recently ‘discovered’ green or sustainable city by excavating the normative dimensions of greening projects carried out in the name of the public good.

**Jenna Appelbaum, US Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences.** Appelbaum’s research focuses on an array of issues that carry high potential impact for the Army, including resilience, command climate, negative cross-cultural experiences, and women in combat. Her primary project, Stories of Unit Durability, collects rich descriptions of how units stay strong amidst (and after) a host of situational stressors and shared adversity. She has also provided qualitative research support for projects on sexual harassment and assault, development of an assessment of cross-cultural competency, and evaluation of leader development initiatives.

**Daniel Cohen, University of Pennsylvania (fall 2016).** Cohen’s dissertation research explores the interplay of climate politics and social movement protest in global cities, especially São Paulo, New York, and London; it is tentatively titled, *Street Fight: Urban Climate Politics in an Age of Finance and Revolt*. He has presented and written about these topics for a wide range of audiences.

**Jacob Faber, Princeton (postdoc); Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service (fall 2016).** Faber’s research focuses on spatial inequality. He leverages observational and experimental methods to study the mechanisms responsible for sorting individuals across space and how the distribution of people by race and class interacts with political, social, and ecological systems to create and sustain economic disparities. While there is a rich literature exploring the geography of opportunity, there remain many unsettled questions about the causes of segregation and its effects on the residents of urban ghettos, wealthy suburbs, and the diverse set of places in between.
Michael Friedson, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (fall 2016). Friedson's research focuses on analyzing the concentration of violent crime and drug policing in disadvantaged places and on better understanding urban drug policing during the national crime decline. His research additionally treats the relationship of poverty to behaviors affecting childhood health, such as corporal punishment. Finally, he is interested in issues related to teaching undergraduates about mass incarceration and the war on drugs.

Issa Kohler-Hausmann, Yale University Law School. Kohler-Hausmann's research is primarily concerned with the intersection between law and inequality. She is interested in how legal institutions construct, reproduce or entrench existing dimensions of social and economic inequality, and how such inequality is reflected in legal operations formally committed to neutral norms. Her dissertation focuses on mass misdemeanors, and investigates what policies, organizational concerns, and normative values shape the prosecution, adjudication, and punishment of lesser crimes.

Brian McCabe, Georgetown University. McCabe's research focuses on civic engagement and political participation in the United States, looking specifically at the role homeownership plays in building communities and encouraging active citizenship. His book, No Place Like Home: Wealth, Community and the Politics of Homeownership, combines original archival research with contemporary survey data to understand the roots and consequences of the American commitment to promoting homeownership.

Tey Meadow, Harvard University (Columbia University, fall 2016). Meadow's scholarship spans the domains of law, politics, the family, sexuality, and gender. Her recent publication, Raising the Transgender Child: Being Male or Female in the Twenty First Century, is an ethnographic and interview-based book about the first generation of families affirming and supporting their gender nonconforming and transgender children.

**Poulami Roychowdhury, McGill University.** Roychowdhury’s broad intellectual project is a sociological study of gender, globalization, and governance: how these processes interact with, transform, and are in turn transformed by specific social spaces, what kinds of political subjects and legal institutions they create, and how they define possibilities for popular movements and criminal justice. More specifically, Roychowdhury’s work asks how gendered norms and practices create inequalities in social policy and entitlements.

**Hassan Abdel Salam, Dartmouth (postdoc fall 2016), University of Minnesota (fall 2017).** Salam’s research seeks to use quantitative and computational methods and novel data sources to study law, religion, and human rights at a domestic and transnational level. Salam has used quantitative causal inference approaches in his doctorate to display historical trajectories of laws in the Muslim world. In particular, he is interested in exploring the historical impact of laws on the human rights of individuals and groups around the world.

**David Wachsmuth, McGill University.** Wachsmuth is an urban political economist working at the intersection of economic and environmental urban governance. He studies urban governance problems which are difficult to capture with the traditional conceptual vocabulary of urban sociology and urban studies—above all, the concept of the city as the bounded, modular unit of analysis for the field. His past research has examined the breakdown of local growth coalitions in mid-sized cities across the United States, and the emergence of a new polycentric growth politics, which he calls “competitive multi-city regionalism”. Wachsmuth's current project is a North-South comparative analysis of so-called “smart city” approaches to urban sustainability governance in the global city network.

**Abigail Weitzman, University of Michigan; University of Texas-Austin (fall 2016).** Weitzman’s research addresses a fundamental issue at the intersection of demography and the social psychology of gender: how do gendered expectations influence the timing and nature of important demographic events in people’s lives? And reciprocally, how do shifting demographic trends influence gender expectations? With the demographic environment and gender expectations in mind, most of her research examines one or more transitory periods of the life course—such as first-time parenthood, adolescence, and early adulthood—because during these periods, people rely on their underlying expectations to navigate both substantial and diurnal choices. Likewise, she frequently conducts research in developing countries and post-disaster settings, where rapidly changing institutional environments can challenge expectations, but can also reinforce them.