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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Urban and Regional Planning, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

M.A. Urban Planning, **University of California, Los Angeles**

B.A. Ethnic Studies/ Minor in Business, **University of California, Berkeley**

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Core: Reparative planning & Design; Infrastructure Mobilizations; Race, Class, & Gender Politics in Cities; Community Development; Community-driven Design; Economic Democracy; Migration & Immigrant Settlements; Planning w/ Informality.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Race, Social Justice, and the Built Environment, Northeastern University (2021-Current).

Lecturer in Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, 2017-2021.

Senior Research Associate, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, 2015-2017.

Provost Fellow, Department of Science Technology Engineering and Public Policy (STeAPP), University College London, 2013-2015.

SELECT AWARDS AND HONORS

- Two-time winner of Urban Planning & Design Faculty Award, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Student Forum, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.
- Nomination for AESOP Best Published Paper Prize (2017), *Planning Theory and Practice*.
- University College London Provost Fellow, 2013-2015.
- Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations Beyster Graduate Fellow, 2011-2012.
- MIT Martin Family Society Fellow for Urban Sustainability, 2010-2011.
- MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning Fellow, 2008-2010
- MIT Presidential Fellow, 2007-2008
- UCLA Julie Roque Award for Environmental Justice, Spring 2006.
- UCLA Urban Planning Departmental Fellow, 2006-2007.
- UCLA Asian American Studies Center, Rose Eng Chin & Helen Wong Eng Fellow, 2006-2007.
- UCLA Institute of American Cultures Research Grant, 2006-2007.
- University of California Labor Employment Research Fund Master's Fellow, 2006-2007.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

- Lily Song, Elifmina Mizrahi, Laura Raymond, Scarlett de Leon. *In progress*. "Reparative Planning In Action: The Case of Alliance for Community Transit- Los Angeles," Journal of the American Planning Association.

- Lily Song and Laura Raymond, *In progress.* "Mobilizing for Transit Oriented Communities in Los Angeles," edited volume.
- Song, L., Sooväli-Sepping, H., Grišakov, K., Jüssi, M. and Müüripeal, A., 2021. On infrastructure repair and gender politics: A more global view from Tallinn, Estonia. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, pp.1-14.
- Lily Song, Mariel Kirschen, and John Taylor. 2018. "Women on wheels: Gender and cycling in Solo, Indonesia," *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*.
- Lily Song. 2016. "Planning with urban informality: A case for inclusion, co-production, and re-iteration." *International Development Planning Review*, 38(4), 359-381.
- Lily Song. 2016. "Enabling transformative agency: community-based green economic and workforce development in LA and Cleveland." *Planning Theory & Practice*, 17(2), 227-243.
- John Taylor & Lily Song. 2016. "Return to the Streets." *Cityscape*, 18(1), 71-88.
- Lily Song. 2015. "Race, transformative planning, and the just city." *Planning Theory*, 14(2), 152-173.
- Susan Handy, Evelyn Blumenberg, Moira Donahue, Kristin Lovejoy, Caroline Rodier, Susan Shaheen, Kimiko Shiki and Lily Song. 2008. "Travel Behavior of Mexican and Other Immigrant Groups in California." *Berkeley Planning Journal* 21.
- Evelyn Blumenberg, Lily Song, and Paul Ong. 2007. "Surveying Southeast Asian Welfare Participants: Examples, Challenges, and Future Directions." *AAPI Nexus: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice and Community* 5:55-75.
- Lily Song. 2006. "Trouble in Malibu: A Question of NIMBY?" *Critical Planning* 13.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Andres Sevtsuk and Lily Song. 2020. "The Unfinished City," In *The Unfinished City*. Tallinn: Estonian Academy of Arts.
- Lily Song. 2019. "Teaching as Radical Hospitality," In Diana Lempel (ed) *The Radical Hospitality Reader*. Cambridge: Practice Space Design Studio.
- John Taylor & Lily Song. 2018. "Making Food Markets Work: Towards participatory planning and adaptive governance," In Yves Cabannes & Cecilia Marocchino (eds.) *Integrating food into urban planning*. London, UK: University College London Press.
- Lily Song & John Taylor. 2016. "A case study of street food vendor relocations in two Indonesian cities." In International Society of City and Regional Planners (eds.) *Envisioning Future Cities: Ideas and Examples*.
- Eric Mackres & Lily Song. 2013. "Community/Labor/Utility Partnerships: A Social-Movement Organizing Strategy for Energy Efficiency in Massachusetts" In Hoyt, L. (ed.) *Transforming Cities and Minds through the Scholarship of Engagement: Economy, Equity, and Environment*. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.
- Nick Iuviene & Lily Song. 2013. "Leveraging Rooted Institutions: A Strategy for Cooperative Economic Development in Cleveland, Ohio" In Hoyt, L. (ed.) *Transforming Cities and Minds through the Scholarship of Engagement: Economy, Equity, and Environment*. Nashville: Vanderbilt Univ. Press.

CONFERENCE/WHITE PAPERS

- Burlington's Racial Equity Strategic Roadmap, Office of Racial Equity, Inclusion & Belonging, City of Burlington, VT, July 2021; participated in consulting team with All Aces, Inc. and Grayscale Collaborative LLC.
- Diane Davis & Lily Song. 2018. "Transforming Urban Transport: Political Strategies and Tactics." Report for Volvo Research and Educational Foundations.
- Kota Kita with Urban Launchpad. 2015. "The Angkots of Solo: Report of Batik Solo Transit and Angkot Integration." Surakarta, Indonesia.

- Lily Song. 2014. "The Evergreen Cooperative Initiative: anchor-based strategy for regenerating the American inner city." *Urban Solutions 4*.
- Lily Song & Wei-Neng Wu. 2014. "Inequality and the City: the Singapore Story." *Urban Solutions 4*.
- Lily Song. 2013. "Secondary Cities in Southeast Asia: Frontiers of Opportunity and Challenges." *Working Paper, Oxfam Great Britain*. Bangkok: Asia Development Dialogue.
- Harvey Michaels, Lily Song, Eric Mackres, and Veronica Metzner. 2010. "Community energy efficiency programs: Identifying challenges and uncovering solutions." *White paper, MIT Energy Efficiency Strategy Project*. Cambridge, MA.
- Lily Song. 2009. "Theory, Action, and Radical Social Transformation: Directions for a Renewed Critical Theory." *Writing Cities Workshop*, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.
- Susan Handy, Evelyn Blumenberg, Moira Donahue, Kristin Lovejoy, Caroline Rodier, Susan Shaheen, Kimiko Shiki and Lily Song. 2009. "Travel Behavior of Immigrant Groups in California." *California PATH Program*, Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California at Berkeley.
- Evelyn Blumenberg & Lily Song. 2008. "Travel behavior of immigrants in California: trends and policy implications." In *Transportation Research Board 87th Annual Meeting* (No. 08-2838).
- Evelyn Blumenberg and Lily Song 2007. "The Travel Behavior of Immigrants in California: Trends and Policy Implications." *Institute of Transportation Studies Working Paper Series*, UCLA School of Public Affairs

ONLINE

- "[Reparative Planning as Movement Building](#)," *Planetizen*, 25 August 2021.
- "[Keeping On: Planner Lily Song on continuing the push for anti-racist design](#)," *The Architect's Newspaper*, 2 August 2021.
- "[Planning Justice: Harvard GSD faculty take on the challenge of building just cities](#)," *The Architect's Newspaper*, 3 August 2020.
- "[Design Studio First Aid Kit](#)," *Harvard CoDesign*, August 2020.
- "[Just Don't! Common Pitfalls of Equity Practice and How to Avoid them](#)," *Harvard CoDesign*, August 2020.
- "[COVID-19 Response for a Just Transition](#)," *Medium*, 24 March 2020.
- "[Improving access to cycling can benefit women in marginalised neighbourhoods](#)," *The Conversation Indonesia*, 18 March 2020.
- "[How do you enable students to channel idealism into effective practice? Into Practice: Timely teaching advice and research findings](#)," *Harvard Office for the Vice Provost for Advances in Learning*, 9 March 2020.
- "[Race and Place](#)," *Future of the American City Podcast*, 13 June 2019.
- "[What's the Greatest Risk Cities Face? Unequal Mobility](#)," *Politico Magazine*, July/August 2017 Issue.
- "[Making Long-Term Planning and Democratic Politics Work Together](#)," *Planetizen*, 12 Dec. 2016.
- "[Jan Gehl on the Politics of Transforming Cities](#)," *Planetizen*. 28 Sept. 2016.
- "[Local Government. Must Play a Role in Making Cities Smarter](#)," *NextCity*. 29 August 2016.
- "[Learning from Typhoon Haiyan: Risk and resilience in emerging secondary cities](#)," *Global Urbanist*, 29 April 2014.
- "[Learning from a Border Clinic in Thailand](#)," *Colab Radio*. 11 September 2013.
- "[Secondary Cities in Southeast Asia](#)," *Colab Radio*, 6 September 2013.

- [“The Life and Times of Social Housing in Estonia.”](#) *Colab Radio*, 6 August 2013.
- [“The Singapore Smog Crisis.”](#) *Colab Radio*, 20 June 2013.
- [“Cash for Caulkers.”](#) *Colab Radio*, 31 May 2010.
- [“Basic vs. Deep Retrofits.”](#) *Colab Radio*. 18 March, 2010.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Mattapan Mapping Project,” presented with Fatima Ali Salaam and Kayla Patel, at Power to the People: Engaging Community Members in Research, Policy, and Practice, co-hosted by the Dukakis Center and School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University, December 3, 2021.
- “Mobilizing for Transit-oriented Communities in Los Angeles,” presented at the workshop, “The role of citizen participation in decision-making in transport and mobility,” hosted by the Swedish Knowledge Center for Public Transport and Molde University College, November 17, 2021.
- “Of the Public; in the Public; by the Public,” panel with Bryan C. Lee Jr. (Colloqate) and Setha Low (CUNY Graduate Center) at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, November 9, 2021.
- “Reparative Planning in Action: The Case of Alliance for Community Transit- Los Angeles” presented as part of the session “Power, Equity, and Community Development Process” at the 2021 annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), October 22, 2021.
- “Asian Americans in a Multi-Racial and Multi-Religious Democracy,” panel with Philip Thai, Matthew Lee, and Mira Rivera Fall, Open Classroom Series: Repairing a Divided America, at Northeastern University, October 20, 2021.
- “On Sistered Design,” presented with Euneika Rogers-Sipp at Penn State Stuckeman School’s Research Symposium, Design Consequences: Taking Responsibility for Our Ideas, Sept 23, 2021.
- “What is urban inclusivity?” presented at the 8th Urban Social Forum: Another city is possible! September 9, 2021.
- “Towards an inclusive + equitable studio culture,” with the Dean’s Forum on Inclusion + Equity Roundtable at the University of Virginia School of Architecture, February 22, 2021.
- “15m neighborhoods for whom?” presented at Mobilize 2020 with the Institute for Transport and Development Policy, October 30, 2020.
- “Critical Mindfulness in Urban Planning and Design,” presented at the MICD Just City Mayoral Fellowship with the Mayors’ Institute on City Design, October 28, 2020.
- “Five Values for Place-Based Work: A New Vision,” presented at Artplace Summit 2020 with Danya Sherman, October 26, 2020.
- “Learning with the Place Leadership Network,” presented in Land & Equity: The Art and Politics of Place with the Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities, October 15, 2020.
- “Planning for Equity,” presented in the Powerful Talks Panel organized by Powerful Pathways, July 22, 2020.
- “Community Development as Reparative Planning,” presented in the Gentrification Debates at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, March 31, 2020.
- “Debunking Gentrification Solutionism 1-2-3,” presented to the Place Leadership Network at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, August 16, 2019.
- “Community Development: Unraveled, Revisited, Reimagined,” presented at the 10th annual convening of the Affordable Housing Development Leadership Institute at the City Club of Cleveland, July 18, 2019.

- “What does progressive planning mean today?” presented at the meeting of the Planners Network of Greater Boston at Harvard Graduate School of Design, Oct. 1, 2018.
- “Equitable Mobility and Access: From Urban Sustainability to Environmental Justice,” presented at the Urban Environmental Justice Conference at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Feb. 24, 2018.
- “Beyond the Triple Bottom Line: Equitable Urban Mobility and Access,” presented at the Convening of the Project on Municipal Innovation at Harvard Graduate School of Design, Oct. 26, 2017.
- “Equity, Urban Transport, and the Future of City-Making,” presented at the 47th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis, MN, April 19-22, 2017.

SERVICE

- Faculty Affiliate, Northeastern University, MS in Urban Planning and Policy program, September 2021- ongoing.
- Faculty Affiliate, Northeastern University, Asian Studies, September 2021- ongoing.
- Faculty Affiliate, Northeastern University, Asian American Program, November 2021- ongoing.
- Co-PI, Mattapan Mapping Project—with the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, ongoing.
- Advisory Board Member, Yayasan Kota Kita, ongoing.
- Critic; Estonian Art Academy, Master of Urban Studies thesis projects, ongoing.

COURSES TAUGHT

[ARCH-5115](#) **Anti-displacement Studio**, Northeastern University, School of Architecture, Fall 2021.

[SES-5385](#) **CoDesign Field Lab: Black Belt Study for the Green New Deal**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Spring 2021.

[SES-5374](#) **Community Development: Past, Present, and Future**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Spring 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018.

[SES-5384](#) **Action Research for Open Public Realms**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Fall 2019.

[STU-1121](#) **Core Urban Planning Studio- for Master in Urban Planning**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Fall 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017.

[ADV-9150](#) **Multiple Miamis: Project-based Course**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Fall 2018.

[SES-5368](#) **Urban Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability**, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Spring 2017.

[MET UA 503](#) **Housing and Community Development**, Boston University, City Planning and Urban Affairs Program, Fall 2016, 2015.

[UCL STEAPP](#) **Adaptive Governance**, University College London, Department of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Public Policy, Fall 2014.

[UCL STEAPP](#) **How to Change the World**, University College London, Faculty of Engineering Sciences, Summer 2014.