

## **Sam Lutzker**

### **Contact Information**

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### **Research Interests**

Urban Sociology; Race & Ethnicity; Ethnographic Methods; Public Policy; Public Sociology

### **Education**

UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

M.A., Sociology, 2021 (PhD in progress, GPA: 3.945)

- Thesis: “Race Brokering: Developing Racial Awareness Across White Peer Networks”
- M.A. Committee: Stefan Timmermans, Karida Brown

Columbia University, New York, NY

B.A., Sociology (major) and East Asian Studies (concentration), *Magna Cum Laude*, 2015

- Thesis Topic: “Gentrification on the Block: Community Conflict and Perceptions of Displacement”

### **Peer-Reviewed Scholarship**

After Echo Park Lake Research Collective. Forthcoming (2022). “Continuum of Carcerality: How Liberal Urbanism Governs Homelessness.” Submitted to *Radical Housing Journal*.

### **Policy Reports**

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://challengeinequality.luskin.ucla.edu/2022/03/23/displacement/>)

- Report has been covered by national media, including *The Guardian*:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/mar/23/los-angeles-echo-park-unhoused-residents-homelessness>

### **Public Scholarship**

Roy, Ananya and Sam Lutzker. 2022. “How the brutal clearing of an L.A. homeless encampment can teach S.F. what not to do in the Tenderloin.” *San Francisco Chronicle*.

(<https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/How-the-brutal-clearing-of-an-L-A-homeless-17057211.php>)

Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid. Forthcoming (2022). “What to make of ‘mutual aid?’ Lessons from organizing across unhoused camps.” *Dispatches from the Threshold: Organizing for Housing Justice in a Pandemic* (edited volume).

Lutzker, Sam. 2021. “Op-Ed: Cancel parking fines for unhoused people who live in their cars.” *Los Angeles Times*. (<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-19/homeless-cars-parking-tickets-los-angeles>)

Lutzker, Sam. 2021. "Is Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas 'champion of the homeless population?' Depends who you ask." *Knock L.A.* (<https://knock-la.com/mark-ridley-thomas-anti-homeless-camping-laws/>)

Lutzker, Sam. 2021. "'Project No Key': How punitive policies hamper California's efforts to house the unhoused." *Knock L.A.* (<https://knock-la.com/project-roomkey-punitive-policies-ce8d59c534fb/>).

## Teaching

Teaching Assistant, UCLA, 2021-2022

- Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Global China
- Self and Society

Lead instructor, Columbia University INCITE, Social Science Fall Fellows Program, 2018

Princeton in Asia Teaching Fellow, Wuhan University of Technology, People's Republic of China, 2015-2016

## Honors & Awards

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2021

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM), 2021 (\$6,000)

UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship (GRM), 2020-2021 (\$20,000)

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM), 2020 (\$6,000)

UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy Graduate Student Working Group Funding Awardee

- Housing Justice Public Scholarship Series, 2021-2022 (\$1,000)
- Informal Tenancy Working Group, 2021-2022 (\$1,000)
- Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid, 2020-2021 (\$1,000)

## Other Research Experience

Graduate Student Researcher, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy, 2021-2022

- Project(s): *After Echo Park Lake* (PI: Ananya Roy)

Project Coordinator, Columbia University Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE), 2017-2019

- Project(s): *Facing Whiteness* (PI: Peter Bearman); *Grocery Delivery Workers Project* (PI: Adam Reich)

Organizing/Research Intern, Columbia University INCITE & United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), 2014

- Project(s): *Summer for Respect: Organizing and Oral History* (PI: Adam Reich)

## Work Experience

Senior Consultant, Positive Planet China (formerly Planet Finance), Beijing, People's Republic of China, 2016-2017

## Presentations and Workshops

“Parking Citations for the Unhoused? A Comparative Analysis of Parking Enforcement in Los Angeles and San Francisco.” To be presented at Northwestern University Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (NSF-funded dissertation proposal workshop).

“Race Brokering: Developing Racial Awareness Across White Peer Networks.” Presented to the UCLA Race & Ethnicity Working Group on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

“Organizing *with* Un-Housed People in LA County.” Presented to Mar Vista Community Council on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **Service**

Co-founder, Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid, 2020-2021

## Reviewer

- *Social Science and Medicine*, 2021
- *Radical Housing Journal*, 2021

## **Other Skills**

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (conversational), Spanish (conversational)

Software: Excel, STATA, Adobe Illustrator