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**Education**

UCLA, Los Angeles, CA: M.A., Sociology, 2021; C.Phil., Sociology, 2023 (PhD expected 2026, GPA: 3.96)

- Dissertation: "Vehicular Homelessness in Los Angeles: An Ethnography of Survival, Criminalization and Reform" (Committee: Chris Herring, Ananya Roy, Min Zhou, Kevan Harris)
- M.A. thesis: "Race Brokering: Developing Racial Awareness Across White Peer Networks" (Committee: Stefan Timmermans, Karida Brown)
- Comprehensive exams: Urban Sociology; Race & Ethnicity

Columbia University: B.A., Sociology and East Asian Studies (minor), *Magna Cum Laude*, 2015

- Thesis: "Gentrification on the Block: Community Conflict and Perceptions of Displacement"

**Peer-Reviewed Scholarship**

Roy, Ananya, Annie Powers, Ashley Bennet, Sam Lutzker and Hilary Malson (on behalf of After Echo Park Lake Research Collective). 2022. "Continuum of Carcerality: How Liberal Urbanism Governs Homelessness." *Radical Housing Journal*. (<https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2022/continuum-of-carcerality/>)

**Policy Reports**

Pruss, Graham and Sam Lutzker (in collaboration with Lived Experience Advisory Board of Silicon Valley). 2023 *San José Recreational Vehicle Resident Survey Final Report*. 2023. Submitted to the City of San José, CA.

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 (on behalf of After Echo Park Lake Research Collective). 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>)

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/>).

**Book Chapters**

Kitonga, Ndindi and Sam Lutzker (on behalf of Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid). Forthcoming (2024). "What to make of 'mutual aid?' Lessons from organizing across unhoused camps." *Dispatches from the Threshold: Organizing for Housing Justice in a Pandemic*.

**Teaching**

- Teaching Assistant, UCLA, 2021-2023 (including summer): Contemporary Sociological Theory; Global China; Self and Society; Intro to Sociology; Urban Sociology (twice); Economy and Society; White Nationalism and Right-Wing Populism.
  - Excellence in Teaching Award, UCLA, 2021-2023
  - Honors undergraduate thesis mentor, 2022-2024
- 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

- Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2023-2024 (\$26,000)
- Mellon Foundation Scholar-in-Community Seed Grant, 2023 (\$6,000, half to community organization)
- 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, 2021-2023
  - Projects: *After Echo Park Lake* (PI: Ananya Roy); *Displaceability by Design* (PI: Ananya Roy)
- Project Coordinator, Columbia University Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE), 2017-2019
  - Project: *Facing Whiteness* (PI: Peter Bearman, co-created with documentarian Whitney Dow), with development of online archive: <https://www.facingwhiteness.incite.columbia.edu>
  - Research assistant for *Grocery Delivery Workers Project* (PI: Adam Reich), published as "Algorithmic Control in Platform Delivery Work" (*Socius*).
- Organizing/Research Intern, Columbia University INCITE & United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), 2014
  - Project: *Summer for Respect: Organizing and Oral History* (PI: Adam Reich), published as *Working for Respect: Community and Conflict at Walmart* (Columbia University Press).

### Presentations and Workshops

"Homelessness, Mental Illness, Substance Abuse" (Panel). HousingMV Live Forum, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

"(Dis)Placement: The Fight for Housing and Community After Echo Park Lake." Presented with the After Echo Park Lake Research Collective to such audiences as *Los Angeles Times* editorial board, local press, local politicians and candidates, Venice Community Housing and Coalition on Homelessness SF. 2022.

"Ticketed, Seized, Held and Sold: Organizational Practices of Municipal Vehicle Enforcement and Reform." Presented at Northwestern University Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop, 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, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

**Service**

- Coordinator, Soc-237: Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis, UCLA, 2022-2023
- Coordinator and founding member, Urban Sociology Working Group, UCLA, 2022-2024
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee member, ASA Community & Urban Sociology Section, 2022-2023
- Co-founder, Palms Unhoused Mutual Aid, 2020-2021
- Reviewer for following journals: *Social Science and Medicine — Qualitative Research in Health*; *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*; *Radical Housing Journal*; *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* (2022-23 external board member).

**Other Skills**

- Languages: Spanish, Mandarin Chinese
- Software: Excel, ATLAS.ti, Dedoose, Qualtrics, STATA, R, Adobe Illustrator