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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY, June 2022

Environmental Psychology, Certificate in Methods (awarded 2019)

Advisor: Cindi Katz

Committee: Michelle Fine, Richard Ocejo, Akira Drake Rodriguez, Susan Saegert

**M.Phil.**, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY, 2019

Environmental Psychology

**B.A.**, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, 2011

English, *magna cum laude*

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**2023-2024** Assistant Professor, Urban and Environmental Policy Department, Occidental College

**2022 - 2023** Assistant Professor, Urban Affairs and Planning Department, Virginia Tech

### AFFILIATIONS

**2022-** Critical Carceral Studies Lab, Center for Migrant and Displacement Studies, Virginia Tech

**2022-2023** Institute for Policy and Governance, Virginia Tech

**2018-2022** Digital Pedagogy Fellow, The Open Lab at City Tech, City University of New York.

**2016-2020** Research Associate, Center for Human Environments at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. Principal Investigator: Susan Saegert.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES*

**Cahen, C.** (2023). After zombies: Notes on labor union and municipal renewal. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 41(4): 707-725. doi: [10.1177/02637758231191032](https://doi.org/10.1177/02637758231191032)

**Cahen, C.** (2023). Anticolonial realism: The defensive governing strategy of a Black city in white space. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and the City*, 4(2): 153-175. doi: 10.1080/26884674.2023.2168220

**Cahen, C.** Teacher unionism and the bargain for the common good. *Metropolitics*, 6 July 2021.  
URL: <https://metropolitics.org/Teacher-Unionism-and-the-Bargain-for-the-Common-Good.html>.

**Cahen, C., Lilli, E., and Saegert, S.** (2020). Ethical action in the age of austerity: Cases of care in two community land trusts. *Housing Studies*. doi: [10.1080/02673037.2020.1807472](https://doi.org/10.1080/02673037.2020.1807472).

**Cahen, C., Schneider, J., and Saegert, S.** (2019). Victories from insurgency: Re-negotiating housing and citizenship at the margins. *Antipode*, 51: 1416-1435. doi: [10.1111/anti.12558](https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12558)

**Cahen, C.** (2019). Does individualizing the labor contract hurt women? *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society*, 58: 317-375. doi: [10.1111/irel.12239](https://doi.org/10.1111/irel.12239)

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Bresslau, M., **Cahen, C.**, Hester, H. (Forthcoming) The politics of displaceability. In Critical Displacement Studies Reader. Blacksburg: Virginia Tech Publishing.

**Cahen, C.** (Forthcoming) The bastard movements: An essay on school struggles, nationalisms, and the subversive “we”. In C. Rankine (ed.), On Nationalism and the Fragility and Possibility of “We”. *Forthcoming*. Berlin: Sternberg Press.

Schneider, J., **Cahen, C.** and Saegert, S. (2017). Formations of participation: The pathways of emergent community land trusts. In: R. A. Hays (ed.), Neighborhood Change and Neighborhood Action: The Struggle to Create Neighborhoods that Serve Human Needs (49-91). Maryland: Lexington Books.

### ESSAYS, REVIEWS AND COMMENTARY

**Cahen, C.** & Owens, L.Z. (2020). What if we did things differently to make schools safe in the age of COVID? *NJ.com*, (July 2020), Accessible at <https://bit.ly/33M6sDv>.

**Cahen, C.** (2019). Ours to Lose: When Squatters Became Homeowners in New York City, by Amy Starecheski and The Urban Politics of Squatters' Movements (The Contemporary City), by Miguel A. Martínez López. *City and Community*, 18(1), 416-418. doi:[10.1111/cico.12376](https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12376).

### REPORTS, WORKING PAPERS AND TRADE PUBLICATIONS

Wang, R., **Cahen, C.**, Acolin, A., and Walter, R. J. (2019). *Tracking Growth and Evaluating Performance Of Shared Equity Homeownership Programs During Housing Market Fluctuations*. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Accessible at: <https://bit.ly/2LJnkD9>.

**Cahen, C.**, Saegert, S., and Schneider, J. (2018). Interrupting Inequality through Community Control of Land. *Shelterforce* (Special Issue), Spring 2018, Accessible at: <https://tinyurl.com/5b7eurp5>.

### ARTICLE PIPELINE

**Cahen, C.** (under review). Banking on ignorance: A spatial inquiry into the truncated politics of charter school teaches. *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.

**Cahen, C.** (under preparation). The exhaustion of neoliberal school reform: A conjunctural analysis.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023	Assistant Professor, Community Organizing, Urban and Environmental Policy Occidental College.
2023	Assistant Professor, Legal Foundations of Planning (Undergraduate course), Urban Affairs and Planning Program, Virginia Tech. Synchronous online.  Assistant Professor, Land Use Law and Planning (Graduate course), Urban Affairs and Planning Program. In-person.
2022	Assistant Professor, Race, Place, and Poverty (Graduate course), Urban Affairs and Planning Program, Virginia Tech. In-person/ Hybrid to DC Campus.
2021	Visiting Adjunct Lecturer, Research Methods, Environmental Studies Department (Graduate course), St. Johns University. Online (asynchronous).

- 2018-2020** Adjunct Lecturer, Human Sexuality, Psychology Department (Undergraduate course, cross-listed in Anthropology and Sociology), Hunter College, CUNY. In-Person with complementary [course site](#) and digital assignments.
- 2017-2018** Adjunct Lecturer, Psychology of People in Place: From Climate Change to Gentrification. Psychology Department (Undergraduate course, cross-listed in Sociology, Anthropology and Architecture), City College, CUNY. In-person.

#### **EXTERNAL FUNDING**

- 2020** COVID-Affected Research Agenda Grant. Publics Lab (\$1500).
- 2016-** *Interrupting Place-based Inequality: Building Sustainable Communities through Shared Equity Homeownership*. National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Science Program: Research Assistantship. Principal Investigator: Susan Saegert. (\$500,000)
- 2019** *2019 UAA Conference Travel Scholarship*. Urban Affairs Association (\$300).
- 2018** *2018 Research Scholarship for Grounded Solutions*. Grounded Solutions Network National Conference (\$500).

#### **INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS**

- 2023** Juneteenth Scholar, Virginia Tech (\$7,000)
- 2022** Center for Rural Education Seed Grant, Virginia Tech (\$6,000)
- 2022** Pathways to Peace Grant, Virginia Tech (\$14,050).
- 2022** New Faculty Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech (\$1500).
- 2020** Doctoral Research Initiative Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$1500).
- 2020** Early Research Initiative Archival Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$3000).
- 2019** Sue Rosenberg Zalk Travel and Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$300).
- 2018** Environmental Psychology Tithe Funds, CUNY Graduate Center (\$900).
- 2017** Sue Rosenberg Zalk Travel and Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$300).
- 2017** Gittell Doctoral Research Assistantship Fellowship (\$3000).

#### **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2023** Dissertation Award, Urban Geography Special Group, American Association of Geographers (\$400)
- 2022-2023** Fellow, The Center for Humanities at Virginia Tech (\$500/ year honorarium)
- 2021-** Fellow, The Racial Imaginary Institute (\$1,000/ year honorarium)
- 2021-2022** Teaching and Learning Center Fellow (tuition reimbursement and \$28,000/ year)

<b>2016-2021</b>	Graduate Assistantship B and Teaching Fellowship (tuition reimbursement and \$28,000/ year).
<b>2011</b>	F.S. Jennings English Department Prize, Pomona College
<b>2011</b>	Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College
<b>2010</b>	CIEE Service Award, Dakar Study Abroad
<b>2008</b>	Ena Thompson Undergraduate Prize in Writing, Pomona College

#### **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

<b>2018-2019</b>	Research Associate, Grounded Solutions Network, New York, NY. Principal Investigator: Vince Wang.
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#### **INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS**

<b>2023</b>	Banking on Ignorance: A Spatial Inquiry into the Truncated Politics of Charter School Teachers. Community Change Collaborative lecture series. Virginia Tech.  Research Methods in Urban Planning. Public History Research Methods Seminar. Virginia Tech.  DEI in Urban Planning. Civil and Environmental Engineering Seminar. Virginia Tech.
<b>2022</b>	<a href="#">Working the Trap: How Race and Place Make School Reform Governable in Newark, NJ.</a> The Center for Humanities. Virginia Tech.
<b>2021</b>	The Fragility and Possibility of ‘We’ (seminar participant). The Racial Imaginary Institute and James Galley. The Graduate Center, CUNY.
<b>2019</b>	Housing Stress and Community Land Trusts (panelist). Department of Critical Social and Environmental Psychology lecture series. The Graduate Center, CUNY.  Peak Experiences in Teaching Environmental Psychology (panelist). Department of Environmental Psychology Conference: Environmental Psychology at 50. The Graduate Center, CUNY.  Capitalist Movements and Labor Struggles in Minimal Cities (lecture). Department of Environmental Psychology Research Day. The Graduate Center, CUNY.
<b>2018</b>	Quantitative Research in Urban Studies (guest lecture). Department of Critical Social and Environmental Psychology. The Graduate Center, CUNY.
<b>2017</b>	The Community Land Trust Project (panelist). Critical Social and Environmental Psychology lecture series. The Graduate Center, CUNY.  The Rise of a Global Right (panelist). Insurgent Notes Post-Election Conference. New York City, NY.

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PANELS**

<b>2023</b>	Market Schooling: The Community Effects, Pitfalls, and Divides of Neoliberal School Reform (session organizer). Urban Affairs Association, Nashville, TN.
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- 2023** Banking on Ignorance: A Spatial Inquiry into the Truncated Politics of Charter School Teachers. American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO.
- 2022** The Lifetime Contributions of Cindi Katz. American Association of Geographers. (virtual conference).
- 2020** [Urban Crisis and The Reaffirmation of the Public Good](#). The Psychology of Global Crises. The American University of Paris (virtual conference).
- 2019** Community Land Trusts: How they Gained Ground in Two Cities. Urban Affairs Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2017** Community Land Trusts in Context: The Impact of Municipal Partnerships. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Denver, CO.
- Emergent Political and Economic Possibilities of Community Land Trusts. Urban Affairs Association. Minneapolis, MN.

### **MEDIA MENTIONS**

- Hansel, Bethany. (2023). Critical Carceral Studies Lab Receives Grants to Continue Abolitionist Work. *Collegiate Times*, January 29. Accessible at: <https://tinyurl.com/3nhfy9ts>.
- Abello, O. (2020). Who Has the Right to Build Wealth in a Gentrifying Neighborhood? Interview with **Claire Cahen**. *Next City*, January 21, Accessible at: <https://tinyurl.com/uhc66sb>.
- Interview on [All Politics R Local](#) (2020). July 6, Accessible at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwR9k\\_gYT0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwR9k_gYT0)

### **ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS**

- 2019** Curating a Student e-Portfolio. New York City College of Technology.
- Curating a Faculty and Staff Portfolio. New York City College of Technology.
- Creating your Course Site. New York City College of Technology.
- Working With Your Students. New York City College of Technology.
- 2018** Remixing and Sharing in Open Digital Pedagogy. New York City College of Technology.
- Creating your Course Site. New York City College of Technology.
- Working With Your Students. New York City College of Technology.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

*Virginia Polytechnic and State University*

Doctoral qualifying exams chair: Janet Li (PhD Program in Planning, Globalization, and Governance)

Doctoral qualifying exams member: Sally Davis; Shaheera Sayed; Bradley Stephens, Norhan Abdelgawad (PhD Program in Planning, Globalization, and Governance)

Masters thesis committee: Mackenzie Carney (Master's in Urban and Regional Planning), Emily Smith (Master's in Civil and Environmental Engineering)

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Article reviewer: *Antipode* (1), *Human Geography* (1)

At-large Executive Board Member, Critical Geographies of Education Special Group, American Association of Geographers

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

*Departmental*

Faculty Search Committee, Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech, 2023

Principal Advisor to the 2022-2023 Urban Affairs and Planning Community Scholar, Virginia Tech

Executive Committee, Department of Environmental Psychology, Graduate Center (CUNY), 2016 – 2020

Admissions Committee, Department of Environmental Psychology, Graduate Center (CUNY), 2020

### **CERTIFICATES**

Online Teaching Education (St. John's University)

### **PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLARLY ASSOCIATIONS**

American Association of Geographers

Urban Affairs Association

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2013-2015**                      Union Organizer, National Nurses United, National.

**2010-2013**                      Union Organizer, Unite Here! Local 11, Los Angeles, CA.

### **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

STATA, R, JMP Pro, NVivo, GIS, WordPress

### **LANGUAGES**

French (Native); Spanish (Fluent)