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EDUCATION

- 2019 (expected) Ph.D. in Urban Planning
Secondary Field in Science Technology and Society Studies (STS)
Harvard University
- 2013 Master in Design Studies with distinction
Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 2003 M.Arch with honors and B.Sc. in Architecture
Université de Montréal

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2018 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Graduate Student Associate (2016 - present)
2017 Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Eugene P. Beard Fellowship in Practical Ethics
2017 Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship (declined)
2015 Harvard Graduate School of Design Penny White Fund Award
2015 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Graduate Student Conference Grant
2014 Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence (Q Score: 4.8)
2013 UN-Habitat Doctoral Travel Award
2013 Harvard Graduate School of Design Dimitris Pikionis Award
2012 Harvard Humanitarian Initiative & Cogan Family Fund Climate Internship Award (declined)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2017 Potvin, M., & Davis, D. E. “Resilience, Security and Space of Migrant Refuge” in Bourbeau, P. (Ed.) *Handbook on Migration and Security*. Cheltenham, Edward Elgar. 2017.
- 2015 Potvin, M. “Humanitarian Hybrids: New technologies and humanitarian resilience” in Sanderson, D., Kayden, J., and Leis, J. (Eds) *Urban Disaster Resilience: New Dimensions from International Practice in the Built Environment*. Routledge. 2015

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

CONFERENCES

- 2018 Humanitarian Planners in the “Century of the Unsettled Man”. In Global Displacements & Refugee Urbanization. Association Collegiate Schools of Planning. Buffalo, USA. October 2018.
- 2018 Space, instruments, and the birth and death of humanitarian planners. In Post-Humanitarian Ecologies: from Spill-over Effects to Ambiguous Territorial Control in Chronic and Recurring Crises. International Humanitarian Studies Association 2018. The Hague, Netherlands. August 2018.
- 2013 Humanitarian Urbanism under a Neoliberal Regime: Lessons from Kabul. In Urban Camps in a Global Perspective”, RC21 Conference 2013 “Resourceful Cities”. Sociology of Urban and Regional Development. Berlin, Germany. August 2013

CONFERENCE/PANEL ORGANIZED

- 2015 “Inscriptions of Power: Space, Institutions and Crisis.” Cambridge Talks IX, annual conference of the PhD Program in Architecture, landscape architecture and urban planning at Harvard University. Cambridge, USA. April 2015.
- 2014 “The Ethics and Politics of Crisis Mapping.” Design for Urban Disaster Conference, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA, USA. May 2014.

INVITED PANELIST

- 2018 “Humanitarian Approaches to Planning.” Design for Humanity Conference. Fordham University. New York City, USA. June 2018.
- 2016 “Humanitarian Urbanism and the Changing Geographies of Refuge: cases from Syria and Afghanistan.” The Spatial Impact of Forced Migration: Implication for Urban Scholarship and Practice. Columbia University. New York City, USA. February 2016.
- 2013 “Humanitarian Urbanism: Defining new sites of humanitarian interventions and challenging the informality-vulnerability correlation.” UN-Habitat Conference on Informal Urbanism “Metropolis Nonformal – Anticipation”. Technical University Munich. Munich, Germany. November 2013

TEACHING

HARVARD COLLEGE

Resident Tutor and Sophomore Advisor. Eliot House. 2015 -
 Thesis Advisor. Social Studies Senior Thesis. 2018-2019
 Special Concentration Tutor - Human Security and the Environment. 2016
 Consent Advocacy & Relationship Education Tutor (Sexual Assault/Harassment). 2015 - 2019

Teaching Fellow

Environmental Crisis, Climate Change and Population Flight.
 (with Dr. J. Leaning and Prof. J. McCarthy). Fall 2014 & 2015

Academic Tutor Summer School 2014
International Law and Human Rights Seminar
Public International Law
War Crimes, Genocide and Justice

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Instructor

Practice in Conflict, Crisis, and Recovery. Spring 2019
The Space of Conflict. Spring 2016 & 2017

Teaching Fellow

Land Use and Environmental Law. (with Prof. J. Kayden). Fall 2016
History and Theory of Urban Interventions. (with Prof. N. Brenner). Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant

Qualitative Research Methods. Spring 2015.
Environmental Justice and Climate Resilience in Planning and Design. Fall 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014-2018 Urban Theory Lab Doctoral Affiliate
- 2015 Crisis Response & Urban Integration of Syrian refugee. Interviews with leading international aid agencies (UNHCR, UN-Habitat, Norwegian Refugee Council and ICRC) Beirut, Lebanon. June-August 2015.
- 2015 GSD-World Bank City Strength Workshop. World Bank Cities Resilience program
- 2013-14 Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Study on the Occupational Health of Humanitarian Aid Workers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CONSULTANCIES

- 2011-2012 International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Water and Habitat Delegate, Erbil, Iraq
- 2009-2010 Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)
Shelter and Settlement Program Manager, Kabul, Afghanistan

UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Shelter Cluster
Co-Chair of Technical Working Group, Kabul, Afghanistan
- 2009 Al Futtaim Group Real Estate
Design Manager Master Planning, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2008 International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Field Program Manager seconded, Eastern Chad (Darfur)

2003-2007 Saia Barbarese Topouzanov Architects
Architect

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

ARTICLES/COLUMNS

- 2016 “Unsettling Unsettlements.” Harvard Design Magazine no. 42 ‘Run for Cover’.
2013 “Kabul: The Humanitarian City.” OpenSecurity Cities in Conflict series. OpenDemocracy.

SELECTED REPORTS

- 2011 “Al Wand River: vulnerability and risk assessment”. 5 pages. Report on potential transboundary water issues on the Iran-Iraq border, produced for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Iraq Delegation.
- 2010 Digital Database. UNHCR Emergency Shelter Cluster Technical Working Group in Afghanistan. With the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- 2009 “Kabul Area Shelter & Settlements (KASS) Annual Report 2009”. 17 pages. Report submitted to the Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
2009. “Evaluation of Land Allocation Schemes for Afghan Returnees”. Consultations held with the United States Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and CARE International. Kabul, Afghanistan. October 2009.

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

French (native proficiency); Spanish (conversational); Italian (reading)

COMPUTER SKILLS

ArcGIS (basic); Adobe Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Humanitarian Studies Association
Association Collegiate Schools of Planning