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EDUCATION

University of California

PhD in Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy

Dissertation: Policing as Carceral Community Development: Los Angeles' investment in the carceral state and the ongoing community and labor challenges

Emphasis: Race and Justice Studies

Irvine, California

Expected Spring 2024

Chair: Dr. Virginia Parks; Committee Members: Dr. Hun Kim, Dr. Toussaint Losier, Dr. Walter Nicholls, and Dr. Tiffany Willoughby-Herard

University of Pittsburgh

Master of Library and Information Science

University of Illinois (UIUC)

Bachelor of Arts in English

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 2011

Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

December 2007

PUBLICATIONS

California Economists Collective. "Why abolition now? Reflecting on 2020 with scholar-activists Brianna Byrd, Camilla Hawthorne, and Dylan Rodriguez." *Interface* 13, no. 2 (2021): 246–262.

BOOK REVIEWS

Racial Ecologies, edited by Lielani Nishime and Kim D. Hester Williams. *National Review of Black Politics* (2020) 1 (4): 516–519.

REPORTS

Parks, Virginia, and **Ian Baran** (2023) [Fossil Fuel Layoff: The Economic and Employment Effects of a Refinery Closure on Workers in the Bay Area](#). UC Berkeley Labor Center

Parks, Virginia, and **Ian Baran** (2021). [‘They Made a Path for Us’: A Survey of Participants in the Los Angeles Utility Pre-Craft Training Program](#). UC Irvine

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Nicholls, Walter and **Ian Baran**. (2024) Municipal Bureaucrats as Insurgent Political Subjects: A Theoretical Framework. *Antipode* (Revise and Resubmit)

Baran, Ian. (2024). Ecological Erasure as a Site of the Continuing Terms of Order. (Revise and Resubmit)

Parks, Virginia and **Ian Baran**. (2024) "Fossil Fuel Layoff: Capturing Decarbonization Impacts on Workers through a Refinery Closure" (Under Review)

Baran, Ian. Planning the Anti-Policing infrastructure: C.A.P.A. and the horizon of struggle. (Manuscript in final stage, ready for submission)

Baran, Ian. Urban Planning and the Capitalist State: Strategizing Contradictions, Crisis, and Relative Autonomy. (Manuscript in final stages for submission)

Baran, Ian. Planning: What is To Be Done? (Manuscript in final stages for submission)

Baran, Ian and Davin Phoenix. Evolving Models of Educational Interventions as a Site of Class Struggle. (Manuscript in final stages, submitting to a critical education journal)

Baran, Ian. Seeking Socially Just Cities in Southern California: community-based struggles in the city. Work in Progress

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS *with collaborators

2023	Urban Planning and Public Policy Summer Funding	\$1500
2023	UEPP Community Builder Award	\$200
2023	Urban Geography Specialty Group Travel Grant	\$100
2023	Socialist and Critical Geography Specialty Group Travel Grant	\$200
2022	Educational Development Fellow	\$2500
2022	Antipode Right to the Discipline Grant	\$10,000*
2022	Inclusive Excellence Fellowship	\$5000
2022	UEPP Summer Travel Grant (RC21)	\$1000
2022	Division of Teaching and Excellence Summer Fellow Coordinator	\$7500
2022	Urban Planning and Public Policy Summer Funding	\$2000
2021	Fall AGS Conference Stipend	\$250
2021	Division of Teaching and Excellence Summer Graduate Fellow	\$5000
2021	Small Change, Better World Grant	\$3000
2021	TA Professional Development Training Leader	\$1250
2021	Newkirk Grant Fellowship (2021-2022)	\$7000
2021	Urban Planning and Public Policy Summer Methods Funding	\$1825
2021	Urban Planning and Public Policy Summer Research Funding	\$1500
2021	Urban Planning and Public Policy Summer Funding	\$2000
2021	Most Promising Future Faculty Award (Nominated)	
2021	University of California Humanities Research Institute	\$3400*
2021	Social Ecology Dean's Quarterly Advancement Fellowship (Winter)	\$12,885
2020	Newkirk Grant Fellowship (2020-2021)	\$7000
2019	Pedagogical Fellowship	\$2000
2019	Community Resilience Environmental Justice Paper Writing Award	\$200
2019	Graduate Student Mentoring Award	\$250
2019	Urban Planning and Public Policy Summer Funding	\$2000

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- **Baran, Ian** and Walter Nicholls. [Against Carcerality: Planning, Strategizing, and Organizing for Decarceral Spaces](#). *Progressive City*
- Baran, Ian. [Part Two: Working as a Team Science Facilitator with the GREEN-MPNA/UCI Collaborative](#). Research Justice Shop Blog
- Baran, Ian. [Part 1: Clarity of Roles for a Successful Team Science Approach](#). Research Justice Shop Blog
- Baran, Ian. [MPNA-GREEN – UCI Team Science Collaborative: Lessons for Advancing Community-led Goals](#). Research Justice Shop Blog
- **Baran, Ian**, Morgan Coburn, Helen Meskhidze and Anat Schwartz [Resources for Students for AY 2021-2022](#). UCI DTEI Blog
- Baran, Ian. [Why Group Work and Active Learning Help to Complement Professions in the “Real World”](#) UCI DTEI Blog

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

- 2024 UCI Labor Center
Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia Parks
University of California, Irvine, UCI Labor Center
Project Description: “UCI Labor Center & Labor Summer 2024” – Laying the groundwork for the new director of the UCI Labor Center, including creating programming, preparing UCI’s second Labor Summer program, creating networks on campus between the UCI Labor Center and both internal and external organizations and departments.
- 2023 UCI Labor Center
Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia Parks
University of California, Irvine, UCI Labor Center
Project Description: “UCI Labor Center – Labor Summer 2023” – Preparing UCI’s pilot Labor Summer program, an eight-week, full-time internship between undergraduate and graduate interns and Orange County labor unions or community organizations, focusing on building research and organizing skills.
- 2022 USW Local 5 Union Refinery Shutdown Study
Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia Parks
University of California, Irvine, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy
Project Description: “Fossil Fuel Layoff” – Utilizing survey and interview methods, examines the economic and employment impact on union workers affected by a plant closure due to climate change policies.
- 2021 UPCT Research Study & DC Housing Survey Study
Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia Parks
University of California, Irvine, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy
Project Description: “Right of Return Housing” – Utilizing survey and interview methods, examines the redevelopment of an affordable housing complex in Washington D.C. on its tenant, who organized around right of return policies to challenge it.
- 2020 IBEW / UPCT Research Study
Principal Investigator: Dr. Virginia Parks
University of California, Irvine, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy
Project Description: “They Made a Path for Us” - Utilizing survey and interview methods, examines a workforce development program which linked unions, public sector employment, and racial and economic justice in Los Angeles.

CERTIFICATES & EMPHASIS

October 2021	Certificate in Inclusive Hybrid Pedagogy
September 2021	Certificate in Community-based Research – Research Justice
September 2021	Race & Justice Studies Emphasis
May 2021	Mentoring Excellence Certificate Program
October 2020	Certificate in Teaching Excellence
December 2019	Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning Associate
December 2019	Course Design Certificate Program
December 2019	Humanities Pedagogical Certificate Program

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Baran, Ian** and Virginia Parks. "Fossil Fuel Layoff: The Economic and Employment Effects of a Refinery Closure on Workers in Northern California's Bay Area." Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), Detroit, MI.
- 2023 Baran, Ian. "Planning the Anti-Policing Infrastructure: CAPA and the horizon of struggle." American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO.
- 2022 Baran, Ian. "Seeking Socially Just Cities in Southern California." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). Toronto, Canada.
- 2022 Baran, Ian. "Planning the Anti-Policing Infrastructure: CAPA and the horizon of struggle." RC 21. Athens, Greece.
- 2022 Baran, Ian. "Environmental Justice in Prison Abolition Movements: Advancing frameworks for justice and action." Urban Affairs Association (UAA). Washington, DC.
- 2021 Baran, Ian. "Urban Planning and the Capitalist State: strategizing contradictions, crisis, and relative autonomy." ACSP Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2021 Baran, Ian. "Planning the Anti-Policing infrastructure: CAPA and the horizon of struggle." AAG Virtual.
- 2021 Parks, Virginia, and **Ian Baran**. "How Structural and Frontline Practices in a Union-Public Sector Job Training Program Matter for Racial and Gender Equity." LERA. Virtual.
- 2020 Baran, Ian. "Environmental Justice and Prison Abolition Movements: Advancing frameworks for justice and action." AAG. Denver, CO. *COVID-19 Cancellation
- 2020 Baran, Ian. "Environmental Justice in Prison Abolition Movements: Advancing frameworks for justice and action." Toronto, ON. UAA. *COVID-19 Cancellation
- 2019 Baran, Ian. "The Need of Abolition Discourses Within the Environmental Movement: An analysis of environmental impact reports furthering abolitionist cause." Critical Race Theory Conference. Irvine, CA.
- 2020 Baran, Ian. "Planning in the insurgent (under)commons." Anthropologies in Transit Conference. Irvine, CA.
- 2019 Baran, Ian. "Planning (under)commons in the Black Radical Tradition." Space and Climate in the Urban Setting. Irvine, CA.
- 2019 **Baran, Ian** and Anthony M. Levenda. "The role of EIAs in prison abolition movements." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). Washington, DC.

WORKSHOPS LED

- 2022 DTEI Summer Graduate Fellowship Program Training (Three Day Workshop)
- 2021 Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program (Full Day Workshop)
- 2021 Exploring Best Practices for Using Assessments to Improve Student Learning
- 2021 Using Backward Design and Other Strategies to Guide Lesson Planning and Course Design
- 2020 Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program (Full Day Workshop)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine (August 2018 – present)

- Fall 2022 Plan Development and Communication
Instructor: Dr. Virginia Parks
Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy
- Fall 2021 Plan Development and Communication
Instructor: Dr. Virginia Parks
Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy
- Fall 2020 Plan Development and Communication
Instructor: Dr. Virginia Parks

Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy

- Spring 2020 Environmental Analysis and Design
Instructor: Dr. Mike Mendez
Department of Urban Planning and Policy
- Winter 2020 Introduction to Urban Studies
Instructor: Dr. Walter Nicholls
Department of Urban Planning and Policy
- Fall 2019 Latino Metropolis
Instructor: Dr. Rodolfo Torres
Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy & Department of Chicano/Latino
Studies
- Spring 2019 Introduction to Urban Studies
Instructor: Dr. Rodolfo Torres
Department of Urban Planning and Policy
- Winter 2019 Principles of Economics for Planning & Policy
Instructor: Dr. Maura Allaire
Department of Urban Planning and Policy
- Fall 2018 Urban Inequality
Instructor: Dr. Scott Bollens
Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy

Invited Lectures (External)

Baran, Ian. "Ecological Erasure as a Site of the Continuing Terms of Order." In Dr. Jasmine Yarish's class: Methods of Political Science. University of the District of Columbia, 11/2021

Invited Lectures (Internal)

Baran, Ian. "Ecological Erasure as a Site of the Continuing Terms of Order." In Dr. Yousuf Al-Bulushi's class: Global Forum, 5/2022

Baran, Ian. "Environmental Justice and Abolitionist Movements." In Socio-Legal Studies Workshop, 2/2020

Baran, Ian. "The Intersections of Prison Abolition and Environmental Justice." In Dr. Rudy Torre's class: Latino Metropolis, 11/2019

Baran, Ian. "The Intersections of Prison Abolition and Environmental Justice." In Dr. Rudy Torre's class: Introduction to Urban Studies, 5/2019

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

2019 UCI Critical Race Theory Workshop – Thinking Critically in 2019. Irvine, CA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UAA Economic Inclusion Research Network Workshop

Annual Conference for Urban Affairs Association. Nashville, TN.

- Graduate Student Participant, 2023

Workshop is designed to expose participants to current research on economic inclusion, heighten their understanding of research challenges, and provide professional networking opportunities.

DTEI Summer Graduate Fellows Program

Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation at the University of California. Irvine, California

- DTEI Summer Graduate Coordinator, 2022
- DTEI Summer Graduate Fellow, 2021

DTEI Summer Graduate Coordinators are tasked with running the \$500,000 Summer Graduate Fellows Program. Coordinators create and lead a three-day intensive training on pedagogical concepts and techniques, lead bi-weekly peer learning communities, and evaluate the program at its conclusion. The DTEI Summer Graduate Fellows Program is aimed at training graduate students in pedagogy and professional development, as well as improving faculty courses, focusing on inclusive practices in any course modality (online, hybrid, in-person). Graduate fellows are trained in advanced pedagogy (inclusive teaching, anti-racist and trauma-informed pedagogy, universal design for learning) and are then paired with a faculty member or members who they assist throughout the summer.

Research Justice and Community-based Research Program

Research Justice Shop at the University of California. Irvine, California

- Research Justice Fellow, 2021-2022
- Research Justice Fellow, 2020-2021

A year-long graduate fellowship which trains in Community-based Research and transforming research practices to be more inclusive and equitable. Fellows engage in year-long Community-based Research projects with a local organization, working alongside community-led and grant-funded initiatives and design, and facilitate a workshop on research justice in the university.

Laboratoire D'Urbanisme – PhD Workshop

Université Gustave Eiffel, Université Paris-EST Créteil. Paris, France

- Research Fellow, March, 2023
- Research Fellow, October 2021

A week-long program led by Laboratoire D'Urbanisme, in collaboration with UCI Planning Faculty, to build international research connections and relations between French and U.S.-based doctoral students in urban planning and urban studies, as well as refining their work through research presentations and peer feedback sessions.

Pedagogical Fellowship Program

Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation at the University of California. Irvine, California

- Pedagogical Fellow, 2020-2021
- TA Professional Development Training Leader, 2021
- TA Professional Development Training Leader, 2020

Provided advanced pedagogical and professional development in an interdisciplinary community that emphasizes professional and personal support. Pedagogical Fellows lead a Teaching Assistant Professional Development training on teaching and mentoring for the incoming cohort of graduate students.

18th Annual Qualitative Research Summer Intensive

Research Talk. University of North Carolina, Odum. Virtual
- Participant, 2021

Completed three courses on research methods and writing:

1. Mixed Methods Research: Foundations for Design, Execution, Dissemination (2-day)
2. Coding and Analyzing Qualitative Data (2-day)
3. Ten Tips for Publishing Qualitative Research (1-day)

International Summer School, Decolonizing Knowledge and Power

Center of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues. Virtual
- Participant, 2021

A week-long summer program aimed at interrogating research (analysis and investigation) and knowledge production in the sphere of higher education. The goal of the course was to help students formulate critical research questions, design liberatory research projects, and utilize methods that analyze these questions.

Summer workshop on theory and praxis in decolonial research methods.

El Cambalache, San Cristobal de las Casas. Chiapas, Mexico
- Research Participant, 2019

A ten-day Decolonial Bootcamp that focused on decolonial economic geography, critical research methods, participatory action research, and non-western and non-hierarchical economic practices.

Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA) Summer School

Caribbean Philosophical Association. Memphis, TN
- Participant, 2018

A week-long intellectually rigorous summer school meant to understand and engage with Caribbean philosophy as a transdisciplinary form of interrogation informed by scholarly knowledges, and through practices and artistic expressions.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Manuscript Reviewer: *Journal of World-Systems Research*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
- Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA)
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
- Planners Network
- The Architecture Lobby

DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2019 - Present California Economists Collective, Network on Community Economies, University of California

2019 - 2023 UAW 2865 Department Steward

2021 - 2022 UEPP Bridge Mentor
2020 - 2021 UEPP Department Student Writing Workshop Organizer
2020 - 2021 UEPP Department Student Co-Rep
2019 - 2020 UEPP Department Student Co-Rep
2019 – 2022 UCI Critical Race Theory Workshop Member

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2010 – 2023 *Member*, Political Prisoner Support, Los Angeles, California & New York, NY
2020 – 2023 *Editor*, *Abolitionist* Newspaper (Critical Resistance), National
2018 – 2023 *Member*, California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Los Angeles, California
2017 – 2022 *Member*, Critical Resistance, Los Angeles, California