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CURRENT POSITION

Peabody College, Vanderbilt University
Assistant Professor, Department of Human and Organizational Development, 2015
Affiliate Faculty, American Studies Program, 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban studies, political economy, critical race studies, political ecology, de-colonial theory, Black radical tradition, critical property theory, feminist theory, participatory research, ethnography.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Doctor of Philosophy in Geography
- M.A. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Master of Arts in City and Regional Planning
- B.A. Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS

- In prep **Sara Safransky**, *The City After Property: Abandonment and Repair in Postindustrial Detroit* (forthcoming Duke University Press)
- 2020 Linda Campbell, Andrew Newman, **Sara Safransky**, and Tim Stallman, eds. *A People's Atlas of Detroit*, Wayne State University Press.

ARTICLES IN REFERRED JOURNALS

- 2021 **Sara Safransky**, "Grammars of Reckoning: Redressing Racial Regimes of Property," *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0263775821999664>.
- 2021 Tessa Eidelman and **Sara Safransky**, "A Keyword Essay: The Urban Commons," *Urban Geography* 42, 6: 792-811.
- 2020 **Sara Safransky**, "Geographies of Algorithmic Violence: Redlining the Smart City," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 44, 2: 200-218. (Best Article Prize 2020).
- 2018 **Sara Safransky**, "Land Justice as a Historical Diagnostic: Thinking with Detroit," *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 108, 2: 499-512.

- 2017 **Sara Safransky**, "Rethinking Land Struggle in the Postindustrial City," *Antipode* 49, 4: 1079-1100.
- 2014 **Sara Safransky**, "Greening the Urban Frontier: Race, Property, and Resettlement in Detroit," *Geoforum* 56: 237-248.
- 2014 Andrew Newman and **Sara Safransky**, "Remapping the Motor City and the Politics of Austerity," *Anthropology Now* 6, 3: 17-28.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2019 **Sara Safransky**, "Land Justice as a Historical Diagnostic: Thinking with Detroit," in Nik Heynen, ed., *Social Justice and the City*, Routledge, reprint of article.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 **Sara Safransky**, "Book Review: *Beautiful Wasteland*. By Rebecca Kinney," Antipode website.
- 2017 **Sara Safransky**, "Book Review: *DIY Detroit*. By Kimberly Kinder." Antipode website.
- 2012 **Sara Safransky**, "Book Review: *Liquid Materialities: A History of Milk, Science and the Law*. By Peter Atkins." *Cultural Geographies* 19: 134-135.
- 2010 Kevin Fox, Elizabeth Hennessy, Scott Kirsch, Lisa Marshall, **Sara Safransky**, Autumn Thoyre, and Jenna Tiitsman, "Book Review Essay: A Catalog of Things. Edited by Bruno Latour and Peter Weibel," *Social & Cultural Geography* 11, 2: 191-199.

OTHER SCHOLARLY WORKS

- 2020 Linda Campbell, Andrew Newman, **Sara Safransky**, and Tim Stallman, "Detroit: Canary in Democracy's Coalmine?" *Detroit Metro Times*, November 25, 2020.
- 2018 Sarah Imran, Austin Sauerbrei, Tessa Eidelman, Megan Jordan, Rachel Underwood, Zac Oswald, Ian Montgomery, **Sara Safransky**, and Ken Chilton, "Understanding Nashville's Housing Crisis: How Do People Lose Their Homes," Metro Human Relations Commission.
- 2017 Andrew Newman and **Sara Safransky**, "Learning from Field Notes No.4, "The Trumbull Community:" Reflections on the Politics of Urban Land and Participatory Research," Antipode website.
- 2015 Co-producer, A People's Story of Detroit, a 62-minute documentary, available on YouTube.
- 2012 **Sara Safransky** and Wendy Wolford, "Land Grabs in the Americas and their Alternatives," published online by the Land Deal Politics Initiative.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

EXTRAMURAL

- 2014 Institute for Human Geography Grant (co-PI, Detroit collaboration)
- 2014 Wenner-Gren Foundation Engaged Anthropology Grant
- 2014 Social Science Research Council Grant for Critical Agrarian Studies Workshop (co-PI)
- 2013 Mellon-ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2013 Contested Landscape Summer Institute Fellow, Cornell University
- 2012 Antipode Scholar-Activist Project Award (co-PI, Detroit collaboration)

- 2012 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2012 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2011 Landscape Architecture Foundation Douglas Dockery Thomas Fellowship
- 2010 University of California Community Forestry and Environmental Resource Fellowship
(collaborator on engaged scholarship project)
- 2010 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Program
- 2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (3-year fellowship)
- 2008 Mellon-Sawyer Seminar Graduate Fellow with “The Changing Nature(s) of Land”
- 1998 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant, Undergraduate Thesis Field Research

INTRAMURAL

- 2019-20 Robert Penn Warren Center Fellow on theme of “Borders and Belonging”
- 2018-19 Junior Faculty Teaching Fellow
- 2015-16 EOS Fellowship (collaboration)
- 2012 Tuition Incentive Scholarship
- 2012 Linda and David Lewis Summer Research Fellowship
- 2011 Off-Campus Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2010 Latin American Studies Tinker Field Research Grant
- 2008 Best Master’s Thesis Award, Department of City and Regional Planning
- 2008 Robert E. Bryan Fellowship, Carolina Center for Public Service