

Curriculum Vitae
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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work, Seattle University. Affiliated status: Women and Gender Studies. Seattle, WA. 2013-

Major Areas of Research and Teaching Specialization

- Intersectionality
- Race and Ethnic Studies
- Gender and Feminist Theory
- Social Movements
- Hurricane Katrina
- Disaster Studies
- Social Inequality
- Critical Whiteness Studies
- Critical Race Theory

EDUCATION AND FORMER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Education

Ph.D. 2004. Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Former Appointments

Instructor. Freedom Education Project of Puget Sound. Washington Corrections Center for Women. "Introduction to Sociology." Winter quarter. 2017.

Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA. Affiliated status: Women's and Gender Studies. 2011-2013.

Graduate Coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans. New Orleans, LA. 2012-2013.

Senior Analyst, Research Network on Persons Displaced by Katrina. Social Science Research Council. 2006-2012.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA. Affiliated status: Women's and Gender Studies. 2004-2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Luft, Rachel E. 2016. "Disaster Patriarchy: An Intersectional Model for Understanding Disaster at the Ten-Year Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina." *Feminist Formations* Vol.28, No. 2. Summer. Pp. 1-26.

Luft, Rachel E. 2016. "Governing Disaster: The Politics of Tribal Sovereignty in the Context of [Un]Natural Disaster." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* Vol. 39, No. 5. Pp. 802-820.

Luft, Rachel E. 2009. "Beyond Disaster Exceptionalism: Social Movement Developments in New Orleans After Hurricane Katrina." *American Quarterly. Special Volume: In the Wake of Hurricane Katrina: New Paradigms and Social Visions* Vol. 61, No. 3. (September). Pp. 499-528.

Luft, Rachel E. 2008. "Looking for Common Ground: Relief Work in Post-Katrina New Orleans as an American Parable of Race and Gender Violence." *National Women's Studies Association Journal: Special Volume: Katrina, Gender, and Place* Vol. 20. No. 3. (Fall). Pp. 5-31.

Book Chapters in Collected Volumes

Ernst, Rose and Rachel E. Luft. 2017. "Welfare, Poverty, and Low-Wage Employment." *U.S. Women's Social Movement Activism: The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Women's Social Movement Activism*, eds Holly J. McCammon, Lee Ann Banaszak, Verta Taylor, and Jo Reger. Oxford University Press. [Invited chapter. Authors in alphabetical order].

Luft, Rachel E. 2016. "Men and Masculinities in the Social Movement for a Just Reconstruction After Hurricane Katrina." Pp. 34-44 in *Men, Masculinities and Disaster: Revisiting the Gendered Terrain of Disaster*, eds Elaine Enarson and Bob Pease. London: Routledge Press. [Invited chapter].

Luft, Rachel E. 2012. "Community Organizing in the Katrina Diaspora: Race, Gender, and the Case of the People's Hurricane Relief Fund." Pp. 233-255 in *Displaced: Life in the Katrina Diaspora*, eds Lori Peek and Lynn Weber. The Katrina Bookshelf Series. Austin: University of Texas Press.

Luft, Rachel E. 2012. "Violence Against Women." Pp. 193-199 in *Doing Feminist Theory: Paradigm Shifts from Modernity to Postmodernity*, Susan Mann. Oxford University Press. [Invited chapter section].

Finger, Davida and Rachel E. Luft. 2011. "No Shelter: Disaster Politics in Louisiana and the Struggle for Human Rights." Pp. 291-312 in *Human Rights in the USA*, eds Shareen Hertel and Kathryn Libal. Cambridge University Press. [Authors in alphabetical order].

Luft, Rachel E. and Jane Ward. 2009. "Toward an Intersectionality Just Out of Reach: Confronting Challenges to Intersectional Practice." Pp. 9-37 in *Advances in Gender Research. Special Volume: Intersectionality*, eds Vasilikie Demos and Marcia Texler Segal. UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited (JAI).

Luft, Rachel E. 2009. "Intersectionality and the Risk of Flattening Difference: Gender and Race Logics, and the Strategic Use of Antiracist Singularity." Pp. 100-117 in *The Intersectional Approach: Transforming the Academy Through Race, Class, & Gender*, eds Michele T. Berger and Kathleen. Guidroz. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press.

Luft, Rachel E. 2008. "Preface to the Second Edition: 'A Moment in Everyone's History.'" Pp. xi-xvii in *Hurricane Katrina: Response and Responsibilities*, Second Edition, ed. J.B. Childs. Santa Cruz: New Pacific Press. [Invited book chapter].

Luft, Rachel E. 2005. "Making Sense of Tragedy." Pp. 17-22 in *Hurricane Katrina: Response and Responsibilities*, ed. J. B. Childs. Santa Cruz: New Pacific Press.

Reports

"Beware of Recovering the Worst Parts: Race, Class, and Gender Guidelines for a Just Recovery." National Hazards Center. October 11, 2017.

Luft, Rachel E. with Shana Griffin. 2008. "A Status Report on Housing in New Orleans After Katrina: An Intersectional Analysis." Pp. 50-53 in *Katrina and the Women of New Orleans*, ed. Beth Willinger. Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, New Orleans.

Book Reviews

Luft, Rachel E. 2009. "Book Review: *From Black Power to Black Studies: How a Radical Social Movement Became an Academic Discipline*, by Fabio Rojas." Baltimore, M.D.: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 114, No. 6. (May). Pp. 1857-1860.

Luft, Rachel E. 2008. "After Katrina: A Second Generation of Books." *Sociological Inquiry* Vol. 78, No. 2. (May). Pp. 258-263

Luft, Rachel E. 2005. "*Black Sexual Politics: African Americans, Gender, and the New Racism*, by Patricia Hill Collins." *Contemporary Sociology* Vol. 34. No. 4. (July). Pp. 366-367.

Instructional Manuals

Luft, Rachel E. with Richard Appelbaum and William Chambliss. 1995. *Instructor's Manual to Accompany Sociology*. New York: HarperCollins.

Other

Luft, Rachel E. 2015. "Emergency Preparedness for All." Op-Ed. *Seattle Times*. August 20.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

"Racialized Disaster Patriarchy and the Volunteer-Industrial-Complex: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina a Decade Later." Department of Sociology, Drake University. September 12, 2016.

"Disaster Patriarchy." Law & Society. New Orleans, LA. June 4, 2016.

"Beyond Resilience: Disaster, Inequality, and Justice." Building Resilience to Disasters: A Community-Wide Strategy. Urban Area Security Initiative Vulnerable Populations Disaster Planning Conference. King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. Bellevue, WA. May 25, 2016.

"The Politics of Activist Research: Stories of Un/Accountability." Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, Canada. April 1, 2016.

"Disaster Patriarchy: Intersectional Lessons From Hurricane Katrina A Decade Later and What They Can Teach Us About the Ongoing Race, Class, and Gender Disasters in Our Own

Communities.” Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, Okanagan. October 2014.

“Disaster Patriarchy: The Race and Gender Politics of the Movement for a Just Reconstruction after Katrina.” Disaster Speaker Series, Mount Royal University and Xavier University. New Orleans, LA. May 2013.

“Disaster Patriarchy and Hurricane Katrina: The Intersectional Politics of the Movement for a Just Reconstruction.” Department of Sociology. Montana State University. April 2012.

“Disaster Patriarchy and Hurricane Katrina: The Intersectional Politics of the Movement for a Just Reconstruction.” Department of Women’s Studies. University of California, Riverside. April 2012.

“Katrina One Year Later: Healing Trauma, Pursuing Justice.” Columbia University School of Social Work. New York, New York. September, 2006.

Peer-Reviewed Talks

“Still Facing Challenges to Intersectional Organizing: Seeking Racial and Gender Justice After Hurricane Katrina.” American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. August 2015.

“Disaster Patriarchy: Making Intersectional Sense of Hurricane Katrina.” Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. March 2015.

"Gender Inequities, Disasters, and Displacement in the 21st Century: An Intersectional Approach." Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. March 2015.

“Tribal Disaster Policy and the Struggle for Sovereignty: Which Disaster? Which Sovereignty?” American Sociological Association. San Francisco. August 2014.

“The Intersectional Politics of Grassroots Disaster Contestation: The Movement for a Just Reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina.” Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, CO. March 2013.

“Disaster Patriarchy and Hurricane Katrina: Seeking (Intersectional) Justice in Calamitous Times.” American Sociological Association. Denver, CO. August 2012.

“Disaster Patriarchy: An Intersectional Analysis of Post-Katrina Struggle for Community Power.” American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NE. August 2011.

“No Shelter: Disaster Politics in Louisiana and the Struggle for Human Rights.” American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA. August 2010.

With Davida Finger. “Post-Hurricane Katrina Evacuation and Housing Policy: A Human Rights and Social Movements Analysis.” Human Rights in the USA Conference, The Human Rights Institute in Association with the University of Connecticut Law School. October 22-24, 2009.

“Grassroots Social Justice Movement Activity After Hurricane Katrina: Opportunities and Constraints.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 10, 2009.

“Survival Networks Among Displaced Communities” for “What We Know About Katrina’s Displaced” (Thematic Session.) American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 9, 2009.

“Organizing in the Aftermath of Disaster: The Movement for a Just Reconstruction Among Katrina’s Displaced.” Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. April 4, 2009.

“Challenges to Movement Building After Hurricane Katrina: Community Organizing and The Case of The People’s Hurricane Relief Fund.” American Sociological Association. Boston, MA. August 2008.

“Between HOPE and Home: The Fight for Public Housing and the Right of Return in New Orleans.” American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 2007.

“What Does Response and Recovery Mean for Women?” Sociologists for Women in Society. New Orleans, LA. February 2007.

“Social Science Research Council Working Group on Persons Displaced by Hurricane Katrina.” Solidarity Across Borders: Gender, Race, and Class in Disaster and Post-Disaster Reconstruction Conference. New Orleans, LA. February 2007.

“Finding Common Ground in the Name of Antiracism.” American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 2006. [Paper accepted].

“Critical Race Theory.” Southern Region of the National Black Law Students Association, Tulane University School of Law. February, 2005.

“Cultivating Antiracism Among Whites: The Emergence of an Antiracist Master Frame in Race Training Workshops.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. August, 2005.

“Making Movements Out of Identity: A Tactical Comparison of Single Issue Identity Politics and Intersectional Anti-Oppression Projects.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August, 2004.

“The Role of Identity in Contemporary Social Movement Repertoires: The Case of Whiteness.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. April, 2004.

“The Uses of Subjectivity in the Making of Antiracist Subjects: Identity, Culture, and Emotions in Antiracist Workshops.” American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. August, 2002.

“Producing Whiteness in Antiracist Workshops: The Cost and Benefits of Cultural Reification.” American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA. August, 2001.

“Second Wave Feminism and its Discursive Legacy: Contemporary Feminist Consciousness and the Genealogy of Anxiety.” American Sociological Association. Toronto, Canada. August, 1997.

“Women’s Studies as Proof-text: Reading the Effect(s) of Poststructuralism and Multiculturalism in the Classroom.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meetings. St. Louis, MO. June, 1997.

“Generation X and its Feminisms.” American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August, 1996.

“Not Professing but Negotiating: Reading Women’s Studies Students Reading Feminism.” Women’s Studies 25th Anniversary Symposium. San Diego, CA. November, 1995.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Academic Service-Learning Fellowship: “Curricular Preparation for Accountable Community Engagement.” Center for Community Engagement. Seattle University. 2017-2018.

Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship: “Disaster Patriarchy.” Seattle University. Seattle, WA. June-September 2014.

Quick Response Grant: “Government-to-Government Disaster Policy as the Northwest Burns: Housing Recovery on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.” National Hazards Center, University of Boulder, Co. October 2012.

Summer Creative Endeavor Opportunity Award: “Disaster Manarchy.” Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of New Orleans. June 2011.

“Human Rights Documentation of Hurricane Gustav Evacuation.” Oxfam, New Orleans. October, 2008.

“Documenting the Displaced.” Social Science Research Council. Co-Equal Principal Investigator with Dr. Pamela Jenkins (UNO). Summer 2007-Spring 2011.

“A Public Housing Resident Survey.” Social Science Research Council. Summer 2007.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Summer Research Program Award, University of New Orleans, 2009.

Liberal Arts June Scholar. University of New Orleans. 2008.

Special Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship. University of CA, Santa Barbara. 2002.

Research and Travel Grant, Department of Sociology. University of CA, Santa Barbara. 2002, 1997, 1994.

Johnston Dissertation Fellowship, Oberlin College Alumni Graduate Award. Oberlin College, 2000.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Consultant/Discussant/Session Organizer

Invited Participant, Advisory Committee. “Addressing Gender Inequities in Health and Safety.” Centers for Disease Control and the National Association of County and City Health Offices. Atlanta, GA. April 19-20, 2012.

Session Organizer. "Race, Class, Gender, and Disaster." Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, CA. March 22-25. 2012.

Conference-Community Liaison. "Solidarity Across Borders: Gender, Race, and Class in Disaster and Post-Disaster Reconstruction." Race, Class, and Gender conference. New Orleans, LA. February 2007.

Discussant. "Social Movements and the Storm." "Solidarity Across Borders: Gender, Race, and Class in Disaster and Post-Disaster Reconstruction." Race, Class, and Gender conference. New Orleans, LA. February 2007.

Media Interviews: Radio

"Katrina Ou La Fin D'Un Monde." "Sur Les Dock" on *France Culture* [www.franceculture.com]. Radio interview for four part series on post-Katrina New Orleans for French public radio, hosted by Charlotte Garson. Interview date: September 27, 2008. Air date: October 27-31, 2008.

"Hurricane Gustav Report from the Ground" on "Building Bridges," *WBAI Pacifica*, New York. Radio interview hosted by Mimi Rosenberg and Ken Nash. September 1, 2008.

"The Public Housing Recovery in New Orleans" on "The Perfectly Outrageous Storm." Web-based audio slideshow and interview, The Social Science Research Council [http://www.ssrc.org/features/]. August 29, 2008.

"Update from the Front Lines: Privatization in New Orleans after Katrina." No Alibi with Avery Gordon. March 26, 2008.

"Status Report: Hurricane Katrina and Public Policy." WBAI. October, 2006.

"Hurricane Katrina: A Racialized View." WBAI. New York, New York. September 7, 2006.

Media Interviews: Print Publications

"Even in a Country Battered by Crises, American Unity is Temporary." *The Washington Post*. October 10, 2017.

"6 Organizations Helping Women in Puerto Rico That You Can Feel Good Supporting." *Bustle*. September 28, 2017

"Women are More at Risk From Disasters Like Hurricane Harvey." *Newsweek*. August 29, 2017.

"Five Years Later, a Richer, Whiter New Orleans." Salon.com. Matt Davis. August 28, 2010.

"Many Fled Katrina, and Many Never Found Their Way Back." AFP. Anita Hassan. August 27, 2010.

“Katrina Upends City’s Racial Politics.” *Times-Picayune*. Michelle Krupa. A1, Column 1. October 19, 2008.

“Labruzzo’s Sterilization Numbers at Odds with Welfare Numbers.” *Times-Picayune*. Mark Waller. A1, Column 1. September 25, 2008.

“De Usynlige Fedrene.” *Magasinet*. Interview for newspaper, Oslo, Norway. August, 2005.