

# Tony C. Sparks, Ph.D.

## Education

University of Washington Ph.D. 2003-2009 Geography

Claremont Graduate University M.A. 2000-2002 Cultural Studies

University of Washington 1994-1998 B.A. Comparative History of Ideas

Title of Dissertation: *As Much Like Home as Possible: Geographies of Homelessness and Citizenship in Seattle's Tent City 3*

## Professional Positions

San Francisco State University: Associate Professor 2018-Present

Assistant Professor, 2012-2018

Lecturer, 2006-2012

Sonoma State University: Lecturer, 2008-2012

## Honors and Awards

2016 Academic Affairs Development of Research and Creativity Award

2014 Presidential Award for Professional Development of Probationary Faculty

## Research and Publications

### *Books*

(Forthcoming 2024) *Tent City Seattle: Refusing Homeless and Making Home*. University of Washington Press. Seattle

### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

(2020) With Sheppard, E., and Leitner, H., 2020. World class aspirations, urban informality, and poverty politics: A North-South comparison. *Antipode*. (Second Author)

(2019) Reproducing Disorder: The effects of 'broken windows' policing on homeless people with mental illness in San Francisco. *Social Justice* (45 2/3, 51-81)

(2017) "Citizens Without Property: Informality and Political Agency in a Seattle, Washington Homeless Encampment. *Environment and Planning A* (49) 1, 86 - 103

(2017) "Neutralizing Homelessness 2015: Tent Cities and Ten Year Plans" *Urban Geography* 38 (3) 348-356

(2012) "Governing the Homeless in an Age of Compassion: Homelessness, Citizenship, and the Committee to End Homelessness in King County." *Antipode*, 4 (44)

(2010) "Broke not broken: Rights, privacy and homelessness in Seattle Washington". *Urban Geography*. 31 (6)

(2005) "The World Social Forum and the Lessons for Economic Geography" Co-authored with Matthew Sparke, Elizabeth Brown, Dominic Corva, Heather Day, and Caroline Faria. *Economic Geography*. 84 (4)

#### *Book Chapters (Editor Reviewed)*

(2011) "Notes from the Tent City" in *Seattle: Geographies of here and beyond*. M. Brown and D Morrill eds. University of Washington Press, 2011

#### *Work in Progress*

"Tweeting the Crisis: Investigation of San Francisco's Homeless Crisis and Citizen Participation in the SF311 program". In preparation for *Antipode*

#### *Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations*

(2018) "Custodianship and Coproduction: 311 reporting and the relational construction of the homeless outlaw" Thinking and Organizing at the Margins of Traditional Housing conference Minneapolis MN

(2017) "Revising Curricula in the Majors." (co-presented with Jennifer Summit, Elizabeth Brown and Jocelyn Hermosa), Association of American Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting San Francisco CA

(2017) "Producing Disorder: The effects of 'Quality of Life' policing on homeless people with mental illness in San Francisco." International Meeting of Law and Society, Mexico City MX

(2014) "Waste Removal: The Middle Class Politics of Recycling in San Francisco." Relational Poverty Network Annual Conference, Seattle Washington

#### *Invited Presentations*

2017 Panelist for "Sheltering Temporariness" Public Affairs Open Forum #5 *Domesticity after Belonging* California College of the Arts. San Francisco California

(2016) Panelist for "Towards a Compassionate City" Storefront Lab Symposium. Storefront Lab. San Francisco CA

(2016) "Integrating Research, Teaching and Service Through Community Engaged Learning" Keynote: SFSU College of Health and Social Sciences Annual Showcase

(2015) "Tent Cities and Ten Year Plans: Defining and Neutralizing homelessness"  
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Ending  
Homelessness. Tacoma Washington

(2013) "Governing Madness in the City of Care: The Spatial Management of Mental Illness  
in San Francisco." SFSU Geography Department Forum March 13, 2013

*Non-Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations*

(2017) Panel Participant "Decolonizing Home/Homelands Annual Conference of the  
Association of American Geographers, Boston MA

(2015) "The asylum is on these streets: managing mental illness in the carceral  
community" Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago IL

(2013) "Producing the Neighborhood: Discourses of Community, Poverty and Livability in  
San Francisco's Haight/Ashbury." Annual Conference of the American Association of  
American Geographers. Los Angeles, California

(2011) "Governing madness in the city of care: The legal geographies of mental illness in  
San Francisco." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Association of  
American Geographers. Seattle Washington

(2010) "On being a good camper: informal governmentality in a Seattle homeless  
encampment." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of American  
Geographers. Washington D.C.

(2008) "No homeless left behind: poverty, homelessness, and social reproduction in an age  
of 'compassion.'" Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of  
American Geographers. Boston, MA

(2007) "Homeless in the age of 'compassion': Homelessness, Citizenship and Seattle's  
Tent City." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Geographers  
Association. Long Beach, CA

(2007) "It's nobody's business where I sleep!': rights, privacy, and citizenship in Seattle's  
homeless community." Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual  
Meeting. Berlin, Germany

(2007) "As Much Like Home as Possible: Privacy, Rights Talk, and Negative Freedom in  
Seattle's Tent City." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of  
American Geographers. San Francisco, CA

(2006) "Governing the Homeless: Homelessness, Citizenship and Seattle's Tent City."  
Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers.  
Denver, Colorado

(2005) "A Roof over Every Bed: the Annihilation of Practice by Law" Paper presented at  
the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Geographers Association. Phoenix AZ

(2005) “Invading Spaces: The construction of the homeless body in Seattle’s “Tent City.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, Denver CO

*Grants and Contracts*

(2017) (Co-PI) Institute for Civic and Community Engagement Department/Program Mini-Grant (Pilot Program)

(2015-2016) (Co-PI) Teagle Foundation Curriculum Design Initiative Grant \$10,000

(2015) Institute for Civic and Community Engagement Faculty Community Service Learning Grant \$5,000

(2012, 2014, 2017) Faculty Affairs Travel Award

## TEACHING

*Courses taught:*

- USP 400/HIST 489: Dynamics of the American City
- USP 401 Seminar in Urban Studies and Planning (GWAR)
- USP 475-02 Special Topics in Urban Studies and Planning (US Homeless Policy in Historical Context)
- USP/PLSI 480: Introduction to Urban Policy and Analysis
- USP/PLSI 560: Urban Poverty and Policy
- USP/PLSI 513/GEOG 668: Politics, Law and the Urban Environment
- USP/PLSI/LABR 570: Urban Health Policy
- USP/PLSI 603: Public Service Internship
- USP/PLSI 604: Internship Seminar
- USP 681 Capstone: Senior Thesis
- AU 600 Willie L Brown Jr Fellowship Seminar

*Instructional Expertise*

(2019) Participant: Student Facilitation Training presented by Elizabeth Keithley, retired Director of Undergraduate Facilitator Training and Resources for UC Berkeley’s Democratic Education at Cal (Sponsored by DUEAP)

(2017) Participant: Relational Poverty Studies Summer Institute

(2017) Participant: SFSU Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Mentorship Program

2016 Participant: Teagle Grant Redesigning Curricula Faculty Learning Community

(2014) Participant: CSU Threshold Concepts and Wicked Problems Leadership Institute.  
Sacramento CA, July 18-19

(2013) Participant: Faculty GIS working group

## **SERVICE TO CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY**

### **Campus Service**

#### *Departmental Service*

PACE Student Success Committee 2023-

Organizer: City and County of San Francisco Hiring Info Session (2022)

Organizer: SFMTA and Planning Department Internship Fair and Info Session  
(2020)

PACE RTP Committee (2019, and 2021-2022)

CJS RTP committees (2019)

PACE Curriculum Committee (2014-2018)

PACE Alumni Committee (2014-Present)

Faculty advisor: USP Student Association (2013-2019)

Faculty advisor "Urban Action" Journal 2013-2014, 2017-2020, 2022-

#### *College Service*

CHSS Teaching Task Force 2019

#### *University Service*

Willie K. Brown Fellowship Co-director (2018+Present)

Experimental College Board Member (2018-Present)

University Basic Needs Committee (2018-2022)

ICCE Oversight Board Member (2016-Present)

First Year Experience Task Force Member (2018)

University Interdisciplinary Council (Co-Chair) 2013-2018

CSL representative to the Professional Development Council (2016-2017)

#### *Community Service*

##### *Academic (service to discipline)*

External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion for Dr. Jamie Chang Santa  
Clara University

External Reviewer for SSRC Insight Grant for Anna Kramer McGill  
University

Steering committee for “Power at the Margins” Conference UC Berkeley,  
March 2020

Relational Poverty Network Steering Committee (2015-2016)

Peer Reviewer

2022 *Radical Housing Journal, Environment and Planning C Cities  
and Politics, Urban Geography*

2021 *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Urban  
Geography, Canadian Journal of Urban Research*

2019 *Antipode, City, Social Justice Journal,*

2017 *Annals of the Association of American Geographers, Political  
Geography, Urban Geography*

2014-2016: *Urban Geography, Geographica Helvetica, Global  
Society, Antipode*

*Non-Academic*

Coalition on Homelessness San Francisco

Human Rights Working Group (2015-present)

(2014) Editorial Team Member for *Punishing the Poorest: How the  
Criminalization of Homelessness Perpetuates Poverty in San  
Francisco*