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Curriculum Vitae
Andrew Deener

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Professor, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara	2024-
Department Head, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut	2023-2024
Assistant to Associate to Full Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut	2008-2020
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Health and Society Scholar, University of Pennsylvania	2010-2012

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology	2008
M.A. University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology	2004
M.A. New School for Social Research, Historical Studies and Sociology	2002
B.A. Pennsylvania State University, Liberal Studies/Cultural Studies	1999

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Culture; Urban Studies; Environmental Studies; Science, Technology, and Society; Sociological Theory; Ethnographic, Historical, Interview, and Comparative Methods

PUBLISHED BOOKS

Deener, Andrew. 2020. *The Problem with Feeding Cities: The Social Transformation of Infrastructure, Abundance, and Inequality in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

- 2021 Mirra Komarovsky Award, Honorable Mention, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2022 *Food Tank: Books to Strengthen Local Food Systems*
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *City & Community*, *Civil Engineering Magazine*, *Culinary Historians of Washington (CHOW Line)*, *Gastronomica*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Forum*, *Urbanities: Journal of Urban Ethnography*

Deener, Andrew. 2012. *Venice: A Contested Bohemia in Los Angeles*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

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- 2012 L.A. Public Media (KCET) best books about Los Angeles
- 2013 Mirra Komarovsky Award, Honorable Mention, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2013 Robert E. Park Award, Honorable Mention, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- Excerpt in Duneier, Mitchell, Philip Kasnitz, Alexandra Murphy, *Urban Ethnography Reader*, Oxford University Press.
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *City & Community*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal of Urban History*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Los Angeles Public Media*

BOOK UNDER CONTRACT

Deener, Andrew and Wynn, Jonathan. *The Urban Way: Culture, Globalization, and the Future of City Life*. Oxford University Press (Under Contract).

EDITED VOLUME

Benzecry, Claudio, Deener, Andrew, Lara-Millan, Armando (Co-Editors). 2020. *Archival Work as Qualitative Sociology*, Special Issue, *Qualitative Sociology*, 43(3).

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

* Indicates graduate student co-author

Deener, Andrew, Black Hawk Hancock, and *Zoe Folsom. 2022. "The Storm Map as Digital Ambiguity: Political and Scientific Authority in the Information Age of Disasters." *Socio-Anthropologie*, 46: 125-141.

Pais, Jeremy, Deener, Andrew, Fischer, Mary, and *Kline, Zachary. 2021. "Shelter at Home, if you Can: Community Vulnerability and Residential Sequestering During the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020." *Sociological Quarterly*, 63(3): 562-589.

Benzecry, Claudio, Deener, Andrew, Lara-Millan, Armando (Co-Authors). 2020. "Archival Work as Qualitative Sociology," *Qualitative Sociology*, 43(3): 297-303.

Deener, Andrew. 2018. "The Architecture of Ethnographic Knowledge: Narrowing Down Data and Contexts in Search of Sociological Cases." *Sociological Perspectives* 61(2): 295-313.

Deener, Andrew. 2017. "The Origins of the Food Desert: Urban Inequality as Infrastructural Exclusion," *Social Forces*, 95(3): 1285-1309.

Deener, Andrew. 2017. "The Uses of Ambiguity in Sociological Theorizing: Three Ethnographic Approaches." *Sociological Theory*, 35(4): 359-379

Deener, Andrew. 2016. "The Ecology of Neighborhood Participation and the Reproduction of

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Political Conflict.” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 40(4): 817-832.

Aronowitz, Robert, Deener, Andrew, Keene, Danya, Schnittker, Jason, and Tach, Laura (Co-Authors). 2015. “The Pitfalls of Invoking Cultural Change to Improve Population Health.” *American Journal of Public Health*. July 2015, 105(S3): 403-408.

Deener, Andrew. 2010. The “Black Section” of the Neighborhood: Collective Visibility and Collective Invisibility as Sources of Place Identity. *Ethnography*, 11(1): 1-23.

Deener, Andrew. 2009. “Forging Distinct Paths Toward Authentic Identity: Outsider Art, Public Interaction, and Identity Transition in an Informal Market Context.” *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 38: 169-200

Deener, Andrew. 2007. Commerce as the Structure and Symbol of Neighborhood Life: Reshaping the Meaning of Community in Venice, California. *City and Community*, 6(4): 291-314.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Deener, Andrew, Erie, Steven, Kogan, Vlad, Stuart, Forrest (Co-Authors). 2013. “Planning Los Angeles: Neighborhood and Downtown Development, in Halle, David and Andrew Beveridge (editors), *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Deener, Andrew. 2010. “The Decline of a Black Community by the Sea: Demographic and Political Changes in Oakwood,” in Hunt, Darnell (editor), *Black Los Angeles: Race, Community, and the American Dream*. New York: New York University Press.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Climate Change and the Southern California Water Infrastructure: History and ethnography of cultural and political conflicts surrounding changing land-uses

Sociology of Infrastructure: Conceptual and theoretical papers on the sociological study of infrastructure, material culture, and the built environment

Building Sustainable Communities and Cities: Multiple projects on classification of sustainable development and infrastructures

ESSAYS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Book Review of “Diet for a Large Planet: Industrial Britain, Food Systems, and World Ecology.” *Journal of Urban History*. 2021.

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“The Values of the Food System on Display,” *Footnotes*, the American Sociological Association Newsletter, January, Special Issue on Food and Society. 2021.

Book Review of “Taking Back the Boulevard: Art, Activism, and Gentrification in Los Angeles, by Jan Lin, *Contemporary Sociology*. 2020

“Gentrification? Some Communities Say ‘Bring it’ (coauthored with Jonathan Wynn). *The Conversation*, October 11, 2017. Reprinted in *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Salon.com*, *Business Insider*, CNN.com

Book Review of *There Goes the Gayborhood?* by Amin Ghaziani, *Sociological Forum*, 2016.

“The Public Identities of Neighborhoods: Cultural Template or Situated Space?” Symposium on Ghaziani, *There Goes the Gayborhood. Environment and Planning A*, 47, 2016

Book Review of *Street Level: Los Angeles in the Twenty-First Century*, by Rob Sullivan, *Contemporary Sociology*, 2015

Book Review of *Seeing Cities Change* by Jerome Krase, *Contemporary Sociology*. 43: 707. 2014.

“The Ditches of the Slum: How Venice’s Squalid Past Shaped the Glitzy Canals,” Essay in *Zocalo Public Square*. 2012

Book review of *Hobos, Hustlers, and Backsliders* by Teresa Gowan. *American Journal of Sociology*. 116(6): 2056-2057 2011

“Cultural Variations or Socioeconomic Positions: The Gentrification Debate Continues,” *Sociological Forum*. 25(4):865-869. 2010

Book review of *Faithful to Fenway: Believing in Boston, Baseball, and America’s Most Beloved Ballpark* by Michael Ian Borer. *Contemporary Sociology*. 38(2): 134-135. 2009.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

UConn, CLAS Research Grant, “Troubled Sites and the Challenges of Sustainable Urban Development,” with Jeremy Pais (\$34,500), 2023

UConn, Scholarship Facilitation Fund Grant, “Climate Change as an Infrastructural Crisis,” (\$3,000), 2022.

Mirra Komarovsky Award, Honorable Mention, Best Book, Eastern Sociological Society, 2021

Senior Fellow, Yale Ethnography Project, Yale University, 2014-Present

Robert E. Park Award, Honorable Mention, Community and Urban Sociology

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Section, American Sociological Association, 2013

Mirra Komarovsky Award, Honorable Mention, Best Book, Eastern Sociological Society, 2013

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2010-2012

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Research Grant for “Feeding the City” (\$20,030), 2012

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Research Pilot Grant for “The Changing Politics of Food in Philadelphia” (\$17,790), 2011

UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies Research Grant, (\$3,000), 2007

John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000), 2006-2007

UCLA Gold Shield Alumnae Oral History Graduate Research Grant, 2006

Graduate Student Paper Award, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2005

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Early Doctoral Research Grant (\$15,000), 2004-2005

UCLA Summer Research Mentorship Award Fellowship (\$3,000), 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journals:

Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Qualitative Sociology* (2019 – Present)

Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology* (2015-2019)

Editorial Board, *City & Community* (2012 - 2020)

Ad Hoc Reviewer:

Journals: *American Journal of Sociology, American Journal of Cultural Sociology, American Sociological Review, City & Community, City & Society, Environmental Practice, Ethnography, Journal of Urban Affairs, Public Culture, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Sociological Research and Methods, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Theory, Symbolic Interaction, Urban Studies, Urban Geography*

Book Presses: *Columbia University Press, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Minnesota Press, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press*

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Center for Engaged Scholarship, Dissertation Fellowship Application Review (2021)

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association

Committee Member, Hacker-Mullins Student Paper Award, Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section, 2019

Chair, Nominations Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section, 2017-2018

Council Member, ASA Section on Community and Urban Sociology, 2015-2018

Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting: Urban Sociology Regular Sessions, 2015

Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting: Diversity and Urban Space, 2011

Chair, Best Student Paper Committee, Community and Urban Section, 2011

Chair, Membership Committee, Community and Urban Section, 2012-2013

Chair, Jane Addams Article Award, Community and Urban Section, 2013

Co-editor (with Claudio Benzecry and Jonathan Wynn), Culture Section Newsletter, 2010-2014

Social Science Historical Society

Session Organizer, SSHA Annual Meeting, "Innovation and Place"

Session Organizer, SSHA Annual Meeting, "Archival Work as Qualitative Sociology"

Eastern Sociological Society

Committee member, Mirra Komarovsky Award for Best Book (2021)

External Reviewer for Promotion & Tenure Cases

Boston University

Brandeis University

Georgetown University

Hunter College, City University of New York

University of Michigan, Flint

University of Colorado, Denver

Queens College, City University of New York

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Department Head, Sociology, 2023 -

Director of Graduate Studies, 2021- 2023

Department Planning Committee, 2021-

Co-Organizer, Sociology Pipeline to Publishing Workshop, 2023

Co-Organizer, Ethnography Workshop 2020-2022

Mentor, Hack UConn, 2021

Faculty Search Committee 2021 (Environment and Society Cluster Hire)

Chair, Target of Opportunity Faculty Search Committee, 2019-2020

Faculty Search Committee, 2019

Department Merit Committee, 2018-2019

Department Executive Committee (elected), 2013-2015; 2017-2019; 2020-2022

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Department Innovation Committee, 2019-2020

Undergraduate Planning Committee, 2008-2009; 2013-2014; 2017-2018

Graduate Planning Committee, 2009-10; 2014-2017; 2018-2019; 2020-2021

Chair, Department Colloquium Committee, 2013-2017

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, 2015-2016

University IRB Compliance Sub-Committee, 2014-2015

Faculty Search Committee, 2012-2013

Awards Committee, 2012-2013, 2016-2017

TEACHING

University of Connecticut, 2008-Present

Graduate Courses

Urban Sociology

Community

Sociology of Culture

Contemporary Social Theory

Qualitative Methods I (Developing Research)

Qualitative Methods II (Analyzing Data)

Advanced Qualitative Methods (Writing Articles and Dissertation Chapters)

Undergraduate Courses

Urban Sociology

City Life

Consumption as a Social Problem

Food and the City

Sustainable Cities

Culture

University of California, Los Angeles, Spring 2006

Theories of Urban Space (Undergraduate):

STUDENT ADVISING

PhD Dissertation Committees

Tom Hochschild (PhD 2011)

Ranita Ray (Chair, PhD 2013)

Adane Zawdu (Chair, PhD 2019)

Danielle Kloster (Dept of Natural Resources, PhD 2019)

Sylvia Pu (Chair, PhD 2020)

Galilea Ordoitz (Chair, PhD 2023)

Carol Ann Jackson (PhD 2024)

Zachary Kline (PhD 2024)

Rianka Roy (PhD 2024)

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Xinyan Wu (Chair)
Emily Mason
Rhys Hall

MA Committees

Stephen Wulff
Dinur Blum
Krysten Brown
Allen Hyde
Trisha Tiamzon
Chandra Waring
Jordan Moses
Amy Lawton
Emily Mason (Chair 2020)
Olivia Dono
Zoe Folsom (Chair 2023)

Area Exams

Sylvia Pu (culture/stratification)
Denishia Harris (culture/urban)
Trisha Tiamzon (culture/race-ethnicity)
Adane Zawdu (culture/race-ethnicity)
Allen Hyde (urban/stratification)
Greg Mills (urban/stratification)
Galilea Ordoitz, (culture/politics)
Jordan Rees (health/stratification)
Zachary Kline (urban/stratification)
Jessica Yorks (health/stratification)
Xinyan Wu (Knowledge/Health)
Rianka Roy (Labor/Migration)
Emily Mason (Organizations/Culture)
Bryan Greene (Racism/Culture)

Senior Thesis

Robert Steller (Urban Studies)

CONSULTING

Developed a mixed methods evaluation protocol for Southwest Connecticut Collective Impact
(Robert Wood Johnson supported collaborative of service-providers), 2018

INVITED TALKS

“The Sociology of Infrastructure: An Approach to Peopled Historical Systems.” Cornell
University, Department of Architecture, Art, and Planning, March 2023.

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“The Sociology of Infrastructure: An Approach to Peopled Historical Systems.” Keynote Address Conference on *Technology and Good Living*, Center for Science, Technology, and Society at Missouri University of Science and Technology, February 2023.

“The World is Not as It Seems: Historical Excavation and Strategic Variation in Qualitative Methods.” Harvard University, Sociology Department Qualitative Research Workshop, November 2022.

“Building the Urban Food System,” Panel on Food and the City, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), March 2022.

“The Shift: Food,” Panel discussion on Covid, food systems, and communities, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University. 2021

“Building Connections Between History and Ethnography.” Northwestern University, Sociology Department Ethnography Workshop, 2020

“Planning as Expertise: Three Approaches to Food and Market Infrastructures,” Conference on Climate Change and Infrastructure at the Institute of Public Knowledge, New York University, 2018

“Feeding Cities to Feeding a Nation: The Transformation of an Infrastructural System,” Conference on Global Climate Change at the Center for Advanced Study, Stanford University, 2017

“Market Distinction in the Age of Excess: Organizational and Infrastructural Diversities,” Conference on Diversities, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Center for International Education, 2017

“Inequality in Objects: Infrastructure Work and the Cultures of Consumption,” Metropolitan Studies, Social and Cultural Analysis, NYU, 2015

“Feeding Cities: Risk, Efficiency, and the Transformation of the Food System.” University of Michigan (Urban Studies); London School of Economics (Geography); University of Massachusetts (Sociology) 2013

“The Origins of the Urban Food Desert: Reconfiguring Market Infrastructures and the Institutionalization of Vulnerability,” Yale University, Center for Comparative Research; University of Michigan, Sociology Department Workshop on Power, Culture, and History, 2013

“Time-Space Compression and the Reproduction of Urban Markets,” RWJ Health & Society Scholars, University of Pennsylvania, 2013

“Planning Los Angeles.” Book Forum on *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future*, City University of New York Graduate Center, 2013

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“The Transformation of the Food System and the Persistence of Urban Inequality,” Urban Studies Colloquium, Brown University. 2012

“The Reconfiguration of Neighborhood Groups in Venice, California,” American University, Conference on Community Disruption. 2012

Venice: A Contested Bohemia in Los Angeles. Reading and discussion at Skylight Books, Los Angeles, CA 2012

Critic at “Author Meets Critics” session for Jonathan Wynn’s *The Tour Guide*, University of Chicago Press, New York, Eastern Sociological Society. 2012

“Developing a Qualitative Project on Urban Food Access,” Thomas Jefferson University School of Population Health. 2011

“Four handed sociology: Collaboration and knowledge production,” Brandeis University, Department of Sociology (with Claudio Benzecry). 2011

“People Out of Place or a Home for the Homeless?” University of Pennsylvania, Urban Studies Colloquium 2011

“Neighborhood Public Cultures in Venice,” Queens College, City University of New York, Sociology Colloquium. 2010

“Venice: Stability and Change in a Los Angeles Beach Town,” University of Pennsylvania, Urban Ethnography Workshop. 2010

“Mosaic of Little Worlds: Neighborhood Attachment in the Context of Urban Change” presented at Yale University, Workshop in Urban Ethnography. 2009

“Oakwood as a ‘Black Neighborhood’” presented at Yale University, Urban Ethnography Conference. 2008

“Community, Diversity, and Public Space in a Changing Los Angeles Neighborhood,” University of Connecticut; Barnard College. 2007

“Comparing Local Adaptations to a Bohemian Representation,” presented at Northwestern University Urban Representations Conference. 2007

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Problems of Abundance and Inequality: Four Major Disruptions in the History of Food Access.” Panel on Food and Inequality, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, 2022

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“Publishing in Qualitative Sociology,” Panel on publishing qualitative research, Pacific Sociological Association (Virtual), 2021

“Rethinking the Cultural Studies of Cities: The Dynamics of Globalization and Place Distinction” (with Jonathan Wynn), American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (Virtual) 2020

“Excavating Interdependencies in Sociological Research,” Pacific Sociological Society, Oakland, California. 2019

“The Architecture of Ethnographic Knowledge,” Pacific Sociological Society, Long Beach, California. 2018

“Infrastructures of Valuation” (with Claudio Benzecry), Social Science History Association, Montreal. 2017

The Transformation of the Food System: A Cultural and Infrastructural Approach to Public Health, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal. 2017

The Uses of Ambiguity in Producing Sociological Knowledge. Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA. 2017

“Managing Excess: Unstable Objects in an Age of Lean Distribution,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. 2016

“The Origins of the Food Desert in Philadelphia,” American Sociological Association, NY, NY. 2013

“Food Market Infrastructure in the Context of Urban Decline,” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Annual Conference, Princeton, NJ. 2012

“Feeding Philadelphia and Making the Market for Fresh Food, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Annual Conference, Bethesda, MD. 2011

“Venice: Conflict and Community in Los Angeles,” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA. 2011

“Territorial Attachments and Symbolic Power in the Housed/Homeless Conflict,” Social Science Historical Association, Chicago, IL. 2010

“Community Continuity and Change: Lessons from a Historical Ethnography of a Los Angeles Beach Town,” Social Science Historical Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA. 2009

“People Out of Place: Homeless in search of neighborhood attachment,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2009

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“Pathways of Participation: Biographical Position, Group Association, and Political Commitment in Neighborhood Activism,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. 2007

“Culture, Cohorts, and Community Boundaries: Explaining the Relationship between Neighborhood Transition and Social Exclusion,” presented at Harvard University, Culture Lines Conference on Emerging Research in Ethno-Racial Boundaries. 2005

“Resistance and Transcendence in the Career of the Venice Beach Artist,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 2005

“Constructing a Street Logic: The Transition of Neighborhood Space and Place and Its Unintended Consequences,” presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 2005