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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Education, Culture, and Society, Graduate School of Education (GSE)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (2007)

Master of Science in Education, Culture and Society (2001), Graduate School of Education,
University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology (1998), Washington University in St. Louis

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Anthropology and Sociology of Youth, Transformative Childhood Studies, Critical Urban
Education, Comparative Youth Studies, Feminist Ethnographic Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015-present Associate Professor of Childhood Studies

2018-present Faculty Director of Engaged Learning and Scholarship, Rutgers-Camden

2009-2015 Assistant Professor of Childhood Studies

2013-present Affiliated Scholar of the Center for Urban Research and Education, Rutgers-Camden

FELLOWSHIPS / AWARDS

Rutgers University

Catalyst Grant from the Provost's Fund for Research in the amount of \$7,000, December 2018

Teaching Sabbatical Awarded for Spring 2016

Presidential Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, \$1000, April 2015

Chancellor's Award for Academic Civic Engagement, May 2014

Digital Teaching Fellowship, \$2000, 2014-2015

Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence Nominee, March 2014

Dean's Recognition for Mentoring Undergraduate Research, April 2012

Teaching Sabbatical Awarded for Fall 2012

Rutgers University Faculty Research Grant, Office of the Vice President for Research and
Economic Development, Project Title: Youth Pathways across Camden: Narratives in Urban
Schooling, \$20,000, July 2012-June 2014

National Science Foundation RU FAIR ADVANCE Travel Award, \$2000, Summer 2012

Rutgers Camden Civic Engagement Faculty Fellowship, \$1000, Spring 2012

Washington University in St. Louis

Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Center on Urban Research and Public Policy and the program in
American Culture Studies, 2007-2009

University of Pennsylvania
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (For Kiswahili), 2000-2001
Research Assistantships, 1999-2000, 2003-2005
China Summer Study Tour Scholarship, 2004

Camden City Public School District, Volunteer Award, November 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

Silver, L.J. (2015). *System Kids: Adolescent Mothers and the Politics of Regulation*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Silver, L.J. (2019). "Transformative Childhood Studies: A Remix in Inquiry, Justice, and Love." *Children's Geographies*, DOI: 10.1080/14733285.2019.1610155

Silver, L.J. (2015). "Urban School Formation: Identity Work and Constructing an Origin Story." *The Urban Review*, 47 (3).

Silver, L.J. (2010). "Spaces of Encounter: Public Bureaucracy and the Making of Client Identities." *Ethos*, 38 (3):275-296.

Silver, L.J. (2008). "Minding the Gap: Adolescent Mothers Navigate Child Welfare." *Social Service Review*, 82 (4):615-638.

Book Chapters

Silver, L.J. and Stiglich, J. 2018. "Reproductive (In)Justice: State Violence, Young Parents in Child Welfare, and a Call for Family Dignity." In S. Talburt (Ed.), *Youth Sexualities: Public Feelings and Contemporary Cultural Politics*. Praeger

Bergère, C. and Silver, L.J. (2015). "Phenomenology and the Politics of Global Urban Youth Research." In S. Poyntz and J. Kennelly (Eds.), *Phenomenology of Youth Cultures and Globalization*. New York: Routledge.

Spencer, M.B., Silver, L.J., Seaton, G., Tucker, S.R., Cunningham, M., & Harpalani, V. (2001). "Race and Gender Influences on Teen Parenting: An Identity-Focused Cultural-Ecological Perspective." In T. Urdan & F. Pajares (Eds.), *Adolescence and Education, Vol. 1: General Issues in the Education of Adolescents*. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing Inc., Pp. 231-268.

Invited Article and Review

Silver, L.J. (2008). "The Politics of Regulation: Adolescent Mothers and the Social Context of Resiliency." *VOICES: A Publication of the Association for Feminist Anthropology*, 8 (1).

Silver, L.J. (2004). "Ending Silence, Children's Visions, and Racial Justice: A Review of 'Racism Explained to My Daughter.'" *Penn GSE Perspectives on Urban Education*, 3 (1).

Manuscripts Under Preparation

Silver, L.J. *Youth Pathways Across Camden: Counter-Narratives in Urban Schooling*. (Book manuscript in preparation.)

Silver, L.J. "Infant Traces, Infant Agency: A Reproductive and Transformative Justice Framework for Excavating and Queering Family Life (Journal manuscript to be submitted June 2019)

Silver, L.J. "Black Girl Friendship as a Zone of Radical Love." (Journal manuscript to be submitted August 2019).

Invited Blog Posts

Silver, L.J. (July 12, 2015). "Staying Close to Look Deep: Teaching Childhood Studies." Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group Blog. Retrieved from <http://www.aaanet.org/sections/acyig/2015/07/12/staying-close-to-look-deep-teaching-childhood-studies/>

Silver, L.J. (March 30, 2015). "Enlivening Social Justice through Spanning Boundaries." UNC Press Blog. Retrieved from <http://uncpressblog.com/2015/03/30/lauren-j-silver-enlivening-social-justice-through-spanning-boundaries/>

Silver, L.J. (February 25, 2015). "Beyond Snapshot Stories: The Power in Youth Representation." UNC Press Blog. Retrieved from <http://uncpressblog.com/2015/02/25/lauren-j-silver-beyond-snapshot-stories-the-power-in-youth-representation/>

INVITED KEYNOTES

Transformative Childhood Studies: Using Civic Engagement to Bridge Education, Research, and Justice. Invited Keynote Speaker, University of Lethbridge, Institute for Child and Youth Studies, April 18, 2018, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Playing with Childhood in the Twenty-First Century, Invited Keynote Speaker, University of Pittsburgh, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program, April 6-7, 2018, Pittsburgh PA

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

(Chair) Transformative Childhood Studies: Collaborations in Healing, Justice, and Care. "The Youth Corridor: Radical Space, Love, and Resistance from Camden, NJ!" Panel accepted and paper presented at the ACYIG Biennial Conference: Rethinking Child and Youth Marginalities: Movements, Narratives, and Exchanges, March 2019, Camden, NJ.

"Finding the Family: Visibilities/Invisibilities in the Context of State Violence in Child Welfare. Paper Accepted for Panel Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2018, San Jose, CA.

"Can Youth Stories, Concerns, and Participation Transform Campus Civic Engagement?" (with Dr. Nyeema Watson) Community Conversations Workshop presentation at the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Annual Meeting, October 2018, Chicago, IL.

"Reproductive (In)Justice: Young Parents, the State, and a Call for Social Change." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, February 2018, Baltimore, MD.

“Reproductive (In)Justice: Young Parents, the State, and a Call for Family Integrity.” Paper presented at the annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 2017, Santa Fe, NM.

Author Meets Critics: “System Kids: Adolescent Mothers and the Politics of Regulation.” The American Society of Criminology, November 2015, Washington D.C.

“Spanning Boundaries and Creating Communities of Care in Child Welfare.” Paper presented at Meeting of the American Anthropological Association’s Anthropology of Children and Childhood Interest Group. March 2015, Long Beach, CA.

“Shifting from Institutional Borders to Communities of Care.” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. February 2015, New York City, NY.

“Relational Phenomenology and the Politics of Global Urban Youth Research.” (With Clovis Bergère.) Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. December 2014, Washington, D.C.

“Adolescent Mothers and the Politics of Visibility: Foreseeing the ‘Unforeseen’ Consequences of Public Policies.” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. February 2014, Baltimore, MD.

“System Navigators: Partnering with Adolescent Mothers and Caseworkers Across Child Welfare Settings.” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. November 2013, Chicago, IL.

“Moving into Contact: Digital and Physical Youth Spaces of Encounter.” Paper presented at Meeting of the American Anthropological Association’s Anthropology of Children and Childhood Interest Group, April 2013, San Diego, CA.

“Youth Contact Zones: Digital Dialogue Across Camden and Cape Town.” Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association’s annual conference, November 2012, Pittsburgh, PA.

“Possibilities and Pragmatics of Translation across Urban Youth Sites.” Paper presented with Sociology of Youth Working Group at the South African Sociological Association Congress, July 2012, Cape Town, South Africa.

“Identity Dilemmas and Everyday Resistances among Adolescent Mothers in Child Welfare.” Paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2011, Montreal, Canada.

“Living in the Gap: Adolescent Mothers Negotiate Child Welfare Policies.” Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association’s Anthropology of Children and Childhood Interest Group, February 2011, Charleston, SC.

(Chair) Centering Youth: Negotiating Intersections, Borders, and Identities. “Negotiating Child Welfare Borders: Entitlement Narratives and Intersecting Identities.” Panel accepted and paper

presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2010, New Orleans, LA.

“‘I Try to Go By Everybody’s Rules’: Adolescent Mothers Negotiate their Identities.” Paper presented at the Meeting of the American Anthropological Association's Anthropology of Children and Childhood Interest Group, February 2010, Albuquerque, NM.

“Urban Border Encounters: Public Bureaucracies, Service Negotiations, and the Making of Client/Official Identities.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2009, Philadelphia, PA.

“Familiar Zones on the Margin: Adolescent Mothers Negotiate Child Welfare Governance.” Paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2008, San Francisco, CA.

“‘Downsizing’ Education in Child Welfare: Teen Moms Bring Their Babies to Class.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, April 2007, Chicago, IL.

“Adolescent Mothers in the ‘System’: Mapping Inequalities within the Discourse of ‘Improvement.’” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2006, San Jose, CA.

“Navigating Child Welfare: Adolescent Mothers and the Politics of Regulation.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, December 2005, Washington D.C.

“Adolescent Mothers’ Educational Experiences: The Social Context of Negotiation.” Paper accepted for the Center for Urban Ethnography, University of Pennsylvania, Ethnography Forum, February 2005, Philadelphia, PA.

“The Politics of Regulation: Adolescent Mothers and the Social Context of Resiliency.” Paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2004, San Francisco, CA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Race and Social Work Symposium, Invited Presenter, University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, January 18-19, 2017, Los Angeles CA

“Social Welfare, Young Mothers, and the Failure of the System: Engaging and Changing Urban Bureaucracies,” Invited Speaker, The Engaged Citizen Common Experience Speakers Series, University of Illinois, Springfield, November 1, 2016 Springfield, IL

“*System Kids: Adolescent Mothers and the Politics of Regulation*: Moving between urban studies and youth studies,” Sponsored by Urban Studies and the School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, April 2016, Philadelphia PA (Discussant: John Jackson, Dean of Social Policy and Practice and Richard Perry University Professor.)

“System Kids” Book Talk and Youth Panel, The Monkey and The Elephant, August 2015, Philadelphia, PA

Moving from “System Kids” to Communities of Care, Child Welfare Education Institute, May 2015 New Brunswick, NJ

System Kids Book Talk, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, May 2015, New York, NY

“System Kids” Book Talk and Signing, Center for Urban Research and Education, Rutgers University, April 2015, Camden, NJ

“System Kids” Book Talk and Signing, Big Blue Marble Bookstore, March and June 2015, Philadelphia, PA

Participant, Gender Based Violence Consortium, Center on Violence Against Women and Children, Rutgers School of Social Work, February 2014, New Brunswick, NJ.

“Childhood Studies and Ethnographic Research with Urban Youth,” Undergraduate Liberal Studies Seminar, Rutgers University, October 2013, Camden, NJ.

“Education Ambassador Training: Tools for Inquiry and Engagement,” Rutgers University, September 2012, Camden, NJ.

Commencement Speaker, “Words of Wisdom,” MetEast High School, June 2012, Camden, NJ

“Adolescent Mothers Negotiate Urban Systems.” Invited to present research at the Urban Education Proseminar, The College of New Jersey, April 2011, Ewing, NJ.

“System Lives: Adolescent Mothers and the Politics of Spectacle.” Selected by Rutgers University Camden Chancellor, Wendell Pritchett, to present at the Chancellor’s Research Symposium, Rutgers University, November 2010, Camden, NJ.

(Chair) “Opening Roundtable: Justice in the American Metropolis: The St. Louis Case.” Justice and the American Metropolis Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, May 2009, St. Louis, MO.

“Urban Spaces of Encounter: Public Bureaucracies, Service Negotiations, and the Making of Caseworker/Client Identities.” City Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2009, St. Louis, MO.

(Chair) Graduate Student Methods Workshop with Timothy Pachirat, “Ethnography from Below? Reflections from an Industrialized Slaughterhouse on Perspective, Power, and the Ethnographic Voice.” Washington University, October 2008, St. Louis, MO.

“The Social Worker as the Ethnographer: Negotiating Services with Adolescent Mothers in Child Welfare.” Brown Bag Seminar at George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2008, St. Louis, MO.

“Minding the Gap: Adolescent Mothers and the Politics of Impression Management.” Political Theory Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, September 2007, St. Louis, MO.

“The Politics of Regulation: Adolescent Mothers and the Social Context of Resiliency.” Urban Studies Graduate Certificate Program Colloquium Series, December 2004, Philadelphia, PA.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Taller Puertorriqueno** Philadelphia, PA
Research Consultant March-May 2006
 Designed and implemented focus group and qualitative assessments to ascertain teachers’ experiences using a curriculum that explores Puerto Rican art and culture with students.
- University of Pennsylvania** Philadelphia, PA
Research Assistant to Margaret Beale Spencer June 2003- Aug. 2005
 Center for Health, Achievement, Neighborhood, Growth and Ethnic Studies (CHANGES)
 Reviewed and analyzed research on youth, race, and schooling; studied impact of school transitions on ethnic minority youth; applied critical race theory to educational outcomes; reviewed contemporary implications of *Brown vs. Board of Education*.
- Research Assistant and Facilitator* Sept. 1999- May 2001
 Center for Health, Achievement, Neighborhood, Growth and Ethnic Studies (CHANGES)
 Co-developed original health curriculum; taught Health Information Providers and Promoters after-school program to low-achieving urban high school students; administered surveys to measure whether students’ identities changed as a result of program participation.
- Norwegian Aid** Nairobi, Kenya
Researcher and Project Developer Sept.-Dec. 1998
 Investigated best policies and practices for supporting street children in the Nairobi area; promoted an organizational strategy to guide expansion of Norwegian Aid’s home for street boys.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Rutgers University-Camden** Camden, NJ
 Department of Childhood Studies
Graduate
 Proseminar in Childhood Studies S 2018, S 2019
 Interpretive Methods F 2010, F 2011, S 2013, S 2017, F 2018
 Urban Education, graduate seminar S 2010, S 2012, F 2013, S 2015
 Youth Identities, graduate seminar F 2009, S 2011, S 2014
Undergraduate
 Gender and Education F 2011, S 2013, F 2014, F 2017
 Urban Education S 2010, F 2010, S 2012, F 2013
 Urban Education Civic Engagement Seminar F 2015, F 2014, S 2017, S 2019
 Youth Identities and Urban Ecology F 2009, F 2011, S 2014, S 2015, F 2017
 Honors Seminar in Youth Identities F 2015
- Washington University in St. Louis** St. Louis, MO
Faculty, Urban Studies and American Culture Studies
Graduate/Undergraduate
 In the Field: Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods S 2009, S 2008

Undergraduate

Studying the City: The Scholar and Community Engagement F 2008
 Youth Identities and Urban Ecology F 2007

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Graduate

Instructor, Graduate School of Education, Teach For America Program

Adolescent Development F 2006

Instructor, Graduate School of Education, Continuing Education

Adolescent Development and Learning Theory F 2004, S 2004, S 2003

Undergraduate

Instructor, Education/Urban Studies

Education in American Culture F 2006, F 2003, F 2002

UNIVERSITY SERVICE**College of Arts and Sciences (Rutgers University Camden)**

Member of the Walter Rand Institute Faculty Council 2016-2017

(Appt. by Dean)

Co-Chair of Committee on Institutional Equity and Diversity 2014-2016

(Appt. by Chancellor)

Member of Committee on Institutional Equity and Diversity 2012-present

(Appt. by Chancellor)

Teaching and Graduate Assistant Grievance Committee 2013-present

Member of the Chancellor's Civic Engagement Committee 2011-present

Member of the Urban Studies Steering Committee (Appt. by Dean) 2009-2010

Member of the Faculty Senate 2009-2011

Childhood Studies Department (Rutgers University Camden)

Interim Graduate Director Spring 2018

Faculty Search Committee Member (Chair Appointed) 2013-14, 2012-13, 2015-16

Diversity Hire Search Committee Member (Chair Appointed) 2010-2010

Undergraduate Advisor 2010-present

Undergraduate Studies Committee 2014-2016

Graduate Studies Committee 2010-2014, 2017

18-hour Doctoral Review Committee 2009-present

Chair 2013-2014

Graduate Student Instructor Mentor 2013-present

Dissertation Committees (Chair)

Michelle Storrod 2018-present

Deszeree Thomas 2014-present

Janice Stiglich (Co-Chair) 2016-present

Clovis Bergère Completed 2017

Leigh-Ann Brown (Co-Chair) Completed 2015

Marianne Modica Completed 2014

Dissertation Committee (Member)

Rashmi Kumari 2019-present

Lisa Puga	2014-present
Julian Burton	Completed 2017
Marcus Woods	Completed 2015
Nyeema Watson	Completed 2015
Diane Marano	Completed 2014

Master's Thesis Advisor

Qiujie Gong	2018-present
Erin Hoesly	Completed 2012
Sheryl Morales	Completed 2011
Qiana Cooper	Completed 2010
Omari Corbitt	Completed 2010

Master's Thesis Committee Member

Angela Randall	Completed 2017
Doan Vassaf	Completed 2015
Sarah Stone	Completed 2014
Rosemarie Peña	Completed 2014
Wendy Ozuzu	Completed 2013

International Service

Dissertation Mentor	Completed 2015
Anne Scheer, Graduation School of North American Studies, Freie Universitat, Berlin Germany	

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**Conferences**

Co-organizer of the Biennial Anthropology of Childhood and Youth (ACYIG) Conference, "Rethinking Child and Youth Marginalities: Movements, Narratives, and Exchanges," Rutgers University-Camden, March 7-9 2019, Camden, NJ

Symposiums

Co-organizer of Difficult Dialogue in the Classroom: A Workshop on Identity, Race, and Power in the Classroom, Rutgers University-Camden, February 2018, Camden, NJ

Co-organizer of anti-oppression colloquium for faculty members, Rutgers University, November 2015, Camden, NJ.

Co-organizer of colloquium on micro-aggressions for faculty members (facilitator: Dr. Kevin Nadal), Rutgers University, March 2015, Camden, NJ.

Organizer of colloquium for Ph.D. students and faculty members from the Rutgers Newark Interdisciplinary Program in Urban Systems with Childhood Studies graduate students and Faculty members, Rutgers University, April 2014, Camden, NJ.

Co-organizer of Symposium on Civic Engagement: "Building Service Learning in the Curriculum," Rutgers University (funded through a grant from the Academic Excellence Fund, Rutgers University), October 2010, Camden, NJ.

Organizer of graduate colloquium with Rachel Bray, international childhood studies scholar, "Watching the Watchers: Ethical Participation and Reciprocity in South African Child-Centred Research," Rutgers University, Department of Childhood Studies, November 2012, Camden, NJ.

Memberships

American Anthropological Association
Childhood and Youth Interest Group, American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
Association for Feminist Anthropology
Society for Psychological Anthropology
Eastern Sociological Society
American Educational Research Association
South African Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology

Reviewer

Childhood
Human Organization
Rutgers University Press
Qualitative Sociology
Child Abuse and Neglect
Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology
American Journal of Community Psychology
Sociological Inquiry
South African Review of Sociology
Social Sciences

COMMUNITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Monkey & The Elephant

Volunteer

Philadelphia, PA

August 2015-present

Facilitating community workshops for a nonprofit cafe that hires former foster youth and supports them in their transitions to adulthood; exploring barriers encountered by system-involved youth, how to overcome obstacles, and college access

Youth United for Change and Research for Action

Facilitator

Philadelphia, PA

S 2003

Co-taught a series of workshops to public high school students; explored how to use qualitative research techniques for student inquiry projects in urban schools.

Parent Infant Center

Lead Teacher

Philadelphia, PA

Jan. 1999- Aug. 1999

Designed and implemented curriculum for a pre-school enrichment program that included dance, drama, and artistic expression; developed creative curriculum and supervised school-age after-school program (grades 3-5).

Hawthorn Children's Psychiatric Hospital

Substitute/ Part-time Educator

St. Louis, MO

May 1996- Dec. 1997

Taught in child and adolescent classrooms; created and implemented curriculum, which applied arts activities to advance science concepts; taught individual and group dance classes.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Center for Community Partnerships, UPenn

Project Coordinator

America Reads/America Counts; recruited and trained undergraduates to be reading and math tutors in West Philadelphia public schools.

Philadelphia, PA

F 2003

Supervised Independent Living Program

Client Services Manager

Supervised residential program for adolescent mothers and their children; conducted intakes (including interviews and assessments); designed and implemented youth development programs.

2001-2002