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EDUCATION

- 2018** **Ph.D.**, Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University
Graduate Certificate in Human Dimensions of Environmental Change
Dissertation - Sordid stories and storied spaces: the politics of sewage in Agra, India
- 2006** **Master of Landscape Architecture**, California State Polytechnic University Pomona
- 2000** **B.A.**, Philosophy (major) and Biology (minor), Austin College

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-** **Assistant Teaching Professor**
Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2019** Hewitt, Elizabeth., **Oberg, Angela.**, Coronado, Carla., and Andrews, Clinton. Building design for more resilient purposeful systems: Examining tensions between “green” and “resilient”. *Sustainable Cities and Society* 48. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2019.101546>.
- 2019** **Oberg, Angela.** Problematizing shit(ting): representing urban sewage as a problem. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 43(2): 377-92. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.12744>.

Under Review

- 2019** **Oberg, Angela.** Sewage as an urban metabolism: everyday practices and the materiality of sewage: how control and the materiality of human waste shape everyday practices. Submitted to *Urban Studies*.

In Preparation

- Oberg, Angela.** Recognizing sewage infrastructure. For submission to *Environment and Planning A*. (complete draft)
- Oberg, Angela.** Urban sewage governance as a hybrid network. For submission to *Urban Geography*. (complete draft)
- Oberg, Angela.** The gulf between infrastructure and service delivery is wider than a toilet. (draft)
- Oberg, Angela.** Greening shit: the political ecology of decentralized sewage systems. (outline)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 2016** Oberg, Angela., Flagg, Julia., Clay, Patricia. M., Colburn, Lisa. L., and McCay, Bonnie. Surviving Sandy: Identity and Cultural Resilience in a New Jersey Fishing Community. Chapter in *Taking Chances: the Coast after Hurricane Sandy*. Karen O'Neill and Dan Van Abs (eds.) Rutgers University Press. New Brunswick, NJ.

Book Reviews

- 2018** Oberg, Angela. Review of *Power at Ground Zero: Politics, Money, and the Remaking of Lower Manhattan*. By Lynn B. Sagalyn. In *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X18803167>.
- 2014** Oberg, Angela. Review of *Revisiting Regional Growth Dynamics in India in the Post Economic Reforms Period*. By Biswa Swarup Misra. In *Journal of Asian Economics*. Vol 31–32, April–June 2014, Pages 82-83. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asieco.2014.03.004>.
- 2013** Oberg, Angela. Review of *The Big Muddy: An Environmental History of the Mississippi and its Peoples from Hernando de Soto to Hurricane Katrina*. By Christopher Morris. In *Journal of Mississippi History*. Vol LXXV, Spring 2013, No. 1, Pages.72-74.

Reports

- 2016** Oberg, Angela., Malone, Sarah., and Herb, Jeanne. Assessment of the vulnerability of New Jersey's habitat and wildlife to climate change: Species vulnerability assessments. Prepared for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife, Endangered & Nongame Species Program

RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2015** USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship, US Global Development Lab
- 2014** Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, US Department of Education
- 2014** Mentoring Program for Pre-dissertation Research in India, Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative

Internal

- 2014** Special Study Award, Rutgers Graduate School
- 2014** Research Travel Grant, Rutgers Department of Human Ecology
- 2012** Research Travel Grant, Rutgers South Asian Studies Program
- 2012** Research Travel Grant, Rutgers Department of Human Ecology
- 2012** Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Rutgers Graduate School

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2018 **Susan S. Fainstein Distinguished Doctoral Scholarship Award**, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
- 2016 **Gill-Chin Lim Travel Award**, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
- 2016 **Dr. Donald A. Krueckeberg Memorial Scholarship**, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
- 2013 **Student Travel Award**, Rutgers Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences
- 2010 **Pearl River Design Competition**, winning submission, Chengdu, China
- 2006 **American Society of Landscape Architects Student Merit Award**, Southern California Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects
- 2005 **Chapman Forestry Foundation Scholarship**
- 2004 **Park for the 21st Century Design Competition**, recommended scheme, Graham Foundation for Advanced Study in the Fine Arts

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013-14 **Weathered Storms & Following Seas: Fisheries in the Wake of Hurricane Sandy**
Research Assistant
 Co-PIs: Bonnie McCay, Rutgers University; Patricia Clay and Lisa Colburn, NOAA
 Funding Source: National Science Foundation
- 2013 **Self-Sufficient Urban Buildings**
Research Assistant
 Co-PIs: Clinton Andrews and Utta Krogmann, Rutgers Center for Green Building
 Funding Source: National Science Foundation
- 2013 **Connectivity Along Urban Rivers: A Keystone Process for Urban Ecosystems**
Research Assistant
 PI: Karen O'Neill, Rutgers University
 Funding Source: National Science Foundation
- 2012 **Decentralized Wastewater Treatment, South Asia Water Programme**
Research Intern
 PI: Suresh Kumar Rohilla, Centre for Science and Environment, New Dehli, India
 Funding Source: Rutgers Graduate School, New Brunswick
- 2004 **Silverlake Reservoir Re-Design for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**
Research Assistant
 PI: Kenneth McCown, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
 Funding Source: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018** **Recognizing sewage infrastructure in urban India.** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Buffalo, NY, October.
- 2017** **Deep democracy fuels polycentric sewage governance in urban India.** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Denver, CO, October.
- 2017** **Greening shit: the political ecology of decentralized sewage systems.** Association of American Geographers Annual meeting as part of the Reconstructing Urban Natures paper session. Boston, MA, April.
- 2016** **Robust problematization for better development outcomes: the case of sewage in Agra, India.** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Portland, OR, November.
- 2016** **The gap between infrastructure and service delivery is wider than a toilet.** Association of American Geographers Annual meeting as part of the Sanitation Inadequacy: Beyond Poverty and Preference paper session. San Francisco, CA, March.
- 2016** **Discursive frames and sewage service gaps in Agra, India.** Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Planning and Public Policy. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March.
- 2015** **Undelivered services: the political economy of sewage in Agra, India.** Urban Thinkers Campus. UN Habitat & PUSH. Palermo, Italy, October.
- 2013** **Weathered Storms and Following Seas: Fisheries in the Wake of Hurricane Sandy.** People and the Sea VII Conference. MARE Centre for Maritime Research, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June.
- 2013** **Decentralized Service Delivery: Preliminary Findings from Agra, India.** Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Planning and Public Policy. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, February.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019** **Environmental Justice on Campus.** Speaker at Students of Color for Environmental Justice Campaign by Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA). Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, February.
- 2018** **Urban Service Provisions in the Global South.** Guest lecture for International Economic Development (graduate course). Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. New Brunswick, NJ, October.
- 2017** **International Development, Technology & Social Entrepreneurship Panel.** Panelist for Douglass Global Summit: Idea in Action: Creating Sustainable Change. Douglass Residential College, New Brunswick, NJ, April.

- 2017 **Informality and Planning for Cities.** Guest lecture for International Economic Development (graduate course). Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. New Brunswick, NJ, October.
- 2016 **Urban Sewage: Views from an Agra slum.** Guest lecture for Water & Society (undergraduate course). Rutgers Department of Human Ecology. New Brunswick, NJ, April.
- 2014 **Beyond technical success: social dimensions of decentralized sewage treatment in India.** Speaker for Graduate Student International and Global Lunch Series. Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs. New Brunswick, NJ, April.
- 2014 **Water, Women, and the World Panel.** Panelist for Taking Back the Tap. Food and Water Watch, New Brunswick, NJ, March.
- 2013 **The Last Ocean discussion panel.** Panelist for Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA). Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, November.
- 2013 **Vulnerability and Urban Green Buildings.** Speaker for Third Workshop for NSF Project "Self-Sufficient Urban Buildings". Rutgers Center for Green Building, New Brunswick, NJ, August.

COURSES TAUGHT

Rutgers University Department of Human Ecology (Undergraduate)

Introduction to Human Ecology (F 2019)
 Introduction to Sustainability (Sp 2019)
 Environmental Solutions (Sp 2018, Sp 2019)
 Environmental Justice (Sp 2019)
 Energy and Society (F 2018)
 Globalization, Development and Environment (F 2018)
 Politics of Environmental Issues (F 2015, Su 2016, Su 2017, F 2018)

Rutgers University Department of Human Ecology (Graduate)

Nature/Society Theory (F 2019)

Hunter College Department of Urban Policy and Planning (Graduate)

Waterfront Redevelopment Planning Studio – Hastings-on-Hudson (F 2018)
 Affordable Artist Housing Planning Studio – New York City (F 2017-Sp 2018)
 Land Use, People and Environment (Sp 2017, Su 2017)

STUDENT ADVISEE AWARDS

- 2018 **Hunter College Studio Competition Winner.** Hunter Department of Urban Policy and Planning. *Studio title:* NYC Affordable Artist Housing. *Graduate students:* Lucia Cappuccio, Jen Chantrtanapichate, Renee Ferguson, Vinh Vo, John White.

- 2018 Rutgers Energy Contest – First Place.** Rutgers Energy Institute university-wide competition. *Project title:* The Collegiate Carbon Exchange. *Undergraduate students:* Emily Cheng, Maya Robles.
- 2018 Rutgers Energy Contest – Third Place.** Rutgers Energy Institute university-wide competition. *Project title:* Lighting the Way to Savings with LEDs. *Undergraduate students:* Kyra Frank, Emily Nanneman.

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

George H. Cook Honors Thesis Program

Kyra Frank, advisor
Nadia Jlelaty, advisor
Shirbrina Jefferson, reader
Lawrence Corbeille, Graduated 2019, reader

Independent study/practicum advisor

Kyra Frank, Spring 2019

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-11 Applied Ecological Services** Philadelphia, PA
Lead Ecological Planner
Selected Projects: Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Landfill Master Plan, Lancaster County, PA; Clarke Properties Costal Restoration, Loveladies, NJ
- 2008-10 Mesa Design Group** Dallas, TX
Senior Project Manager
Selected Projects: Mushaireb Waterfront Development, Khartoum, Sudan; Trail Master Plan and Implementation Strategy, Midlothian, TX; Audubon Dogwood Canyon Trail Guidelines, Cedar Hill, TX; Falling Waters Plan Development, Marble Falls, TX
- 2006-08 Megert Environmental Planning & Design** Los Angeles, CA
Principal & Owner
Selected Projects: Grand Canal Lagoon Restoration, Los Angeles, CA; Del Rey Lagoon Vision Plan, Los Angeles, CA; Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve Environmental Education Program, Los Angeles, CA

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Routledge, Planning and Urban Design Book Proposal reviewer – 2019 – present
Journal of Planning Education and Research reviewer – 2016 – present

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Building a Sustainable Future at Newark Planning Committee – 2019

International Development Faculty Search Committee - EJ Bloustein School – 2013-14

Urban Design Faculty Search Committee - EJ Bloustein School – 2013-14

International Development Interest Group Officer - Rutgers University – 2012-14

Rutgers Assoc of Policy & Planning Students Exec Committee - EJ Bloustein School – 2012-13

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association – 2011 - present

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – 2013 - present

Association of American Geographers – 2015 - present

SKILLS

Language Skills Hindi – Advanced Beginner
 Spanish – Intermediate

Technical Skills ESRI ArcGIS; Autodesk AutoCAD; Adobe Creative Cloud