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Education

PhD in Economic Geography, 2015

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Thesis: *Governing Homo Subprimicus: Essays on the Financial Regulation of Poverty After the Subprime Crisis*

MA in Economic Geography, 2007

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Thesis: *Fixing Nature: Economic Transition, Creative Destruction & the Remaking of Southeast False Creek*

Adviser: W Scott Prudham, Professor, Department of Geography

Honors BA in Economics, 2004

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Thesis: *A Model of the Economic Impacts of Urban Growth Controls*

Adviser: Matthew Turner, Professor, Department of Economics

Employment

Assistant Professor, August 2015 to present

School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Instructor, 2013 to 2015

School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Instructor, 2008 to 2009

Department of Geography, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Kear (forthcoming) "The Marketsite: A New Conceptualization of Market Spatiality." *Economic Geography*.
2. Kear M (2016) "Peer Lending and the Subsumption of the Informal." *Journal of Cultural Economy*. 9(3): 261-276.
3. Kear M (2014) "The Scale Effects of Financialization: the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Production of Financial Space and Subjects." *Geoforum*. 57: 99-109.

4. Kear M (2013) "Governing *Homo Subprimicus*: Beyond Financial Citizenship, Exclusion, and Rights." *Antipode*. 45(4): 926-946.
5. Kear M (2007) "Spaces of Transition, Spaces of Tomorrow: Making a Sustainable Future in Southeast False Creek, Vancouver." *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*. 24(4): 324-334.

Articles Submitted or in Preparation

1. Kear M (in prep) "The Strategic Personification of the Credit Score: NGOs, Positive Data, and the Redistribution of Calculative Agency." *Economy and Society*.
2. Kear M and Launius S (in prep) "Hybrid-Machines: Local Growth Coalitions and Global Financial Markets."
3. Kear M (in prep) "The Moral Economy of the Serial Crowd: Affective topologies of the credit score."

Book Reviews

1. Kear M (2015) "Debtfare States and the Poverty Industry: Money, Discipline and the Surplus Population." By Susanne Soederberg, *Antipode*.
2. Kear M (2014) "Banking Across Boundaries: Placing Finance in Capitalism." By Brett Christophers, *AAG Review of Books*. 2(4).
3. Kear M (2012) "Hard Choices: Financial Exclusion, Fringe Banks and Poverty in Urban Canada" By Jerry Buckland, *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*.
4. Kear M (2012) Review Essay: "Debt -- The First 5000 Years and The Bonds of Debt" by David Graeber and "The Bonds of Debt" by Richard Dienst. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*: <http://societyandspace.com/reviews/reviews-archive/dienst-richard-2011-the-bonds-of-debt/>
5. Kear M (2011) "How It Works: Recovering Citizens in Post-Welfare Philadelphia" by Robert P. Fairbanks II. *Antipode*. 43(5): 1946–1949.

Recent Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Quiñonez J, Robinson TC, and Kear M (2012) "Credit Deserts: The Absence of Low-Cost Credit in Low-Income Communities." Mission Asset Fund <http://missionassetfund.org/84-lc-blog/52>.

Conference Activities

Invited Talks

1. Kear, M (February 13th, 2015) “Subsuming the Informal: Peer Lending and the Financial Regulation of Poverty.” San Diego State University, Department of Geography Colloquium, San Diego, CA, USA.
2. Kear, M (January 23rd, 2015) “ ‘I have never met those people in that room’: Peer lending and the subsumption of the informal.” University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development Colloquium, Tucson, AZ, USA.

Papers Presented

1. Kear M (April 2017) “The Psychological State and the Assembly of Financial Subjects.” Association of American Geographers AGM, Boston, MA, USA.
2. Kear M and Launius S (April 2017) “Hybrid-Machines: Local Growth Coalitions and Global Financial Markets. Association of American Geographers AGM, Boston, MA, USA.
3. Kear M (June 2016) “Moral Economies of Financial Self-Care: Credit Building Community in the San Francisco Bay Area.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economic AGM, Berkeley, CA, USA.
4. Kear M (April 2016) “The Realization of Value in Payment Space.” Association of American Geographers AGM, San Francisco, CA, USA.
5. Kear M (April 2015) “The Strategic Personification of Objects: NGOs, Positive Data, Calculative Agency & the Credit Score Game.” Association of American Geographers AGM, Chicago, IL, USA.
6. Kear M (April 2015) “Accounting for Debt.” Association of American Geographers AGM, Chicago, IL, USA.
7. Kear M (September 2014) “Accounting for Debt.” Association of Pacific Coast Geographers AGM, Tucson, AZ, USA.
8. Kear M (April 2014) “Emerging Moral Economies of Financial Self-Management.” Association of American Geographers AGM, Tampa, FL, USA.
9. Kear M (November 2013) “Resisting Debt, Living by Credit.” American Studies Association AGM, Washington, DC, USA.
10. Kear M (April 2013) “Financializing the Safety Net.” Association of American Geographers AGM, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
11. Kear M (November 2012) “Rescaling the Credit Score.” Cascadia Critical Geographies Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

12. Kear M (February 2012) "Ideologies of Inclusion and the Legislative Prehistory of Financialization." Association of American Geographers AGM, New York, NY, USA.
13. Kear M (April 2011) "From Citizenship to Government: Regulating *Homo Subprimicus*." Association of American Geographers AGM, Seattle, WA, USA.
14. Kear M (October 2010) "The Rise of Circulation, Value and Critical Economic Geography." Cascadia Critical Geographies Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada.
15. Kear M (April 2006) "'Fixing' False Creek: Creative Destruction and Sustainability in Vancouver," Association of American Geographers AGM, Chicago, IL, USA

Conference Sessions Organized

1. Kear, M and Loomis, J (2016) "Becoming Financial, I, II, III." Association of American Geographers AGM, San Francisco, CA, USA.
2. Kear M (September 2014) "Author Meets Critics, Debt to Society by Miranda Joseph." Association of Pacific Coast Geographers AGM, Tucson, AZ, USA.
3. Kear M and Teresa B (April 2014) "The Post-Crisis Geography of Risk Production." Association of American Geographers AGM, Tampa, FL, USA.
4. Kear M and Swartz L (April 2013) "Finance, Debt and the Realization of Value in the Social Factory I, II and III." Association of American Geographers AGM, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
5. Kutz W and Kear M (April 2013) "Critical Perspectives on Finance - Individuals, Infrastructures, and Space." Session organized for the Association of American Geographers AGM, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

Discussant / Panelist

1. Kear M (April 2016) "Becoming Financial III." Association of American Geographers AGM, San Francisco, CA, USA.
2. Kear M (April 2015) panelist: The Spatial Constitution of Markets. Association of American Geographers AGM, Chicago, IL, USA.
3. Kear M (April 2014) "Legal-Financial Geographies." Association of American Geographers AGM, Tampa, FL, USA.
4. Kear M (April 2013) "Finance, Debt and the Realization of Value in the Social Factory II." Association of American Geographers AGM, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

Courses Taught

University of Arizona, 2013 to Present

Graduate: Geographical Political Economy (GEOG 696A)

Undergraduate: The American City (GEOG 456) and *Economic Geography* (GEOG 305),
Urban Growth and Development (GEOG 379)

Graduate: Economic Geography

York University, 2008 to 2009

Nature, Neoliberalism and Political Ecology (GEOG 4050)

Graduate Advising

Primary Advisor

- Antonio Cabrera, PhD Candidate
- Julian Hartman, PhD Student (incoming Fall 2017)

Committee Member

- Laura Sharp, PhD Student
- Richard Johnson, PhD Student
- Remy Franklin, MA Student

Service

Committees

- Colloquium Committee (Co-Chair 2016 to present)
- Graduate Committee (2015-16)
- Undergraduate Teaching Working Group
- APCG AGM Organizing Committee Member (2014)

Reviewer

- *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*
- *The Canadian Geographer*
- *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*
- *Economic Geography*
- *Environment and Planning A*
- *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*
- *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*
- *Geoforum*
- *Journal of Cultural Economy*
- *Progress in Human Geography*
- *TOPIA: The Canadian Journal of Cultural Studies*
- *Urban Affairs Review*

Selected Awards, Honors & Research Funding

2017	University of Arizona Graduate Interdisciplinary Program “Problem” Grant for Critical Financial Studies
2014	Delegate, Summer Institute in Economic Geography, Frankfurt, Germany
2013	Simon Fraser University Graduate Fellowship (\$7,000)
2012-2013	Visiting Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley
2012	Futures of Finance Graduate Fellow, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University
2011-2013	Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Scholarship (\$40,000)
2010-Present	Graduate Fellow, Centre for Global Political Economy, Simon Fraser University
2011	Simon Fraser University Graduate Fellowship (\$7,000)
2009-2012	Graduate Research Fellowship (\$45,000)
2009	Simon Fraser University Recruitment Scholarship (\$9,000)
2005-2006	University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship (\$10,000)