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EDUCATION

| University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional St Certificate in Editing | tudies Nov. 2022 |
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| University of California, Irvine PhD, Anthropology Dissertation: Violent Designs: Making Home in a Divided South African City MA, Anthropology | Sept. 2021 Dec. 2015 |
| University of Cambridge, UK MPhil, Social Anthropology | July 2013 |
| University of Notre Dame BA, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Anthropology (Honors), Peace Studies | May 2012 |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | |
| UC Irvine, School of Social Sciences Nov. 2021–present <i>Postdoctoral Scholar</i> Provide project management for twenty-person interdisciplinary research team supported by the National Science Foundation Convergence Accelerator program (NSF Award 2137567) Collaborate with nonprofit and community-based research partners on methods and public events Contribute to research and data analysis as a member of the ethnography team, which includes semi-structured interviews, quantitative surveying, community listening sessions, and workshops | |
| Filene Center for Emerging TechnologySeResearcherSe | ept. 2018–Sept. 2021 |
| Examined the sociopolitical implications of new financial technologies for the credit union movement, resulting in published research reports, webinars, and educational tools | |
| UC Irvine, Department of Anthropology So PhD Student | ept. 2013–Sept. 2021 |
| Designed and conducted an independent research project in South Africa (NSF Award <u>1729875</u>) Built multiyear partnerships with South African social justice nonprofits in the housing sector Attained expertise in humanistic social science reading, writing, grant writing, and editing | |
| Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion S Researcher | Sept 2015–Sept. 2018 |
| Organized and maintained an archive of emergent financial technology phenomena for an international, interdisciplinary research team (NSF Award <u>1455859</u>) Conducted ethnographic fieldwork at US financial services industry and fintech conferences | |
| Research Mentor, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) | |

• Supervised computer science undergraduates in social scientific analysis and archival work

FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

- Copyedited and provided developmental editing for book manuscripts, academic articles, dissertations, research reports, academic blog posts, and presentations
- Investigated and reported on topics related to economic justice and technology as a freelance ethnographic researcher for the Filene Research Institute and the MIT Digital Currency Initiative
- Secured \$130,000 in funding for South African housing nonprofit as a volunteer grant writer

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- Coben, Nate and **M.K. Wrapp.** 2022. "Distressed Publics: Circumventing the Mortgage from South Africa to Ireland." In *Land and the Mortgage: History, Culture, Belonging*, edited by Daivi Rodima-Taylor and Parker Shipton, 188–215. New York: Berghahn Books.
- Wrapp, M.K. and Bill Maurer. *Fairness and Accountability for Algorithms in Financial Services: Addressing Bias and Discrimination to Prevent Digital Redlining*. Madison, WI: Filene Research Institute, 2020.
- Wrapp, M.K. 2020. "A House Divided: Movement and Race in Urban Ethnography." In *Home: Ethnographic Encounters*, edited by Johannes Lenhard and Farhan Samanani, 189–202. New York: Bloomsbury.
- Maurer, Bill, M.K. Wrapp, C. Middleton, V. Dzokoto, and J. Fan. <u>The Lessons of Fintech Apps:</u> <u>Design Matters for Personal Finance</u>. Madison, WI: Filene Research Institute, 2019.

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS (SELECTED)

- "In the Field Where We Hunted Snakes: Black Nostalgia and Living in Apartheid's Remnants." Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Nov. 2022)
- "The Politics of Adequacy: Racial Justice and Experimentation in South African Housing Design." Invited Talk, Department of Anthropology and Justice & Peace Studies Program, Georgetown University (Jan. 2020)
- "Trust, Economic Precarity, and Design in Financial Technology." Invited Talk, Filene Center for Emerging Technology Research Event (May 2019)
- "Alternatives, Not by Design: 'Family Life' in South African Townships." Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting (March 2019)
- "Gender and Sexuality in the Field." Invited Roundtable Talk, DECADE (Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience) at University of California, Irvine (Feb. 2019)
- "Private Utopias, Public Imaginaries: Mega Housing Projects in Cape Town, South Africa." Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2015)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine

- Designed and taught original course (*Design in an Unequal World*) as instructor of record (2019)
- Held teaching assistantships for six introductory and advanced courses (Sept. 2013–June 2015)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- First Place, Graduate Student Achievement Award, National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (2021, *for publicly engaged scholarship*)
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa Society (2012 Induction)
- Winner, Yarrow Award (2012, for academic excellence and a commitment to peace and justice)