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EDUCATION

- 2017 **Ph.D., Urban Studies**
Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning (USP), Portland State University.
Dissertation: "Making Software, Making Regions: Networks, Segmentation, and Diversity."
Committee: Greg Schrock (Chair), Sy Adler, Amy Lubitow (Sociology), Nathan McClintock.
Economic development; labor and technology in society.
- 2016 **Graduate Certificate, Geographic Information Science (GIS)**
Department of Geography, Portland State University.
Modifiable areal unit problem (MAUP); spatial statistics.
- 2006 **B.S., Computer Science**
College of Computing, Georgia Institute of Technology.
Software engineering; cognitive science.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2017– **Assistant Professor**
Department of Geography and Environmental Systems (GES), University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), Baltimore County, MD.
- 2009–2017 Graduate Research Assistant, Portland State University (PSU), Portland, OR.
Center for Urban Studies, Community Environmental Services, Institute of Metropolitan Studies, Portland State Foundation, Intel Corporation.
- 2004–2006 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.
Cognition and Learning in Interdisciplinary Cultures, Regents' Professor Nancy Nersessian.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2011–2017 Senior Research Associate, City Observatory & Impresa Consulting, Portland, OR.
Urban research, urban commentary, data specialist, digital and interactive map production.
Clients include: The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation; The National Trust for Historic Preservation; ArtPlace America; and CEOs for Cities.
- 2006–2009 Product Manager, Web & eCommerce, National Instruments, Austin, TX.
- 2003–2004 Software Automation Engineer, .NET and Visual Studio, Microsoft, Dublin, Ireland.

1999–2001 Software Test Engineer Intern, Hardware, Microsoft, Redmond, WA.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- 2016 Thatcher, Jim, David O’Sullivan and Dillon Mahmoudi. “**Data Colonialism through Accumulation by Dispossession: New metaphors for daily data.**” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 34 (6): 990-1006. doi:10.1177/0263775816633195
- Powe, Michael, Emily Talen, Jonathan Mabry and Dillon Mahmoudi. “**Jane Jacobs and the Value of Older, Smaller Buildings.**” *Journal of the American Planning Association* 82 (2): 1-14. doi:10.1080/01944363.2015.1135072
- McClintock, Nathan, Dillon Mahmoudi, Michael Simpson and Jacinto Pereira Santos. “**Socio-spatial differentiation in the Sustainable City: A mixed-methods assessment of residential gardens in metropolitan Portland, Oregon, USA.**” *Landscape and Urban Planning* 148 (April): 1-16. doi:10.1016/j.landurbplan.2015.12.008
- Mahmoudi, Dillon, and Anthony Levenda. “**Beyond the Screen: Uneven Geographies, Digital Labour, and the City of Cognitive-Cultural Capitalism.**” *tripleC: Communication, Capital and Critique* 14 (1) (February): 99-120. Permalink
- 2015 Levenda, Anthony, Dillon Mahmoudi, and Gerald Sussman. “**The Neoliberal Politics of ‘Smart’: Electricity Consumption, Data Analytics, and Ubiquitous Financialization.**” *Canadian Journal of Communication* 40 (4) (November): 615-636. PDXScholar
- 2013 Seltzer, Ethan, and Dillon Mahmoudi. “**Citizen Participation, Open Innovation, and Crowdsourcing: Challenges and Opportunities for Planning.**” *Journal of Planning Literature* 28 (1) (February): 3-18. doi:10.1177/0885412212469112

Articles In Progress

- Mahmoudi, Dillon. “Feminization of Software Labor: Segmentation, Bifurcation and Deskilling.”
- Mahmoudi, Dillon. “The Always Emerging Geography of Software Production.”
- Levenda, Anthony, and Dillon Mahmoudi. “Locating Digital Capitalism: The New Urban Frontier.”
- Mahmoudi, Dillon, Amy Lubitow and Nathan Rochester. “Barriers to Urban Mobility: An Engaged Methods for Vulnerable Populations.”
- Mahmoudi, Dillon, David O’Sullivan and Jim E Thatcher. “Dead Digital Labor: Historical Materialism and GeoJSON.”
- Mahmoudi, Dillon and Greg Schrock. “The Changing Nature of High-Tech and I-Tech Industries.”

Book Chapters

* Denotes invited chapters

In progress * Mahmoudi, Dillon. "Equality" in *Digital Geographies* edited by James Ash, Rob Kitchin, and Agnieszka Leszczynski. SAGE.

Commentary

2016 Attendees of the Revisiting Critical GIS Meeting. "**Revisiting critical GIS.**" *Environment and Planning A* 48 (5) (May): 815-824. doi:10.1177/0308518X15622208

Book Reviews

2017 Lubitow, Amy, and Dillon Mahmoudi. "**Review of *Bike Lanes Are White Lanes: Bicycle Advocacy and Urban Planning* by Melody L. Hoffmann.**" *Urban Geography* 38 (6): 951-952. doi:10.1080/02723638.2016.1248884

Reports

2016 Lubitow, Amy, Dillon Mahmoudi, Emma Deppa, Santiago Mendez, Raquel Nasser Stevens, Nathan Rochester, Kylas Tompkins. December. "**Understanding Spatial Equity in Portland, Oregon.**" Prepared for the City of Portland.

Cortright, Joseph, and Dillon Mahmoudi. April. "**The Storefront Index.**" City Observatory.

2014 Cortright, Joseph, and Dillon Mahmoudi. December. "**Lost in Place: Why the persistence and spread of concentrated poverty, not gentrification, is our biggest urban challenge.**" City Observatory.

Project collaborator with Preservation Green Lab. May. "**Older, Smaller, Better: Measuring how the character of buildings and blocks influences urban vitality.**" National Trust for Historic Preservation. Executive Summary PDF.

Cortright, Joseph, and Dillon Mahmoudi. May. "**Neighborhood Change, 1970 to 2010: Transition and Growth in Urban High Poverty Neighborhoods.**" Impresa Consulting.

Selected Maps

2016 The Storefront Index. City Observatory. April. Interactive Web Map. <http://www.cityobservatory.org/maps/storefronts/>

2014 Lost In Place. City Observatory. December. Interactive Web Map. <http://cityobservatory.org/maps/lostinplace/>

2013 America's Top Artplaces 2013. ArtPlace America. Print. <http://dillonm.io/articles/americanstopartplaces2013.pdf>

- 2011 Portland Badassness Map. March. Print.
<http://dillonm.io/files/PortlandBadassnessMap2011March.pdf>

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited Talks

- 2017 Mahmoudi, Dillon. May. "Apologies for the Following Quantitative Data: Success and Failure in Data-Driven Projects." Resistance GIS. Portland, OR.

Conferences Organized

- 2016 **Space of Struggle: Radical Planning Mini-Conference**, Portland, OR. November. Sponsored by *Critical Planning* and Planners Network.
- 2015 **Critical Geographies Mini-Conference**, Portland, OR. November.

Conference Presentations and Organized Panels

- 2017 Mahmoudi, Dillon. April. "Code Yourself To A Better Future: The Feminization of Software Labor." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). San Francisco, CA.
- Session co-organizer.** April. "Real Estate Technologies." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 Mahmoudi, Dillon. November. "Making Software, Making Regions." Annual Conference of the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Congress (ACSP). Portland, OR.
- Mahmoudi, Dillon. June. "Labor Market Segmentation and Software Work." Annual Conference of the North American Regional Studies Association (RSA). Atlanta, GA.
- Mahmoudi, Dillon. April. "Apologies for the Following Quantitative Data: Success and Failure in Data-Driven Projects." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). San Francisco, CA.
- Denham, Diana, Amy Coplen, Dillon Mahmoudi, Adam Brunelle and Nathan McClintock. April. "Urban agriculture and gentrification in sustainable cities: a case study from Montreal and Portland." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). San Francisco, CA.
- Session co-organizer.** April. "Political Ecologies of Technology #aagPOET." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). San Francisco, CA.
- Mahmoudi, Dillon. March. "Regional Software Production and Economic Development: Portland, Seattle and Austin." Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association (UAA). San Diego, CA.
- Levenda, Anthony and Dillon Mahmoudi. February. "The Third-Wave Urbanization of Nature: Political Ecology and Cognitive-Cultural Capitalism." Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE). Lexington, KY.

- Session co-organizer and discussant.** February. "Political Ecologies of Technology #dope-POET." Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE). Lexington, KY.
- 2015 Mahmoudi, Dillon. October. "Regional Software Production: Firms, Labor-Markets and Place." Annual Conference of the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Congress (ACSP). Houston, TX.
- Mahmoudi, Dillon. April. "What's in a File Type? On Making Maps Critically by Deconstructing the Digital Map." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). Chicago, IL.
- Levenda, Anthony, Dillon Mahmoudi, and Gerald Sussman. April. "The Neoliberal Politics of 'Smart': Electricity Consumption, Data Analytics, and Ubiquitous Financialization." Annual Western Social Sciences Association. Portland, OR.
- Howland, Steven and Dillon Mahmoudi. April. "Carsharing Access: Car2Go and Getaround in Portland, Oregon." Urban Affairs Association (UAA). Miami, FL.
- Mahmoudi, Dillon. February. "The Role of ICTs in the Urbanization of Nature: Data Centers in Oregon." Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE). Lexington, KY.
- 2014 Mahmoudi, Dillon. October. "Open-Innovation in Software Production: Portland, Oregon." Annual Conference of the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Congress (ACSP). Philadelphia, PA.
- 2013 Mahmoudi, Dillon, and Greg Schrock. July. "High-Tech and I-Tech Revisited." Joint Association of European Schools of Planning/American Collegiate Schools of Planning Congress (AESOP/ACSP). Dublin, Ireland.
- Mahmoudi, Dillon, and Joseph Cortright. April. "Metropolitan Patterns of Income Inequality: Off the Census Tract, on the Grid." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). Los Angeles, CA.
- 2012 Mahmoudi, Dillon, and Ethan Seltzer. November. "Big Ideas: Crowdsourcing and Citizen Participation in Omaha, Nebraska." Annual Conference of the American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). Cincinnati, OH.

AWARDS, HONORS & WORKSHOPS

- 2017 Student Achievement Award, Community Engagement, College of Urban and Public Affairs, PSU. Winner.
- Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Urban and Public Affairs, PSU. Nominee.
- 2016 Hackademia Computing Cultures Summer School, Lüneberg, Germany. Delegate. August.
- Oxford Internet Institute Summer Doctoral Programme, University of Oxford, UK. Delegate. July.
- Summer Institute of Urban Studies, Manchester, UK. Delegate. June.
- 2015 Authors Meets Critics, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. Critic.
- 2014 Revisiting Critical GIS, Friday Harbor, University of Washington. Participant. October.
- Summer Institute of Economic Geography, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Delegate. July.

GRANTS

- 2015 Urban Form, Inclusion, and Diversity (\$26,500) City Observatory and Knight Foundation. Co-PI with Greg Schrock.
- 2014 Open Innovation in the Software Sector (\$25,000) City Observatory and Knight Foundation. Co-PI with Greg Schrock.
Travel Award (\$625). Institute for Sustainable Solutions, PSU.
- 2013 Travel Award (\$200). Marie Brown Travel Award, PSU.
- 2012 Travel Award (\$200). Marie Brown Travel Award, PSU.

TEACHING

Instructor

- 2017 PSU USP 452, GIS for Community Development.

Teaching Assistant

- 2017 PSU USP 440, Measuring People and Communities in an Urban Context.
- 2015 PSU USP 440, Measuring People and Communities in an Urban Context.
- 2014 PSU USP 452, GIS for Community Development.
- 2002 Georgia Tech UNIV 1000, Freshman Orientation.

SERVICE

Profession

Referee

tripleC: Communication, Capital, Critique
Challenges in Sustainability
Growth and Change: A Journal of Urban and Regional Policy
Imaginations: Journal of Cross Cultural Image Studies
Reinvention: an International Journal of Undergraduate Research

University

- 2014-2016 PSU Graduate Employees Union, Organizing Committee, Member.
- 2015 PSU USP, Funding Task Force, Student Representative.
- 2013 PSU USP, Urban Studies Student Group, Founder & President.
- 2012 PSU USP, Executive Committee, PhD Representative.

- 2011 PSU USP, Executive Committee, Representative-at-large.
- 2009–2010 PSU USP, Executive Committee, Masters Representative.

Community

- 2013–2015 World Affairs Council, Young Professionals Steering Committee, Member.

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2016– Regional Studies Association.
Union for Radical Political Economics.
- 2014– Canadian Association of Geographers - L'Association Canadienne des Géographes.
- 2013– Society for Social Studies of Science.
- 2012– Urban Affairs Association.
American Association of Geographers.
- 2011– American Collegiate Schools of Planning.

MEDIA COVERAGE & INTERVIEWS

- 2015 Interview, “Amerikas Stammesgebiete, Immer mehr US-Bürger leben unter Gleichgesinnten. Das verändert Amerika fundamental.” Süddeutsche Zeitung. München, Germany. (November 30, 2015).
Interview, “Imaginary Crisis: Is Gentrification A Myth?” Let Your Voice Be Heard, WHCR 90.3. Harlem, NY. (January 30, 2015).
- 2012 Interview, “(P)retirement’s new frontier: Study focuses on city’s young creatives – economic saviors or slackers?” Portland Tribune. Portland, OR (September 13, 2012).
- 2011 Interview, “How badass is your neighborhood?” KATU morning show. Portland, OR (April 28, 2011).
- 2008 Panelist, “Targeting Customers And Improving Your Marketing ROI Through Innovative Personalization and Segmentation Strategies.” eTail Conference East, Washington DC (August 7, 2008).