Inequality in the United States

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Sexual Harassment

Inequality

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About me: http://blogs.bu.edu/vsapiro/

The full APSA Report on the Survey on Sexual Harassment at Annual Meetings: http://bit.ly/2FRvXly

Briefer, published version in PS: Political Science & Politics: http://bit.ly/2Ct4870

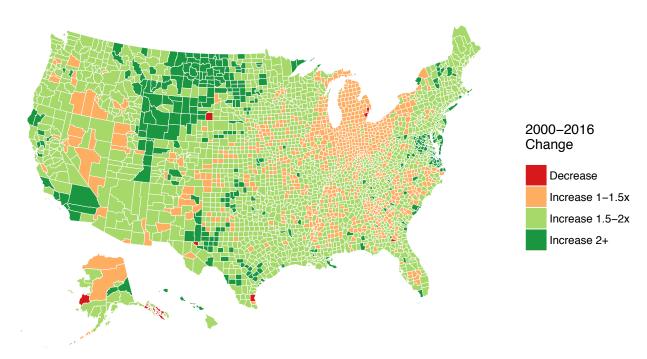
Residents Only: How Neighborhood Defenders Create Exclusive Communities

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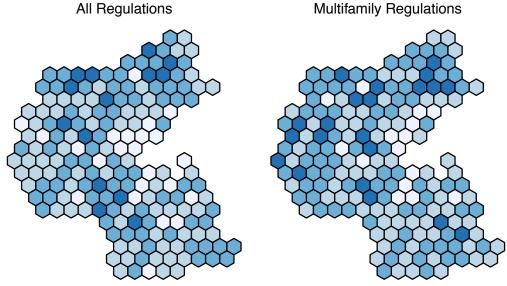


Research on Tap: Inequality in the United States



Regulations → opportunity for citizen opposition → projects delayed or stopped

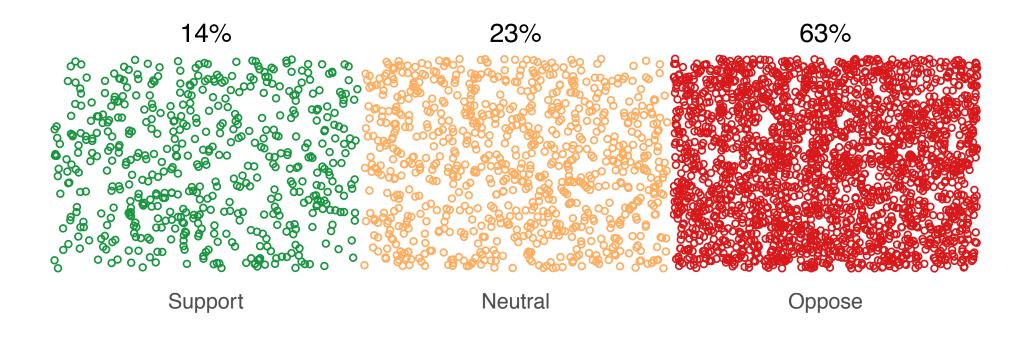
Match meeting minutes in 97 MA towns (>3,000 individuals with the voter file)



Boston University Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research



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56% of MA voters in 2010 adopted pro-affordable housing position in Chapter 40B repeal vote

Meeting participants more likely to be older, male, longtime residents, voters in local elections, and homeowners



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Technology, Skill, and Income Distribution: The (Very) Long Run

- Inequality has been rising in the US over the past several decades. Concern that technical change – automation – is "destroying" many kinds of middle class jobs.
- I am an economic historian. One of the tasks of economic history is to trace the historical roots of contemporary policy issues.
- I use census and other archival records to study how the US economy has adapted to technical change in the very long run (i.e. back to the 19th century).



Punch Lines

- New technology has been "embodied" in capital goods for a very long time. In manufacturing, almost always displaces human labor in some production tasks BUT ...
- In the aggregate economy, technical change has INCREASED the relative demand for skilled/educated labor as far back as this can be measured (ca. 1850). Overall, US economy has adapted well in the long run BUT ...
- In the short-medium run the race between technology and skill has a very mixed record, leading to protracted inequality episodes. We are in one now. May be getting worse.
- Caveat: Not clear if AI is fundamentally different. If it is, "capitalism" (private ownership of the means of production) may need a fundamental reboot.



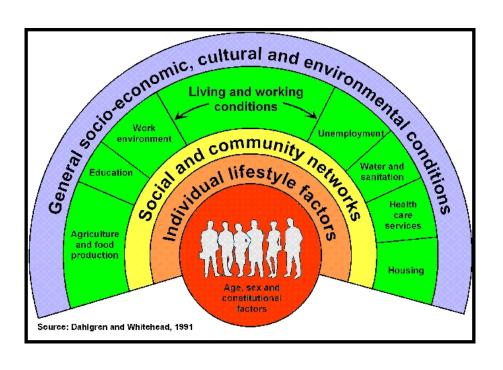
Engaging Youth in Health Equity Research and Action

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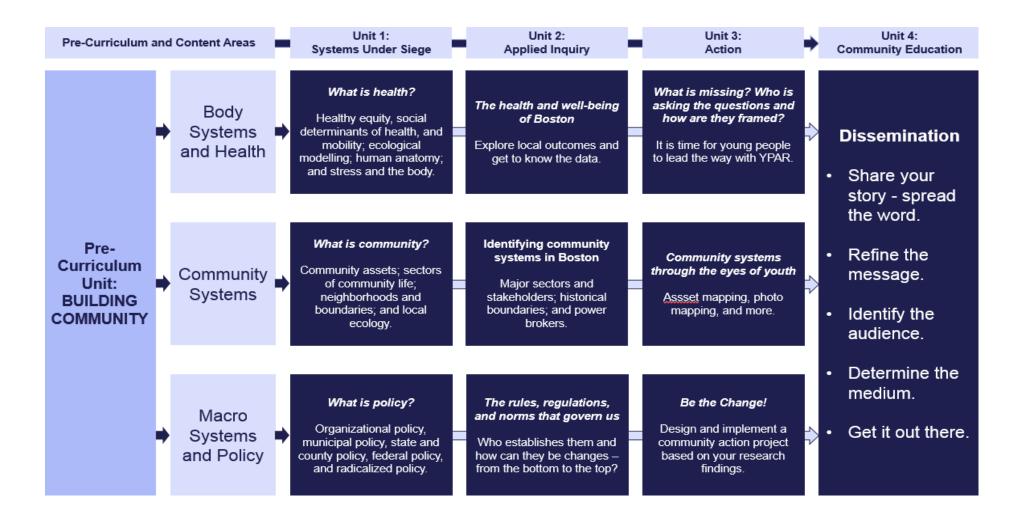


Why engage youth?



- There are significant inequities in health outcomes across a myriad of chronic conditions.
- Young people of color represent the fastest growing segment of the youth population.
- Patterns established during childhood can put people at heightened risk for obesity, diabetes, and depression, conditions.
- These patterns can be sustained, magnified or reversed in middle childhood.
- Young people are experts in their lived experience.

The Process



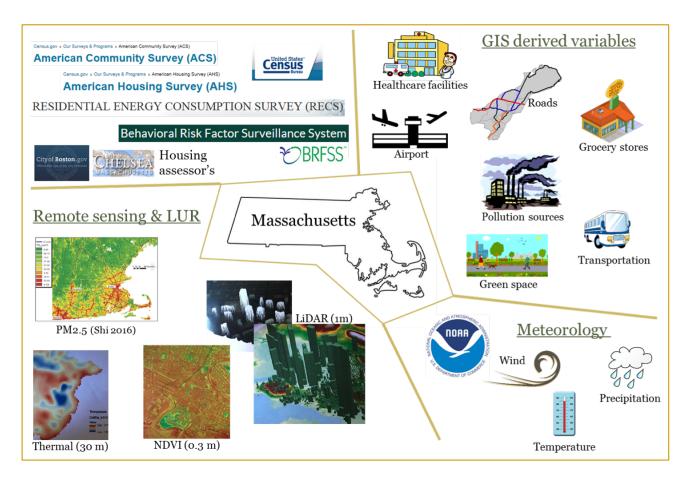
Trends in Ambient Air Pollution Exposure and Residential Infiltration Inequality across Massachusetts

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New indexes:

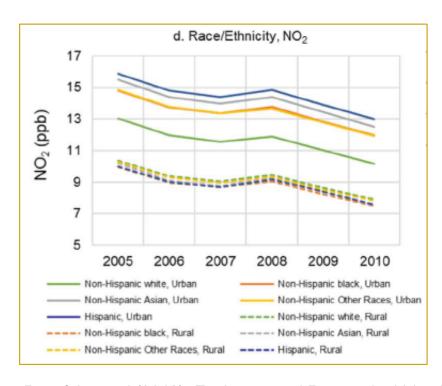
- Housing infiltration
- Heat vulnerability
- Environmental burden
- Food access
- Community health center accessibility
- Economic and racial dissimilarity and segregation

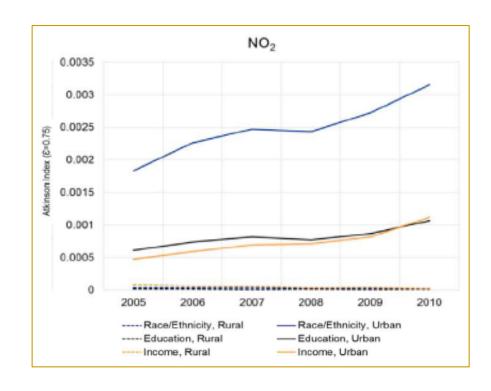
New data streams:

 High resolution surface temperature & greenness (NDVI)



Temporal trends in air pollution exposure inequality in Massachusetts

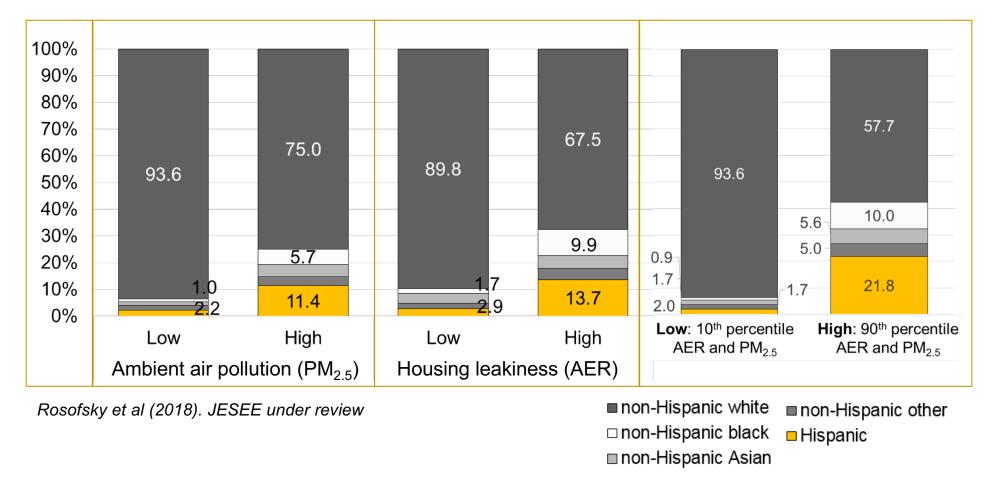




Rosofsky et al (2018). Environmental Research, 161: 76-86



Inequalities in residential air exchange rates (AER) & air pollution exposure



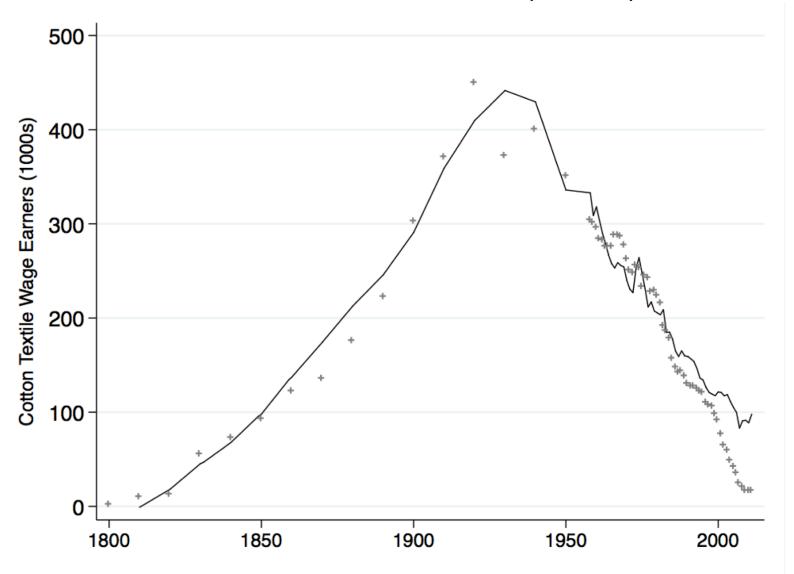


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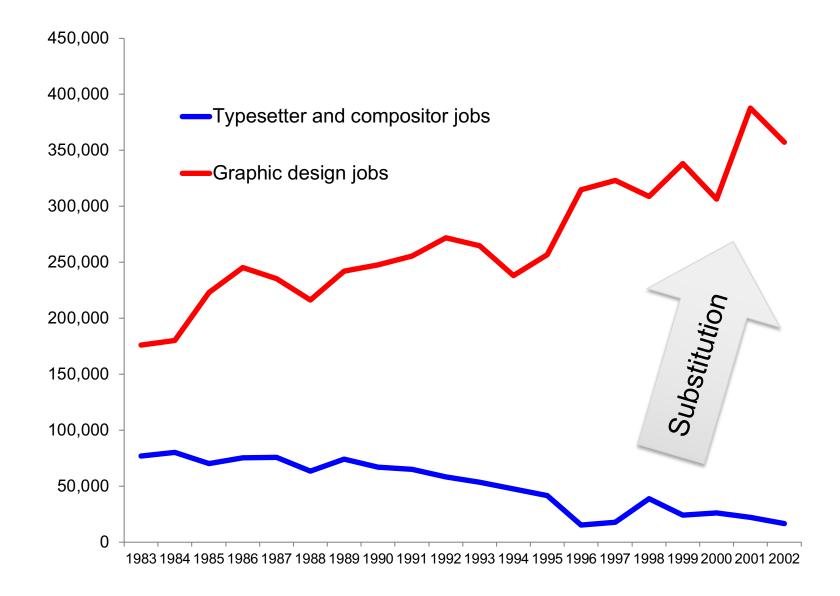
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US Textile Workers (1000s)











Resentment of the Rich and Economic Inequality

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Republican Tax Bill Passes Senate in 51-48 Vote



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Sympathy for the Poor, Resentment of the Rich, and Political Implications

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<u>Insurgent Truth: Chelsea Manning and the Politics</u> <u>of Outsider Truth-Telling</u> (Forthcoming 2019, OUP)

By Lida Maxwell, Visiting Professor of Political Science, Boston University



Counter-Archive of Outsider Truth-Tellers:

- Chelsea Manning: leaked documents and film footage that revealed American abuses in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Virginia Woolf: argued in 1938 that the seeds of fascism lay within British (and European) patriarchy and militarism
- Bayard Rustin: refused to hide his sexual/romantic relationships with men, even when it kept him from receiving recognition as a major civil rights activist

Outsider Truth-Tellers:

Would-be truth tellers who are socially and politically legible as non-credible (due primarily to their sexual and gender nonconformity) and who are telling truths that are unsettling to dominant social groups, that those groups do not want to hear

Insurgent Truth: Two Sets of Theoretical Claims

- Outsider Truth-Telling is as important as neutral truth-telling of experts: it reveals (and unsettles) the supposed common ground as the reality of the dominant group
- Outsider Practices and Dilemmas:
 - Outsider Status as generated through political Scene-Setting, not Individual Identity
 - Outsider Practices Resist Dominant Models of Resistance/Oppression: a) Refusal of Publicity; b) Anonymity; c) Creation of new political scenes through outsider connections
 - Outsider Predicament: felicitous reception of their actions may unsettle their outsider status and allow them to be interpolated into political projects they do not avow