

# Japonica Brown-Saracino

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## EDUCATION

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**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL ■ December, 2006  
Ph.D., Department of Sociology

**Smith College**, Northampton, MA ■ May, 1999  
A.B., Sociology & Women's Studies, High Honors & *Cum Laude*

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Boston University**, Boston, MA ■ 2010 – present  
Professor of Sociology & WGS  
Faculty Fellow, BU Initiative on Cities

**Five College Women's Studies Center**, South Hadley, MA ■ 2010 – 2011  
Research Associate

**Loyola University Chicago**, Chicago, IL ■ 2007 – 2010  
Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Faculty Fellow, Center for Urban Research and Learning ■ 2007 - 2009

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY ■ 2006 -2007  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology

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## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Urban and Community Sociology, Sexualities, Gender, Cultural Sociology, Ethnography, Inequalities

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## BOOKS

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Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2018. *How Places Make Us: Novel LBQ Identities in Four Small Cities*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2009. *A Neighborhood That Never Changes: Gentrification, Social Preservation, and the Search for Authenticity*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

- Awarded 2010 – 2011 Urban Affairs Association Best Book Award

Brown-Saracino, Japonica, editor. 2010. *The Gentrification Debates*. New York: Routledge.

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## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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Kusenbach, M. & Brown-Saracino, J. [Forthcoming]. "Urban Ethnography," for *Companion to Urban and Regional Studies*.

Brown-Saracino, Japonica. "Epilogue: Lessons from the Sociology of Small Cities and Other Understudied Locales." *City & Community* 19, no. 1 (2020): 217-222.

Robin Bartram, Japonica Brown-Saracino, Holly Donovan, Uncertain Sexualities and the Unusual Woman: Depictions of Jane Addams and Emily Dickinson, *Social Problems*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spz058>

Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2019. "From situated space to social space: Dyke bar commemoration as reparative action," *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, DOI: [10.1080/10894160.2019.1684753](https://doi.org/10.1080/10894160.2019.1684753)

Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2019. "Relying on comparative ethnography to identify and explain patterns and variation. Reflections from two multi-sited ethnographies," *Etnografia e ricerca qualitativa, Rivista* pp. 257-266, doi: 10.3240/94701

Brown-Saracino, J. 2019. "Aligning our Maps: Reconciling Distinct Readings of Literatures on Space, Place, and Sexualities," *City & Community* (symposium on Sexualities & Space).

Brown-Saracino, J. 2017 "Explicating Divided Approaches to Gentrification and Growing Income Inequality," *Annual Review of Sociology*, v. 43.

Brown-Saracino, J. & Parker, J. N. 2017. "'What is up with my sisters? Where are you?' The Origins and Consequences of Lesbian-Friendly Place Reputations for LBQ Migrants." *Sexualities*, 10.1177/1363460716658407.

Brown-Saracino, J. & Stiman, 2017. "How to Avoid Getting Stuck in Meetings: On the Value of Recognizing the Limits of Meeting Ethnography for Community Studies," *Meeting Ethnography*, edited by Renita Thedvall and Jen Sandler. New York: Routledge.

- Brown-Saracino, J. 2016. "Preserving Social Character and Navigating Preservation Divides," *Fifty Ideas for the Next Fifty Years of Historic Preservation in the United States*, edited by Max Page & Marla Miller. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2016. "An Agenda for the Next Decade of Gentrification Scholarship," *City & Community*, 15:3.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2015. "How Places Shape Identity: The Origins of Distinctive LBQ Identities in Four Small U.S. Cities," *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 121 Number 1 (July 2015): 1-63.
- 2016 Jane Addams Best Article Award, Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.
- Kuras, E.R., Hondula, D., & Brown-Saracino, J. 2015. "Heterogeneity in Individually Experienced Temperatures (IETs) within an Urban Neighborhood: Insights from a New Approach to Measuring Heat Exposure," *International Journal of Biometeorology*, January 5, 2015.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2014. "From Methodological Stumbles to Substantive Insights: Gaining Ethnographic Access in Queer Communities," *Qualitative Sociology*, March 2014, Volume 37, Issue 1: 43-68.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2013. "Gentrification," *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*. Manza, J., editor. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. 2011. "From the Lesbian Ghetto to Ambient Community: The Perceived Costs and Benefits of Integration for Social Ties," *Social Problems*, V. 58, N. 3: 361 – 388.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica & Rumpf, Cesraea. 2011. "Diverse Imageries of Gentrification: Evidence from Newspaper Coverage in Major U.S. Cities, 1986 – 2006," *Journal of Urban Affairs*, V. 33, N. 3: 289-315.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica & Ghaziani, Amin. 2009. "The Constraints of Culture: Evidence from the Chicago Dyke March," *Cultural Sociology*, V.3, N.1: 51 – 75.
- Nominated by *Cultural Sociology* for the 2009 British Sociological Association's SAGE Prize for Innovation and /or Excellence
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica, Fine, Gary Alan & Thurk, Jessica. 2008. "Beyond Groups: Seven Pillars of Peopled Ethnography in Communities and Organizations," *Qualitative Research*, V. 8, N. 5: 547-567.
- Reprinted in *Sage Qualitative Methods Reader*, Paul Atkinson and Sara Delamont, eds. Sage.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2007. "Virtuous Marginality: Social Preservationists and the Selection of the Old-timer," *Theory and Society*, V. 36, N. 5: 437 – 468.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2004. "Social Preservationists and the Quest for Authentic Community," *City and Community* 3:2: June, 2004: 125-156.

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#### ESSAYS AND ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

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- Brown-Saracino, J. 2020. "Emily Dickinson: 'The Greatest Freak of Them All'?", *Public Books*, May 15, 2020.  
<https://www.publicbooks.org/emily-dickinson-the-greatest-freak-of-them-all/>
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2018. "Where are the Welcome Signs: On Finding LBQ Community in Unexpected Places," *Autostraddle*, August 20, 2018:  
<https://www.autostraddle.com/where-are-the-welcome-signs-finding-lesbian-bisexual-and-queer-community-in-unexpected-places-429514/>
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2018. "How the Places We Live Can Shape Our Queer Identities," *Slate*, December 13, 2017:  
<https://slate.com/human-interest/2017/12/how-places-make-us-explores-how-environment-shapes-identity.html>
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2017. "Are Nostalgia Tours the New Dyke Bar?" *Blog of the Los Angeles Review of Books (BLARB)*, October 6, 2017:  
<http://blog.lareviewofbooks.org/essays/nostalgia-tours-new-dyke-bar/>
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2008. "LGBTI Individuals in Community and Urban Sociology: New Directions for our Subfield," *The Newsletter of the Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association*, November 2008.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2008. "Culture," *Routledge Social Issues Collection*.

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#### INVITED REVIEW ESSAYS

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Review of *Gentrifier* by John J. Schlichtman, Jason Patch, Marc Lamont, Hill. *Sociological Forum*, V. 33, N. 4, Dec., 2018

Review of *Race, Class and Politics in the Cappuccino City* by Derek Hyra, *American Journal of Sociology*, V. 124, N. 1, July, 2018.

Review of *The Global Pigeon* by Colin Jerolmack, *American Journal of Sociology*, V. 119, N.6, May 2014.

Review of *Philadelphia Barrio* by Frederick Wherry, *Contemporary Sociology*, V. 42, N. 5, September 2013: 756-758.

Review of *Power at the Roots: Gentrification, Community Gardens, and the Puerto Ricans of the Lower East Side* by Miranda J. Martinez, *Contemporary Sociology*, V. 41, July, 2012: 498-500.

Review of *September 12: Community and Neighborhood Recovery at Ground Zero* by Gregory Smithsimon, *American Journal of Sociology*, V. 117, N. 6, July, 2012: 255 – 258.

Review of *Naked City: The Death and Life of Authentic Urban Places* by Sharon Zukin. *Sociological Forum*, December 2010, V. 25, N. 4.

Review of *Memphis and the Paradox of Place: Globalization in the American South* by Wanda Rushing. *Social Forces*, V. 88, N. 4, June 2010, pp. 1933-1935.

Review of *The New Urban Renewal: The Economic Transformation of Harlem and Bronzeville* by Derek Hyra. *American Journal of Sociology*, January 2010, Vol. 115, No. 4: pp. 1308-1311.

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#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Henderson Senior Research Fellowship, Boston University Center for the Humanities (2018-2019).
  - Jane Addams Award for Best Article, Community and Urban Sociology Section of ASA (2016)
  - Urban Affairs Association Best Book Award 2010 – 2011 for *A Neighborhood That Never Changes*
  - Research Associate, Five College Women's Studies Research Center, South Hadley, MA 2010 - 2011
  - Center for Urban Research and Learning Fellowship, Loyola University Chicago, 2007 - 2009
  - Nomination, The Midwest Sociological Society Early Career Scholarship Award, 2007
  - Northwestern University Humanities Center Affiliate, 2006 -2007 (declined)
  - Alumnae of Northwestern University Dissertation Fellowship, 2004-2005
  - Robert F. Winch Best Student Paper Award, Northwestern University Department of Sociology, 2004
  - Northwestern University Dean's Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2003-2004
  - Robert F. Winch Best Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern Department of Sociology, 2003
  - Honorable Mention, Robert F. Winch Best Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern Department of Sociology, 2002
  - Northwestern University Fellowship, 2000-2001
  - *Cum Laude*, Smith College, 1999
  - Wahrsager Prize, Senior Sociology Major with Most Academic Promise, Smith College, 1999
  - Parsons Prize for Best Application of Sociological Theory, Smith College, 1999
  - High Honors for Senior Thesis, Smith College, 1999
  - Jeanne McFarland Prize for Excellence in Women's Studies, Smith College, 1998
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#### GRANTS

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2020	BU Initiative on Cities Early Research Award
2017	Boston University Sociology Morris Fund Grant
2016	BU Initiative on Cities Early Research Award
2014	Research Grant, Morris Fund, Boston University Department of Sociology
2014	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), Boston University (advisor to student awardee, Emma Kalf)
2013	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), Boston University (advisor to student awardee, Evan Kuras)
2013	Summer Research Stipend, Morris Fund, Boston University Department of Sociology
2012	Academic Enhancement Fund Grant for Boston's People & Neighborhoods, Boston University College of Arts & Sciences
2012	Summer Research Grant, Morris Fund, Boston University Department of Sociology
2011	Conference Travel Grant, Morris Fund, Boston University Department of Sociology
2009	Manuscript Publication Assistance Award, Loyola University Chicago
2009	Summer Research Stipend, Loyola University Chicago
2008	Research Support Grant, Loyola University Chicago
2006	Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University
2005	Macarthur Summer Research Grant, with Wendy Griswold, Northwestern Department of Sociology
2005	Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University
2004	Macarthur Summer Research Grant, Northwestern Department of Sociology
2004	Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University
2003	Macarthur Summer Research Grant, Northwestern Department of Sociology

- 2003 French Interdisciplinary Group Grant for Summer Study in Paris  
2002 Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant  
2001 Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant  
2001 Macarthur Summer Research Grant, with Wendy Griswold, Northwestern Department of Sociology

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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**Public Talks and Podcasts**

- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. June, 2019. "How Places Make Us," Social Science Librarians Bootcamp, Tufts University.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. October, 2018. "How Places Make Us," Outspoken: An LGBTQ Author Festival. Portland, Maine.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. October, 2018. "The Historical Roots of Gentrification," Urban Land Institute Conference, Boston, MA.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. April, 2018. "How Places Make Us," Book Launch at BU Initiative on Cities.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. April, 2018. "How Places Make Us," New Books Network Podcast.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. February, 2018. "Japonica Brown-Saracino on Identity and Place in Small Town LBQ Communities," The Annex Sociology Podcast.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. February, 2018. *How Places Make Us* Book Launch and Conversation (with Paul Durica, IL Humanities Council), Seminar –Co-op, Chicago, IL. Sponsored by the Urban Readers Series, University of Chicago Urban Network.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. November, 2017. "Are You a Gentrifier?" Professor Perspectives Panel, Boston University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. November, 2016. "How to Achieve Affordable Housing," Housing for All? Cambridge Historical Society Symposium, Cambridge Public Library, Central Square. Cambridge, MA
- Brown-Saracino, J. June, 2016. Panelist: "The City Talks: Preserve," Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA.
- Brown-Saracino, J. April, 2016. Panelist: "History Cafe: Gentrification," Cambridge Historical Society, Cambridge, MA
- Brown-Saracino, J. February, 2016. "Preserving Social Character," for Urban Forum: Boston's Changing Neighborhoods, for Boston Preservation. Boston, MA.
- Brown-Saracino, J. November, 2015. Panelist: "People in Place: Preserving Neighborhood Composition," Providence Symposium. Providence, RI.
- Brown-Saracino, J. October, 2014. Panelist on Density, Diversity and Neighborhoods for New York Municipal Arts Society Annual Summit on Equity, Place, and Opportunity. New York, NY.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. Comments on Gentrification in Clybourne Park, Sunday Symposium at Long Wharf Theatre, New Haven, CT.

**Colloquia Talks and Keynote Addresses**

- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. October, 2019. "New Directions in the Study of Gentrification," Kuntz Center for Social Research, University of Cincinnati, Symposium on Quantitative Approaches to Studying Gentrification.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. October, 2019. "From Situated to Social Space: Dyke Bar Commemoration and the Search for a New Queer Future," Oberlin College (Sociology & WGS).
- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2019. "How Places Makes Us: Novel LBQ Identities in Four Small Cities," Rice University and Vanderbilt University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. November, 2018. "How Places Make Us: Novel LBQ Identities in Four Small Cities," University of California Santa Cruz Colloquium Series.
- Brown-Saracino, J. October, 2018. "How Places Make Us: Novel LBQ Identities in Four Small Cities," Model Urban Scholar Lecture for Urban Studies, Stanford University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. September, 2018. "Preservation in the Context of Super-Gentrification," Keynote for Department of Conservation and Valand Academy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

- Brown-Saracino, J. May, 2018. "The Institute of Metropolitan Studies at San Jose State Presents: How Places Make Us with author Japonica Brown-Saracino," San Jose State University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2017. "How Places Shape Identity," Tufts University Sociology Colloquium.
- Brown-Saracino, J. May, 2016. "The Gentrification Debates Revisited," University of Southern California Population Research Center Brownbag (co-sponsored by Sociology Colloquium Series).
- Brown-Saracino, J. February, 2016. "How Places Shape Identities," Northeastern University Sociology Colloquium.
- Brown-Saracino, J. November, 2014. "Gentrification and Social Preservation: Fighting For and Against Neighborhood Transformation in Four U.S. Communities," Keynote, Inaugural Urban Sociology Symposium, Kunz Center for Social Research, University of Cincinnati.
- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2014. "How Places Make Us: Novel LBQ Identities in Four Small U.S. Cities," Department of Sociology Colloquium, Notre Dame.
- Brown-Saracino, J. November 2014. "The Last Store Standing: Commerce as Force, Symbol and Casualty in the Gentrifying American City," for "Economic Racism and Its Legacy in the US and Germany" at Boston University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. October, 2014. "Understanding Social Preservation and Gentrification in Urban and Rural Areas," Heritage Canada Conference, Keynote.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. "Pride of Place: Queer Female Identities and Communities in Four Small, U.S. Cities," Brandeis University Sociology Colloquium.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2012. "The 'Real People': Race, Class, Ethnicity, and the Politics of Preservation in Gentrifying Neighborhoods," Boston University African American Studies Colloquium.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2010. "A Neighborhood That Never Changes: Gentrification, Social Preservation, and the Search for Authenticity." Global Urban Studies Program, Michigan State University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2010. "From the Lesbian Ghetto to Ambient Community: The Perceived Costs of Integration for Community." Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2010. "Not Another Boystown: Queer Gentrifiers and the Fight for a Neighborhood That Never Changes." Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Program, Cornell University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2009. "A Neighborhood That Never Changes: Gentrification, Social Preservation, and the Search for Authenticity." Northwestern University Sociology Colloquium.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2008. "Social Preservation." Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University Chicago.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2007. "Social Preservation: The Quest for Authentic People, Place and Community." Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2001. "The Social Preservationist," Kahn Institute, Smith College.

### **Workshop Talks**

- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2019. "'Your Friendly Neighborhood Dyke Bar: Gentrification, Nostalgia, and the Commemoration of Lost Dyke Spaces in Four Cities,'" Tulane University Culture Workshop.
- Brown-Saracino, J. November, 2018. "'Your Friendly Neighborhood Dyke Bar: Gentrification, Nostalgia, and the Commemoration of Lost Dyke Spaces in Four Cities,'" BU Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellows Seminar.
- Brown-Saracino, J. February, 2018. "How Places Make Us," Urban Workshop, University of Chicago.
- Brown-Saracino, J. October, 2017. "Uncertain Sexualities and Unusual Women," NYU Ethnography Workshop.
- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2017. "How Places Make Us," Northwestern University Culture Workshop.
- Brown-Saracino, J. October, 2016. "Concentrated Affluence and Poverty: A Review of the Literature," University of Chicago Cities, Society, and Space Workshop.
- Brown-Saracino, J. February, 2016. "Sexualities and Place," Queers in the Built Environment Workshop, M.I.T.

- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2014. "SanLezObispo': Lesbian Identity and Community on California's Central Coast," Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology, Notre Dame.
- Brown-Saracino, J. September, 2014. "Comparative Urban Studies: Methods and Questions." Urban Workshop, Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- Brown-Saracino, J. (with Jeffrey Parker) September, 2014. "What is up with my sisters? Where are you? The Origins and Consequences of Lesbian-Friendly Reputations for LBQ Migrants" Culture Workshop, Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. "How Place Shapes Identity: Queer Female Identities in Four Small, U.S. Cities," UCLA Ethnography Working Group.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. "How Place Shapes Identity: Queer Female Identities in Four Small, U.S. Cities," University of Chicago Cities, Society, and Space Workshop.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. "Pride of Place" for Society, Politics & Culture Workshop, Boston University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2012. "Bringing Gaps in Urban and Community Sociology on LGBTQ Individuals into Conversation with Urban Planning and Geography," Queers in the Built Environment Workshop, M.I.T.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2011. "Social Preservation: Implications for Planning and Practice," Graduate Salon, Graduate School of Design and Planning, Harvard University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2011. "Hyper-Nostalgia," New Directions in Cultural Sociology Symposium, Culture and Society Workshop, Harvard University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2010. "From Gay to Queer to Poly-Femme: Place-Specific Lesbian Identities." Culture and Society Workshop, Northwestern University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2009. "Problems of Access: Interpreting Variation in Informants' Willingness to Participate in Ethnographic Research." Ethnography Workshop, Northwestern University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2002. "Social Preservationists and the Quest for Authentic Community." University of Wisconsin -Madison Flying Culture Workshop.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2002. "Social Preservation," Management and Organizations Working Group, Northwestern Univ., 2002.

### **Guest Lectures**

- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. March, 2018. "Gentrification," Urban Inequalities Seminar, Boston University.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica. February, 2018. New Directions in the Study of Gentrification, Guest Lecture, Gentrification Seminar, University of Chicago.
- Brown-Saracino, J. Spring 2017 & Spring 2016. "Gentrification in Boston," for What's Boston? (American & New England Studies/Preservation Studies)
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2012. "Place Sensitive Ethnography," for Graduate Research Methods Seminar, Department of Sociology, Boston University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2012. "Place Sensitive Ethnography," for Qualitative Research Methods (RS 652), School of Education, Boston University.

### **Invited Conference Talks**

- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2016. Panelist: "Teaching Qualitative Methods Workshop," Eastern Sociological Society Meetings.
- Brown-Saracino, J. March, 2016. Panelist. "Author Meets Critics: *American Zoo*," Eastern Sociological Society Meetings.
- Brown-Saracino, J. August, 2015. Panelist: "Space, Place, and Sexualities," American Sociological Association Meetings.
- Brown-Saracino, J. February, 2015. Panelist: "*Loft Living*: Twenty-Five Years Later," Eastern Sociological Society Meeting.
- Brown-Saracino, J. February, 2014. "SanLezObispo': Lesbian Identity and Community on California's Central Coast," for the thematic session "Working to Build and Maintain Communities in Urban Neighborhoods," Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, 2014.
- Brown-Saracino, J. June, 2014. "The Limits of Meeting Ethnography for Urban and Community Researchers," Meeting Ethnography Mini-Conference, UMASS Amherst.

- Brown-Saracino, J. August, 2014. "Super-Gentrification as an Exception or the Rule? Lessons and Questions from how U.S. Newspapers Represent San Francisco's Gentrification" for American Sociological Association Local Panel on San Francisco, August, 2014.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013 Presentation on Housing/Gentrification for "Governance and Politics in the Changing American City Mini-Conference," Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. "What is up with my sisters? Where are you? The Origins and Consequences of Lesbian-Friendly Reputations," Sexual Reputations Conference, Northwestern University.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. Author Meets Critics Panel on *Everyday Law on the Street: City Governance in an Age of Diversity* by Mariana Valverde, Eastern Sociological Society Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2012. "Gentrification and Fifty Years of Jane Jacobs," Panel on The Death and Life of Great American Cities, Eastern Sociological Society Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2012. Author Meets Critics Panel on *The Tour Guide: Walking and Talking New York* by Jonathan Wynn, Eastern Sociological Society Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2013. "The City in the Country: Encounters with the Rural and Peri-Urban and the Role of a Flexible Urban Imaginary," Global Urban Experience across Time and Space Symposium, Trinity College.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2011. "The Fight for Place, Community and the Recent Past," Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference, University of Illinois Chicago.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2011. "Dresden in the Dark: The Promises and Limits of Small Town Ethnography," Urban Ethnography Mini-Conference, Eastern Sociological Society.

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#### ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- Josephsohn, T., & Brown-Saracino, J. 2011. "Ideomapping," American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2010. "Problems of Access." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2009. "From the Lesbian Ghetto to Ambient Community: The Perceived Costs of Integration for Community." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino & Rumpf, C. 2008. "Evolving Imageries of Gentrification: How Newspaper Coverage of Gentrification has Changed, 1986 – 2006." Social Science History Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino & Rumpf, C. 2008. "Nuanced Imageries of Gentrification: Evidence from Newspaper Coverage in Major U.S. Cities, 1986 – 2006." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2007. "Gentrifiers: From Uplift to Preservation and Transformation." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2006. "Space, Place, and Perceptions of Community Decline." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. "From Trailers to Pride Flags: Explaining Varying Levels of Social Preservation." Culture Workshop, Northwestern University, 2004; Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, 2005; American Sociological Association Conference 2005.
- Brown-Saracino, J. & Ghaziani, A. "Culture Failure: Replicating Systems of Exclusion in a Schismatic Organization." Culture Workshop, Northwestern University, 2004; Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2005; American Sociological Association, 2005.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2005. "Two Branches from the Same Tree: The Roots of the Social Preservationist and the Gentrifier." Midwest Sociological Society Meeting.
- Griswold, W. & Brown-Saracino, J. 2004. "Do Some Places Really Have More There There?: The Persistence and Variation of Regional Culture in the Heartland." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2004. "'Real' People" and 'Real' Place: Social Preservationists and the Selection of the Old-timer." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2004. "Gentrifiers and Social Preservationists: A Study of Four Changing Communities." Midwest Sociological Society Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. "Social Preservationists and the Quest for Authentic Community." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, 2003; Midwest Sociological Society Conference, 2003; Northwestern University Urban Ethnography Conference, 2002.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2003. "Social Preservationists, Race, Ethnicity and the Quest for Authentic Community," at the Midwest Sociological Society Conference.
- Thurk, J. & Brown-Saracino, J. 2003. "Beyond Groups: Peopled Ethnography Across Levels of Analysis." Chicago Ethnography Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. "I Refuse to Join Any Club That Would Have Me as a Member." Chicago Ethnography Conference, 2002; Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, 2003.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2002. "The Social Preservationists." American Sociological Association Conference.
- Brown-Saracino, J. 2002. "Race and Social Preservation." Social Science History Association.
- Griswold, W. & Brown-Saracino, J. 2001. "The WPA and the Canon." Social Science History Association Meeting.
- Amoroso, L., McDonnell, T. & Brown-Saracino, J. 2001. "A Comment on England & Kilbourne: Intra-familial Power as Relational." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

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## TEACHING

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### **Boston University**

- Soc 708: Graduate Seminar in Contemporary Sociological Theory, Spring 2012
- Soc 417/817: Graduate and Undergraduate Seminar in Community Sociology, Fall 2011, Fall 2012
- Soc 306: Boston's People and Neighborhoods, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019
- Soc 244: Urban Sociology, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Summer 2017.
- Soc 400: Advanced Research Practicum, Spring 2017
- KHC 401: Honors College Junior Research Seminar, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017.
- Soc 712: Graduate Seminar in Qualitative Methods, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

### **Loyola University Chicago**

- Soc 520: Qualitative Methods, Spring 2009
- Soc 510: Interview Research, Fall 2008
- Soc 447: Sociology of Culture, Spring 2010
- Soc 462: The Urban Metropolis, Fall 2007
- Soc 370: Urban Cultures, Fall 2008
- Soc 370: Race and Place, Spring 2008, Fall 2009
- Soc 247: Sociology of Culture, Spring 2010
- Soc 234: City, Suburbs and Beyond, Fall 2007, Fall 2009

### **Cornell University**

- Soc 104: Race and Ethnicity, Spring 2007
- Soc 303: Research Design and Measurement, Spring 2007
- Soc 416: Urban Communities, Fall 2006

### **Northwestern University**

- Soc 216: Gender and Society, Summer 2006
- Soc 570: College Teaching Seminar, Spring 2006
- Soc 101: Race, Place, and Authenticity, Winter 2006
- Soc 490: Second Year Paper Research and Writing Seminar for Sociology Graduate Students, Fall & Winter 2005
- Soc 206: Research Methods, 2005
- Soc 101: Beyond the Bowling League: American Community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2003

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

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### **Professional Memberships**

#### *American Sociological Association*

- Culture Section
- Community and Urban Sociology Section
- Sexualities Section

#### *Eastern Sociological Society*

### **University and Departmental Service**

- Director, Urban Inequalities Workshop, Boston University (2016 – present)
- Member, Provost's Hub Council (2019 – present)
- Member, BU Arts Council (2017 – present)
- Faculty Fellow, BU Initiative on Cities (2019 – present)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Boston University (January, 2017 – June, 2018)
- Member, Kilachand Honors College Curriculum Committee, Boston University (2017 – 2018)
- Panelist on Mentorship, CAS Dean's New Faculty Orientation (2017)
- Faculty Advisory Council, Boston University Initiative on Cities (2015 – 2017)
- Member, BU CAS Graduate Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Committee (2017)



Member, BU CAS Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship Committee (2016 - 2017)  
Member, BU Undergraduate Assessment Committee (Office of the Provost) (2017)  
Chair, Faculty Search, Department of Sociology (Fall 2015)  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Boston University American and New England Studies Program (Spring 2015)  
Affiliated Faculty Member, Boston University American and New England Studies Program (2011 – current)  
Co-Organizer (with Nathan Phillips), Initiative on Cities Urban Seminar Series (2014 – 2015)  
Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology Boston University (2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017)  
Member, Morris Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2014)  
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2014)  
Member, Sociology Seminar Series Planning Committee, Boston University (2013 – 2014)  
Member, CAS Curriculum Committee, Boston University (2011 – 2013)  
Member, Department of Sociology Merit Review Committee, Boston University (2013, 2015)  
Member, Chair Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University (2012)  
Panelist, Boston University CAS New Faculty Orientation “Experiences from the First Year(s)” Session (2012)  
Member, Morris Committee Department of Sociology, Boston University (2011; 2012-2013)  
Member, Organizing Committee, Boston Community of Field Researchers Conference (2011)  
Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston University, (2011 – 2012)  
Member, Dean’s Blue Ribbon Panel, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago (2009 – 2010)  
Member, Colloquia Planning Committee, Loyola University Chicago (2008 – 2009, 2009 – 2010)  
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Loyola University Chicago (2007 – 2008, 2008 - 2009)  
Member, Northwestern University Department of Sociology, Graduate Affairs Committee (2004-2005)

### **Professional Service**

Editorial Board, Rose Series in Sociology (2020 – present)  
Chair, Community and Urban Section of the ASA (2019 - 2020)  
Publications Committee Co-Chair, Community and Urban Section of the ASA (2017 – 2018)  
Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology* (2015 – 2019)  
Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology* (2015 – 2017)  
Vice President of Eastern Sociological Society (2016-2017)  
American Sociological Association Committee on Nominations (2016 - 2018)  
Co-Book Review Editor, *City & Community*, (July, 2012 – July, 2015)  
Secretary/Treasurer of American Sociological Association’s Community and Urban Sociology Section (2011 - 2014)  
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *City and Community* (2007 – 2009)  
Member, Board of Advisors for the Routledge Social Issues Collection (2008)

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