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# JOSH LOWN, MSW

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## EDUCATION

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BOSTON COLLEGE; 2019 - CURRENT

PhD in Social Work, anticipated May 2023

Dissertation: *The Ghosts of Gentrification: An Ethnographic Analysis of Perceptions of Gentrification and Long Time Residents' Well-Being and Perceived Social Control*

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; 2016 - 2019

Master's of Social Work

**Honors:** Dean's List

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; 2008 - 2012

Bachelor's of Science, Psychology

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Community capacity building
- Decarceration and abolition social work
- Participatory methodologies
- Critical social work
- Qualitative methodologies
- Gentrification studies

## AWARDS

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**Emerging Scholar Award** - 2022

Boston College School of Social Work

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Coley, R.L., Spielvogel, B., Hwang, D., **Low, J.**, and Teixeira, S. (2022). Did HOPE VI move communities to opportunity? How public housing redevelopment affected neighborhood poverty, racial composition, and resources 1990-2016. *Housing Policy Debate*.

Flam-Ross, J.M., **Lown, J.**, Pratil, P., White, L. F., Wang, J., Perry, A., Bailer, D., McKenzie, M., Thigpen, A., Newman, R., Lincoln, M., McKinney, T., Bernson, D., & Barocas, J. (2022). Factors associated with opioid-involved overdose among previously incarcerated people in the U.S.: A community engaged narrative review. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 100. Advance online publication.

Friedman, M., Bartier, A., **Lown, J.**, & Hopwood, C. J. (2016). The development of a bi-lingual assessment instrument to measure agentic and communal consumer motives in English and French. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 7(13).

### **PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW**

**Lown, J.** (Under Review). The gaze of the gatekeeper: Frontline social workers' perceptions of sex workers when making recommendations about treatment. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*.

**Lown, J.** (Under Review). Mechanisms of community control: Informal social control and the activation of formal systems of community control. *Journal of Progressive Human Services, Special Issue on the Politics of Policing: Global and Comparative Perspectives*.

### **PUBLICATIONS IN LATE STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT**

**Lown, J.** A multi-method approach to assessing the influence organizational power: Contextualizing in-depth interviews with Foucauldian Discourse Analysis. *Qualitative Social Work*.

Teixeira, S., Spielvogel, B., Hwang, D., **Lown, J.**, & Coley, R.L. (2022). Short- and Long-Term Effects of HOPE VI Redevelopment on Neighborhood Housing Conditions. *Housing Studies*.

**Lown, J.** Informal social control and the endorsement of police legitimacy: A confirmatory factor analysis. *Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work*.

### **REPORTS AND BRIEFS**

Cambridge Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team. (2022). Cambridge HEART report. **[Contributing Member]**.

Coley, R., Teixeira, S., Hwang, D., Spielvogel, B., **Lown, J.** (2020). Mary Ellen McCormack Resident Survey 2019.

**Lown, J.** (2020). Rebuilding Together Boston Resident Survey 2020.

**Lown, J.**, McCullagh, N. (2020). Impressions of Business Owners and Managers in the Codman Square Business District: A Summary of Interviews Conducted in November and December 2020.

**Lown, J.**, McCullagh, N. (2020). Caribbeans in Boston: An integral and growing population.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

**Lown, J.** (2020). Towards a trauma-informed socialism; or, how to crush the creeping tide of fascism with a revolutionary politics of compassion. *Tikkun*, 25(1), 55-59.

**Lown, J.** (2019). The revolution must be trauma-informed. *Socialist Forum*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **REFEREED CONFERENCES**

**Lown, J.** (2022). Specters of Gentrification: A Community-Lead Discourse on the More-Than-Material Effects of Gentrification. [Oral Presentation]. 30 years of photovoice – Past, present and future, Virtual.

Bamwine, P., Mitchell, E., McCall, M., **Lown, J.**, Teixeira, S., and Gordon K. (2022). Accessibility, Capacity, and Church-Based Services: A Spatial Analysis of Relationship Health Services [Poster Presentation]. National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN.

**Lown, J.** (2022). Specters of gentrification: A community-led study of experiences of gentrification in East Boston. [Panel Presentation]. All-In: Co-creating Knowledge for Justice, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Lown, J.** (2022). Specters of gentrification: A community-led study of experiences of gentrification in East Boston. [Poster Presentation]. All-In: Co-creating Knowledge for Justice, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Lown, J.** (2022). The Gaze of the Gatekeeper: Understanding the effects of frontline social welfare worker's perceptions of clients who engage in the sex trade [Oral Paper Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research, Washington D.C.

**Lown, J.**, Rasmussen, C., Rao, S., Maglalang, D., and Melendez, D. (2021). ...the point is to change it: The limits of critique and the development of emancipatory social work praxis. [Roundtable Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research 2021, Virtual due to Covid-19.

**Lown, J.** (2021). Collective efficacy and its effect on witnessed violence and neighborhood disorganization [Oral Paper Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research 2021, Virtual due to Covid-19.

**Lown, J.** (2021) Mechanisms of community control: Informal social control and the activation of formal systems of community control [Poster Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research 2021, Virtual due to Covid-19.

Friedman, M., Bartier, A., **Lown, J.**, & Hopwood, C. J. (2016). The development of a bi-lingual assessment instrument to measure agentic and communal consumer motives in English and French. [Poster Presentation]. Society for Interpersonal Theory and Research, New Haven, CT.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Lown, J. & Neal, A. (2022, August 24). Basic strategies for trauma-informed care: For activists. [Popular Education Presentation]. School of Arts and Social Justice, Boston, MA.

## FUNDING

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### AWARDED

2022	<u>GRANTS-IN-AID</u> Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues \$1,000
2022	<u>EMERGING SCHOLAR AWARD</u> Boston College School of Social Work \$500
2022	<u>DISSERTATION SUPPORT GRANT</u> Boston College Center for Social Innovation \$2,150
2022	<u>CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANT</u> Boston College School of Social Work \$1,000
2021	<u>CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANT</u> Boston College School of Social Work \$1,000
2019	<u>CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANT</u> Boston College School of Social Work \$1,000
2019 - 2023	<u>DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP</u> Boston College School of Social Work \$25,000 annually for four years

### RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS, NOT FUNDED

2022

DATA TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY CONDITIONS  
SHAPED BY STRUCTURAL RACISM

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

\$40,000

*Invited to submit full proposal, not funded*

Co-written with community partner, Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE)

**RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS, IN PREPARATION**

2022

HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT AND GEOGRAPHICAL  
SCIENCES PROGRAM - DOCTORAL DISSERTATION  
RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT AWARD

National Science Foundation

\$20,000

2022

HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS STUDY

Emerging Scholars Program

\$5,000

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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NOVEMBER 2021 - JULY 2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Healthy Connections

**PIs:** Patricia Bamwine, Samantha Teixeira, Kristina Coop Gordon

Collated census and administrative data and conducted geospatial analyses using ArcGIS on the density and availability of marriage and family supports in Knox County, TN.

NOVEMBER 2020 - JULY 2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Massachusetts Community-Based Drug Surveillance Network

**PI:** Joshua Barocas; **Supervisor:** Samantha Teixeira

Led community engagement for an NIH-funded multi-method study with Boston Medical Center. Drew in community expertise of those affected by opioid use disorder to generate overlooked variables used in predicting opioid use and overdose in the general population. Led community partnerships building efforts and conducted focus groups with impacted community members. Contributed to manuscript writing for publication.

MARCH 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2020

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Rebuilding Together Boston Community Needs Assessment

**PIs:** Neil McCullagh, Samantha Teixeira, Karen Clay

Led data collection and analysis to better understand the housing difficulties of older adults living in the Mattapan neighborhood of Boston, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on older adults. Conducted secondary analysis of census data, conducted and analyzed qualitative interviews, analyzed survey responses, and assisted in producing a community report.

JANUARY 2020 - AUGUST 2020

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Impressions of Business Owners and Managers in the Codman Square Business District

**PIs:** Neil McCullagh, Samantha Teixeira

Coded interview transcripts about the experiences of business owners in the neighborhood of Codman Square, Dorchester. Trained undergraduate students in data coding procedures and supervised the coding process. Assisted with producing a community report.

OCTOBER 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Caribbeans in Boston: An integral and growing population

**PIs:** Neil McCullagh, Samantha Teixeira

Conducted qualitative interviews of members of the Caribbean community in the Boston area to better understand their experiences. Analyzed survey responses and produced a community report.

SEPTEMBER 2019 –  
SEPTEMBER 2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Safety, Stability and Social Connections: A Mixed-Methods Evaluation of Housing Conditions and Youth Development

**PIs:** Rebekah Levine Coley, Samantha Teixeira

Research assistant on NIH-funded multi-method natural experiment of public housing redevelopment to address whether improving housing quality, limiting external displacement, and creating mixed-income communities improves physical, mental, and behavioral health. Used quantitative and qualitative approaches to analyze pilot data. Co-wrote community report and several national conference presentations.

SEPTEMBER 2019 –  
SEPTEMBER 2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Moving Communities to Opportunity: Exploring Public Housing Redevelopment as a Strategy for Addressing Structural Barriers to Economic Mobility

**Co-PIs:** Samantha Teixeira, Rebekah Levine Coley

Research assistant on Russell Sage Foundation funded project to assess the community contexts of public housing developments across the US, using quasi-experimental methods to understand how redevelopment of public housing into mixed-income housing through the federal HOPE VI program affected concentrated disadvantage, presence of resources, and presence of stressors in communities. Co-authored 2 peer reviewed publications and several national conference presentations.

MAY 2011 – AUGUST 2014

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Personality and Psychopathology Lab

**PI:** Dr. Christopher Hopwood

Coded interactions between participants in psychological studies for Personality Traits and led discussions of relevant scientific articles for critical understanding of the literature. Led a cross-cultural study and data entry and analyses of psychological studies. Presented the research at the Society for Interpersonal Theory and Research.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **SOLE INSTRUCTOR**

2023, SPRING	<u>PROGRAM EVALUATION</u> Boston College School of Social Work
2022, FALL	<u>PROGRAM EVALUATION</u> Simmons University School of Social Work
2022, SPRING	<u>PROGRAM EVALUATION</u> Boston College School of Social Work

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

2021, FALL	<u>RESEARCH METHODS</u> Boston College School of Social Work
2021, FALL	<u>INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS</u> Boston College School of Social Work
2021, SUMMER	<u>STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELING</u> Boston College School of Social Work
2021, SPRING	<u>PROGRAM EVALUATION</u> Boston College School of Social Work
2020, SPRING	<u>SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM</u> Boston College School of Social Work

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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AUGUST 2018 - MAY 2019	<u>PAR REHAB</u> INTERN Study and practice facilitating and scoring psychometric instruments for psychological and neuropsychological assessments. Conduct crisis intervention and de-escalation for individuals in police detention.
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AUGUST 2017 - MAY 2018

ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHILDREN'S HOME

THERAPIST INTERN

Develop curriculum and facilitate therapy groups for adolescents. Participate in weekly team meetings to organize team-based solutions for clientele care.

DECEMBER 2015 - AUGUST 2019

ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHILDREN'S HOME

VOLUNTEER, OUTREACH, AND TRAINING COORDINATOR

Coordinate and administer staff trainings. Facilitate trainings for members of the Lansing community on the impact of trauma, as well as how to combat its effects at a community level.

MAY 2012 - DECEMBER 2015

ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHILDREN'S HOME

YOUTH ADVOCATE

Assemble and facilitate intellectually challenging and stimulating team-building activities for the youth within the Children's Home. Attend weekly team meetings to discuss treatment oriented solutions for clients.

## SERVICE

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### *SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY*

2022 - CURRENT

FOUNDING MEMBER: RADICAL SOCIAL WORK READING GROUP

Boston College School of Social Work

2020 - 2021

DOCTORAL STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Boston College School of Social Work

### *SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION*

2022 - CURRENT

AD HOC JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEWER

Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work

2022 - CURRENT	<u>AD HOC JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEWER</u> Families in Society
2022 - CURRENT	<u>RESEARCH WORKING GROUP</u> Cambridge Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team (HEART)
2022 - CURRENT	<u>MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP</u> Cambridge Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team (HEART)
2021 - CURRENT	<u>AD HOC JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEWER</u> Perspectives on Social Work

***SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY***

2022 - CURRENT	<u>VOLUNTEER</u> Neighbors United for a Better East Boston
2022 - CURRENT	<u>VOLUNTEER</u> Mutual Aid East Boston
2019	<u>CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR</u> Mutual Aid Disaster Relief: Navigating Trauma

**ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS**

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**Cambridge Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team (HEART)**  
**Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)**  
**Network to Advance Abolitionist Social Work (NAASW)**  
**Abolitionist Social Change Collective (ASCC)**  
**Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA)**