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| BRENDA L. MATHIAS |
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**EDUCATION**

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| PhD  | Social WelfareDesignated Emphasis: Global Metropolitan Studies*University of California, Berkeley*, 2018-2023 (expected)Dissertation Title: Neighborhood Youth-Serving Organizations and Well-being: Perspectives from East OaklandDissertation Committee: Julian Chow (Chair, Social Welfare), Susan Stone (Social Welfare), Rachel Morello-Frosch (Public Health), David Harding (Sociology) |
| MSW | Concentration: Community Practice and Social ChangeCertificate: Nonprofit Management*Case Western Reserve University*, 2013- 2014 |
| BSW | Double major in Psychology, *magna cum laude**Temple University*, 2010-2013 |

**RESEARCH AREAS**

Urban spaces, adolescents, health and well-being, youth empowerment, neighborhood institutions, community-based participatory approaches, social justice theory

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Cure Violence Evaluation Qualitative Researcher, *Washington University, St Louis*, 2022-present

* Develops protocols for semi-structured interviews and focus groups
* Oversees qualitative data collection and analysis of focus group/interview data
* Strengthens relationships with community partners across 3 neighborhood sites
* Disseminates focus group/interview findings in partnership with other project partners

Pre-doctoral Fellow, *Dope Labs*, 2018-present

* Supports and leads community trainings on a mobile mapping app (Streetwyze)
* Conducts and organizes focus groups with youth leaders from across California
* Wrote case study to describe a community-led, collaborative research processes in Oakland
* Led youth mapping of community assets

Graduate Student Researcher, *University of California, Berkeley*, 2021-2022

PI: Anu Gomez, PhD; School of Social Welfare

* Collaboratively coded stakeholder and cognitive interview transcripts
* Developed the methods and findings section of associated manuscript
* Cleaned mixed-methods survey data for analysis and measurement development

Research Assistant, *Hotel Oakland Village*, 2020

* Conducted literature review on social isolation among the aging population
* Developed a cost comparison of services across Bay Area independent living facilities
* Attended meetings with the project PI, consultant, and Hotel Oakland Village team

Graduate Student Researcher, *University of California, Berkeley*, 2018- 2020

 Project: Youth Summer Jobs in Oakland, CA

 PI: Kristine Madsen, MD; School of Public Health

* Managed the development of a training curriculum for the Oakland Summer Jobs program
* Led the implementation of a pre/post survey across 6 nonprofit youth organizations
* Led a sub-study assessing the use of social capital in CA-based youth organization curricula
* Developed relationships with City representatives and local youth-serving organizations
* Led the creation and management of IRB protocols

Project Manager, *University of Pennsylvania* *Department of Criminology*, 2016-2018

* Managed two randomized controlled trials assessing the impacts of a summer jobs program
* Assisted project PI developing grant proposals yielding over $400,000 in funding
* Developed, modified, and managed multiple IRB protocols
* Tracked and submitted grant deliverables to federal and philanthropic funders
* Conducted interviews with 7 youth ages 14-18 across the City of Philadelphia
* Negotiated and maintained data sharing agreements

Research Assistant, *Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers*, 2015-2016

* Collaboratively developed a city-wide integrated data system
* Responsible for submitting and monitoring IRB protocols
* Trained and supervised three qualitative summer interns
* Led 18 in-home client interviews and codebook development
* Developed collaborative relationships with key stakeholders and partnering agencies

**TEACHING**

\**course offered in online format*

*\*\*course offered in hybrid format*

**University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare**

*SW 114: Practice in Social Work, Undergraduate\*\**

Lead Instructor - Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

*SW 282B: Seminar in Social Research II, Graduate\**

Graduate Student Instructor - Spring 2021

*SW 282A: Seminar in Social Research I, Graduate\**

Graduate Student Instructor - Fall 2020

*SW 110: Social Work as a Profession, Undergraduate\**

Graduate Student Instructor - Fall 2019, Spring 2020

*SW 251: Program Development in Context, Graduate*

Reader - Spring 2019

**San Jose State University School of Social Work**

*ScWrk 298B: Special Projects, MSW Research Capstone course, Graduate\**

Lecturer - Spring 2022

*ScWrk 298A: Special Projects, MSW Research Capstone course, Graduate\**

Lecturer - Fall 2021

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Policy Intern, *Mayor’s Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity*, 2014

* Oversaw the surveying of vacancy and land use in the West Philadelphia Promise Zone
* Managed data collection process for annual report
* Aided in the preparation and execution of press conferences
* Researched early learning best practices focused on increasing parental engagement

Program Administrator, *East Cleveland Partnership*, 2013-2014

* Led a property surveying team of residents and graduate students in East Cleveland
* Utilized a participatory action research approach to develop an economic revitalization plan
* Edited reports released to the Development Department of North Coventry, Ohio
* Participated in the facilitation of public meetings within the East Cleveland community
* Assisted partnering organization aggregate and analyze community-level data
* Developed process manual for windshield survey procedures

Social Work Tutor, *Temple University*, 2010-2013

* Supported student athlete subject comprehension, analytic thinking, and writing skills
* Utilized a multidimensional teaching approach to best suit diverse learning styles
* Tracked student progress through daily reports to the Academic Coordinator

Care Coordinator, *Warren E. Smith Expanded Outpatient Program*, 2011-2012

* Conducted outreach and intakes for incoming and current clients in grades 9-12
* Reviewed client eligibility for services based on current insurance and agency policies
* Applied bio/psycho/social assessment methods during intake evaluations
* Facilitated meetings between clients, parents, and school staff
* Recorded organized case notes for every interaction with clients, parents, and staff
* Researched and made appropriate referrals for clients to secondary services

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Gottlieb, A., **Mathias, B.**,Berry, M., & Flynn, K, Wilson, R**.** (2022). Does the state impact hope? The impact of direct and vicarious police contact on the optimism of youth in large cities. *Child and Adolescent Social Work*.

Flynn, K., **Mathias, B**., & Wiebe, D. J. (2020). Investigating the (in)visible: Piloting an integrated methodology to explore multiple forms of violence. *Journal of Community Psychology*, *Special Issue*, 1–15. https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22349

Flynn, K., & **Mathias, B.** (2020). “I would say it’s alive”: Understanding the social construction of place, identity, and neighborhood effects through the lived experience of urban young adults. *Qualitative Social Work*, *19*(3), 481–500. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1473325020911673>

Chow, J. C., Ren, C., **Mathias, B.**, & Liu, J. (2019). InterBoxes: A social innovation in education in rural China. *Children and Youth Services Review*, *101*, 217–224. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.04.008>

**MANUSCRIPTS IN-PROGRESS**

Gomez, A., **Mathias, B.,** Bennett, A., Marshall, C., & Arcara, J. (2022). Birth control or contraception? Linguistic insights from cognitive interviews. Submitted to *Contraception*.

Vogel, M., McCuddy, T., **Mathias, B.,** & Rezey, M. (2022). Assessing the acute effects of exposure to episodic community violence. Submitted to *Criminology*.

**Mathias, B**., & Hill., D. (2022). Neighborhood institutions and well-being: Youth Perspectives from East Oakland. Submitted to the *Journal of Youth Studies*.

Flynn, K., & **Mathias, B**. (2022). “I just want to get back on track”: Adapting Bronfenbrenner’s

ecological systems theory to understand the impacts of multiple forms of

violence. Revisions submitted to the *Journal of Adolescent Research.*

Flynn, K., **Mathias, B.**, Yousuf-Abramson, S., Gottlieb, A. (2022). “They gotta beat us”: A qualitative investigation of multiple forms of violence and police contact among urban young adults. Revisions submitted to *Children and Youth Services Review.*

**Mathias, B.**, Magee, K., Jackson., R., Graham., P., Madsen, K. (2022). Building bridges and

strengthening bonds: An exploratory investigation into social capital and youth

programming. Revisions submitted to *Progress in Community Health Partnerships.*

**Mathias, B.**,Ren, C., Chow, J.C. (2022). Place and Community Engagement as Predictors of Social Capital. Revisions in progress for *People, Place, and Policy.*

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**WORKING PAPERS**

**Mathias, B.** (2022). Neighborhood institutions and well-being: Youth Perspectives from East Oakland. UC Berkeley: Institute for the Study of Societal Issues. Retrieved from <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/67q8x620>

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

Chow, J., Vu, C., **Mathias, B**., & Reisch, M. Safety Net Programs and Services for Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Immigrant Families in the U.S. In *Social policy and Social Justice* (4th ed). San Diego, CA: Cognella Press.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Mathias, B.** & Hill, D. (2022). Youth voice and neighborhood institutions: Perspectives from East Oakland. Paper presented at the People, Place and Policy Conference, Sheffield. UK.

Gottlieb, A., Berry, M., Flynn, K., & **Mathias, B.** (January, 2022). Does the state impact hope? Direct and vicarious police contact and optimism among urban teens. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

**Mathias, B., Ren, C., & Chow, J. (July, 2021).** Place and community engagement as predictors

of social capital. Paper presented at the People, Place and Policy – Social and Spatial

Inequalities Conference, virtual.

**Ren., C., Chow, J., Weng, S., & Mathias, B. (January 2021).** How nonprofits react to economic downturns after the 2008 recession? Analysis by natural language processing. **Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, virtual.**

**Weng, S., Chow, J., Ren., C., & Mathias, B. (January 2021). Changing identities among identity-based Asian Pacific American ethnic agencies. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, virtual.**

**Weng, S., Chow, J., Ren., C., & Mathias, B. (January 2021). Examining major changes in Asian Pacific American ethnic agencies. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, virtual.**

**Flynn, K. & Mathias, B. (January 2021). I would say it’s alive. Understanding the social construction of place, identity, and neighborhood effects through the lived experience or urban young adults. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, virtual.**

**Mathias, B., Ren, C., & Chow, J. (January 2020). Community engagement as a predictor of social capital: An analysis from the knight soul of the community study. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.**

**Ren, C., Mathias, B. Chow, J., & Lyu, Y. (January 2020). Trends in non-profit sectors: A predictive analysis of agency longevity in the US. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.**

**Chow, J., Ren, C., & Mathias, B. (October 2018). Interboxes: A social innovation in rural China. Paper presented at the International Conference on Social Innovation in Child and Youth Services, Beijing, China.**

**Santiago, A. M., Ishler, K. J., Lee, E. L., & Mathias, B. (August 2015).** Neighborhood residential trajectories shaping childhood exposure to violence. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.

**Santiago, A. M., Lee, E. L., Berg, K. A., Mathias, B., & Ishler, K. (April 2015). Caregiver and child perceptions of and responses to neighborhood violence. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL.**

**Mathias, B**., Chupp, M., Mortensen, W., Harp, T., & Mazzola, J. (May 2014). The East Cleveland target area planning project: Working collaboratively towards community revitalization. Poster presented at the ShowCASE Conference, Cleveland, OH.

**FELLOWSHIPS**

Graduate Fellows Program, *University of California, Berkeley,* Institute for the Study of Societal Issues*,* 2021-2023

**AWARDS**

PhD/Early Career Paper Award; “Place and community engagement as predictors of social capital”, *People, Place, and Policy Conference*; July 2021.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award,*University of California, Berkeley,*School of Social Welfare,2020

**INVITED LECTURES, PANELS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Invited Speaker, Empowerment and Critical Reflexivity in Practice, *The Suitcase Clinic*, March 3, 2022.

Invited Lecturer, Social Capital and Place – The Social Determinants of Health, *City College of San Francisco*, March 26, 2021.

Invited Panelist, Social Welfare Pedagogy for First Time Graduate Student Instructors, *University of California, Berkeley*, August 26, 2020.

Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript “Black in Place: The Spatial Aesthetics of Race in a Post-Chocolate City” for Dr. Brandi Summers, *University of California Berkeley*, April 16, 2020.

**SERVICE**

MSW application reviewer, *San Jose State University*, (Winter session, 2021)

Selection Committee Member, KIDS FIRST David L. Kirp Prize, *University of California, Berkeley* (Fall 2021)

Financial Agent and Signatory, Social Welfare Registered Student Organization, *University of California, Berkeley* (2020-present)

UAW Representative, Social Welfare, *University of California, Berkeley* (2020-2021)

Doctoral Committee Student Representative, Social Welfare, *University of California, Berkeley* (2020-2021)

Advisory Committee Member, *Family Services of Montgomery County* (2016-2018)

Advanced Standing Representative, Mandel Council, *Case Western Reserve University* (2014)

**TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES**

Python, R, SPSS, STATA, ArcGIS, Atlas.ti, NVivo, Dedoose

**MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Society for Social Work and Research