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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014 - Present **Assistant Professor**
University at Albany, State University of New York, Social Welfare
Affiliation with Department of Geography and Planning

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Urban and Regional Planning, 2014

Dissertation title: *Critical perspectives on local governance: The formation of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in low-income immigrant neighborhoods of Los Angeles*, advised by Dr. Joseph Grengs

MSW **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Social Work, 2009
Concentrations: Community Organizing and Community & Social Systems

University of California, Berkeley
City and Regional Planning, Summer 2008

BPS and BA **Korea University, Seoul**
Political Science and Chinese Literature and Language (dual degree), 2006

Renmin University of China, Beijing
Political Science and Chinese Literature (exchange student), 2004-2005

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Keywords Community development; neighborhood revitalization; business development; ethnic enclaves; multicultural community organizing; social entrepreneurship; cross-sector collaboration; service coordination; smart and connected communities; homelessness; spatial analysis and geographical information systems (GIS)

Courses taught Organizational and Community Theory
Community Economic Development
MACRO practice in Social Work I and II

PUBLICATIONS

† Notes student author at the time of publication

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

Lee, Wonhyung and Linda Donaldson. (In press). "Street Outreach Workers' Understanding and Experience of Working with Chronically Homeless Populations." Accepted to *Journal of Poverty*.

Widyaningrum, N.,† Meera Bhat,† **Wonhyung Lee**. 2017. "Microfinance in India, Indonesia, and the United States: Implications for Social Work." *International Social Work*. First published online on December 19, 2017, DOI: 10.1177/0020872817746226.

Lee, Wonhyung. 2017. "Sustainability of Nonprofit Human Service Organizations in a Neighborhood Context." *Nonprofit Leadership and Management* 28 (1):11-24. First published online on March 29, 2017 before print, DOI: 10.1002/nml.21264

Lee, Wonhyung and Stephanie Black. 2017. "Small Business Development: Immigrants' Access to Loan Capital." *Journal of Small Business & Entrepreneurship* 29 (3): 193-209. First published online on March 15, 2017 before print, DOI:10.1080/08276331.2017.1297106

Lee, Wonhyung. 2016. "Social Work Collaboration with Business in Pursuit of Economic Justice." *Social Work* 61 (3): 209-216. DOI:10.1093/sw/sww019

Lee, Wonhyung. 2016. "Struggles to Form Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Los Angeles." *Urban Studies* 53 (16), 3423-3438. First published online on November 11, 2015 before print, DOI: 10.1177/0042098015613206

Lee, Wonhyung. 2016. "The Formation of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Low-income Multiethnic Neighborhoods in Los Angeles." *Urban Affairs Review* 52 (6), 944-972. First published online on July 28, 2015 before print, DOI:10.1177/1078087415596241

Lee, Wonhyung. 2014. "Development of Chinese Enclaves in the Seoul-Incheon Metropolitan Area, South Korea." *International Development Planning Review* 36 (3), 293-311. DOI:10.3828/idpr.2014.17

Delva, Jorge, **Wonhyung Lee**, Ninive Sanchez, Fernando Andrade, Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, Guillermo Sanhueza, and Michelle Ho. 2014. "Ecological Factors and Adolescent Marijuana Use: Results of a Prospective Study in Santiago, Chile." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 11 (3), 3443-3452. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph110303443

Lee, Wonhyung, Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, Guillermo Sanhueza, Fernando Andrade, and Jorge Delva. 2014. "The Association of Recreational Space with Youth Smoking in Low Socio-economic Status Neighborhoods in Santiago, Chile." *International Journal of Public Health* 59(1), 87-94. DOI: 10.1007/s00038-013-0477-y

Commentary (Peer-Reviewed)

Aykanian, Amanda,† and **Wonhyung Lee**. 2016. "Social Work's Role in Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness: Opportunities for Action." *Social Work* 61 (2): 183-185. DOI:10.1093/sw/sww011

Encyclopedia Entry

Lee, Wonhyung. (In press). Business Improvement District. *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*.

Edited Book Chapters

Lee, Wonhyung. 2017. "Microfinance: Models and Implications for Social Entrepreneurship" In *Educating Social Entrepreneurs: A Workbook of Commentaries, Exercises, and Cases. Vol. II: From Business Plan Formulation to Implementation*, edited by Paul Miesing and Maria Aggestam, Section 25. p.83-92. Business Expert Press: New York City. The United Nations PRME (Principles for Responsible Management Education) Book Collection.

Lee, Wonhyung and Kristin M. Ferguson. (Forthcoming) "Multisectoral Collaborations to Address Homelessness." In *Homeless Prevention and Intervention in Social Work: Policies, Programs, and Practices*, edited by Heather Larkin, Amanda Aykanian, and Cal Streeter. Springer.

Donaldson, P. Linda, and **Wonhyung Lee.** (Forthcoming) "Homeless Street Outreach: Spark for the Journey to a Dignified Life." In *Homeless Prevention and Intervention in Social Work: Policies, Programs, and Practices*, edited by Heather Larkin, Amanda Aykanian, and Cal Streeter. Springer.

Lee, Wonhyung and Stephanie Black. (Forthcoming) "Immigrant Entrepreneurship: Economic and Social Development." In *Social and Economic Development in Transition Economies: The Role for Entrepreneurship*, edited by Paul Miesing, Katharine Briar-Lawson, and Blanca Ramos. New York: SUNY Press.

Lee, Wonhyung, William Brigham, Stephanie Wacholder, Bruce Stanley, and Kate Baker. (Forthcoming) "The Development of Microloan Program: The Role of University and Local Financial and Business Development Leaders." In *Social and Economic Development in Transition Economies: The Role for Entrepreneurship*, edited by Paul Miesing, Katharine Briar-Lawson, and Blanca Ramos. New York: SUNY Press.

Book Reviews

Lee, Wonhyung. (In press). Business Improvement Districts in the United States: Private Government and Public Consequences. *Economic Development Quarterly*.

Lee, Wonhyung. 2015. [New Strategies for Social Innovation: Market-based Approaches for Assisting the Poor.](#) *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 44 (5):1066-1068. DOI:10.1177/0899764015591346

Government Report

"Racial equity: Nassau and Onondaga County Report" submitted to New York State Office of Children and Family Services, December 2016. With Jessica Pryce, Beth Sellati, Daejun Park, and Mary McCarthy.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Funded

2017-2020 **Lee: Co-Principal Investigator**
National Science Foundation (NSF), Smart and Connected Communities. "Community on Multimodality: Participatory Action, Service, and Support (COMPASS)." (PI: Dr. Daphney-Stavroula Zois, Co-PI: Dr. Charalampos Chelmiss) \$996,740

2016-2018 **Lee: Principal Investigator**
University at Albany, Faculty Research Award (FRAP A). "Redefining Food Desert: Where Do Poor People Get Their Food?" (Co-PI: Dr. Janine Jurkowski) \$7,634

- 2013 Diversity Center Grant, School of Public Policy, University of Michigan. \$3,000
- 2009, 2013 Rackham Research Grants, University of Michigan. \$3,000

Competed and Unfunded

- 2017-2022 **Lee: Principal Investigator, Research Project**
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). “Innovative Strategies for Developing Healthy Lifestyles in Vulnerable Children Who Reside in Challenging Places.” (Project Co-PI: Dr. Hal Lawson, Co-Is: Drs. Chararampos Chelmiss and Daphney-Stavroula Zois; University PIs: Drs. Larry Schell, Janine Jurkowski, Darrell Wheeler) \$7,338,750
- 2016-2017 **Lee: Co-Investigator**
University at Albany, Presidential Innovation Fund for Research and Scholarship. “Food Waste and Food Surplus Redistribution in the Capital Region.” (PI: Dr. Beth Feingold) \$49,679

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2018 Pryce, Jessica and **Wonhyung Lee**. “A Case Study in Public Child Welfare: Promising Practices that Lower Racial Disparity in Foster Care Placement.” Paper accepted to the International Conference on Working with Involuntary Clients, Prato, Italy. May 2018.
- 2018 Dorherty, Timothy and **Wonhyung Lee**. “Refugee Resettlement and Neighborhood Revitalization: Help Them to Help Us.” Roundtable facilitated at the 17th annual Underground Railroad Public History Conference, Albany, NY. March 2018.
- 2018 Pryce, Jessica and **Wonhyung Lee**. “A Case Study in Public Child Welfare: Community Level Strategies that Lower Racial Disparity in Child Welfare Decision-Making.” Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 21th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2018.
- 2017 **Lee, Wonhyung**. “Downtown Management and Street Homelessness: Role of District Management Organizations.” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 47th Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, April 2017.
- 2017 **Lee, Wonhyung**. “Survival of Nonprofit Human Service Organizations in Poor Neighborhoods.” Poster presented at the the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 20th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2017.
- 2016 **Lee, Wonhyung** and Stephanie Black. “Immigrants’ Access to Microloans: Insights from Small Business Owners and Loan Providers.” Paper presented at the the International Council of Small Business (ICSB), New York/New Jersey, June 2017.
- 2016 **Lee, Wonhyung** and Nurul Widyaningrum. “Access to Microloan Programs in Rural and Slum Areas in Indonesia.” Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 19th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2016.

- 2015 **Lee, Wonhyung.** “The Location Change and Survival of Nonprofit Human Service Organizations in the Neighborhood Context.” Paper presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Chicago, IL. November, 2015.
- 2015 **Lee, Wonhyung,** Meera Bhat, and Nurul Widyaningrum. “Microfinance in India, Indonesia, and the United States: Implications for Social Work.” Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 61st Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, October 2015.
- 2015 Weiler, Robert, Heather Larkin, Katharine Briar-Lawson, Daniel Herman, Michael Patchner, Will Rainford, Nancy Meyer-Adams, **Wonhyung Lee.** “The National Homelessness Social Work Initiative: Partnerships for Workforce Development.” Hot Topic at Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 61st Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, October 2015.
- 2015 **Lee, Wonhyung.** “Struggles to Form Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Los Angeles.” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 45th Annual Conference, Miami, FL, April 2015.
- 2015 **Lee, Wonhyung.** “The Formation of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Low-Income Multiethnic Neighborhoods of Los Angeles.” Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 18th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.
- 2013 **Lee, Wonhyung.** “Grassroots Community Organizing for Improving Commercial Districts in Multiethnic Neighborhoods.” Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 59th Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX, October 2013.
- 2013 Delva, Jorge, Guillermo Sanhueza, Fernando H. Andrade, Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, **Wonhyung Lee,** Michelle Ho, and Julie Ma. “Conducting a Systematic Neighborhood Observations Study in Low-Income Chilean Neighborhoods.” Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 59th Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX, October 2013.
- 2013 Delva, Jorge, **Wonhyung Lee,** and Fernando H. Andrade. “Neighborhood Environment and Marijuana Use: Results of a Prospective Study with Adolescents in Santiago, Chile.” Paper presented at the conference “Global Health and Well-Being: The Social Work Response.” New York University, June 2013.
- 2013 **Lee, Wonhyung,** Jorge Delva, Guillermo Sanhueza, Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, and Fernando H. Andrade. “Spatial Analyses of Adolescent Cigarette Smoking and Recreational Spaces in Santiago, Chile.” Paper presented at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile, May 2013.
- 2013 **Lee, Wonhyung.** “Organizing Collective Effort for Improving Commercial Districts: Lessons from Business Associations in Detroit.” Poster presented at the Federal Reserve System Community Development Research 8th biennial Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2013.
- 2013 **Lee, Wonhyung** and Bea Akins. “Is a Business Improvement District (BID) a Universal Solution? A Case Study of Two Business Communities in Detroit.” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 43rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.

- 2012 **Lee, Wonhyung.** “State, Immigrants, and the Formation of Old and New “China-towns” in Seoul and Tokyo.” Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 2012.
- 2012 **Lee, Wonhyung,** Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, Guillermo Sanhueza, Fernando H. Andrade, and Jorge Delva. “Access to Recreational Space and Youth Smoking In Santiago, Chile.” Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 16th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2012.
- 2010 **Lee, Wonhyung,** Andrew Grogan-Kaylor, Ninive Sanchez, Marcela Castillo, and Jorge Delva. “The Relative Impact of Crime, Poverty and Physical Environment on Youth Substance Use in Seven Neighborhoods in Santiago, Chile.” Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 14th Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 2010.

Invited Presentations and Panel Discussions

- 2018 Zois, Daphney-Stavroula and **Wonhyung Lee.** “Community on Multimodality: Participatory Action, Service, and Support (COMPASS).” Research Lightning Talks, NSF PI Meeting. Kansas City, MO. March 2018.
- 2018 **Wonhyung Lee.** “Maximizing Service Delivery: Integrating Human Behaviors, Data Analytics, and Engineering.” ADA Lightning Talks, University at Albany, SUNY. Albany, NY. February 2018.
- 2017 **Wonhyung Lee.** Panelist for the food pantries research panel with Dr. Don Levy, Dr. Paul Thurston, Nick Daly, Dr. Cynthia Bott, Jay Rodriguez, and Sean Cochrane. Capital District Food Summit, Sienna College. Albany, NY.
- 2015 **Wonhyung Lee.** “Immigrant Businesses and Their Entrepreneurship.” Invited presentation at the Social and Economic Development Forum. University at Albany, SUNY. Albany, NY.
- 2014 Delva, Jorge and **Wonhyung Lee.** “Using Systematic Neighborhood Observation Data to Examine the Link between Accessibility to Green Spaces and Cigarettes Smoking Among Chilean Youth.” Invited paper presented at the School of Social Work, Brigham Young University.

Media Coverage and Contributions

- 2017 “In neighborhoods that struggle economically, supporting community cohesion is key to the formation of Business Improvement Districts” [London School of Economics USAPP- American Politics and Policy blog](#) (February 23, 2017)
- 2017 “What Contributes to the Successful Formation of a Business Improvement District in a Low-income Immigrant Neighborhood?” [Urban Institute How Housing Matters](#) (February 8, 2017)
- 2016 “Social Work and Microfinance in Indian, Indonesia, and United States” [inSocialWork Podcast Series](#) University at Buffalo, SUNY (October 24, 2016)

2015 “Community Organizing Powers BIDs in Multiethnic Neighborhoods” *Next City* (October 12, 2015)

TEACHING

University at Albany, SUNY, School of Social Welfare

Instructor

Baccalaureate

Organizational and Community Theory (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

MSW

MACRO Practice in Social Work I (Fall 2017)

MACRO Practice in Social Work II (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

Community Economic Development (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2017, Spring 2018)

Doctoral

Independent Study in Social Welfare (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

Independent Research in Social Welfare (Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

Guest Lecturer

“Business Improvement Districts” Public Economics, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy (Spring 2018)

“Using Spatial Analysis and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)” School of Public Health, University at Albany, SUNY (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

“Physical Environment and Human Behavior” School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University (Fall 2013, video conference)

Dissertation Committees

Amanda Aykanian, School of Social Welfare, “Homeless Service Utilization and Engagement: A Mixed-Method Study Examining the Role of Mobility” (Member)

Sungeun Kim, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, “Nonprofit interorganizational collaboration” (Member)

Suran Ahn, “The effects of employment and training programs on low-income workers’ labor market outcomes: evidence from the survey of income and program participation” (Member)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Graduate Student Instructor

Quantitative Planning Methods (Winter 2012, Winter 2011, Winter 2010, Fall 2011)

Economics in Planning (Fall 2010)

ACADEMIC AND PRACTICE EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 Evaluation Lead
Race Equity Project
New York State Social Work Education Consortium, Albany, NY

- 2013-2014 Research Assistant
Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
School of Social Work, University of Michigan

- 2012-2013 Mapping Assistant
Detroit Substance Use Evaluation
School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

- 2009-2013 Research Assistant
Santiago Longitudinal Study
School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

- 2007-2008 Intern & Program Coordinator
Turner Senior Resource Center
University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI

SERVICE

University at Albany, SUNY

University Service Activities

- 2018 Institute of Nonprofit Leadership and Community Development, Mentor for Emerging
Nonprofit Leadership Accelerator

- 2017-present Center for Experiential Education Faculty Ambassador

- 2017-2018 Faculty Research Awards Program (FRAP A) Assessment Committee

- 2016-2017 Faculty Research Awards Program (FRAP A) Assessment Committee

School Service Activities

- 2016-2018 MSW Program Committee, MACRO representative, School of Social Welfare

- 2017 Search Committee, Assistant Director of Field Education, School of Social Welfare

- 2015-2017 Committee on Standards for Social Work Education, School of Social Welfare

- 2014-2016 MSW Program Committee, MACRO representative, School of Social Welfare

- 2014-2015 Search Committee, Faculty position, Department of Geography and Planning

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- 2009 Recruitment, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, School of Social Work

Community Engagement and Service Activities

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| 2018 | The Food Pantries Software Development Committee, Albany, NY |
| 2016-present | Light the City Network Development Board Member, Albany, NY |
| 2014-present | SEED Program Evaluation Faculty Consultant, Albany, NY |
| 2013 | Skid Row Housing Trust Gardening Projects ('Ur-Bin' Network) Participant, Los Angeles, CA |

Award

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| 2016 | "Outstanding Community Partner" Award by the Food Pantries for the Capital District, named with other colleagues at UAlbany |
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Reviewer

Urban Affairs Review
Nonprofit Volunteer Sector Quarterly

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND ASSOCIATIONS

Training and Certificates

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| 2016 | Critical Time Intervention (CTI) certificate by t3 (Think.Teach.Transform) center (online) |
| 2010-2012 | Advanced training in statistics at the Center for Statistical Consultation and Research (CSCAR) and the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program at the University of Michigan |
| 2010-2011 | Certified through Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship Training School of Social Work; University of Michigan (This certification was required for students and postdocs funded by NIH). |

Associations

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
National Center for Excellence in Homeless Services
Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)