

## Jaime Israel Lopez

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### Education

**PhD Candidate Urban Planning and Development**, University of Southern California, expected May 2023

\* **2019 Certificate in Digital Media and Culture (University of Southern California)**

\* Dissertation: The Role of Multimedia Tools in Environmental Policy, Committee: Lisa Schweitzer (Chair), Juan de Lara, David Sloane

**Master of City Planning** University of California, Berkeley, 2018

**Bachelor of Arts in Film and Television, minor in History** University of California, Los Angeles, 2003

### Fellowships and Honors

**2022-2023: Haynes Lindley Dissertation Fellowship**

**2022-2023: USC Mellon Sawyer Dissertation Fellowship** (Center on Science, Technology, and Public Life and the Center for Latinx and Latin American Studies)

**2021: Arts and Climate Collective (USC)** Short Documentary on Environmental Justice

**2020: Ford Foundation 2020 Predoctoral Fellowship** – Honorable Mention

**2017: Global Development Fund Scholar (UC Berkeley)** Conducted research on sustainability for intermediate-sized Latin American cities for three months in Talca, Chile.

**2002: Peter Stark Memorial Scholarship (UCLA)** for artistic merit (2002)

### Academic Publications

O'Neill, M., Mujahid, M., Hutson, M., Fukutome, A., Robichaud, R., & Lopez, J. (2020). Investing in public school kitchens and equipment as a pathway to healthy eating and equitable access to healthy food. *Journal of School Health*, 90(6), 492-503.

### Academic Publications Under Review

Lisa Schweitzer, Jaime Lopez. "Planning, Media, and Power" (*book chapter*), Edward Elgar Publishing

### Research Experience

**2022-2023: California Air Resources Board**

PI: **Dr. Anthony Orlando**

Co-PI: **Jaime Lopez and Moses Huerta**

Project: **Community Engagement and Community-Centric Research Roadmap: Focus on Metals Related Toxic Emissions**

Public meeting data collection and community engagement activities including outreach, community workshops, a film series, intercept surveys, and youth media engagement. Data collected and analyzed will inform a white paper for a statewide research roadmap.

**2019-2020: University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

PI: **Dr. Lisa Schweitzer**

Project: **Public Infrastructure and Media**

Assisted with acquiring and coding content related to major infrastructure projects and related media coverage.

**2019: University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

PI: **Dr. Marlon G. Boarnet, Dr. Richard K. Green**

Project: **Los Angeles' Housing Crisis and Local Planning Responses: An Evaluation of Inclusionary Zoning, the Transit-Oriented Communities Plan, and Parking Reduction**

Assisted with interviews of housing developers to explore impacts of entitlement policies: reduced parking requirements in Greater Downtown Housing Incentive Area (City Ordinance No. 179076), a density bonus program with associated inclusionary zoning (City Ordinance No. 179681), and the transit-oriented communities (TOC) plan stemming from Measure JJJ.

**2017-2018:** *Institute of Urban and Regional Development, University of California, Berkeley*

**PI:** *Moira O'Neil, JD*

**Project:** **Rethinking School Lunch Oakland Project**

Assisted with conducting in-depth interviews, parent focus groups, and passive observation of K-5 students during mealtime. Interviewed in English and Spanish as needed. Contributed initial review and content analysis of documents in preparation for interviews/focus groups.

**2017:** *Global Development Fund Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley*

**Title:** *Graduate Student Researcher*

**Project:** **Sustainable Development in the Maule Region**

Conducted research on sustainability for intermediate-sized Latin American cities for three months while based in Talca, Chile.

**2016-2017:** *University of California, Berkeley*

**Title:** *Writing Editor Assistant*

**Project:** **California Integrated Border Approach Strategy Study**

Edited documents for California-Mexico border mobility regional study.

## Teaching and Educator Experience

**2021:** **University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

**Title:** *Instructor for Sustainable Communities, Planning and Policy*

**Instructor:** Jaime Lopez

Prepared lectures and facilitated class discussions. Coordinated with guest speakers for select lectures. Conducted office hours, grading, and student email correspondence.

**2020:** **University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

**Title:** *Teaching Assistant for Planning History and Theory for a Just Society*

**Instructor:** Dr. Meredith Drake Reitan

Facilitated and contributed to class discussions. Coordinated and contributed to Bunker Hill Refrain Project. Assisted with grading, and student communication.

**2019-2020:** **University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA**

**Title:** *Teaching Assistant for History of Planning and Development (two semesters)*

**Instructor:** Cara Mullio, M.A.

Facilitated and contributed to class discussions. Developed and delivered three class lectures. Assisted grading and student email correspondence.

**2008-2010:** **Johns Hopkins University/Center for Talented Youth, Marina del Rey, CA**

**Title:** *Educational Advisor*

Presented and monitored college preparatory academic support for a caseload of 65 scholars and families in California, Arizona & Texas. Presented college preparatory workshops. Assisted with recruitment of potential applicants.

**2003- 2005:** **The Reading Center, Manhattan Beach, CA**

**Title:** *Teacher for Afterschool Tutoring Center*

Taught hour-long sessions in English, Math, Spanish, and History for 15 students ranging from K-12. Selected & modified instructional resources for varying learning needs.

## Media Arts and Filmmaking Experience

- 01/21: Crisis and Campaign**  
Short documentary based on political campaigning and voting in Southeast Los Angeles. Written and directed as part of USC's Annenberg School of Journalism.
- 03/20: Hex Chrome and the City**  
Short documentary based on the environmental crisis in Paramount, CA. Written and directed as part of USC's Annenberg School of Journalism.
- 05/17: UC Berkeley Bank of America Low-Income Housing Challenge 2017**  
Directed and edited video for Berkeley student entry.
- 03/12-7/14: Film Critic at ScreenCrave.com**  
Contributed Weekly Film Reviews for a weekly Roger Ebert "Great Movies" series
- 2003- 2007: Scope Seven, Inc., El Segundo, CA**  
**Title: DVD Author/Quality Control Technician**  
Programmed DVD functionality at a multimedia company. Executed and maintained complex and dynamic changing client specifications for film industry clients.
- 2002: Nominated for Best Script for thesis film "Boxer Crabs" – UCLA Film Festival 2002**

## Community Projects, Public Service and Volunteer Experience

- 2/22 – 1/23: Building Community Power in Paramount: Ground Truthing Air Quality Project**  
Assist and engage with the Center for Environmental Health and key Paramount residents leading the weekly implementation of a community air monitoring project.
- 1/19 – 6/20: Planning Commissioner for the City of Paramount**  
Reviewed and deliberated monthly agenda items. Provided recommendations to the planning department, advocated for the community on a wide variety of issues ranging from environmental justice and sustainability to bike infrastructure and transportation.
- 11/07-01/09: Staff Writer at LACityZine.com**  
Conducted interviews with politicians, historians, professors and community organizers.
- 6/07-07/07: UCLA Alumni Bunche Scholarship Interviewer**  
Served on the evaluation panel for UCLA Alumni Bunche Scholarship interviews for incoming freshman scholarship candidates.

## Professional Certifications and Memberships

CA Real Estate License: # 02067822  
CA Public Notary: Commission Number #2265533  
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – (Pending test)  
American Planning Association (APA)  
Los Angeles Conservancy

## Skills

**Technical Skills:** WordPress, Adobe Premiere, Adobe Illustrator, Atlas TI, NVivo, beginning ArcGIS, STATA  
**Language Skills:** Fluent in Spanish, Beginner Level in Mandarin Chinese