

# DAN COHEN

Curriculum Vitae  
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2019- Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)  
Department of Geography and Planning, Queen's University
- 2017-19 SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellow  
Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University

## EDUCATION

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- 2017 PhD, Geography, University of British Columbia  
Dissertation: *Schooling Markets: The Circulation, Creation, and Contestation of Charter School Markets in the United States*  
Supervisor: Dr. Jamie Peck
- 2009 MSc. Planning, University of Toronto  
Current issues paper: *The Medium is the Message: Policy Transfer, Bandung and the Implications for Urban Policy-Making*  
Supervisor: Dr. Jason Hackworth
- 2006 BA Honours (with distinction), University of Toronto  
Majors in Political Science and Canadian Studies

## PROFESSIONAL PLANNING EXPERIENCE

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- 2011 Policy and Research Consultant. City of Toronto, Employment and Social Services
- 2010 Urban Fellow. City of Toronto
- 2009 Urban Planner. planningAlliance

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Journal Articles

- August M, Cohen D, Danyluk M, Kass A, Ponder C, and Rosenman E (2021)  
Reimagining geographies of public finance. *Progress in Human Geography* (online first). doi: 10.1177/03091325211054963.

- Cohen D (2021) Philanthropy to the rescue? Detroit's schools and urban policymaking under austerity. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space* 39:7: 1547-1566.
- Cohen D, Nelson S, and Rosenman E (2021) Reparative accumulation? Financial risk and investment across socio-environmental crises. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* (online first). doi:10.1177/25148486211030432.
- Cohen D (2020) "A marketplace of schools": Race, power, and education reform in the Detroit region. *Urban Geography* (online first). doi: 10.1080/02723638.2020.1759015
- Cohen D & Rosenman E (2020) From the School Yard to the Conservation Area: Impact Investment across the Nature/Social Divide. *Antipode* 52(5): 1259-1285.
- Cohen D (2018) Between perfection and damnation: The emerging geography of markets. *Progress in Human Geography* 42(6): 898-915.
- Cohen D (2017) Market mobilities/immobilities: mutation, path-dependency, and the spread of charter school policies in the United States. *Critical Studies in Education* 58(2): 168-186.
- Nguyen N, Cohen D and Huff A (2017) Catching the bus: A call for critical geographies of education. *Geography Compass* 11(8): 1-13.
- Cohen D (2015) Grounding mobile policies: Ad hoc networks and the creative city in Bandung, Indonesia. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 36(1), 23-37.
- Cohen D and Lizotte C (2015) Teaching the market: fostering consent to education markets in the United States. *Environment and Planning A*, 47(9), 1824-1841.

### Book Chapters

- Backer D and Cohen D (forthcoming) "Innovative" Educational Finance: The Role of Financial Capital in Shaping Schooling. In Nguyen N and Saltman K (eds) *Routledge Handbook of Critical Approaches to the Politics and Policy of Education*. Routledge.
- Gulson, K, Cohen D, Lewis S, Rowe E, Yoon, E and Lubienski K (forthcoming) Spatial Theories and Education Policy. In Tierney R, Rizvi F, Ercikan, K and Smith G (eds) *Elsevier International Encyclopaedia of Education*. Elsevier
- Cohen D (2020) Markets as Struggle: Ideology and the Spread of Charter School Markets. In Berndt C, Peck J and Rantisi N (eds). *Market/Place: Exploring Spaces of Exchange* (pp. 135-152), Newcastle upon Tyne: Agenda Publishing.
- Herd D and Cohen D (2017) Translocal Policy as Process: Bricolage and the 'Messy' World of Local Policymaking. In: Good Gingrich L and Köngeter S (eds), *Transnational Social Policy: Social Welfare in a World on the Move*, London and New York: Routledge, pp. 85-103.

### Popular Writing

- Cohen D (April 2020) Who will control post-covid online k-12: the perils of rushing into a market-led future. *Critical Geographies of Education Blog*:

<http://www.critgeoed.com/blog/who-will-control-the-future-of-online-k-12-the-perils-of-rushing-into-market-led-infrastructure>

Cohen D and Rosenman E (April 2019) Recent scandals highlight the policy influence that wealthy families gain from making charitable donations. *LSE American Politics and Policy Blog*: <http://bit.ly/2WOulOy>

## Reports and Other Publications

Cohen D, Danyluk M and Rosenman E (2020) COVID-19 business relief by the Canadian federal government. Global Legal and Economic Responses to COVID-19. *Institute for New Economic Thinking*

Ducros, H (2020) Putting the “Critical” in Geographies of Education: An Interview with Dan Cohen, Alice Huff, and Nicole Nguyen. *Europe Now* (May 2020). Available from <https://www.europenowjournal.org/2020/06/02/putting-the-critical-in-geographies-of-education-an-interview-with-dan-cohen-alice-huff-and-nicole-nguyen/>

Cohen D (2015) *The Mechanisms Behind Detroit Metropolitan School Markets*. Detroit, MI: Leonard Kaplan Collaborative. Available from <http://coe.wayne.edu/kaplancollaborative/scholarship/index.php>

Birnbaum E, Cohen D, Harris M and Warrian P (2010) *Ontario Manufacturing, Supply Chains and Knowledge Networks*. Toronto: Toronto Region Research Alliance

Cohen D (2009) Policies from Abroad: Lessons from Indonesia. *Ontario Planning Journal* 24(6), 9-10.

Birnbaum E, Cohen D, Mazer K and Wu J (2008) *Bloor Improvement Group, Neighbourhood Review and Planning*. Toronto: Bloor Improvement Group

## Under Review / In Preparation

August M, Cohen D and Rosenman E (accepted for submission to special issue). Central banks, crises, and uneven development: Lessons from Canada’s housing market during the COVID crisis. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*.

Cohen D (major revisions) Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace: Markets, edtech, and the spatial struggles at the heart of schooling’s shifting contradictions. *Environment and Planning A*.

Rosenman E, Cohen D, Baker T and Arapko K (minor revisions). Promises and profit in ‘debtfree’ higher education: The geographies of Income Share Agreements in the United States.. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.

Wilkins A, Cohen D and Gobby B (major revisions) Recalibrating governance: School autonomy, risk management and expertise. *Critical Studies in Education*

## Special Issues Organized

Baker T, Cohen D, Loomis J and Rosenman, E. Theme issue: Bringing life’s work to market: Practices and spaces of marketised social reproduction. Accepted

by *Environment & Planning A: Economy and Space*. Anticipated publication 2022.

## RESEARCH FUNDS

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- 2020 SSHRC Insight Development Grant: 'Financing Social Progress: Market-making and Canada's Social Finance Fund' (\$46,739).
- 2020 Queen's Wicked Ideas Grant (co-PI with Dr. David Lyons): 'Big Data Exposed: What Smartphone Metadata Reveals About Users' (\$75,000 CAD)
- 2020 SSHRC Institutional Grant: 'The spatial implications of Bank of Canada's COVID-19 response' (\$4,000 CAD)

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2018 Concordia University Postdoctoral Fellowship Top-up (\$5,000 CAD)
- 2017 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$81,000 CAD)
- 2016 University of British Columbia Doctoral Fellowship (\$22,000 CAD)
- 2016 University of British Columbia Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500 CAD)
- 2015 Walter G. Hardwick Scholarship in Urban Studies (\$1,075 CAD)
- 2014 Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Award (\$5,120 CAD)
- 2013 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$150,000 CAD)
- 2013 Killam Doctoral Scholarship (\$2,000 CAD; declined full award of \$62,000 to accept Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship)
- 2012 University of British Columbia Doctoral Fellowship (\$22,000 CAD)
- 2008 Matthew Hanson Scholarship in Planning (\$3,500 CAD)
- 2008 Allan Tonks Planning Scholarship (\$2,200 CAD)
- 2008 Dr. David Chu Scholarship in Asia-Pacific Studies (\$5,000 CAD)
- 2008 University of Toronto Fellowship (\$1,000 CAD)
- 2007 Royal Bank Fellowship in Public and Economic Policy (\$5,000 CAD)
- 2007 University of Toronto Fellowship (\$1,000 CAD)

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

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- 2016 Best Paper by a Graduate Student, *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* (\$1,000 USD)
- 2013-7 Liu Scholar, Liu Institute for Global Issues
- 2009 Canadian Institute of Planners Student Award in Academic Excellence (\$250 CAD)
- 2009 Centre for Urban and Community Studies Urban Planning Research Award
- 2006 Robert A. Kaplan Award in Canadian Studies (\$1,923 CAD)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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### Conferences Organized

(with Tom Baker, Jessa Loomis, and Emily Rosenman): *Bringing life's work to market: A symposium on practices and spaces of marketised social reproduction*. Auckland, New Zealand (December 2019)

### Conference Sessions Organized and Chaired

Upcoming: Organizer (with Martine August, Dan Cohen, Martin Danyluk, Amanda Kass, and Emily Rosenman): Reimagining Geographies of Public Finance for Justice and Abolition. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New York (February-March, 2022).

Upcoming: Organizer (with Beyhan Farhadi, Alice Huff, Olivia Ildefonso): Critical Geographies of Education Keynote: The Long Struggle for Black Education, and Abolition. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New York (February-March, 2022).

Upcoming: Organizer (with Beyhan Farhadi, Alice Huff, Olivia Ildefonso): Critical Geographies of Education: Imagining New Educational Futures. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New York (February-March, 2022).

Organizer and chair (with Sara Nelson and Emily Rosenman): Finance as reparative? Risk and investments across socio-environmental crises. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic (April 2020).

Organizer (with Alice Huff and Nicole Nguyen): Critical Geographies of Education Keynote: "They Say Pushout, We Say Pushback!" A Transformational Resistance framework for youth development and healing justice outcomes. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic (April 2020).

Organizer (with Alice Huff and Nicole Nguyen): Questions of Geography, Education, and Justice. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic (April 2020).

Organizer (with Alice Huff and Nicole Nguyen): Critical Geographies of Education: Schooling, Power, and the Production of Space. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Washington, D.C. (April 2019)

Organizer (with Alice Huff and Nicole Nguyen): School Is In: Critical Geographies of Education Specialty Group Launch Session. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New Orleans, LA (April 2018)

Organizer (with Rosemary Collard, Caitlin Henry, and Emily Rosenman): Contested Commodities: Market Formation, Reformation and Deformation in Action. *Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers*, Toronto, ON (May-June 2017)

Organizer (with Rosemary Collard, Caitlin Henry, and Emily Rosenman): Contested Commodities: Market Formation, Reformation and Deformation in Action. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, Boston, MA (April 2017)

Organizer (with Alice Huff and Nicole Nguyen): What's School Got to Do with It?: Race, Resistance, and a Call for Critical Geographies of Education. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, Boston, MA (April 2017)

Organizer (with Alice Huff, Chris Lizotte, and Nicole Nguyen): Beyond Neoliberalism: The Role of Race and Racism in Schooling Across Urban Contexts. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, San Francisco, CA (April 2016)

Organizer/Chair (with Chris Lizotte): Placing Education: Thinking political economy and society through education practice and reform. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, Chicago, IL (April 2015)

### Conference Presentations

Upcoming: Building a market on shifting sands: COVID-19, racial justice, and Canada's social finance fund. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New York (February-March, 2022).

Upcoming: (with Tommy Cooke) Big Data Exposed: GNSS & the Quest for Accuracy in the Digital City. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New York (February-March, 2022).

Upcoming: Discussant: 'Engaged' perspectives: assessing the spatiality and performance of markets. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New York (February-March, 2022).

(with Martine August and Emily Rosenman): "Central banks, crises, and uneven development: Lessons from Canada's housing market during the COVID crisis." *Annual conference of the Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, Virtual (September 2021)

Panelist: Roundtable on Market/Place: Exploring Spaces of Exchange. *Conference on The Role of the State in the post-COVID 21st Century: Karl Polanyi Institute*. Virtual (March, 2021).

EdTech futures and educational justice. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Virtual (April, 2021).

(with Martine August, Martin Danyluk, Amanda Kass, Sage Ponder and Emily Rosenman) Reimagining Geographies of Public Finance. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Virtual (April, 2021).

(with Tom Baker and Emily Rosenman): "Invest in people. Literally: Income Share Agreements, FinTech and the search for profit in post-secondary education." *Symposium on Evolving Geographies of FinTech, FinGeo Global Network*, Virtual (November, 2020).

Austerity, Philanthropy, and Urban Education: DeVos, Broad, and Detroit's School System. *Urban Affairs Conference* (2020). Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic (April 2020).

Panelist: Market/Place: Exploring Spaces of Exchange. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. (April 2020).

Panelist: Questions of Geography, Education, and Justice. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. (April 2020).

Speculating on Schooling: Financial Systems of Valuation and the Value of Education. *Bringing life's work to market: A symposium on practices and spaces of marketised social reproduction*. Auckland, New Zealand (December 2019)

'A marketplace of schools': Racial power and schooling in the Detroit region. *Resisting Displacement and Dispossession: Planners Network Multicity Conference*. Montreal, QC. (June 2019)

Whose social? Finance and the remaking of social services. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. Washington, D.C. (April 2019)

Schooling as struggle for the city: Detroit and the marketization of education. *Social Justice and City Schooling Mini-Conference*. Toronto, ON (January 2019)

Shadow Education in Flux: Markets for Private Tutoring in Canada. Presentation at the *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. New Orleans, LA (April 2018)

Testing the Limits: Standardized Testing and the Contested Commodification of Schooling. Presentation at the *Annual Meetings of the Canadian Association of Geographers*, Toronto, ON (May-June 2017).

Markets as Struggle: The Circulation, Construction, and Contestation of Charter School Markets in the United States. Presentation at the *Geographies of Markets Workshop*. Montreal, QC (June 2017)

Panelist: (re)Making markets. *Summer Institute in Economic Geography*. Lexington, KY (July 2016)

Market Mobilities: Place, Politics, and Education Markets in Michigan and Oregon. Presentation at the *Annual Meeting of the American Education Research Association*, Washington, DC. (April 2016)

Panelist: Beyond Neoliberalism: The Role of Race and Racism in Schooling Across Urban Contexts. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*. San Francisco, CA. (April 2016)

School Ties: Education Reform and the Changing Link Between Finance and Schools. Presentation at the *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, San Francisco, CA. (April 2016)

Austerity Education: Making Schooling Markets in Detroit. Presentation at the *Annual Meeting of the American Education Research Association*, Chicago, IL. (April 2015)

The Evolving Contradictions of Education: Capital Accumulation and Relative Autonomy. Presentation at the *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, Chicago, IL (April 2015)

Mayors and Markets: The Shaping of Urban Education Systems. Presentation at the *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, Los Angeles, CA (April 2013)

Responding to Gentrification in Toronto's Downtown West (with Edward Birnbaum, Katie Mazer, and Jessica Wu). Presentation at the *Ontario Provincial Planning Institute Conference*, Niagara Falls, ON (September 2009)

Responding to Gentrification in Toronto's Downtown West (with Edward Birnbaum, Katie Mazer, and Jessica Wu). Responding to Gentrification in Toronto's Downtown West. Presentation at the *City from Below Conference*, Baltimore, MD (March 2009)

The Bandung Creative City Movement: An Exploration of the Social and Spatial Implications of Policy Transfer. Presentation at the *Artepolis2 Conference*, Bandung, Indonesia (August 2008)

## INVITED TALKS

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(with Tommy Cooke). Big Data Exposed: GNSS and the Quest for Accuracy in the Digital City. Invited talk in the Surveillance Studies Centre, Queen's University (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021).

Market-Making on Contested Terrain: Struggles over Charter School Markets in the United States. Invited talk in Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Montreal, QC (March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018).

Educating the Market: The Creation and Contestation of Schooling Markets in Detroit and Oregon. Invited talk in the Department of Geography, Environment and Planning, Concordia University, Montreal, QC (October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015).

Uneven Geographies of Education Markets in Detroit. Invited talk in the Department of Social Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI (March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015).

Schooling markets: Promoting market-forms in the contested terrain of education. Marketization and Privatization in Education Seminar Series. Online Presentation (July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2021      Course Instructor – Markets, Environments, and Societies



- 2021 Course Instructor – Politics, Economies, and Space
- 2019-21 Course Instructor – Cities: Geography, Planning, and Urban Life
- 2019,21 Course Instructor – Political Economy of Urbanization
- 2018 Course Instructor – Planning and Governing the Metropolis, University of Toronto (Scarborough)
- 2008 Research Associate – Innovation Systems Research Network
- 2008 Teaching Assistant – Marketing Geography, University of Toronto (St. George)
- 2008 Teaching Assistant – Urban Historical Geography, University of Toronto (St. George)
- 2007 Teaching Assistant – Geography of Canada, University of Toronto (St. George)

## **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

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Redeveloped GPHY227: Cities: Geography, Planning and Urban Life

Developed GPHY 333: Markets, Environments, and Societies currently under consideration for addition to the Geography and Planning curricula.

Developed GPHY 884: Politics, Economies, and Space.

## **SUPERVISORY AND COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE**

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- 2021- Supervisor (MA): Aaron Iqbal
- 2021- Co-Supervisor (PhD): Tinyan Otuomagie
- 2021- Committee Member (PhD): Fikir Haile
- 2021- Committee Member (PhD): Megan Herod
- 2021- Committee Member (PhD): Alexander Makin
- 2020- Committee Member (PhD): Lindsey Fair
- 2020- Committee Member (PhD): Hilal Kara
- 2020- Committee Member (PhD): Anastasiya Boika
- 2020 Committee Member (PhD): Paul Sylvestre
- 2020- Committee Member (PhD): Douglas Yearwood
- 2021. Examiner (MA): Claire Genest
- 2020. Internal Examiner (PhD): Hannah Johnston
- 2020. Internal/External Examiner (PhD): Rui Hou (Sociology)

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

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### **Disciplinary Service**

Co-founder / Co-chair: Critical Geographies of Education specialty group of the American Association of Geographers

### **Departmental and University Service**

Member, Headship Search Committee of the Dept. of Geography and Planning (2021-22)

Member, Renewal, Tenure and Promotion of the Dept. of Geography and Planning (2021-22)

Unit Ethics Board, Dept. of Geography and Planning, Queen's University (2019, 2021, 2022)

Member, QUFA Council (2019, 2021)

Member, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization Committee, Dept. of Geography and Planning, Queen's University (2020)

Council Member, Graduate Student Society, UBC (2014)

Department of Geography Colloquium Committee, UBC (2013)

Planning Committee, Cascadia Critical Geographies Conference (2012)

Bargaining Committee Member, CUPE 3902 (2009)

Union Steward, CUPE 3902 (2008)

### *Chairing*

Dairon Morejon Perez (PhD) first meeting / comprehensive exam (2021)

Shannon Clarke (PhD) first meeting / comprehensive exam (2020)

Anastasia Alexopoulos (PhD) dissertation defence (2020)

John Haffner (PhD) dissertation defence (2020)

Morgan Sage (MA) thesis defence (2020)

### **Professional Associations**

Member, American Association of Geographers (2012 - Present)

Member, Canadian Association of Geographers (2014 - Present)

Student Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute (2007 - 2009)

Student Member, Canadian Institute of Planners (2007 - 2009)

### **Peer Review**

Reviewed articles for: *City, Culture and Society*, *Critical Studies in Education*, *Curriculum Inquiry*, *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*, *Educational Policy*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Environment and Planning C*, *Journal of Education History and Administration*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Research in Education* and *Urban Geography*.

### **OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2013 Editorial Assistant - *Environment and Planning A*