

ALLISON LANG

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EDUCATION

2020-	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin (expected August 2026)
2022	M.A. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2023	M.A. Social Policy, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
2017	B.A. Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Political Science, International Studies, and Spanish, University of Michigan

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environment, social movements, political sociology, Latin America, qualitative methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2025	Auyero, Javier, Allison Lang , and Sofia Servían. “A Thing That Works: A Case Study of Success at the Urban Margins.” <i>Journal of Latin American Studies</i> 1-25. doi:10.1017/S0022216X25101193.
Forthcoming	Auyero, Javier, Faith M. Deckard, Alex Diamond, Maricarmen Hernández, Katherine Jensen, Allison Lang , Eldad Levy, Águeda Ortega, Katherine Sobering, and Mary Ellen Stitt. “Why Ethnography?” <i>Qualitative Sociology</i> .
2019	Lang, Allison . “El Abrazo Simbólico: El Repertorio de Acción en Defensa del Espacio Educativo en Buenos Aires.” <i>Crítica y Resistencias: Revista de Conflictos Sociales Latinoamericanos</i> 9:39-53.
Conditional acceptance	Lang, Allison . “Confluent Activism: Scaling up Fluid Resistance in the Argentine Anti-Mining Movement.” <i>Qualitative Sociology</i> .
Conditional acceptance	Lang, Allison . “Unpacking the Ordinary and Extraordinary: What Ethnography Can Teach Us About the Everyday Life of Social Movements.” <i>Journal of Contemporary Ethnography</i> .

Public Sociology Writing

2025	Charrad, Mounira M. and Allison Lang . Enduring Social Movements. <i>Critical Mass Bulletin</i> , newsletter of the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association, 50:3.
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2025 **Lang, Allison.** “La Leyenda del Algarrobo Caminante.” *Revista Anfibia*. <https://www.revistaanfibia.com/la-leyenda-del-algarrobo-caminante/>.

2024 **Lang, Allison** and Javier Auyero. “What Works: Lessons on Fighting Oppression and Building Power from Across The Globe.” *Public Books*. <https://www.publicbooks.org/what-works-lessons-on-fighting-oppression-and-building-power-from-across-the-globe/>.

In Progress

Paxton, Pam, **Allison Lang**, Sumin Lee, and Andrew Messamore. “‘There’s a War Going On’: How Nonprofit Organizations Understand the ‘Right’ Way to Approach Substance Abuse. Under Review.

Lang Allison, Sumin Lee, and Pam Paxton. “Strategic Climate Communication: How Environmental Nonprofits Build Bridges Between the Local and Global.”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External

2026 Colorado State University Honorarium – Global Environmental Justice Conference, \$800.

2024 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program, \$36,824.

2023 4S Conference Travel Grant – Society for Social Studies of Science, \$300.

Internal

2025 Faculty-Student Research Partnership Program (FSRP), The Humanities Institute, \$1,500.

2024 UT Libraries Map & Geospatial Collections Explorer (MGCE) Fellowship, \$1,500.

2024 Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship, \$1,000.

2023 Professional Development Award – Department of Sociology, \$1,200.

2022 Carl J. and Tamara M. Tricoli Endowed Fellowship, \$500.

2022 Argentine Studies Program Grant, \$1,500.

2022 Tinker Field Research Grant, \$6,000.

2022 Urban Ethnography Lab Summer Fellowship, \$2,500.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS / INVITED TALKS

- 2026 **Lang, Allison.** “Scaling up Autonomy? Non-State Governance and Environmental Justice in the Argentine Anti-Mining Movement.” *Where Do We Grow from Here? Environmental Justice and the Politics of Hope in the Planetary Age.* Center for Environmental Justice, Colorado State University. April.
- 2026 **Lang, Allison.** “Comparative Ethnography: Lessons from Studying the Argentine Anti-Mining Movement.” Guest Lecture, SOC 387C: Historical, Mixed, Comparative Methods. University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, April.
- 2025 **Lang, Allison,** and Cristina Agüero. “Mapping Resistance: Interactive Geodata Map of Community Responses to Mining in Argentina.” UT Libraries MGCE Fellowship Awards, UT GIS Day. Austin, TX, November.
- 2025 **Lang, Allison.** “How the Grassroots Grow: Sustaining Horizontality in the Argentine Anti-Mining Movement.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Special Session, Chicago, IL,* August.
- 2025 **Lang, Allison.** “Fluid and Durable: The Persistence of Horizontal Social Movements in the Argentine Anti-Mining Fight. *Enduring Social Movements Conference, Power & Society Working Group and The Urban Ethnography Lab of the University of Texas at Austin,* Austin, TX, April.
- 2023 **Allison Lang.** “Liquid capital and fluid resistance: Successes in scaling up solidarity in the Argentine anti-mining movement.” 4S 2023 Honolulu, Honolulu, HI, November.
- 2023 **Allison Lang.** “Social Movement Persistence as a Relational Outcome: Generational Transmission of Grassroots Environmental Activism in Patagonia, Argentina.” *Relational Outcomes and Collective Action Conference, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy,* March.
- 2019 **Allison Lang.** “¡El traslado es cierre! El rol de la participación social y la acción colectiva en la resignificación de las políticas de infraestructura escolar en la Ciudad de Buenos Aires” *XIII Jornadas de Sociología: Las cuestiones de la Sociología y la Sociología en cuestión,* Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Buenos Aires, Argentina, August.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

- 2025- Graduate Research Assistant.
Dr. Mounira Maya Charrad, Department of Sociology, UT Austin.
Assisting in the completion of a book manuscript with funding through the FSRP Program.
- 2023- Graduate Research Assistant.
Dr. Pamela Paxton, Department of Sociology, UT Austin.
Conducting and coding in-depth interviews for two projects: 1.) “Addiction Services: How Non-Profits Approach and Transform Work in the Substance Abuse Space” ; 2.) “Administering the Environment: How Non-Profits Approach and Transform Action on the Environment and Climate Change.”
- 2020- Principal Investigator.
Conducted ethnographic fieldwork, in-depth interviews, and archival research on the persistence of grassroots anti-mining movements in Argentina.
- 2018-2023 Principal Investigator.
Conducted ethnographic fieldwork, in-depth interviews, and archival research on community participation in the implementation of public policy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Teaching Experience

- 2020-2022 Teaching Assistant.
Courses: Introduction to the Study of Society (SOC 302), Introduction to Social Statistics (SOC 317L), Contemporary U.S. Social Problems (SOC 307E), and Two to Tango: The Sociology of Interpersonal Relationships (UGS 303, Undergraduate Signature Course).
Facilitated weekly discussion sections, graded assignments and exams, ran laboratory sessions, held office hours.

SERVICE

- 2026 Co-organizer. “Thinking Beyond the State: Political Opportunity, Social Movements, and Environmental Justice,” panel. *Where Do We Grow from Here? Environmental Justice and the Politics of Hope in the Planetary Age*. Center for Environmental Justice, Colorado State University. April.
- 2025 Co-organizer & Discussant. “Enduring Social Movements,” special session. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL, August.

- 2025 Co-organizer. “Enduring Social Movements and Collective Action,” conference. Urban Ethnography Lab and Power & Society Working Group, UT Austin.
- 2022- Graduate Student Coordinator. Power & Society Working Group. Organize and facilitate workshops, panels, guest speaker events, and conferences for students and faculty interested in the subfield of political sociology.
- 2022- Graduate Fellow. Urban Ethnography Lab. Participate in workshops, panels, and speaker events for students and faculty using ethnographic research methods.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2023 Extraction Ethnographies. Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) / TIK Centre. Oslo, Norway. Five-day intensive course, fully funded by the host institutions.
- 2022 Beca Anfibia Workshop for Non-fiction Writing on the Environment. Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT Austin.
- 2018 (De)Generando la Ciencia Política: Seminario Anual de Estudios de Género y Feminismo. La Carrera de Ciencia Política de la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales de la UBA. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2018 1° Foro Mundial de Pensamiento Crítico. Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales - CLACSO 2018. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2018 Ciclo de debate: América Latina en la encrucijada. Observatorio Electoral América Latina (OBLAT) de la Carrera de Sociología de la UBA. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

SKILLS

Languages: English, native; Spanish, fluent.

Software: Stata, Excel, SAS, ATLAS.ti, QGIS.