

Sam Law

Writer, Researcher & Organizer

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SKILLS

Qualitative Research
Strategic Campaigning
Public Relations
▶ Press Releases & Conferences
▶ Interviews and Media Relations
Event Planning
Editing
Copywriting
Blogging
Static Site Design & Deployment
Podcasting
Photography
Video-Editing
LMS (Canvas)

Languages

Spanish (Advanced)

Education

PhD, Cultural Anthropology

UT Austin
2018-Present

MA, Social Sciences

The University of Chicago
2017

BA, Cultural Anthropology

Reed College
2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR | UT AUSTIN

Austin, TX • Sept 2016 - Present

- Designed curriculums that incorporated the latest pedagogical research to align content with learning goals
- Introduced complex ideas through active learning techniques, lectures, discussions, and reading strategies
- Trained 300-400 students in analyzing relations of power and understanding the value of human diversity
- Collaborated with students and faculty to solve problems, such as the shift to online teaching during the pandemic

PHD RESEARCHER | UT AUSTIN

Austin, TX • Sept 2016 - Present

- Conducted two years of qualitative ethnographic research on housing movements in the peripheries of Mexico City
- Wrote grants and highly competitive research funding from the Fulbright Program and the Social Science Research Council
- Published articles in leading peer-reviewed academic journals

BOARD MEMBER | NASCO Properties

Chicago, IL • Sept 2016 - Nov 2017

- Elected to manage over 50 million dollars of cooperatively-owned property.
- Ensured fair housing compliance and incorporated DEI principles in membership procedures.
- Trained and implemented conflict resolution processes based on principles transformative justice.

PROGRAM MANAGER | New Harlem East Merchants Association

New York, NY • Jan 2015 - Dec 2015

- Coordinated merchants, public agencies and other partners to establish a low-income farmers market
- Wrote engaging blog posts, social media content and a newsletter to raise awareness of the work of the association.
- Built a website with modern design and SEO optimization.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZER | Shaleshock

Ithaca, NY • 2010 - 2014

- Helped lead two historic successful campaigns to ban fracking in New York State and mothball a coal plant.
- Wrote press releases, held press conferences and developed working relationships with journalists, with stories appearing in leading national outlets
- Planned several week-long protest camps and led direct action and strategic campaigning workshops
- Collaborated with a small team to organize large-scale direct actions, working on strategic planning, event logistics, media relations, and legal support.