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Senior Lecturer of Sociology

Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

I've been the Associate Director of the Program on Urban Studies since the fall of 2003; I'm also a senior lecturer in Sociology.

I teach both introductory and upper-level courses in Urban Studies, and I teach courses on the history of American cities.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Lecturer, Sociology

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Director, Program on Urban Studies, (2004- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Susan W. Schofield Oral History Award, Stanford Historical Society (2022)
- Innovation Grant, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning (2018)
- Friend of Haas Award, Haas Center for Public Service (2017)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Program on Urban Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.A., Yale University , History (1990)
- Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania , History (2002)

LINKS

- My Urban Studies page: https://urbanstudies.stanford.edu/people/michael-kahan

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

19th and 20th Century Urban and Social History; Street Life; Urban Space

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Capstone Internship in Urban Studies: URBANST 201A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Capstone Research Seminar: Part I: SOC 204A (Aut)
- Choosing a Capstone Topic in Urban Studies: URBANST 200A (Aut)
- Gentrification: CSRE 141, URBANST 141 (Win)
- Honors Thesis Support I: URBANST 198A (Win)
- Honors Thesis Support II: URBANST 198B (Spr)
- Introduction to Urban Studies: HISTORY 107, SOC 100, URBANST 110 (Spr)
- MLA Practicum: The History of San Francisco through (Mostly) Primary Sources: MLA 207P (Aut)
- Senior Seminar: URBANST 203 (Aut)

2025-26

- Capstone Internship in Urban Studies: URBANST 201A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Honors Thesis Support II: URBANST 198B (Spr)
- Introduction to Urban Studies: HISTORY 107, SOC 100, URBANST 110 (Spr)
- Senior Seminar: URBANST 203 (Win)
- Walking and Writing Paris: OSPPARIS 55P (Aut)

2024-25

- Capstone Internship in Urban Studies: URBANST 201A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Choosing a Capstone Topic in Urban Studies: URBANST 200A (Aut)
- From Gold Rush to Google Bus: History of San Francisco: AMSTUD 150X, HISTORY 252E, URBANST 150 (Spr)
- Honors Thesis Support I: URBANST 198A (Win)
- Honors Thesis Support II: URBANST 198B (Spr)
- Introduction to Urban Studies: HISTORY 107, SOC 100, URBANST 110 (Win)
- Senior Seminar: URBANST 203 (Aut)
- Service Learning Practicum: EDUC 98, EDUC 98SI (Win)

2023-24

- Capstone Internship in Urban Studies: URBANST 201A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Gentrification: AFRICAAM 241A, CSRE 141, URBANST 141 (Spr)
- Introduction to Urban Studies: HISTORY 107, URBANST 110 (Win)
- Senior Seminar: URBANST 203 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Walking and Knowing New York City** *Metropolitics*
  Kahan, M. B.
  2024

- **“Jewish Girls’ Street Peddling in Gilded Age Philadelphia: Ethnic Niche, Family Strategy, and Sexual Danger”** *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*
  Kahan, M. B.
  2019; 12 (3): 374-392
- **“Urban America”** *A Companion to the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*
  Kahan, M. B.
  Wiley-Blackwell.2017
- **Reading Whiskey Gulch: The Meanings of Space and Urban Redevelopment in East Palo Alto** *Occasion*
  Kahan, M. B.
  2015; 8
- **THE RISK OF CHOLERA AND THE REFORM OF URBAN SPACE: PHILADELPHIA, 1893** *GEOGRAPHICAL REVIEW*
  Kahan, M. B.
  2013; 103 (4): 517-536
- **“There are Plenty of Women on the Street”: The Landscape of Commercial Sex in Progressive-Era Philadelphia”** *Historical Geography*
  Kahan, M. B.
  2012; 40: 39-60