

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

2025-Present

- **PhD in City and Regional Planning**
- Designated Emphases in Political Economy, Science & Technology Studies and Global Metropolitan Studies.
- Singapore Management University Overseas PhD Scholar

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

2025

- **Master of City Planning** (Concentration in Housing, Community and Economic Development)
- *Thesis: Border Biopolitics and Interstitial Identities Along the Malaysia-Singapore Causeway* (Committee: Prof. Teresa Caldeira (Chair), Prof. Stephen Collier and Prof. Sai Balakrishnan)

YALE-NUS COLLEGE, SINGAPORE

2022

- **B.A (Hons with Distinction) in Urban Studies** with Minor in Anthropology
- *Thesis: A Nation of Covered "Ways": Un-covering an Everyday Infrastructure* (Advisor: Prof. Jane M. Jacobs)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Graduate Student Instructor

January 2024-Present

- Designed and facilitated classroom discussions for 40-50 undergraduate and graduate students twice a week.
- Graded assignments, held office hours and collaborated with faculty to enhance course content and delivery.
- Completed a pedagogy course to enhance teaching competencies.

Graduate Student Researcher (To Prof. Teresa Caldeira)

August 2024-May 2026

- Conducted comparative research on master's-level planning programs in the United States and prepared a report summarizing findings.
- Prepared, curated, and organized content for Prof. Caldeira's academic website, including supporting the design and structuring of site materials.

Student Assistant (Goldman School of Public Policy, Tech Policy Initiative)

September 2023-May 2024

- Implemented the Tech Policy Strategic Plan which aims to strengthen multidisciplinary scholarly collaborations, foster tech policy education, and inform effective tech-related policy strategies across public and private sectors.
- Organized inaugural 2024 Tech Policy Summit & Awards Ceremony that included keynote speeches, panel discussions and an awards ceremony for around 150 prominent experts.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of joint multi-sectoral, interdisciplinary collaborations in tech policy by tracking progress on key performance indicators and drafting reports of best practices.
- Drafted public communications materials, crafted marketing collateral, and updated the Tech Policy Initiative webpages and social media channels.

SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

Research Collaborator

August 2024-Present

- Co-authored a book (with Prof. Lily Kong) on the urban history and transformation of Singapore's Bras Basah Bugis Precinct.
- Co-edited an academic volume (with Prof. Orlando Woods and Prof. Lily Kong) on urban futures.

Research Intern (SMU Urban Institute)

May-July 2024

- Supported Prof. Lily Kong on book project on the socio-spatial transformation of Singapore's city center.
- Conducted literature review and drafted book chapters using secondary materials.
- Coordinated logistics and managed communications for the Urban Institute's speaker series and workshop.

- Formatted journal article manuscripts for publication and conducted literature scans to support ongoing research.

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

Legislative Assistant to Member of Parliament, Edward Chia

November 2021-Present

- Conducted policy research and drafted adjournment motions, parliamentary debate speeches and policy briefs, advocating for policies on workplace fairness, progressive wages, workplace mental health, and support for workers and employers of small and medium-sized enterprises.

LEE KUAN YEW CENTRE FOR INNOVATIVE CITIES (SINGAPORE)

Fieldwork Interviewer (Mapping Urban Belonging in Spaces of Flux Project)

July-August 2024

- Conducted and analyzed 13 semi-structured interviews on how urban residents perceive and experience change, and how they form belonging in neighborhoods undergoing redevelopment.

Research Assistant (Aging Urbanism and Urban Innovation Clusters)

June 2022-July 2023

- Led surveys and focus group discussions for 50 participants for a comparative study on placemaking in transit corridors between Singapore and Bogotá.
- Conducted surveys and community design workshops for 600 seniors to investigate their walking preferences and explore design interventions to encourage greater active mobility among seniors.
- Provided research assistance to Prof. Chan Heng Chee for paper, “*What Singapore is doing to tackle an ageing population, action plans for successful ageing*”, presented at U.S. National Academy of Medicine 2022 Singapore Summit.
- Worked on a white paper examining smart city innovation and transformation along economic, social, and environmental dimensions, and drawing on case-studies from 12 cities.
- Prepared *The City Rebooted: Networks, Connectivity and Place Identities in Singapore* book manuscript for publication.

Research Intern (Aging Urbanism and Urban Innovation Clusters)

May-July 2021

- Worked on systematic review of empowerment frameworks for caregivers to people living with dementia.
- Published a research memo for the Aging Urbanism cluster summarizing ICT interventions for caregivers to people living with dementia.

YALE-NUS COLLEGE (SINGAPORE)

Student Research Assistant (To Prof. Jane M. Jacobs)

September 2019-November 2020

- Conducted content analysis on the technological innovations in Singapore’s Housing and Development Board from 1960 to 1995 using technical reports, newspaper archives and interviews.
- Prepared a report summarizing findings from content analysis on study tours undertaken by the HDB.
- Presented research findings at the Yale-NUS Summer Research Symposium (September 2020).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Graduate Student Instructor

CY PLAN 200: Planning Histories and Practice: Frameworks, Opportunities and Dilemmas
(Graduate-level course)

Fall 2026 (with Prof. Sai Balakrishnan)
Fall 2025 (with Prof. Justin Hoseby)

CY PLAN N115: Urbanization in the Global South
(Undergraduate-level course)

Summer 2026 (Lead Instructor with Gray Brakke)

GPP 115: Global Poverty, Challenges and Hopes
(Undergraduate-level course)

Spring 2025 (with Dr. Ross Doll)

SOCIOLOGY 1: Introduction to Sociology
(Undergraduate-level course)

Fall 2024 (with Prof. Thomas Gold)
Spring 2024 (with Prof. Tianna Paschel)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Grants

- UC Berkeley, Economy and Society Initiative – **Summer Research Grant** (USD 5000), 2026
- UC Berkeley, Global Metropolitan Studies Program — **Summer Research Grant** (USD 5000), 2026
- UC Berkeley, Center for Southeast Asian Studies — **Travel Grant** (USD 500), 2026
- UC Berkeley, Economy and Society Initiative — **Travel Grant** (USD 1500), 2026
- UC Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning — **Travel Grant** (USD 500), 2026
- UC Berkeley Global Metropolitan Studies Program — **Student Research Group Grant** (USD 1000), 2025
- UC Berkeley Center for Southeast Asian Studies — **SEALIVES Grant** (USD 3,500), 2025
- UC Berkeley Center for Southeast Asian Studies — **Travel Grant** (USD 500), 2025
- UC Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning — **Travel Grant** (USD 500), 2025
- UC Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning — **Summer Research Grant** (USD 500), 2024
- UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender — **Student Research Grant** (USD 400), 2023
- Yale-NUS College – **Capstone Research Grant** (SGD 400), 2021

Fellowships

- Singapore Management University — **Overseas PhD Scholarship**, 2026-2031
- UC Berkeley, Global, International and Area Studies – **John L Simpson Pre Dissertation Research Fellowship in Area and International Studies** (USD 4,500), 2026
- UC Berkeley — **Perloff Family Fellowship** (USD 18,000), 2025
- UC Berkeley — **Berkeley Fellowship** (USD 18,000), 2025
- Yale-NUS College — **Travel Fellowship** (SGD 2000), 2019

Awards

- UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award**, 2024

ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

GRADUATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA CONSORTIUM

Graduate Council Member

September 2025-Present

- Represented UC Berkeley to shape the direction of graduate education in Southeast Asian Studies across the United States and provide feedback on GETSEA programming. [[Webpage](#)]
- Organized virtual and in-person faculty mentoring sessions on topics related to Southeast Asian Studies.
- Mentored undergraduate students preparing graduate school applications in Southeast Asian Studies.

BERKELEY PLANNING JOURNAL

Editor

September 2025-Present

- Shaped editorial direction and managed peer review of articles for publication in Volume 34 of UC Berkeley's graduate planning journal. [[Webpage](#)]
- Managed BPJ Blog and reviewed articles to foster dialogue between planning scholarship and practice.

YOUNG URBANISTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Editor-in-Chief

November 2024-Present

- Founded, managed and edited articles for online publication *Wrapped in a Banana Leaf* on Southeast Asian urbanism. [[Webpage](#)]
- Led a team of 26 writers to publish editorials on urban life, urban governance and urban futures.

Mentor (Academic Track)

April-August 2026

- Mentored *Raditya Hidayat*, an Urban and Regional Planning undergraduate (Diponegoro University), providing guidance on research development, academic writing, and postgraduate applications.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BEKERLEY

Community and Events Representative (PhD in City and Regional Planning) September 2025-Present

- Organized departmental events for research sharing, feedback, and community-building among students and faculty.

Master of City Planning Representative (CED Student Council) August 2024-May 2025

- Organized and attended monthly meetings between the council and the Dean to discuss issues and concerns relevant to the graduate student community.
- Facilitated communication between students and administration, by advocating for student needs and ensuring their voices are heard in policy discussions.
- Organized and coordinated a Career Fair connecting over 100 College of Environmental Design students with representatives from 10 industry-leading companies.

Alumni Chair (Planning Students' Association) January-December 2024

- Established the inaugural Master of City Planning Alumni Network to foster networking, professional development and collaboration opportunities between alumni and current students.
- Organized and moderated an alumni panel discussion on internships and careers in city planning.

Student Advisory Council Member (Berkeley Career Engagement) January-May 2024

- Contributed feedback and recommendations to enhance BCE's resources, programs, and communication strategies, improving equity and access to career resources for UC Berkeley students and alumni.

ROOM ONE THOUSAND JOURNAL

Editor

September 2023-May 2025

- Reviewed articles for publication in Issues 12 and 13 of UC Berkeley's graduate architecture journal.
[\[Webpage\]](#)

YALE-NUS WOMXN IN BUSINESS (SINGAPORE)

Director of Womxn in Tech Committee

August 2019-May 2020

- Organized Yale-NUS College's inaugural Tech Festival that included a series of panel discussions, networking events and office tours on inclusivity and diversity in the workplace and transitioning from school into tech-related jobs for 100 attendees.
- Organized a six-lesson long Scratch coding workshop for ten underserved youths over the course of two months.

TALKS, PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- Discussant, "*Social Media, Digital Nationalism, and Political Communication*", July 2026, 6th Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia Biennial Conference, Nanyang Technological University. [\[Webpage\]](#)
- Presenter, "*A Region Reconstituted: Techno-regionalism in the SIJORI Tech Triangle*", July 2026, 6th Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia Biennial Conference, Nanyang Technological University. [\[Webpage\]](#)
- Presenter, "*A Region Reconstituted: Techno-regionalism in the Singapore-Johor-Batam Growth Triangle*", June 2026, 17th Annual Conference of the Special Interest Group in Computing, Information and Society. [\[Webpage\]](#)

- Presenter, “*A Region Reconstituted: Techno-regionalism in the SIJORI Tech Triangle*”, May 2026, Pre-LSA 2026 Workshop on Law and Political Economy: Reconstructing State Capacity, Law and Political Economy Collective. [[Webpage](#)]
- Presenter, “*A Region Reconstituted: Techno-regionalism in the SIJORI Tech Triangle*”, March 2026, American Association of Geographers Annual Conference.
- Presenter, “*A Nation of Covered “Ways”: Un-covering the Politics of Infrastructural Dissonance*”, March 2026, American Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference.
- Panelist, “*Safe Cities for All: Young and Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration for an Inclusive & Sustainable Future*”, February 2026, 13th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development.
- Discussant, “*Panel on Built Environment Innovation*”, December 2025, Young Urbanists of Southeast Asia Symposium on Urban Studies 2025 at Vinh University.
- Presenter, “*Navigating the Invisible Hand of Mercurial Mobility: Student Border Crossers and Border Biopolitics Along the Malaysia-Singapore Causeway*”, August 2025, Children and Youth in Asian Migration: Temporalities, Transitions, and Turbulence, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. [[Webpage](#)]
- Presenter, “*Border Biopolitics and Interstitial Identities along the Malaysia-Singapore Causeway*”, August 2025, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities Seminar Series, Singapore University of Technology and Design. [[Webpage](#)]
- Presenter, “*Fundamentals of Editorial Writing Workshop*”, June 2025, Young Urbanists of Southeast Asia.
- Presenter, “*Border Biopolitics and Interstitial Identities along the Malaysia-Singapore Causeway*”, May 2025, UC Berkeley Master of City Planning Symposium.
- Presenter, “*Border Biopolitics and Interstitial Identities along the Malaysia-Singapore Causeway*”, March 2025, 27th Cornell SEAP Graduate Student Conference. [[Webpage](#)]
- Panelist, “*Trending Thoughts: Digital Timescapes: Technology, Temporality and Society*”, July 2024, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design.
- Panelist, “*Can the generation gap be bridged? Is there really a generation gap?*”, June 2024, WHY NOT? Thinking about Singapore’s Tomorrow Book Launch. [[Webpage](#)]
- Panelist, “*Graduate School in the Professional Degree Alumni Talk*”, October 2023, Yale-NUS College.
- Panelist, “*Ideas to Excite Singapore*” August 2022, STORM Magazine. [[Webpage](#)]
- Presenter, *Raffles Entrepreneurs’ Network Orientation Program*, March 2021, Raffles Institution.
- Presenter, “*Values-in Action*” *Assembly Program*, May 2020, Raffles Institution.
- Panelist, “*JOBS 20XX Panel Discussion*” January 2020, STORM Magazine.

Conference and Events Organized

- “*Planning Beyond State Graduate Student Conference*”, May 2026, UC Berkeley Global Metropolitan Studies Program. (Organizing team with Tahir de Noronha & Aaditee K. Shankar).
- “*GETSEA Faculty & Student Networking Event*”, March 2026, American Association of Asian Studies 2026 Annual Conference. (Organizing team with Adrian Mamaril and Inigo Acosta).

- “*Young Urbanists of Southeast Asia Symposium on Urban Studies 2025*”, December 2025, Young Urbanists of Southeast Asia. (Organizing team with Young Urbanists of Southeast Asia) .
- “*College of Environmental Design Career Fair for Graduate Students*”, April 2025, UC Berkeley. (Organizing team with UC Berkeley CED Graduate Student Council).
- “*Alumni Panel: Navigating Internships and Jobs in City Planning*”, November 2024, UC Berkeley. (Organizing team with Michelle Baverman). [[Webpage](#)]
- “*The Urbanization Challenge in Asia: The Pasts, Presents and Futures of Densification, Contraction and Sprawl*”, August 2024, Singapore Management University. (Organizing team with SMU Urban Institute). [[Webpage](#)]
- “*UC Berkeley Tech Policy Summit & Awards Ceremony*”, March 2024, UC Berkeley. (Organizing team with UC Berkeley Tech Policy Initiative). [[Webpage](#)]
- “*Yale-NUS College Inaugural Tech Festival*”, October 2019, Yale-NUS College. (Lead organizer with YNC Womxn in Business).

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- [Working paper] “*A Nation of Covered Ways: Un-covering the Politics of Infrastructural Dissonance*”.
- [Working paper] “*Navigating the Invisible Hand of Mercurial Mobility: Border Biopolitics and Student Border Crossers along the Malaysia-Singapore Cause. way*”.

Book Chapters

- 2024** **Goh, Emma.** “*When I’m Sixty-Four: A Love Letter to the Future*”. In Kanwaljit Soin and Margaret Thomas (Eds.), *WHY NOT? Thinking about Singapore’s Tomorrow*. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing. [[Webpage](#)]
- 2024** Felicity HH Chan, Yungkyung Choi, **Emma En-Ya Goh**, and Bayi Li. “*Through the Looking Glass: Everyday Urbanism in a Pandemic City 2020-2022*”. In Chan Heng Chee and Harvey Neo (Eds.), *The City Rebooted: Networks, Connectivity and Place Identities in Singapore*. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing. [[Webpage](#)]

Books

- 2027** [Manuscript in progress] Woods, Orlando. Kong, Lily. **Goh, Emma** (Eds). *The Routledge handbook of urban futures*. London: Routledge.
- 2027** [Manuscript in progress] Kong, Lily. **Goh, Emma.** *Topographies of Memory: The Making of Bras Basah-Bugis*. Singapore: Focus Publishing.

Conference Papers

- 2026** **Goh, Emma.** “*A Region Reconstituted: Techno-Regionalism in the Singapore, Johor, Batam Growth Triangle*”, June 2026, 17th Annual Conference of the Special Interest Group in Computing, Information and Society.

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Policy Reports

- 2023** Kamyar Hasanzadeh, Yungkung Choi, Kelly Lim, **Emma Goh**, Francine Chan, Anna Dietrich, and Belinda Yuen. “*An Integrated Socio-Temporal Study of Outdoor Recreation Space in Singapore Technical Report*”, July 2023, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities.

Other Works

- 2026** [Under Review] **Goh, Emma.** “*Book Review of Spectropolis: The Enchantment of Capital in Singapore by Joshua Comaroff*”, December 2026, Pacific Affairs Book Review.
- 2025** **Goh, Emma.** “*Universal Design for Age-Friendly Housing: Notes from Singapore*”, December 2025, Berkeley Public Policy Journal. [[Webpage](#)]
- 2025** **Goh, Emma.** “*The Camaraderie of Men’s Sheds*”, March 2025, Lee Li Ming Program in Ageing Urbanism: Resource. [[Webpage](#)]
- 2025** *Room One Thousand: Issue 13*, May 2025, Room One Thousand. **(Editor)** [[Webpage](#)]
- 2024** *Room One Thousand: Issue 12*, May 2024, Room One Thousand. **(Editor)** [[Webpage](#)]
- 2021** **Goh, Emma.** “*Empowering informal caregivers of people living with dementia through ICT interventions*” July 2021, Lee Li Ming Program in Ageing Urbanism: Resource. [[Webpage](#)]
- 2020** **Goh, Emma.** “*Transform Anger into Solutions*”, April 2020, STORM Magazine [[Webpage](#)]

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine (Technology)
- Member, Southeast Asia Working Group at Berkeley
- Member, Science and Technology Studies Working Group at Berkeley

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Languages

- English (Native), Mandarin Chinese (Advanced), Japanese (Intermediate), Bahasa Indonesian (Basic)

Certificates

- UC Berkeley Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science and Technology (Ongoing)
- UC Berkeley Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education
- Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency N4

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Skills

- **Advanced Proficiency:** ArcGIS, QGIS, WordPress, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom and Premier Pro, MAXQDA
- **Proficient:** RStudio, Stata, Python, SketchUp and Rhinoceros: 3D