

# Dr. Sarah B. Gelbard

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*Housing and Community Development; Social and Diversity Planning, Social Inclusion;  
Participatory Planning; Cultural Development; Land Use Planning and Design;  
Planning Theory and History; Qualitative and Alternative Methods*

## **Current position**

SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2023 - present)

Department of Criminology

University of Ottawa, Ottawa ON

Project: *Just Home: Mapping collective housing journeys of gender and criminalization*

## **Education**

Ph.D. Urban Planning, Policy, and Design (2014 - 2023)

Graduate Option in Gender and Women's Studies, Institute for Gender Sexuality and Feminism

McGill University, Montreal QC

Dissertation: *A City for All? Contested narratives of participatory reforms, placemaking practices, and 'good' city-building* [\[link\]](#)

Master of Architecture (2005 - 2007)

Carleton University, Ottawa ON

Thesis: *Wanderer's Sojourn into Dwelling. Citing diasporic consciousness and the Other with/in the archiTEXTure of home.* [\[link\]](#)

Bachelor of Architectural Studies, with high distinction (2001 - 2005)

Carleton University

## **Research & professional experience**

2021-2022 Housing Development Coordinator, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

2015-2016 Research Assistant, McGill University School of Urban Planning

2010-2011 Research Fellow and Program Manager, CIHR Training Program in Neurodegenerative Lipidomics, University of Ottawa

2009-2010 Architecture Program Officer, Canada Council for the Arts

2008-2009 Research Assistant, Carleton Immersive Media Studio

## **Contract teaching appointments**

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University

SOCI 4171 Community Engagement (Winter 2024)

SOCI 2810 Sociology of Third Places, co-taught with Tonya Davidson (Fall 2022)

Department of Art and Culture, Carleton University

ARTH 4800 Women in Architecture (Fall 2023)

Azrieli School of Architecture + Urbanism, Carleton University

ARCS 1005 Architecture Studio 1A (Winter 2009 & 2010)

ARCS 2105 Architecture Studio 2A (Fall 2009)

### **Awards & Fellowships** (select)

- 2023 - 2025 SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
- 2016 - 2019 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC
- 2017 Brenda Gewurz Scholarship for Feminist Leadership, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal
- 2014 - 2015 Schulich Graduate Fellowship, McGill University, Faculty of Engineering
- 2008 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Student Medal (Master thesis award)
- 2005 - 2007 Graduate Scholarship, Carleton University

### **Refereed publications** (select)

- Gelbard, S. (2023). Radical Solidarities in Punk and Queer Refusals of Safety and Inclusion Narratives in Planning. *Urban Planning*, 8(2). 177-186. [\[link\]](#)
- Gelbard, S. (2023). “Did You Hear? Mavericks Is Closing!” Punk Refusal of Gentrified Endings. *GeoHumanities* 9(1). 211-229. [\[link\]](#)
- Gelbard, S. (2023). Assimilation City: Inclusive Planning and Histories of Exclusion. In D. Maoz & E. Mayer (Eds.), Canadian Readings of Jewish History: From Knowledge to Interpretive Transmission (pp. 213–232). Cambridge Scholars Publishing. [\[link\]](#)
- Zoll, D., R. Vasudevan, Gauger B., **S. Gelbard**, C.M. Kayanan, J. Mah, A. Reyes. (2023). Notes from the trenches: Reflections from recent Ph.D. graduates on navigating the academy. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, ahead of print. All authors contributed equally. [\[link\]](#)
- Gelbard, S. (2019). Messy Methodologies: Proposing Radical Alternatives to the Formal Research Plan. *Critical Planning* 24. 45-56.
- Gauger, B., **S. Gelbard**, C.M. Kayanan, J. Mah, S. Sherman, R. Vasudevan. (2019). Spaces of Struggle. *Critical Planning* 24. 13-18. All authors contributed equally.
- Gelbard, S. (2013). *Wandering Dwellings: Diasporic Architectures*. In R. Seredynska-Abou Eid. (Ed.) Diasporic Choices. Oxford, Inter-Disciplinary Press: 221-230. [\[link\]](#)

### **Refereed publications** (forthcoming)

- Gelbard, S. (submitted). *Piazza Dante. Monument of urban renewal*. In T Davidson & D Dean. (Eds.) Monumental Memories: A Critical Reading of Memorials, Monuments, and Statues in Canada’s Capital Region. Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press.

### **Book reviews**

- Gelbard, S. (2023). [Review of the book *Gendered places: The landscape of local gender norms across the United States*, by William J. Scarborough]. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, ahead of print.
- Gelbard, S. (2020). [Review of the book *Historical Geographies of Anarchism: Early Critical Geographers and Present-Day Scientific Challenges*, edited by Federico Ferretti, Gerónimo Barrera de la Torre, Anthony Ince, and Francisco Toro]. *Anarchist Studies* 28(2), 101-104.

### **Conference presentations** (select)

*Collective housing journeys of gender & criminalization* [paper presentation] (2023). Philosophy of the City. Brooklyn NY.

*Urban Planning for Queer Justice: Queering Place and Time in the Inclusive City* [panel discussion] (2022). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting. Toronto ON

*Realizing the right to housing for criminalized women and gender-diverse people* [paper presentation] (2022). Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference. Toronto ON.

*Forever unsettled: Songwriting as research text* [paper presentation] (2021). Institute of Australian Geographers and the New Zealand Geographical Society Combined Conference. Sydney (virtual).

*Urbanist "Killjoy": complaints about progressive popular urbanism and planning* [paper presentation] (2021). Philosophy of the City Now: Around the world in 24h. University of Twente. Online.

*Punking the common urban narratives* [paper presentation] (2020). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting. Online.

*Future dis-oriented and punk placemaking* [paper presentation] (2019). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting. Greenville SC.

*Annihilation/Assimilation: the dark side of inclusive planning* [paper presentation] (2019). Philosophy of the City. Detroit.

*No future. Punk planning, agonistics, and politics of inclusion/exclusion* [paper presentation] (2019). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington D.C.

*Blue-collar scholar* [panel discussion] (2019). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington D.C.

*Urban equity and diversity: Radical theories and deradicalized practices* [paper presentation] (2018). Philosophy of the City. Bogotá, Colombia.

*'parking lot citys an ugly place' Punk inverted images of capital city* [paper presentation] (2018). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans LA.

*Spaces of Struggle discussions in radical planning* [panel discussion] (2018). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans LA.

*Ask a punk: From informality to anti-formality and anti-authority... and when to say fuck* [paper presentation] (2018). Curating Resistance: Punk as Archival Method, Los Angeles CA

*'Fuck gentrification' is the new 'fuck the man': the desirability of undesirable punk space* [paper presentation] (2017). International Conference of Anarchist Geographies and Geographers, Reggio Emilia, Italy.

*Making space for messy urbanisms: In and out of the public eye* [paper presentation] (2017). European Geographies of Sexualities, Barcelona, Spain.

*Fuck the man: punk space and feminist counter-resistance* [paper presentation] (2017). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston MA.

Dolgoy, R., Gelbard, S., Montague, A. (2017). “*But what about the... library?*”: *Past-forward Place-Making* [paper presentation and workshop]. Dynamic and Migrating Landscapes: Re-Visioning Heritage Conservation. Ottawa ON.

*Schlemihls and buffoons: spatial-political margins of punks and pariahs* [paper presentation] (2016). Philosophy of the City, San Francisco CA.

*Messy Methodologies: Proposing radical alternatives to the formal research plan* [paper presentation] (2016). Spaces of Struggle, Portland OR.

Gelbard, S., Fischler, R. (2016). *Sacred Zoning: Spatial Demarcations in Jewish Thought* [paper presentation]. Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Calgary AB.

*A Queer Queer Street: Reading Ottawa's Le/The Village* [paper presentation] (2016). McGill Queer Research Colloquium, Montreal QC.

*SK8: Urban innovation and governance in the spatio-social design of skateparks* [paper presentation] (2016). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA.

*Diasporic architectures* [paper presentation] (2012). *Diasporas: Exploring Critical Issues*. Oxford, UK.

*Return to a Foreign Home* [paper presentation] (2010). *Homelands: Diasporas Return*. Oslo, Norway.

### **Invited guest lectures**

GEOG 4323 Urban and Regional Planning. *Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University*. Course instructor: Sneha Sumanth (Fall 2023)

CDNS 1101 Stories, power and place in Odawang/ Ottawa. *School of Canadian Studies, Carleton University*. Course instructor: Orly Lael Netzer (Fall 2023)

UP 501: Planning Theory and History. *Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*. Course instructor: Rolf Pendall (Fall 2023)

SOCI 4410A Advanced Studies in Criminology. *Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University*. Course instructor: Samantha McAleese (Fall 2022)

FYSM 1506 Topics in the Study of Societies. *Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University*. Course instructor: Tonya Davidson (Winter 2022)

GEOG 3026 Ottawa Urban Geography Field Course. *Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University*. Course instructor: David Hugill / Jennifer Ridgley (Fall 2019/2021)

CDNS 3000/GEOG 3001 Producing Knowledge. *School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies / Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University*. Course instructor: Rebecca Dolgoy (Fall 2017/2018)

WMST 200 Introduction to Women's Studies, *Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies, McGill University*. Course instructor: Alexandra Ketchum (Spring 2016)

CDNS 1002 What Makes Our Cities Tick? Contextualizing Urban Praxis. *School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies, Carleton University*. Course instructor: Jurek Elzanowski (Fall 2015)

### **Community teaching and engagement** (select)

*Safe spaces: Punk's radical take on inclusion* (2023). [[podcast](#)] Let's Talk About, Cogitatio Press.

Interview (2023). [[podcast](#)] Synapcity Community Connections

*The sociology of third places in Ottawa* (2023). [[guided walk](#)] Jane's Walk Ottawa.

*Practicing performances of punk anarchism in the academy* (2022). [[podcast](#)] Anarchist Essays #40. Loughborough University's Anarchism Research Group.

*Divergent City* (2021). [[public lecture](#)] Creative Mornings Ottawa.

*GASA Race Space Reading Group* (2020 & 2021). [[invited session curator](#)] Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture, McGill.

*What's (not) So Brutal About Ottawa Brutalism* [[guided walk](#)]. Ottawa (de)tours (2015-8); Jane's Walk Ottawa (2016-2022); Heritage Ottawa (2018, 2019); Ontario Heritage Conference (2017)

Dolgoy, R., S. Gelbard, A. Montague. *But What About the Library? Past-forward Placemaking* [[community workshops](#)]. Cultural Memory Workshop (2017); Heritage Conservation Symposium (2017); Jane's Walk Ottawa (2017); (un)School/décole (2018).

Dolgoy, R., Gelbard, S., Montague, A. "What about the library? Public consultations for new central libraries often ask all the wrong questions." [[magazine article](#)] (2018). Spacing, Summer.

Gelbard, S., Salmon J. UrbSanity: monthly column on architecture and urbanism in Ottawa. [[newspaper column and online magazine](#)] (2013-2016). Centretown Buzz and Spacing Ottawa.

### **Service and membership**

2023-present Housing Advocacy Liaison, *Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies*

2023-present *Women's National Housing and Homelessness Network human rights task force*

2023-present *Carceral Studies Research Collective*

2022-present *Carleton Urban Lab*

2016-present Co-founder & co-organizer, *Spaces of Struggle Conferences in Radical Planning*

2016-present Board of Directors, *Canadian Society for Jewish Studies*

2020 - 2022 Board of Directors, *Centretown Citizens of Ottawa Corporation* (nonprofit housing)

2015 - 2021 Editor, *Spacing Ottawa*

2015 - 2017 Ph.D. student representative, *McGill Post-Graduate Student Society*

### **Languages**

English: reading, writing, speaking (fluent)

French: reading, writing, speaking (advanced)