

# Kevin Lujan Lee

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

<b>University of Buffalo</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Indigenous Studies	08/24—
<b>University of British Columbia</b> Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science	10/23—Present

## EDUCATION

<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Ph.D., Urban Planning and Politics	09/18—09/23
<b>University of Chicago</b> A.M., Social Sciences	09/16—08/17
<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> B.A., Philosophy, Study of Religion	08/12—06/15

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- Lee, Kevin L.** “Indigenous Futurisms as Research Methodology: Chamoru Projections of Indigenous Presence into Environmental Futures.” *Wĩkazo Ša Review* (Forthcoming 2024).
- Lee, Kevin L.**, Ngoc T. Phan, Nolan Flores, Josiah Gabriel Mesngon, Aria Palaganas, Chauntae Quichocho, Nikki Aubree San Agustin. “Decolonial Subjectivities in Participatory Action Research: Resident Researcher Experiences in the 2021 Guāhan Survey.” *Environment and Planning F: Philosophy, Theory, Models, Methods and Practice* 2, no. 1-2 (2023), 264-280. <https://doi.org/10.1177/26349825221142286>.
- Thomsen, Patrick, Lana Lopesi, and **Kevin L. Lee**. “Contemporary Moana Mobilities: Settler-Colonial Citizenship, Upward Mobility and Transnational Pacific Identities.” *The Contemporary Pacific* 34 no. 2 (2022): 327-352. <https://doi.org/10.1353/cp.2022.0055>.
- Phan, Ngoc T, and **Kevin L. Lee**. “Toward a Decolonial Quantitative Political Science: Indigenous Self-Identification in the 2019 Native Hawaiian Survey.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 7 no. 1 (2022): 90–118. <https://doi.org/10.1017/rep.2021.39>.  
\**Asian Pacific Americans and Politics Best Paper Award, Western Political Science Association*
- Thomsen, Patrick, Lana Lopesi, Gregory Pōmaika‘i Gushiken, Leah Damm, **Kevin L. Lee**, Emmaline Pickering-Martin, Fetaui Iosefo, Sereana Naepi, and Litia Tuiburelevu. “Negotiating the Digital Vā: Emerging Pacific Scholars and Community Building on Twitter.” *Journal of New Zealand Studies* NS33 (2021): 140-152. <https://doi.org/10.26686/jnzs.iNS33.7388>.
- Altman, Emily, **Kevin L. Lee**, Christina A. Hecht, Karla E. Hampton, Gala Moreno, and Anisha I. Patel. “Drinking Water Access in California Schools: Room for Improvement Following Implementation of School Water Policies.” *Preventive Medicine* 19 (2020): 101143-101148. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2020.101143>.
- Howard, Susanna D., **Kevin L. Lee**, Aviva G. Nathan, Hannah C. Wenger, Marshall H. Chin, and Scott C. Cook. “Healthcare Experiences of Transgender People of Color.” *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 34 no. 10 (2019): 2068–2074. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-019-05179-0>.

### Special Issues and Edited Volumes

Lee, Kevin L., Daniel L. Engelberg, yəhaw' Indigenous Creatives Collective, eds. "Planning Just Indigenous Futures." *Projections: The Journal of MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning* 17 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1162/00c13b77.d28f52fc>.

### **Non-Refereed Essays**

Lee, Kevin L. "Challenging the Transnational Carceral Apparatus of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand." *Progressive City*. December 12, 2023. <https://www.progressivecity.net/single-post/challenging-the-transnational-carceral-apparatus-of-australia-and-aotearoa-new-zealand>.

Lee, Kevin L. and Tiara R. Na'puti. "Indigenous Resistance as Multiscalar, Insurgent Planning Under Empire." In "Resistance and Response in Planning," edited by S. S. Fainstein and J. Forester, *Planning Theory & Practice* 24 no. 2 (2023): 249-253. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649357.2023.2190681>.

Lee, Kevin L. "Indigenous Community Control across the Pacific More Important than Ever." *Progressive City*. July 20, 2021. <https://www.progressivecity.net/single-post/indigenous-community-control-across-the-pacific-more-important-than-ever>.

### **Book Chapters**

Lee, Kevin L. and Ngoc T. Phan. "Higher Education as Institution of Decolonization: Role of Quantitative Methods Pedagogy." In *Learning and Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education in Oceania*, edited by P.J.C. Pangelinan and T. McVey. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-7998-7736-3.ch001>.

### **Book Reviews**

Lee, Kevin L. Review of *Immigrant Labor and the New Precariat* by Ruth Milkman. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 74 no. 2 (2021): 545-547. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0019793920982955>.

Lee, Kevin L. Review of *The Immigrant Rights Movement: The Battle Over National Citizenship* by Walter J. Nicholls. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 43 no.1 (2020): 227-230. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2020.1767415>.

Lee, Kevin L. Review of *The Boundaries of Belonging: Online Work of Immigration-Related Social Movement Organizations* by B. Nadya Jaworsky. *Border Criminologies* (2019). <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/centre-criminology/centreborder-criminologies/blog/2019/06/book-review>.

### **AD-HOC REVIEWER**

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2024	Change Over Time: An International Journal of Conservation and the Built Environment
2024	Journal of Global Indigeneity

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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2023	U.S. Fulbright Student Fellow, Aotearoa New Zealand
2022	Asian Pacific Americans and Politics Best Paper Award (for "Towards a Decolonial Quantitative Social Science" w/Ngoc Phan)
2022	Departmental nominee (sole) for Hugh Hampton Young Fellowship
2022	MIT nominee for (one of three) Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship
2021	MIT Graduate Student Council Teaching Award, School of Architecture and Planning
2021	Departmental nominee (sole) for MIT Goodwin Medal
2020	Labor Research & Action Network (LRAN) New Scholars Research Grant
2020	ICPSR Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs Scholarship
2020	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship - Honorable Mention
2019-23	MIT DUSP Doctoral Fellowship
2018-19	MIT Presidential Graduate Fellowship
2016-17	University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences Fellowship

### **AFFILIATIONS**

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<b>UBC Centre for Migration Studies</b> Research Affiliate	12/23—Present
<b>Macquarie University Centre for Global Indigenous Futures</b> Research Affiliate	06/22—Present
<b>MIT Data + Feminism Lab</b> Research Affiliate	06/22—Present
<b>University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Center for Pacific Island Studies</b> Visiting Scholar	06/19—08/19

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

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### Projections 17: Planning Just Indigenous Futures, Challenging 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Empire

(w/ Daniel L. Engelberg)

2022	MIT Institute Community and Equity Office Committee of Race and Diversity Grant	\$1,500
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### Organizing Under Empire: Pacific Islander Social Movements in the United States and Aotearoa New Zealand

2023	MIT SA+P Harold Horowitz (1951) Student Research Fund	\$1,450
2023	MIT DUSP Rodwin Travel Grant	\$2,000

### 2021 Guāhan Survey

2021	BAMIT Community Advancement Program (BCAP) Award	\$4,000
2021	MIT Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center Summer Fellowship	\$6,000
2021	MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship	\$3,450

### “Alt-labor” Service Providers?: Considering Worker Centers as Workforce Development Actors

2019	MIT DUSP William Emerson Travel Grant	\$1,000
2019	MIT Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center IAP Fellowship	\$2,500

### Toward a Decolonial Quantitative Political Science: Indigenous Self-Identification in the 2019 Native Hawaiian Survey

2019	MIT Center for International Studies Human Rights and Technology Fellowship	\$2,000
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### Between Nationalism and Regionalism: Indigenous Political Theory of Oceania and the Persistence of Colonial Ideology

2019	MIT Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center Summer Fellowship	\$6,000
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### Nonprofit Exclusion in the Age of Public Austerity and Nonprofit Marketization: Considering Workforce Development Nonprofits in Los Angeles

2018	MIT DUSP William Emerson Travel Grant	\$750
2018	MIT Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center IAP Fellowship	\$2,500

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) <i>Network Analysis I: Introduction; Time Series Analysis I: Introduction</i>	Summer 2020
MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program <i>Semester-long program on teaching development, pedagogy and course planning</i>	Fall 2020

**TEACHING**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Title</b>
Fall 2020	Gateway: Planning Action <i>Instructor: Jeff Levine</i> <i>*2021 MIT Graduate Student Council Teaching Award, School of Architecture + Planning</i>
Fall 2020	Racial Justice Teach-In <i>Instructors: Dayna Cunningham, Delia Wendel, Catherine D'Ignazio</i>
Summer 2020	Experiential Ethics <i>MIT Department of Linguistics and Philosophy</i> <i>Teaching Fellow</i>
Fall 2019	Introduction to Housing, Community and Economic Development <i>Instructor: Justin Steil</i>
Fall 2019	Economic Democracy <i>Instructor: Dayna Cunningham and Katrin Kaemper</i>

As Teaching Assistant, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning (unless otherwise specified)

**GUEST LECTURES AND INVITED TALKS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Instructor/Convener</b>	<b>Institution</b>
03/24	Asian North American and Pacific Islander research, ethics, and cultural production (w/Daniel Iwama, Jane Komori, and Young-Tack Oh)	Desiree Valadares	University of British Columbia
11/23	Stories from the 2021 Guáhan Survey	Margaret Kovach	University of British Columbia
10/22	2021 Guáhan Survey	Robert Underwood	University of Guam
11/21	Survey Sampling and Mixed-Methods Research Design	Amy Glasmeier	MIT

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Conference</b>
04/24	Workshop - Pacific Data Sovereignty in Turtle Island? Reflections from Oregon Pacific Islander Coalition (w/Alyshia Alohalani Macaysa-Feracota, Ku'ulei Wong, and Aileen Duldulao)	US Indigenous Data Sovereignty & Governance Summit
11/22	Session Chair Paper – Indigenous Water Sovereignty as Indigenous Development Practice	International Indigenous Research Conference
08/22	Student Forum – Engaging Bureaucracy: How to Conduct Research with the State	American Sociological Association
06/22		Labor Research and Action Network
05/22	Workshop - Bridging Workforce Development & Worker Power: Lessons from California Worker Centers (w/Ana Luz Gonzalez-Vasquez, Magaly Lopez and assorted worker center partners)	California Labor Federation Building Workforce Partnerships
05/22		California Workforce Association WORKCON
04/22	Paper - Making and Globalizing Oceania: Teresia Teaiwa and Trans-Indigenous Dialogue as Method (w/Josh Campbell)	Center for Pacific Island Studies Conference

03/22	Paper - Analogy Across the Margins: Teresia Teaiwa's 'On Analogies' and Comparative Political Theory (w/Josh Campbell) Roundtable - Decolonizing Survey Research: Reflections and Analysis from the 2021 Guāhan Survey (w/Aria Palaganas, Chauntae Quichocho, Josiah Mesngon, Ngoc Phan and Nolan Flores)	Western Political Science Association
06/21	Paper - "Alt-labor" Service Providers?: Considering Worker Centers as Workforce Development Actors	Labor Research and Action Network
04/21	Paper - Towards a Decolonial Quantitative Social Science?: Modelling Native Hawaiian Indigeneity and Sovereignty from the 2019 Native Hawaiian Survey (w/Ngoc Phan) Paper - Between Nationalism and Regionalism: Indigenous Political Theory of Oceania and the Persistence of Colonial Ideology (w/Josh Campbell)	Western Political Science Association
06/20	Paper - Creaming in the Age of Nonprofit Marketization and Labor Market Intermediaries: The Case of Los Angeles	Labor and Employment Relations Association
10/19		Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
10/19	Roundtable (organizer, moderator) - Immigrant Urbanism and Community Economic Development (w/Cathy Yang Liu, Natasha Iskandar, Stacy Ann Harwood)	Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
04/19	Paper - #EndTransDetention: Translocal Ties and the Viability of Abolitionism	American Association of Geographers

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

### Briefs

IIRC22 Indigenous Data Sovereignty Collab (Vanessa Clark, Donna Cormack, Petera Hudson, Jacquie Kidd, Tahu Kukutai, **Kevin L. Lee**, Ella Newbold, Hannah Rapata, Ernestynne Walsh, Emma West, Margaret "Nikal" Yun-Pu Tu). "[A Call For Universities to Stop Data-Harming Indigenous Communities.](#)" Tāmaki Makaurau, Aotearoa: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, 2022.

**Lee, Kevin L.**, Magaly López and Ana Luz Gonzalez-Vasquez. "[New Directions in Racial and Economic Justice: How California's Worker Centers Are Bringing Worker Power into Workforce Development.](#)" Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Labor Center, 2022.

**Lee, Kevin.** "[How California's Workforce Development System Excludes Immigrants, Why It Matters, And What We Can Do About It.](#)" Cambridge, MA: Scholars Strategy Network Brief, 2019.

**Lee, Kevin**, Anisha I. Patel, Christina A. Hecht, and Karla E. Hampton. "[What's Next For Drinking Water Access in California Public Schools?](#)" Los Angeles, CA: California Food Policy Advocates, 2018.

Sugarman, Julie and **Kevin Lee**. "[Facts about English Learners and the NCLB/ESSA Transition in Select States.](#)" Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute, 2017.

### Reports

Phan, Ngoc T. and **Kevin L. Lee** (equal authorship). [2021 Guāhan Survey: Community Report.](#) Hāgatāna, Guāhan: 2021 Guāhan Survey, 2022.

Wendel, Delia, Dayna Cunningham, Dasjon Jordan, Géraud Bablon, Catherine D'Ignazio, **Kevin Lee** and Taina McField, eds. 2021. [A Teach-In for Racial Justice at DUSP.](#) Cambridge, MA: MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

## MEDIA COVERAGE

"Planning Just Indigenous Futures." *MIT DUSP*. October 27, 2023, <https://dusp.mit.edu/news/planning-just-indigenous-futures>.

- “Reflecting on Decolonial Participatory Action Research.” *MIT DUSP*. January 20, 2023, <https://dusp.mit.edu/news/reflecting-decolonial-participatory-action-research>.
- “Our View: CHamoru language, culture doesn't have to be compromised.” *Pacific Daily News*. February 20, 2022, [https://www.guampdn.com/opinion/our-view-chamoru-language-culture-doesnt-have-to-be-compromised/article\\_befc9d7c-9146-11ec-8143-ffcc8abeb99b.html](https://www.guampdn.com/opinion/our-view-chamoru-language-culture-doesnt-have-to-be-compromised/article_befc9d7c-9146-11ec-8143-ffcc8abeb99b.html).
- “2021 Guåhan Survey: CHamorus feel good about their identity.” *Pacific Daily News*. February 9, 2022, [https://www.guampdn.com/news/2021-gu-han-survey-chamorus-feel-good-about-their-identity/article\\_91c1e9ba-8963-11ec-8ccd-fb017099efd1.html](https://www.guampdn.com/news/2021-gu-han-survey-chamorus-feel-good-about-their-identity/article_91c1e9ba-8963-11ec-8ccd-fb017099efd1.html).
- “Reports on current Guam cost of goods and services, MilCon, CHamoru attitudes, COVID stats, and more.” *Marianas Business Journal*. Feb 8, 2022. <https://www.mbjguam.com/2022/02/08/reports-on-current-guam-cost-of-goods-and-services-milcon-chamoru-attitudes-covid-stats-and-more/>.
- “Study reveals CHamorus connected to culture but feel like second-class citizens.” *KUAM News*. February 7, 2022. <https://www.kuam.com/story/45815384/study-reveals-chamorus-connected-to-culture-but-feel-like-secondclass-citizens>.
- “CHamoru issues survey results expected next January.” *KUAM News*. August 18, 2021. <https://www.kuam.com/story/44542163/chamoru-issues-survey-results-expected-next-january>.
- “Guåhan Survey seeks answers about CHamoru identity, community concerns.” *Pacific Daily News*. July 27, 2021. [https://www.guampdn.com/news/gu-han-survey-seeks-answers-about-chamoru-identity-community-concerns/article\\_40495b1e-edae-11eb-a654-cfd008fbcafd.html](https://www.guampdn.com/news/gu-han-survey-seeks-answers-about-chamoru-identity-community-concerns/article_40495b1e-edae-11eb-a654-cfd008fbcafd.html)
- “Guåhan Survey probes community’s thoughts on island’s political future.” *KUAM News*. July 27, 2021. <https://www.kuam.com/story/44382890/guahan-survey-probes-communitys-thoughts-on-islands-political-future>.
- “Survey proves we can change the conversation ourselves.” *The Guam Daily Post*. July 27, 2021. [https://www.postguam.com/forum/editorial/survey-proves-we-can-change-the-conversation-ourselves/article\\_18dbd382-ed12-11eb-b3bc-ebadeeb7d1f.html](https://www.postguam.com/forum/editorial/survey-proves-we-can-change-the-conversation-ourselves/article_18dbd382-ed12-11eb-b3bc-ebadeeb7d1f.html).
- “CHamoru voices sought for MIT/HPU survey.” *The Guam Daily Post*. July 27, 2021. [https://www.postguam.com/news/local/chamoru-voices-sought-for-mit-hpu-survey/article\\_fc3c5e30-ed08-11eb-91c5-b3e22308cd93.html](https://www.postguam.com/news/local/chamoru-voices-sought-for-mit-hpu-survey/article_fc3c5e30-ed08-11eb-91c5-b3e22308cd93.html).
- “Survey being conducted on who identifies as CHamoru.” *Pacific News Center*. July 26, 2021. <https://www.pncguam.com/survey-being-conducted-on-who-identifies-as-chamoru/>.
- “Treating the whole patient: Healthcare challenges faced by transgender people of color.” *UChicago Medicine*. October 1, 2019. <https://www.uchicagomedicine.org/forefront/community-articles/healthcare-challenges-faced-by-transgender-people-of-color>.
- “Transgender People of Color Often Face Choice Between Racist and Transphobic Health Care Providers.” *The Body Pro*. September 10, 2019. <https://www.thebodypro.com/article/transgender-people-of-color-often-face-choice-between-racist-and>.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
- Labor Research & Action Network
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
- Planners Network
- Scholars Strategy Network
- Western Political Science Association

**EXTRAMURAL SERVICE**

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National Association of Pasifika Organizations, Data and Research Council, Member	01/24—Present
Labor Research and Action Network, New Scholars Research Grant Committee Member	10/22—Present

International Council on Monuments and Sites 2023 General Assembly, Scientific Symposium on Indigenous Heritage, Committee Member 07/22—Present

*Geographical Review*, Book Review Editor (w/Amy Glasmeier) 03/19—08/20

*Meditations: The UCLA Undergraduate Philosophy Journal*, Editorial Board Member 02/15—05/15

### **INTRAMURAL SERVICE**

MIT DUSP Diversity, Equity and Belonging Officer Search Committee, Member 07/22—09/22

MIT DUSP PhD Professional Development Workshop, Co-Organizer 12/20—05/21

MIT PhD Admissions Committee, Student Reviewer 01/20

MIT DUSP Public Policy First Field Committee, Student Member 09/19—05/20

MIT DUSP Doctoral Workshop, Co-Organizer 10/18—09/19

MIT Title IX Student Advisory Board, Member 09/18—06/19

University of Chicago Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Student Advisory Councilmember 06/16—06/17

### **SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCES**

**Oregon Pacific Islander Coalition**, Research Lead 11/23—Present

- Steward initiatives pertinent to strengthening data sovereignty and research infrastructure for Pacific Islander community organizations in Oregon state
- Contributing to “Weaving Our Futures” coalition-wide strategic planning process to identify priorities for policy, advocacy, and capacity-building
- Preparing data briefs to support grassroots advocacy on Pacific Islander health, education and housing

**UCLA Labor Center**, Consultant, POWER in Workforce Development 01/20—06/23

- Conducted research on role of community and labor organizations (organizations) in local community and workforce development
- Provided research assistance for range of California-wide workforce development projects, e.g. the High-Road Training Partnerships and Worker Equity Initiative

**MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning**, Research Assistant 05/20—09/22

- Co-Designing Digital Tools to Support Justice for Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People w/Catherine D’Ignazio (Summer 2022)
- Planning Theory and Redefining a New Globalism w/Bish Sanyal (Spring & Summer 2021)
- Scheduling Instability in EMS Boston w/Justin Steil (Summer 2020)

**Nourish California**, Policy Advocate 08/17—07/18

- Led state-level legislative and administrative advocacy efforts at the intersection of immigrant rights and food justice

**IDEAS@UCLA**, AB540 Project Director 06/15—06/16

- Organized workshops and the largest national conference on undocumented

student access to and retention within higher education in the US