

# ANGELA OBERG

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## EDUCATION

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- 2018**      **Ph.D.**, Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University  
Graduate Certificate in Human Dimensions of Environmental Change  
*Dissertation - Sordid stories and storied spaces: the politics of sewage in Agra, India*
- 2006**      **Master of Landscape Architecture**, California State Polytechnic University Pomona
- 2000**      **B.A.**, Philosophy and Biology, Austin College

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2018-**      **Assistant Teaching Professor**  
Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

*Accepted*

- 2018**      **Oberg, Angela.** Problematizing shit(ting): representing urban sewage as a problem.  
*International Journal of Urban and Regional Research.*

*Under Review*

- 2018**      Hewitt, Elizabeth., **Oberg, Angela.**, Coronado, Carla., and Andrews, Clinton. Building design for more resilient purposeful systems: Examining tensions between “green” and “resilient”. Submitted to *Sustainable Cities and Society*.

*In Preparation*

**Oberg, Angela.** Sewage as an urban metabolism. In preparation for submission to *Urban Studies*. (draft)

**Oberg, Angela.** Urban sewage governance as a hybrid network. In preparation for submission to *Environment and Planning A*. (draft)

### Book Chapters

- 2016**      **Oberg, Angela.**, Flagg, Julia., Clay, Patricia. M., Colburn, Lisa. L., and McCay, Bonnie. Surviving Sandy: Identity and Cultural Resilience in a New Jersey Fishing Community. Chapter in *Taking Chances: the Coast after Hurricane Sandy*. Karen O'Neill and Dan Van Abs (eds.) Rutgers University Press. New Brunswick, NJ.

### Book Reviews

- 2018**      **Oberg, Angela.** Review of *Power at Ground Zero: Politics, Money, and the Remaking of Lower Manhattan*. By Lynn B. Sagalyn. In *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.
- 2014**      **Oberg, Angela.** Review of *Revisiting Regional Growth Dynamics in India in the Post Economic Reforms Period*. By Biswa Swarup Misra. In *Journal of Asian Economics*. Vol 31–32, April–June 2014, Pages 82-83.
- 2013**      **Oberg, Angela.** Review of *The Big Muddy: An Environmental History of the Mississippi and its Peoples from Hernando de Soto to Hurricane Katrina*. By Christopher Morris. In *Journal of Mississippi History*. Vol LXXV, Spring 2013, No. 1, Pages.72-74.

### Reports

- 2016**      **Oberg, Angela.,** Malone, Sarah., and Herb, Jeanne. Assessment of the vulnerability of New Jersey's habitat and wildlife to climate change: Species vulnerability assessments. Prepared for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife, Endangered & Nongame Species Program

## RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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### External

- 2015**      **USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship**, US Global Development Lab
- 2014**      **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**, US Department of Education
- 2014**      **Mentoring Program for Pre-dissertation Research in India**, Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative

### Internal

- 2014**      **Special Study Award**, Rutgers Graduate School
- 2014**      **Research Travel Grant**, Rutgers Department of Human Ecology
- 2012**      **Research Travel Grant**, Rutgers South Asian Studies Program
- 2012**      **Pre-Dissertation Research Grant**, Rutgers Graduate School

## COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2013-2014**      **Weathered Storms & Following Seas: Fisheries in the Wake of Hurricane Sandy**  
*Research Assistant*  
 Co-PIs: Bonnie McCay, Rutgers University; Patricia Clay and Lisa Colburn, NOAA  
 Funding Source: National Science Foundation
- 2013**      **Self-Sufficient Urban Buildings**  
*Research Assistant*  
 Co-PIs: Clinton Andrews and Utta Krogmann, Rutgers Center for Green Building  
 Funding Source: National Science Foundation

- 2013**      **Connectivity Along Urban Rivers: A Keystone Process for Urban Ecosystems**  
*Research Assistant*  
PI: Karen O'Neill, Rutgers University  
Funding Source: National Science Foundation
- 2012**      **Decentralized Wastewater Treatment, South Asia Water Programme**  
*Research Intern*  
PI: Suresh Kumar Rohilla, Centre for Science and Environment, New Dehli, India  
Funding Source: Rutgers Graduate School, New Brunswick
- 2004**      **Silverlake Reservoir Re-Design for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**  
*Research Assistant*  
PI: Kenneth McCown, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
Funding Source: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2018**      **Recognizing sewage infrastructure in urban India.** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Buffalo, NY, October.
- 2017**      **Deep democracy fuels polycentric sewage governance in urban India.** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Denver, CO, October.
- 2017**      **Greening shit: the political ecology of decentralized sewage systems.** Association of American Geographers Annual meeting as part of the Reconstructing Urban Natures paper session. Boston, MA, April.
- 2016**      **Robust problematization for better development outcomes: the case of sewage in Agra, India.** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Portland, OR, November.
- 2016**      **The gap between infrastructure and service delivery is wider than a toilet.** Association of American Geographers Annual meeting as part of the Sanitation Inadequacy: Beyond Poverty and Preference paper session. San Francisco, CA, March.
- 2016**      **Discursive frames and sewage service gaps in Agra, India.** Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Planning and Public Policy. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March.
- 2015**      **Undelivered services: the political economy of sewage in Agra, India.** Urban Thinkers Campus. UN Habitat & PUSH. Palermo, Italy, October.
- 2013**      **Weathered Storms and Following Seas: Fisheries in the Wake of Hurricane Sandy.** People and the Sea VII Conference. MARE Centre for Maritime Research, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June.
- 2013**      **Decentralized Service Delivery: Preliminary Findings from Agra, India.** Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Planning and Public Policy. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, February.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### Instructor

#### *Hunter College (Graduate)*

Brownfield Redevelopment Planning Studio – Hastings-on-Hudson (F 2018)  
 Affordable Artist Housing Planning Studio – New York City (F 2017-Sp 2018)  
 Land Use, People and Environment (Sp 2017, Su 2017)

#### *Rutgers University (Undergraduate)*

Globalization, Development and the Environment (F 2018)  
 Introduction to Sustainability (Sp 2019)  
 Environmental Justice (Sp 2019)  
 Politics of Environmental Issues (F 2015, Su 2016, Su 2017, F 2018)  
 Energy and Society (F 2018)  
 Environmental Solutions (Sp 2018, Sp 2019)

### Teaching Assistant

#### *Rutgers University (Undergraduate)*

Introduction to Policy, Planning & Public Health (Sp 2015)  
 Water and Society (Sp 2014)  
 US Environmental Policy (F 2013)  
 Politics of Environmental Issues (F 2011-Sp 2013, Sp 2016, F 2016-Sp 2017)

## STUDENT ADVISEE AWARDS

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- 2018**     **Hunter College Studio Competition Winner.** Hunter Department of Urban Policy and Planning. *Studio title:* NYC Affordable Artist Housing. *Graduate students:* Lucia Cappuccio, Jen Chanttranapichate, Renee Ferguson, Vinh Vo, John White.
- 2018**     **Rutgers Energy Contest – First Place.** Rutgers Energy Institute university-wide competition. *Project title:* The Collegiate Carbon Exchange. *Undergraduate students:* Emily Cheng, Maya Robles.
- 2018**     **Rutgers Energy Contest – Third Place.** Rutgers Energy Institute university-wide competition. *Project title:* Lighting the Way to Savings with LEDs. *Undergraduate students:* Kyra Frank, Emily Nanneman.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- 2018**     **Susan S. Fainstein Distinguished Doctoral Scholarship Award,** Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
- 2016**     **Gill-Chin Lim Travel Award,** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
- 2016**     **Dr. Donald A. Krueckeberg Memorial Scholarship,** Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
- 2013**     **Student Travel Award,** Rutgers Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences

- 2010 **Pearl River Design Competition**, winning submission, Chengdu, China
- 2006 **American Society of Landscape Architects Student Merit Award**, Southern California Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects
- 2005 **Chapman Forestry Foundation Scholarship**
- 2004 **Park for the 21st Century Design Competition**, recommended scheme, Graham Foundation for Advanced Study in the Fine Arts

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2018 **Urban Service Provisions in the Global South.** Guest lecture for International Economic Development (graduate course). Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. New Brunswick, NJ, October.
- 2017 **Informality and Planning for Cities.** Guest lecture for International Economic Development (graduate course). Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. New Brunswick, NJ, October.
- 2016 **Urban Sewage: Views from an Agra slum.** Guest lecture for Water & Society (undergraduate course). Rutgers Department of Human Ecology. New Brunswick, NJ, April.
- 2014 **Beyond technical success: social dimensions of decentralized sewage treatment in India.** Speaker for Graduate Student International and Global Lunch Series. Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs. New Brunswick, NJ, April.
- 2014 **Water, Women, and the World Panel.** Panelist for Taking Back the Tap. Food and Water Watch, New Brunswick, NJ, March.
- 2013 **The Last Ocean discussion panel.** Panelist for Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA). Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, November.
- 2013 **Vulnerability and Urban Green Buildings.** Speaker for Third Workshop for NSF Project "Self-Sufficient Urban Buildings". Rutgers Center for Green Building, New Brunswick, NJ, August.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2010-2011 **Applied Ecological Services** Philadelphia, PA  
*Lead Ecological Planner*  
Selected Projects: Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Landfill Master Plan, Lancaster County, PA; Clarke Properties Coastal Restoration, Loveladies, NJ

**2008-2010 Mesa Design Group** Dallas, TX  
*Senior Project Manager*

Selected Projects: Mushaireb Waterfront Development, Khartoum, Sudan; Trail Master Plan and Implementation Strategy, Midlothian, TX; Audubon Dogwood Canyon Trail Guidelines, Cedar Hill, TX; Falling Waters Plan Development, Marble Falls, TX

**2006-2008 Megert Environmental Planning & Design** Los Angeles, CA  
*Principal & Owner*

Selected Projects: Grand Canal Lagoon Restoration, Los Angeles, CA; Del Rey Lagoon Vision Plan, Los Angeles, CA; Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve Environmental Education Program, Los Angeles, CA

## **PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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Journal of Planning Education and Research reviewer – 2016 - present

International Development Faculty Search Committee - EJ Bloustein School – 2013 - 2014

Urban Design Faculty Search Committee - EJ Bloustein School – 2013 - 2014

International Development Interest Group Officer - Rutgers University – 2012 - 2014

Rutgers Assoc of Policy & Planning Students Exec Committee - EJ Bloustein School – 2012 – 2013

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Planning Association – 2011 - present

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – 2013 - present

Association of American Geographers – 2015 - present

## **SKILLS**

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**Language Skills**      Hindi – Advanced Beginner (speaking, reading, listening, writing)  
                                 Spanish – Intermediate (speaking, reading, listening, writing)

**Technical Skills**      ESRI ArcGIS; Autodesk AutoCAD; Adobe Creative Cloud