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EDUCATION

- (2017) Ph.D., Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan
Specializations: Urban Governance, Community Development
Dissertation: “City/Space: Parks, Recreation, and Race in Detroit, 1805-2015”
Committee: Margaret Dewar, June Manning Thomas, Scott Campbell, David Thacher
- 2014 Master of Urban Planning, University of Michigan
Specialization: Community and Economic Development
Thesis: “Urban Triage in Cleveland and St. Louis”
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts, with Highest Honors and Distinction, University of Michigan
Concentrations: Economics, Social Theory & Practice, and Spanish
Thesis: “Rightsizing Detroit: Looking Back, Looking Forward”
Studied at La Pontificia Universidad Católica in Santiago, Chile, in Fall 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- Cooper-McCann, Patrick. 2016. “The Trap of Triage: Lessons from the ‘Team Four Plan.’” *Journal of Planning History*. 15(2): 149-169. doi: 10.1177/1538513215602026.
- Dewar, Margaret, Matthew Weber, Eric Seymour, Meagan Elliott, and Patrick Cooper-McCann. 2015. “Learning from Detroit: How Research on a Declining City Enriches Urban Studies.” In *Reinventing Detroit: The Politics of Possibility*, edited by Michael Peter Smith and L. Owen Kirkpatrick, 37-56. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Cooper-McCann, Patrick. 2014. “A Review of ‘Collaborative Governance for Urban Revitalization: Lessons from Empowerment Zones.’” *Journal of the American Planning Association*. 80(3): 279. doi: 10.1080/01944363.2014.972224.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “A Public-Private Continuum? Placing Parks in Detroit.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Portland. November 3, 2016.
- “The Hard Fought History of Park Provision in Detroit.” 16th National Conference on Planning History (SACRPH). Los Angeles. November 6, 2015.
- “The Changing Structure of Municipal Park Provision.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Houston. October 23, 2015.
- “Putting Equity Back Into Shrinking Cities Planning.” BANKRUPT: Economic Crisis and the Built Environment. University of Michigan. April 6, 2014.

"Urban Triage in St. Louis." 15th National Conference on Planning History (SACRPH). Toronto. October 5, 2013.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"Shrinking Cities and the Trap of Triage." Guest lecture. CRP 3850 5850: Demographic Change and the Built Environment. Cornell University (via WebEx). September 24, 2016.

"Learning from/for Detroit." Guest lecture. GPH 3130: Introductory Urban Geography. Wayne State University. Detroit, MI. April 7, 2016.

"Adapting Local Governance to Decline: Parks and Recreation in Detroit, 1970-2015." Guest lecture. SOC 340: Urban Sociology. University of Michigan-Flint. February 16, 2016.

"Public Communication and Social Change." Panelist. Institute for Social Change. Arts of Citizenship. University of Michigan. August 21, 2015.

"Learning from/for Detroit." Guest lecture. GPH 3130: Introductory Urban Geography. Wayne State University. Detroit, MI. April 9, 2015.

"What makes Detroit a good case study—or not?" Lunch UP: Panel Discussion on Case Study Research. Taubman College. University of Michigan. February 25, 2015.

"Emerging Models of Resilient Regeneration Sponsored by the Vacant Property Research Network." Roundtable Participant. ACSP 2014. Philadelphia, PA. November 1, 2014.

"Urban Triage: Planning for Decline in Cleveland and St. Louis in the 1970s." Detroit School Pecha Kucha. University of Michigan. March 29, 2013.

"The History of Urban Triage." Planning + Architecture Research Group. Taubman College. University of Michigan. March 18, 2013.

"Public/Private Planning in Detroit." *Agora Journal of Urban Planning and Design* Salon. Taubman College. University of Michigan. November 29, 2012.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship (awarded for Winter 2017)
2016 Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop – Detroit Research (\$5,000)
2016 Sweetland/Rackham Dissertation Writing Institute (\$3,000)
2015 Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop – Detroit Research (\$6,000)
2015 Society for American City & Regional Planning History Student Travel Award (\$250)
2015 Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop – Planning & Architecture (\$6,000 – coauthor)
2015 Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$800)
2015 Arts of Citizenship Graduate Student Grant for Public Scholarship (\$2,000)
2014 Vacant Property Research Network Conference Travel Grant (\$400)
2014 Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$800)
2014 Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop – Planning & Architecture (\$6,000 – coauthor)
2014 Nonprofit & Public Management Center Doctoral Support Grant (\$3,500)
2013 Rackham Centennial Fellowship Award (\$6,000)
2013 Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$900)
2013 Rackham Student Research Grant (\$1,500)
2006 Alvin M. and Arvella D. Bentley Scholarship (\$50,000)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2014 Vacant Property Research Network Masters Scholarship Award
2010 Residential College Weisskopf Award for Community Engagement
2010 Highest Honors in Social Theory & Practice for senior thesis
2006 National Merit Finalist

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UP 610 – Fiscal Planning and Management	Fall 2016	Graduate Student Instructor
UP 506 – Introduction to GIS	Winter 2016	Graduate Student Instructor
UP 505 – Fundamentals of Planning Practice	Winter 2015	Graduate Student Instructor
UP 610 – Fiscal Planning and Management	Fall 2013	Graduate Student Instructor
UP 610 – Fiscal Planning and Management	Winter 2013	Graduate Student Instructor
UP 540 – Planning Theory	Fall 2012	Graduate Student Instructor
HONORS 135 – Revitalizing Detroit	Fall 2009	Honors Student Instructor

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Organizer. “Detroit School” Speaker Series and Doctoral Workshop. 2013-2017.

Board Member (President & Secretary). Planning and Architecture Research Group. 2014-2016.

Conference Committee Member. “Rule & Form: Confronting the Spatial Transactions and Logistics of Capital.” Taubman College. University of Michigan. February 5-6, 2016.

Facilitator. “Writing for the Public Sphere” Engagement Group. Arts of Citizenship: Institute for Social Change. University of Michigan. August 19-25, 2015.

Search Committee Member. Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Position in Physical Planning and Urban Design. Taubman College. University of Michigan. Winter 2015.

Conference Committee Member and Session Chair. “Learning from Detroit: Turbulent Urbanism in the 21st Century (A Michigan Meeting).” Winter 2014 to Spring 2014.

Committee Member. Martin Luther King, Jr., Symposium. Taubman College. University of Michigan. 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Project Leader. “Visualizing HOPE” Community Partnership between Taubman College’s Master of Urban Planning program and Focus: HOPE. Detroit and Ann Arbor. Fall 2011 – Fall 2012.

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Research Assistant for Professor Angela Dillard, University of Michigan, May 2015 to August 2016. Re-launched the “Detroit School Speaker Series” and organized a PhD Workshop.

Focus: HOPE Integrated Assessment Coordinator, Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI. May 2012 to May 2014. Coordinated six research teams, the Graham Institute, Focus: HOPE, and the HOPE Village Initiative community; organized a community research advisory board to review human subject research proposals in the HOPE Village Initiative area; led community engagement process to share all research results.

Research Assistant for Professor Margaret Dewar, University of Michigan, January-September 2012 and June-August 2014. Analyzed Census data and created GIS maps for “CareVacant” study; proofread *The City After Abandonment*; conducted literature search for “Detroit School.”

Neighborhood & Economic Revitalization Assistant, Focus: HOPE (Michigan AmeriCorps Partnership), Detroit, MI. September 2010 to August 2011. Published newsletter for business owners; managed façade improvement program for West Davison corridor; organized the Linwood Business Owners Association; led clean ups and tree planting; wrote policy reports.

Research Intern, Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice, Detroit, MI. January to April 2010. Co-wrote a guidebook to help laid off workers fight for unemployment benefits; researched worker cooperatives and presented findings at a public meeting; updated website.

Research Fellow, Nortown Community Development Corporation, Detroit, MI. May to August 2007. Created a property database for an infill housing project; successfully applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan; designed website.

Research Intern, Transportation Riders United, Detroit, MI. September 2006 to April 2007. Researched the development of light rail in St. Louis and Denver; presented findings to public.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Preparing Future Faculty Conference: Getting Ready for an Academic Career.” Center for Research on Learning and Teaching. University of Michigan. September 30, 2015.

“Academic Engagement in Public and Political Discourse,” Michigan Meeting. University of Michigan. May 13-17, 2015.

“Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Orientation.” Center for Research on Learning and Teaching. University of Michigan. January 6, 2015.

“2014 Institute for Social Change: Public Scholarship at the University of Michigan.” Arts of Citizenship. University of Michigan. August 18-21, 2014.

“2014 PhD Workshop.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Harvard University. August 7-9, 2014.

“Preparing Future Faculty Conference: Getting Ready for an Academic Career.” Center for Research on Learning and Teaching. University of Michigan. October 10, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2015-
Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 2013-
Michigan Association of Planning, 2011-
American Planning Association, 2011-

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Spanish (proficient)