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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2019 Assistant Professor of Urban Studies & Planning, Wayne State University
2017 - 2019 Instructor of Urban Studies & Planning, Wayne State University

EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D., Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan
Specializations: Urban Governance, Community Development
Dissertation: “The Promise of Parkland: Planning Detroit’s Public Spaces, 1805-2018”
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

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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.

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

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.

REVIEW ESSAYS

Cooper-McCann, Patrick. 2019. “Negotiating the Post-Industrial City.” *Journal of Planning History*. 18(4): 329-336.

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.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Cooper-McCann, Patrick. 2017. "Partnerships for Parks and Recreation in Detroit." Report prepared for the Detroit Parks Coalition with accompanying spreadsheet of funding sources.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Shrinking City in Regional Perspective: Household and Population Loss in Metropolitan Detroit, 1930-2010." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Online. November 6, 2020.

"The Origins of the Shrinking City." Urban History Association. October 2020. Canceled.

"The Politics of Rescaling Urban Park Provision." National Conference on Planning History (SACRPH). Arlington, VA. November 1, 2019.

"The Fragmentation of Park Provision: Implications for Planning." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Buffalo. October 26, 2018.

"Park Partnerships and the Pursuit of Racial Equity: Detroit, 1967-1980." National Conference on Planning History (SACRPH). Cleveland. October 27, 2017.

"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." 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." National Conference on Planning History (SACRPH). Toronto. October 5, 2013.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"The Shrinking City in Regional Perspective: Household and Population Loss in Metropolitan Detroit, 1930-2010." Wayne State Humanities Center Brown Bag Series, March 2, 2021.

"The Politics of Rescaling Urban Park Provision." LunchUP, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, November 15, 2019 and Wayne State University Humanities Center Brown Bag Series, December 4, 2019.

"Lessons from PARK: Partnership to Adopt and Renovate Parks for Kids." William Davidson Foundation. Troy, MI. November 7, 2017.

"Learning with Detroit." Invited talk. Wayne State University. Detroit. March 7, 2017.

Panelist. "Disciplinary Approaches to the Study of Detroit." Detroit School Series. University of Michigan. April 7, 2017.

"Planning the Shrinking City: Lessons from the 'Team Four Plan.'" Guest lecture. GPH 3130: Introductory Urban Geography. Wayne State University. Detroit, MI. April 6, 2017.

“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 Series 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

Wayne State University

2020 Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship (\$6,000)

2020 Arts and Humanities Research Support Grant (\$14,489.59)

University of Michigan

2017 LSA Bicentennial Theme Semester Symposium (\$5,000)

2017 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship (Winter 2017)

2016 Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop – Detroit Research (\$5,000)

2016 Sweetland/Rackham Dissertation Writing Institute Fellowship (\$3,000)

2015 Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop – Detroit Research (\$6,000)

2015 Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop – Planning & Architecture (\$6,000 – coauthor)

2015 Arts of Citizenship Graduate Student Grant for Public Scholarship (\$2,000)

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 Student Research Grant (\$1,500)

2006 Alvin M. and Arvella D. Bentley Scholarship (\$50,000)

External

2015 Society for American City & Regional Planning History Student Travel Award (\$250)

2014 Vacant Property Research Network Conference Travel Grant (\$400)

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

Wayne State University (Assistant Professor)

UP 3530 – Urban and Regional Planning	F20
UP 5110 – Urban Planning Process	F19, F20
UP 6340 – Community Development	F17, F18, F19, F20
UP 6680 – Neighborhood Decline and Revitalization	W18, W19, W20, W21
UP 7500 – Master’s Professional Report	F18, W19, F19, W20
UP 7990 – Directed Study	W20, W21
US 2000 – Introduction to Urban Studies	W18, F18, W19, W20, W21

University of Michigan (Honors or Graduate Student Instructor)

UP 506 – Introduction to GIS	W16
UP 505 – Fundamentals of Planning Practice	W15
UP 610 – Fiscal Planning and Management	W13, F13, F16
UP 540 – Planning Theory	F12

University of Michigan (Honors Program Instructor)

HONORS 135 – Revitalizing Detroit	F09
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SERVICE

Academic Service

Peer reviewer for *Journal of Planning History* and University of Michigan Press

Wayne State University (2017-present)

DUSP Urban Studies Committee, Fall 2018 to present.

DUSP Search Committee Member (Assistant Professor). 2018-2019.

CLAS Communicator (DUSP web site and social media). 2017-present.

DUSP Faculty Liaison to Wayne State Student Urban Planners. 2017-present.

University of Michigan (2011-2017)

Coordinator. “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 EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for Professor Angela Dillard, University of Michigan, May 2015 to August 2016.

Focus: HOPE Integrated Assessment Coordinator, Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI. May 2012 to May 2014.

Research Assistant for Professor Margaret Dewar, University of Michigan, January-September 2012 and June-August 2014.

Neighborhood & Economic Revitalization Assistant, Focus: HOPE (Michigan AmeriCorps Partnership), Detroit, MI. September 2010 to August 2011.

Research Intern, Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice, Detroit, MI. January to April 2010.

Research Fellow, Nortown Community Development Corporation, Detroit, MI. May to August 2007.

Research Intern, Transportation Riders United, Detroit, MI. September 2006 to April 2007.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Shrinking Cities International Research Network, 2021-
Community Development Advocates of Detroit, 2018-
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2015-
Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 2013-

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (proficient)

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