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University of California, Berkeley

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. expected, 2025

- City and Regional Planning

University of Washington – Seattle, WA

M.A., 2020

- Geography
- Graduate Certificate in Housing Studies

GPA: 3.97

Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

B.A., 2018

- *Majors:* Geography, Economics; *Minor:* Music

GPA: 3.96

PUBLICATIONS

- Ramiller, A. (2022). Displacement through development? Property turnover and eviction risk in Seattle. *Urban Studies*, 59(6), 1148–1166.
 - Ramiller, A., Acolin, A., Walter, R. J., & Wang, R. (2022). Moving to shared equity: Locational outcomes for households in shared equity homeownership programs. *Housing Studies*.
 - Acolin, A., Ramiller, A., Walter, R. J., Thompson, S., & Wang, R. (2021). Transitioning to Homeownership: Asset Building for Low- and Moderate-Income Households. *Housing Policy Debate*, 31(6), 1032–1049.
 - Costa, A., Sass, V., Kennedy, I., Roy, R., Walter, R. J., Acolin, A., Crowder, K., Hess, C., Ramiller, A., & Chasins, S. (2021). Toward a Cross-Platform Framework: Assessing the Comprehensiveness of Online Rental Listings. *Cityscape*, 23(2), 327–340.
 - Ramiller, A. (2019). Establishing the green neighbourhood: approaches to neighbourhood-scale sustainability certification in Portland, Oregon. *Local Environment*, 24(5), 428–441.
 - Ramiller, A., & Schmidt, P. (2019). Making Radical Change Real: Danish Sustainability, Adaptability, and the Reimagination of Architectural Utopias. *Utopian Studies*, 30(2), 279–299.
 - Ramiller, A., & Schmidt, P. (2018). Scale limits to sustainability: Transdisciplinary evidence from three Danish cases. *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions*, 27, 48–58. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eist.2017.10.001>
 - Ramiller, A. (2018). “From the Neighborhood Up!”: Neighborhood Sustainability Certification Frameworks and the New Urban Politics of Scale. *Macalester College Digital Commons*.
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PRESENTATIONS

- Ramiller, A. (2022, November). *Residential Mobility Outcomes After Leaving Housing Assistance: The Role of Local Housing Market Conditions*. Presented at the Associated Collegiate Schools of Planning 62nd Annual Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, April). *Examining the Housing and Neighborhood Trajectories for Former HUD-Assisted Households with Children*. Presented at the Urban Affairs Association 50th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, March). *Eviction, Displacement, and Gentrification: Locating Evictions in Processes of Neighborhood Change*. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2021 Fall Conference, Austin, TX.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, February). *Impacts of Covid-19 on Regional and Neighborhood Rental Markets*. Presented to the University of Washington Neighborhood Context Working Group (Virtual).
- Acolin, A. & Ramiller, A. (2021, October). *Accessing Homeownership through Shared Equity Programs: Wealth-Building and Locational Outcomes*. Presented to the West Coast Poverty Center Housing Roundtable (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A., & Thomas, T. (2021, March). *Modeling Housing Precarity Risk in the Wake of Covid-19*. Presented to the UC Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning Ph.D. Colloquium (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2020, November). *Transitioning to Homeownership: Asset Building for Low- and Moderate-Income Households*. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2020 Fall Conference (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2020, April). *Displacement Through Development? Situating the Role of Capital Investment in Residential Evictions Using Administrative Microdata*. Presented at the American Association of Geographers 2020 Annual Meeting (Virtual).

- Ramiller, A. (2018, April). *"From the Neighborhood Up!": Neighborhood Sustainability Certification Frameworks and the New Urban Politics of Scale*. Presented at the American Association of Geographers 2018 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Ramiller, A., & Schmidt, P. (2017, November). *A More Perfect Utopia: Sustainability and 21st Century Danish Architecture*. Presented at the Society for Utopian Studies 2017 Conference, Memphis, TN.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Hubert M. Blalock Fellowship, 2018 (University of Washington Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences)
- National Merit Scholarship, 2014 – 2018
- Chuck Green Civic Engagement Fellowship, 2017 (Macalester College)
- Educating Sustainability Ambassadors Grant Recipient, 2016 (Macalester College)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2020 – Present
- Urban Affairs Association, 2019 – Present
- American Association of Geographers, 2017 – 2020
- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 2018
- Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honors Society, 2018
- Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honors Society, 2018

AWARDS

- Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 2020 (University of Washington Department of Geography)
- Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award in Geography, 2018 (American Association of Geographers)
- Hildegard Binder Johnson Prize in Geography, 2017 (Macalester College)

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Turner Center for Housing Innovation** – Oakland, CA Aug. 2021 – Present
- Analyzed outcomes for households exiting public housing programs by merging administrative and consumer microdata
- The Evictions Study** – Berkeley, CA & Seattle, WA Oct. 2018 – Present
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team of researchers studying the prevalence, neighborhood context, and potential causal factors underlying residential evictions in US metropolitan areas
 - Tasks included web scraping, geocoding large datasets, creating static and interactive geovisualizations, and conducting geospatial analyses
- Urban Displacement Project** – Berkeley, CA June 2020 – Aug. 2021
- Analyzed impacts of climate investments on residential displacement risk
 - Assisted in the creation of model to measure housing precarity risk
- Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science and Engineering** – Seattle, WA Jan. 2020 – Aug. 2020
- Served as graduate research assistant for multidisciplinary project analyzing web-scraped rental listings
 - Constructed process for extensive cleaning and geocoding of large datasets
- Macalester International Seminar** – Copenhagen, DK & Saint Paul, MN May – Aug. 2016
- Attended Macalester International Seminar on Sustainability in Copenhagen
 - Collaborated with political science professor on two academic articles related to sustainable policy and architecture in Denmark
- Educating Sustainability Ambassadors** – Saint Paul, MN Jan. – May 2016
- Conducted archival research at the Minnesota Historical Society, researching the history of urban fishing in Minnesota and compiling findings in a series of essays

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- U.S. Housing, Planning, and Policy** – Berkeley, CA May – July 2022
- Designed and co-taught introductory undergraduate-level course on U.S. housing policy
- Data for Housing** – Berkeley, CA June 2020 – Aug. 2020
- Assisted in instruction for a data science training workshop for urban planners and policymakers, focusing on the use of Python and Pandas for data analysis

- Assisted in coordination of virtual seminars and addressed participant questions
Data Science for Social Good – Seattle, WA July 2020
 - Created and taught a tutorial workshop introducing the RStudio Shiny platform for interactive web applications
University of Washington Department of Geography – Seattle, WA Sept. 2018 – June 2020
 - Taught lab and discussion sections, hosted office hours, and graded assignments
 - Assisted courses in a variety of subject areas, including economic geography, digital geography, database management, research methods, and geographies of inequality
 - Macalester College Department of Geography** – Saint Paul, MN Jan. – May 2018
 - Assisted course on segregation and gentrification, including lecturing, grading assignments, and facilitating discussions
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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** – San Francisco, CA May 2022 – Present
Research Consultant
 - Collaborated on report on multifamily homeownership in California
 - Cleaned and analyzed comprehensive CDFI dataset
- PolicyLink** – Oakland, CA July 2020 – Present
Research Consultant
 - Generated ongoing analyses of household rent debt and rental assistance programs following Covid-19 pandemic
 - Produced demographic analyses using microdata from Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - Conducted code review and data validation for various data analyses
- City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development** – Seattle, WA June 2019 – June 2020
Demographic Research and Analysis Intern
 - Assisted in the development of Displacement Risk Indicators for Equitable Development Monitoring Program, analyzing demographic and property market datasets and developing a workflow for continuous monitoring
 - Contributed to report on Equitable Outcome Indicators for Equitable Development Monitoring Program, conducting analysis, generating data visualizations, and writing analysis summaries
- Macalester College Civic Engagement Center** – Saint Paul, MN May 2018 – Aug. 2018
Research Assistant
 - Analyzed integration of civic engagement into the History and Geography curricula compared to peer institutions
 - Interviewed Geography department faculty about current curricula and “learning outcomes” for civic engagement in the classroom
- Macalester Academic Excellence Center** – Saint Paul, MN Aug. 2015 – May 2018
Tutor Representative / Supervisor / Writing Tutor
 - As tutor representative, spoke for student tutors in meetings with staff and administrators
 - As supervisor, oversaw tutoring center operations during evening sessions
 - As writing tutor, assisted undergraduate students with brainstorming, development, editing, and proofreading for essays covering a variety of academic subjects
- Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation** – Saint Paul, MN May 2017 – Aug. 2017
Research Fellow
 - Gathered information on development strategies and collected and produced visualizations of demographic/economic data to aid in the establishment of a “vitality vision” for economic development in downtown St. Paul
 - Created dynamic visualizations of downtown St. Paul’s development