

Alex Ramiller

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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. (2021). Displacement through development? Property turnover and eviction risk in Seattle. *Urban 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*.
- 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*.
- Ramiller, A. (2018). On the Right Track? Property Values and Rail Transit in Los Angeles County. *Macalester Journal of Economics*, 28, 4–32.

PRESENTATIONS

- Acolin, A. & Ramiller, A. (2021, October). *Accessing Homeownership through Shared Equity Programs: Wealth-Building and Locational Outcomes*. Presented at West Coast Poverty Center Housing Roundtable.
- Ramiller, A., & Thomas, T. (2021, March). *Modeling Housing Precarity Risk in the Wake of Covid-19*. Presented to 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 Research 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, 2020-2021
- Urban Affairs Association, 2019 – 2020
- 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

Terner 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

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

PolicyLink – Oakland, CA

July 2020 – Present

Research Consultant

- Generated dynamic estimates of household rent debt accumulated due to 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 the integration of civic engagement into the History and Geography curricula at Macalester, comparing and contrasting with departments at peer institutions
- Interviewed Geography department faculty about the relationship between current curricula and stated “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 on behalf of student tutors in meetings with staff and administrators
- As supervisor, oversaw tutoring center operations during evening sessions when no staff were present
- As writing tutor, assisted undergraduate students with brainstorming, development, editing, and proofreading for essays covering a variety of academic subjects as well as personal statements

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