

# Alex Ramiller

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University of California, Berkeley

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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley** – Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. expected, 2025

- City and Regional Planning
- Graduate Certificate in Data Science

**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

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## PUBLICATIONS

- Reid, C., & Ramiller, A. (2024). *Examining the Housing and Neighborhood Trajectories for Former HUD-Assisted Households with Children*. HUD Office of Policy Development and Research.
  - Ramiller, A., Reid, C., & Metcalf, B. (2023). *California's Prohousing Designation Program: Rewarding City and County Policies that Boost Housing Supply*. Turner Center for Housing Innovation.
  - Schmähmann, L., Ramiller, A., & Fields, D. (2023). Platform Firms, Commercial Real Estate Cycles and San Francisco's Growth as a Tech Cluster, 2008–2020. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1–25.
  - Walter, R. J., Tillyer, M. S., Ramiller, A., & Acolin, A. (2023). Scaling Down from the Neighborhood in Urban Planning Research and Practice: The Potential Benefits of a Micro-Scale Focus. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.
  - Hess, C., Walter, R. J., Kennedy, I., Acolin, A., Ramiller, A., & Crowder, K. (2023). Segmented Information, Segregated Outcomes: Housing Affordability and Neighborhood Representation on a Voucher-Focused Online Housing Platform and Three Mainstream Alternatives. *Housing Policy Debate*.
  - 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., (2024, Apr.). *Disentangling Sources of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Change in California*. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Ramiller, A., (2023, Oct.). *Residential Mobility and Big Data: Assessing the Validity of Consumer Reference Datasets*. University of California Berkeley D-Lab Fellows Talk, Berkeley, CA.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, Nov.). *Residential Mobility Outcomes After Leaving Housing Assistance: The Role of Local Housing Market Conditions*. Associated Collegiate Schools of Planning 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Toronto, ON.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, April). *Examining the Housing and Neighborhood Trajectories for Former HUD-Assisted Households with Children*. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

- Ramiller, A. (2022, March). *Eviction, Displacement, and Gentrification: Locating Evictions in Processes of Neighborhood Change*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Austin, TX.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, Feb.). *Impacts of Covid-19 on Regional and Neighborhood Rental Markets*. University of Washington Neighborhood Context Working Group (Virtual).
- Acolin, A. & Ramiller, A. (2021, Oct.). *Accessing Homeownership through Shared Equity Programs: Wealth-Building and Locational Outcomes*. West Coast Poverty Center Housing Roundtable (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A., & Thomas, T. (2021, March). *Modeling Housing Precarity Risk in the Wake of Covid-19*. UC Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning Ph.D. Colloquium (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2020, Nov.). *Transitioning to Homeownership: Asset Building for Low- and Moderate-Income Households*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2020, April). *Displacement Through Development? Situating the Role of Capital Investment in Residential Evictions Using Administrative Microdata*. American Association of Geographers (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2018, April). *"From the Neighborhood Up!": Neighborhood Sustainability Certification Frameworks and the New Urban Politics of Scale*. American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
- Ramiller, A., & Schmidt, P. (2017, November). *A More Perfect Utopia: Sustainability and 21st Century Danish Architecture*. Society for Utopian Studies, Memphis, TN.

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## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant, 2023
- Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics Research Grant, 2023
- Michael B. Teitz Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2023
- UC Berkeley D-Lab Data Science Fellowship, 2023
- Hubert M. Blalock Fellowship (University of Washington Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences), 2018
- Chuck Green Civic Engagement Fellowship (Macalester College), 2017
- Educating Sustainability Ambassadors Grant Recipient (Macalester College), 2016
- National Merit Scholarship, 2014

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## MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2022
- Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2020
- Urban Affairs Association, 2019
- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 2018
- Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honors Society, 2018
- Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honors Society, 2018

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## AWARDS

- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (University of California, Berkeley), 2023
- Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship (University of Washington Geography), 2020
- Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award in Geography (American Association of Geographers), 2018
- Hildegard Binder Johnson Prize (Macalester College Geography), 2017

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## ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Terner Center for Housing Innovation** – Oakland, CA

Aug. 2021 – Present

- Produced reports and policy briefs about national and state-level housing policies
- Conducted analysis of locational outcomes for households exiting subsidized housing for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### **The Evictions Study** – Berkeley, CA & Seattle, WA

Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2021

- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team of researchers studying the prevalence, contextual, and causal factors underlying residential evictions in the United States
- Conducted web scraping, geocoding, static and interactive geovisualization, and geospatial analyses

### **Urban Displacement Project** – Berkeley, CA

June 2020 – Aug. 2021

- Analyzed impacts of climate and transportation investments on residential displacement risk
- Assisted in the creation of housing precarity risk models

- 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 professor on two academic articles about sustainable policy and architecture in Denmark
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of California Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning** – Berkeley, CA May 2022 – July 2023
- Designed and instructed undergraduate-level courses 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
  - Assisted in coordination of virtual seminars and addressed participant questions
- Data Science for Social Good** – Seattle, WA July 2020
- Created and instructed tutorial workshop introducing the RStudio Shiny platform for interactive web applications
- University of Washington Department of Geography** – Seattle, WA Sept. 2018 – June 2020
- Instructed lab and discussion sections, hosted office hours, and graded assignments
  - Provided assistant instruction for 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 instruction for course about segregation and gentrification, including designing and teaching lectures, grading assignments, and facilitating discussions
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## PROFESSIONAL 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 Analyst*
- 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
- 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 and 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