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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Associate Professor of Urban Economics and Housing, 2024–present

Assistant Professor of Urban Economics and Housing, 2018–2024

Edward H. (1962) and Joyce Linde Career Development Chair, 2018–Present

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Division of Research and Statistics

Economist, 2016–2018

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Economics, 2016

Colorado State University, M.A. in Economics, 2010

University of Colorado at Denver, B.A. in English/Film Studies, *magna cum laude*, 2005

RESEARCH AREAS

urban economic theory, housing & gentrification, racial capitalism, queer & trans housing issues

PUBLISHED PAPERS

devin michelle bunten, Ben Preis, and Shifrah Aron-Dine. Re-Measuring Gentrification. *Urban Studies*, 61(1):20–39, 2024b. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980231173846>.

devin michelle bunten, Ellen Fu, Lyndsey Rolheiser, and Christopher Severen. The problem has existed over endless years: Racialized difference in commuting, 1980–2019. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 141, 2024a. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2023.103542>.

Madeleine I.G. Daepp, **devin michelle bunten**, and Joanne W. Hsu. The Effect of Racial Composition on Neighborhood Housing Prices: Evidence from Hurricane Katrina-Induced Migration. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 134, 2023. doi: [10.1016/j.jue.2022.103515](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2022.103515).

devin michelle bunten and Lyndsey Rolheiser. People or Parking? *Habitat International*, 106, 2020. doi: [10.1016/j.habitatint.2020.102289](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.habitatint.2020.102289).

Amy Hillier and **devin michelle bunten**. A Queer and Intersectional Approach to Fair Housing. In Vincent J. Reina, Wendell E. Pritchett, and Susan M. Wachter, editors, *Perspectives on Fair Housing*, chapter 6, pages 154–185. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020.

Leah Platt Boustan, **devin michelle bunten**, and Owen Hearey. Urbanization in the United States, 1800–2000. In Louis P. Cain, Price V. Fischback, and Paul W Rhode, editors, *Oxford Handbook of American Economic History*, volume 2, chapter 22, pages 75–99. Oxford University Press Oxford University Press, 2018.

devin michelle bunten and Matthew E. Kahn. Optimal Real Estate Capital Durability and Localized Climate Change Disaster Risk. *Journal of Housing Economics*, 36:1–7, 2017. doi: [10.1016/j.jhe.2017.01.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhe.2017.01.004).

devin michelle bunten, Stephan Weiler, Eric Thompson, and Sammy Zahran. Entrepreneurship, Information, and Growth. *Journal of Regional Science*, 55(4):560–584, 2015.

WORKING PAPERS

devin michelle bunten. Re-Picturing Segregation. Manuscript, 2023.

Enjoli Hall, Malhaar Agrawal, **devin michelle bunten**, Connie Chao, Dayna Cunningham, Catherine D’Ignazio, Vedette Gavin, Holly Harriel, Eric Robsky Huntley, Sarah Rege, Anne Whiston Spirn, Delia Wendel, Sarah Williams, and Mariana Arcaya. Beyond Documenting Difference. Manuscript, 2022.

devin michelle bunten. Is the Rent Too High? Aggregate Implications of Local Land-Use Regulation. Working Paper 2017-06, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 2017.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Gentrification Machine: Urban Geographies of Racial Capitalism. Book manuscript in preparation.

Measuring Gentrification in Latin America (with Ava Hoffman and Fiorella Belli Ferro)

PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Sarah Williams, Malhaar Agrawal, **devin michelle bunten**, Connie Chao, Catherine D’Ignazio, Vedette Gavin, Enjoli Hall, Holly Harriel, Eric Robsky Huntley, Sarah Rege, Anne Whiston Spirn, and Delia Wendel. Advancing Racial Justice Research in Architecture, Urban Planning, and Allied Fields. In *Proceedings of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture*, 2022

WRITING

Sex Does Not Mean Gender. Equating Them Erases Trans Lives. *The New York Times*. 2020.

Boston must bring back rent control to protect tenants. *The Boston Globe*. 2020.

Untangling the Housing Shortage and Gentrification. *CityLab*. 2019.

A Sense of Where You Are. *Frank News*. 2018.

FILMS

The 5th of April. Associate Producer.

Love, Examined. Associate Producer.

INVITED SEMINARS

2022: Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon (economics), UC Berkeley (planning), Boston University (sociology)

2021: Boston University (sociology)

2019: Columbia (planning), The New School (policy), NYU (policy), University of Illinois-Chicago (planning), NYU (policy)

2018: SUNY Buffalo (economics), UCLA (planning)

2017: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, MIT (planning), Colorado State University (economics)

2016: Federal Reserve Board, Bank of Canada, University of Colorado-Denver (economics), Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá; economics), Universidad del Rosario (Bogotá; economics)

2013: Colorado State University (economics)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

2023: BU Conference on Gentrification*

2022: BRT+ General Assembly, American Economics Association (AEA)*, Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH)*

2020: Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)*

2019: APPAM, SACRPH

2018: Urban Economics Association (UEA), Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), APPAM, Greater Boston Urban and Real Estate Economics Seminar, Conference in Urban and Regional Economics*, AEA*, World Economic History Conference*

2017: ACSP, Federal Reserve System Regional Conference

Earlier: UEA (2013, 2015), North American Regional Science Council (2010, 2012, 2014)

*: discussant only, did not present

TEACHING

MIT

Gentrification. 2021.

Microeconomics & Planning Economics. 2019–Present.

Housing and Social Stratification in the United States. 2018–Present.

University of California, Los Angeles

Instructor

Econ 137: Urban and Regional Economics. 2015.

Teaching Associate

Econ 1: Principles of Microeconomics. 2011–2012.

Econ 2: Principles of Macroeconomics. 2012.

Colorado State University

Teaching Assistant

Econ 101: Economics of Social Issues. 2009.

Econ 202: Principles of Microeconomics. 2008–2010.

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Editorial board: Housing Policy Debates, 2022–present.

Conference program committee: SACRPH, 2022; Boston University International Gentrification Conference, 2023

Referee for: Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Urban Economics; City & Community; Urban Studies; Environment and Planning: A; Journal of Planning Literature; Social Currents; Housing, Theory, and Society; Social Science Review; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Journal of Housing Economics; Journal of Regional Science; Review of Economic Dynamics; Housing Policy Debates; Cityscape; Regional Studies; International Regional Science Review; International Real Estate Review