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## Education

- 2016 **Ph.D. Urban and Regional Planning**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.  
DISSERTATION: “Federal financial institutions, foreclosure, and the fortunes of Detroit’s middle- and working-class neighborhoods”  
COMMITTEE: Margaret E. Dewar (chair), Lan Deng, June Manning Thomas, David Thacher
- 2010 **M.A. Urban and Regional Planning**, *University of Florida*, Gainesville, FL.  
THESIS: “Assisted housing and the regional geography of opportunity: A comparative suitability analysis of three Florida counties”  
CHAIR: Kristin Larsen
- 2007 **B.A. American Literature & History**, *Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University*, Jupiter, FL, *summa cum laude*.

## Research Experience

- 2016–2017 **Research Assistant**, *American Bar Foundation*, Chicago, IL.  
Assisted Prof. Bernadette Atuahene as primary data analyst on NSF-funded project examining inequalities in property tax assessments in Southeast Michigan.
- 2012–2016 **Research Assistant**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.  
Member of research team studying the impact of community-based efforts to mitigate the negative consequences of concentrated foreclosures in Detroit neighborhoods.
- 2014–2015 **Contract Researcher**, *Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.  
Analyzed local housing data to assist the Fair Housing Center’s efforts to reduce housing discrimination and affordability imbalances between Ann Arbor and surrounding Washtenaw County.
- 2012–2014 **Research Assistant**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.  
Member of interdisciplinary research team examining relationships between social factors, urban form, climate change, and heat-related health risk in Cleveland, Detroit, and Washington, D.C.
- 2012 **Research Assistant**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.  
Studied urban climate change adaptation in Great Lakes cities. Conducted site visits and interviews in Duluth, MN and Thunder Bay, ON.
- 2010–2012 **Contract Researcher**, *Michigan Community Resources*, Detroit, MI.  
Developed public engagement materials for Detroit Works Project. Analyzed data generated from public engagement activities. Performed spatial analysis of foreclosures, home sales, and community development activities in Detroit.

- 2009–2010 **Research Assistant**, *Shimberg Center for Housing Studies*, Gainesville, FL.  
Member of research team developing the Affordable Housing Suitability (AHS) model, a GIS-based land use suitability model for assisting state and local agencies in targeting subsidies for affordable housing development and preservation.
- 2006–2007 **Research Assistant**, *Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions at Florida Atlantic University*, Jupiter, FL.  
Evaluated development of new urbanist communities in Florida with regard to demographic and socioeconomic diversity.

## Publications

- 2016 Deng, L., **Seymour, E.**, Dewar, M., & Thomas, J. M. “Saving strong neighborhoods from the destruction of mortgage foreclosures: The impact of community-based efforts” *Housing Policy Debate*. Revised and Resubmitted.
- 2015 Dewar, M., Weber, M., **Seymour, E.**, Elliott, M., & Cooper-McCann P. “Learning from Detroit: How research on a declining city enriches urban studies” in *Reinventing Detroit*, Michael Peter Smith and Lucas Owen Kirkpatrick (eds.) Comparative Urban and Community Research (CUCR) Book Series, Volume 11 (New Brunswick, NJ, and London: Transaction Publishers).
- 2014 Dewar, M., **Seymour, E.**, & Druță, O. “Disinvesting in the built city: The role of tax foreclosure in Detroit,” *Urban Affairs Review*, 51(5), 587–615.
- 2013 Dewar, M., Weber, M., **Seymour, E.**, & Trivers, I. “A Detroit School of urban studies,” *Portico*, 12–13(1), 4–7.
- 2009 **Seymour, E.**, & Barrett, L. “Reconstruction: Photography and history in E. L. Doctorow’s *The March*,” *Literature & History*, 18(2), 49–69.

## Working Papers

- Paper 1 Dewar, M., Thomas, J.M., Deng, L. & **Seymour, E.** “Saving strong neighborhoods from the destruction of mortgage foreclosures: The barriers to community-based efforts.”
- Paper 3 **Seymour, E.** “Federal financial institutions, foreclosure and the fortunes of Detroit’s middle- and working-class neighborhoods.”
- Paper 2 **Seymour, E.**, & Akers, J. “The post-crisis resurgence of contract lending in Detroit.”

## Conference Participation

- 2016 “Federal financial institutions, foreclosure and the fortunes of Detroit’s middle- and working-class neighborhoods,” paper presentation, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (Portland, OR).
- 2016 “Shrinking cities and suburbs: What do we know?,” discussant, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (Portland, OR).

- 2016 “Using Python to wrangle public datasets: Researching property ownership in Detroit,” paper presentation, Network Detroit (Detroit, MI).
- 2015 “Federal financial institutions, foreclosure and the fortunes of Detroit’s middle- and working-class neighborhoods,” paper presentation, Spaces and Flows (Chicago, IL).
- 2012 “Destroying the built city: The role of tax foreclosure in Detroit,” paper presentation, Detroit School of Urban Studies Speaker Series (Ann Arbor, MI).
- 2012 “Dismantling a city: The role of tax foreclosure in Detroit,” paper presentation (with M. Dewar), Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (Cincinnati, OH).
- 2012 “Dismantling a city: The role of tax foreclosure in Detroit,” paper presentation (with M. Dewar), Spaces and Flows (Detroit, MI).
- 2011 “Identifying suitable locations for the development and preservation of affordable housing in Florida: The AHS Model” (with Andres Blanco, Abdulnaser Arafat, Ilir Bejleri, Kristin Larsen, Eric Kramer, Ruth Steiner, Elizabeth Thompson, and Bill O’Dell), poster presentation, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. *Winner: Best Poster.* (Salt Lake City, UT).
- 2009 “Interpreting and preserving the non-buildings of the recent industrial past,” poster presentation, Society of American City and Regional Planning History (Oakland, CA).

## Teaching Experience

### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

- 2017 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems. Instructor for graduate-level course.
- 2017 Research Methods in Urban Planning. Instructor for graduate-level course.
- 2015 Urban Planning Capstone. Instructor for graduate-level physical design studio in Detroit.
- 2014 Introductory Statistics. Instructor for graduate-level course.
- 2010–2012 Fundamentals of Planning Practice. Teaching assistant for graduate-level course
- 2013 Introductory Statistics. Teaching assistant for graduate-level course.

### University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- 2007–2008 Technical Writing. Instructor for undergraduate course.
- 2007–2008 Introduction to College Writing. Instructor for undergraduate course.

### Florida Atlantic University

- 2005–2007 Writing Consultant at University Writing Center. Certified by the College Reading & Learning Association.

## Honors & Awards

- 2015–2016 Institute for Social Research’s (ISR) Robert Kahn Fellowship for the Scientific Study of Social Problems. Fellowship awards \$25,000 plus tuition.
- 2014 CoreLogic Academic Research Council (CLARC) Data Grant, award of real estate transaction data for dissertation research.
- 2012–2015 Rackham Graduate School Spring/Summer Research Grant. Recipient in 2012, 2013, & 2015. Awards \$8,000.
- 2010 American Institute of Certified Planners Outstanding Student Award, University of Florida.
- 2009 Florida Housing Coalition Doreen Flummer Scholarship.
- 2007–2008 Grinter Graduate Fellowship, University of Florida.
- 2007 Distinguished Thesis Award, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University.
- 2007 Stan and Renee Wimberly Scholarship, Florida Atlantic University’s top academic award.

## Service Activities

- 2014–2015 Co-organizer, Interdisciplinary Center for Organizational Studies’ Big Data Users Group (IBUG), University of Michigan.
- 2012–2015 Co-organizer, Detroit School Speaker Series, Recipient of Faculty & Graduate Student Seminars Award, University of Michigan. <http://www.umich.edu/~detsch/>
- 2014–2016 Member, Zoning Board of Appeals, Ypsilanti, MI.
- 2012–2013 President, Planning and Architecture Research Group (P+ARG), University of Michigan.
- 2011–2012 Vice-President, Planning and Architecture Research Group (P+ARG), University of Michigan.
- 2009–2010 President, Student Planning Association (SPA), University of Florida.

## Technical Competencies

GIS	ArcGIS, QGIS, PostGIS, GDAL-OGR, Python (Fiona, Shapely, PySAL)
Statistical	R, Stata, SPSS, Python (Numpy, Pandas, SciPy, Statsmodels)
Programming & scripting	Python, R, SQL, shell scripting, $\LaTeX$

## References

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