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appointments

University of California-Riverside
Center for Geospatial Sciences
Associate Director — 2019 –

School of Public Policy & Center for Geospatial Sciences
Postdoctoral Scholar — 2018 – 2019

University of Illinois at Chicago
Dept. of Urban Planning and Policy
Visiting Assistant Professor & Postdoctoral Research Associate — 2017 – 2018

University of Maryland
Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning & School of Information Studies
Adjunct Professor — 2016 – 2017

Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
Knowledge, Impact, & Strategy Team
Bart Harvey Postdoctoral Research Fellow — 2016 – 2017

education

Ph.D. - Urban Studies and Planning, University of Maryland — 2016

M.A. - Community Planning, University of Maryland — 2013

B.A. - Sociology, University of Maryland — 2011

publications

Refereed Articles

Renan Xavier Cortes, Sergio Rey, **Elijah Knaap**, & Levi Wolf, "An open-source framework for non-Spatial and Spatial segregation measures: the PySAL segregation module." *Journal of Computational Social Science.* Forthcoming.

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Nedovic-Budic, Zorica, **Knaap, Elijah**, and Ran, Jing. July 2018. Strategic Planning for GIS Design. *Geographic Information Science & Technology Body of Knowledge* **2018**(Q3). DOI: 10.22224/gistbok/2018.3.8.

Knaap, Elijah. Nov. 2017. The Cartography of Opportunity: Spatial Data Science for Equitable Urban Policy. *Housing Policy Debate* **27**(6), 913–940. DOI: 10.1080/10511482.2017.1331930.

Knaap, Elijah, Ding, Chengri, Niu, Yi, and Mishra, Sabyasachee. Jan. 2016. Polycentrism as a sustainable development strategy: empirical analysis from the state of Maryland. *Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability* **9**(1), 73–92. DOI: 10.1080/17549175.2015.1029509.

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Pendall, Rolf, Hayes, Christopher, George, Arthur Taz, Mcdade, Zach, Dawkins, Casey, Jeon Sik, Jae, **Knaap, Elijah**, Blumenberg, Evelyn, Pierce, Gregory, and Smart, Michael. 2014a. *Driving to Opportunity: Understanding the Links among Transportation Access, Residential Outcomes, and Economic Opportuniy for Housing Voucher Recipients*. Tech. rep. March. Washington DC: Urban Institute, p. 68. https://www.urban.org/research/publication/driving-opportunity-understanding-links-among-transportation-access-residential-outcomes-and-economic-opportunity-housing-voucher-recipients.

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Manuscripts in Progress

Elijah Knaap, Levi Wolf, Sergio Rey, Su Han & Wei Kang, "Modeling Urban Neighborhoods: A Survey of Approaches for Identifying Socio-Spatial Structure." *Geography Compass*. Under Review.

Levi Wolf & **Elijah Knaap**, "Learning Geographical Manifolds: A Kernel Trick for Geographical Machine Learning." *Geographical Analysis.* Under Review.

Sergio Rey, Su Han, Wei Kang, **Elijah Knaap**, & Renan Cortes, "A Visual Analytics System for Space-Time Dynamics of Regional Income Distributions Utilizing Animated Flow Maps and Rank-based Markov Chains." *Geographical Analysis.* Under Review.

Wei Kang, Sergio Rey, Levi Wolf, **Elijah Knaap** & Su Han, "Neighborhood Change in the United States: A Comparison of Sequence Analysis Methods." *Computers, Environment, and Urban Systems.* Under Review.

Sergio Rey, Renan Xavier Cortes & **Elijah Knaap**, "Comparative Spatial Segregation Analytics." *Sociological Methodology.* Under Review.

Wei Kang, Sergio Rey, & **Elijah Knaap**, "Urban Income Mobility as a Muiltifaceted Concept in the United States." *Geographical Analysis.* In Progress.

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Software

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awards Innovative Student Contribution to Planning Tools Award - Scenario Planning Applications Network (2015)

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award - National Center for Smart Growth (2014)

Robert Janes Award for contribution to the field of Urban Studies - University of Maryland Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning (2012)

grants All S.T.A.R. fellowship, $10,000 fellowship from the University of Maryland Graduate School

URSP Course Development, $10,000 grant from UMD Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Course: Urban Planning Technology (with Chao Liu). 2012–2013.

URSP Course Development, $10,000 grant from UMD Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Course: Intermediate Geographic Information Systems (with Chao Liu). 2013–2014.

invited talks "The Geography of Neighborhood Change: Poverty, Immigration and Gentrification." Makeover Montgomery 3, Balancing Change in America's Suburbs. May 4, 2016.

"Retail Location and Transit: An Econometric Examination of Retail Location in Prince George's and Montgomery County." Transit, Development, and Forme Urbaine: Washington et Paris, Paris, France. March 14, 2015.

"The Promise and Challenge of Equitable Transit-Oriented Development in Diverse Suburbs." Transit, Development, and Forme Urbaine: Washington et Paris, Washington, DC. October 18, 2014.

conference talks "Comparing Spatial Inequality in International Contexts." Elijah Knaap, American Association of Geographers, Washington, D.C.. May, 2019.

"Modeling Neighborhoods Through Time & Space with Geosnap, The GeoSpatial Neighborhood Analysis Package." Elijah Knaap, Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, California. April, 2019.

"Spatio-temporal Analysis of Socioeconomic Neighborhoods." Sergio Rey & Elijah Knaap, 17th Python in Science Conference, Austin, Texas. July, 2018.

"Machines Learn the Chicago School: Spatiotemporal Markov Models of Neighborhood Change." Elijah Knaap & Nicholas Finio, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Denver, Colorado. October, 2017.

"The Cartography of Opportunity: Spatial Data Science for Equitable Urban Policy." Elijah Knaap, American Association of Geographers, Boston, Massachusetts. April, 2017.

"Who Moves to Opportunity? Residential Sorting Models from a Unique Housing Mobility Program in Baltimore." Elijah Knaap, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Portland, Oregon. November, 2016.

"Regional Planning, Access to Opportunity, & Freddie Gray: Lessons from Baltimore." Gerrit Knaap, Elijah Knaap, Nick Finio, Casey Dawkins, Willow Lung-Amam, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Portland, Oregon. November, 2016.

"Opportunity, Transportation, and Neighborhood Choice: A Quantitative Examination of Housing Voucher Use in Baltimore." Elijah Knaap, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Houston, Texas. October, 2015.

"Networks and Neighborhood Effects: The Role of Accessibility in Economic Mobility." Elijah Knaap & Casey Dawkins, Federal Reserve System Community Development Research Conference, Washington D.C.. April 3, 2015.

"Improving Social and Economic Equity in Maryland." Chao Liu, Elijah Knaap & Gerrit Knaap, 14th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference Tech Fair, Baltimore, Maryland. January 3, 2015.

"Trajectories of Neighborhood Attainment: Evidence from MTO in Baltimore." Elijah Knaap, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. October, 2014.

"The Use and Misuse of Opportunity Maps." Elijah Knaap & Chao Liu, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. October, 2014.

"Identifying Maryland Transportation Place Types." Chao Liu, Ting Ma, Elijah Knaap, & Gerrit Knaap, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. October, 2014.

"Opportunity Mapping Tools to Improve Social and Economic Equity in Maryland." Elijah Knaap, Chao Liu, & Gerrit Knaap, Makeover Montgomery II, Silver Spring, Maryland. October, 2014.

"Locating the Most Connected Transit Stop, Route, and Transfer Center: Tool for Users and Decision Makers." Mishra, S., Welch, T. F., Torrens, P. M., Zhu, H., & Knaap, E., Transportation Research Board 93rd Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.. October, 2014.

"Opportunity Mapping: A Conceptual Analysis and Application to the Baltimore Metropolitan Area." Chao Liu, Elijah Knaap & Gerrit Knaap, Annual Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Washington D.C.. 2013.

"Opportunity Mapping: Concepts and Techniques." Elijah Knaap, Chao Liu, & Gerrit Knaap, Joint Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning & Association of European Schools of Planning, Dublin, Ireland. 2013.

"Reclassification of Sustainable Neighborhoods: An Opportunity Indicator Analysis in Baltimore Metropolitan Area." Chao Liu, Elijah Knaap, & Gerrit Knaap, Joint

Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning & Association of European Schools of Planning, Dublin, Ireland. 2013.

"Economic Clusters and Transit Oriented Development: Two for the Price of One." Elijah Knaap, Yi Niu, Chengri Ding, Sabyasachee Mishra, Tim Welch, Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning & Association, Cincinnati, Ohio. 2012.

"Improving Opportunity Accessibility for Underserved Populations: A Sustainable and Equitable Economic Development (SEED) Initiative for the State of Maryland." Chao Liu, Gerrit Knaap, Jason Sartori & Elijah Knaap, Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning & Association, Cincinnati, Ohio. 2012.

courses taught		
UPP 461: GIS for Urban Planners	Fall 2017
URSP 688Y: Smart Cities and Urban Data Science	Spring 2017
URSP 688Q: Intermediate GIS (Co-Taught with Chao Liu)	Spring 2014
URSP 688G: Urban Planning Technology; (Co-Taught with Chao Liu)	Fall 2014
URSP 688G: Urban Planning Technology; (Co-Taught with Chao Liu)	Spring 2013

public history

Selected media coverage

Baltimore's Housing Voucher Program Almost Gets It Right - *CityLab*, January 5, 2016

Defining 'opportunity' in Baltimore - *The Baltimore Sun*, August 3, 2015

service

Service to the Profession

Member: American Association of Geographers	2013 -
Member: Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning	2013 -
Member: American Sociological Association	2015 -
Member: Regional Science Association International	2018 -

computing

Programming

Python, R, Git, HTML5/CSS, LaTeX, Postgresql/PostGIS, STATA, Javascript

Geographic Information Systems

ArcGIS, QGIS, GeoDa, STARS, PySAL, GeoPandas, sf, spdep