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Career Brief

Patrick Spauster is a Georgina and Charlotte Bloomberg Public Service Fellow and Master's of Urban Planning Candidate at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Spauster is an aspiring writer, data scientist, and researcher focusing on urban and housing issues. He currently researches housing policy at the Furman Center at New York University and writes for Wagner's Planning publication, the Wagner Planner. Before that he was a Research Analyst in the Metropolitan Housing and Communities Center at the Urban Institute. Spauster works on projects relating to rent relief, renter protections, homelessness, housing affordability, housing vouchers, housing discrimination, fair housing, and zoning. He has a strong background in quantitative methods, including analysis of survey, census, administrative, spatial, and program data in R, Stata, and Python. He visualizes data in R and develops webpages in HTML, CSS, and JQuery. Spauster also has extensive qualitative research experience, planning and conducting interviews, coding research findings, and drawing out key themes, quotes, and insights. He is a strong writer experienced with many different written products, including long form research reports, opeds, briefs, fact sheets, blogs, and short articles. He supports teams by managing projects and timelines, presenting results, and communicating with partners and stakeholders. His past work focused on access to homeownership, foreclosure, climate resiliency, cash transfers, and human rights. Spauster holds a BA in Public Policy and a Minor in Economics from Davidson College, where he was a leader in the service community on campus.

Education

Expected 2023	Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, New York City, NY M.S. Candidate, Urban Planning Georgina and Charlotte Bloomberg Public Service Fellow
2017	Davidson College, Davidson, NC B.A., Interdisciplinary Major in Public Policy, Economics Minor

Professional Experience

2021–	Furman Center, New York University, New York, NY Graduate Student Researcher <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Analyst programming in R and Python• Conduct data analysis and create maps, visualizations, and graphics• Evaluate the Impact of New York's 2019 rent protection law on multifamily lending using property records and HMDA data• Use unemployment and census data to target areas most in need of Emergency Rental Assistance payments• Analyze LODS employment data for interactive web feature "State of the City"• Write and edit reports, blogs, briefs, and other products
2018–2021	Urban Institute, Metropolitan Housing and Communities Center, Washington, DC Research Analyst (2021) Research Assistant (2018-2020)

- Conduct qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research projects on fair housing, homelessness, vouchers, and zoning.
- Manage projects and budgets, meetings, logistics, and events.
- Clean, manage, analyze, and automate large datasets in R and Stata
- Create maps, data visualizations, and graphics
- Conduct interviews, draft interview protocols, and code research findings
- Write and edit reports, blogs, briefs, and other products

2017–

Prose Media, New York, NY
Freelance Writer

- Wrote dozens of blog posts, reviews, and other short pieces for clients
- Focused on clear, condensed writing designed for search engine optimization

2017–2018

The Center for New York City Neighborhoods, New York, NY
Program Associate

- Provided relief and support to housing insecure citizens. Staffed the Center's homeowner hub, managed housing cases, provided counseling referral services, and leveraged program partnerships through the NYS Mortgage Assistance Program, Build it Back, Flood Help NY, and Temporary Housing Services.
- Supported research on NYC projects to improve agency programs in foreclosure mitigation, climate resilience, and access to homeownership.
- Analyzed organizational caller data patterns and created plan to increase responsiveness
- Served on the agency's disaster response committee in the wake of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

2016

Human Rights Watch, New York, NY
Children's Rights Division Intern,

- Assisted researchers and executives with research, writing, editing, and administration for children's rights research projects
- Composed treaty body on Bangladesh submitted for review of the United Nations Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women; Composed background research report on Peruvian Gold Mining
- Contributed significant research, writing, and editing and for nine country profiles for *Education Under Attack 2018*, a report of the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Georgina and Charlotte Bloomberg Public Service Fellow, 2021-2023;
Ten Urban Wire Blog Posts that Elevated the Debate, 2018;
Davidson College Civic Engagement Council Chairperson, 2016-2017;
Leadership Davidson Selectee, 2017;
Vann Center for Ethics Human Rights Watch Fellow, 2016.

Technical Skills

R	HTML	Mapping
Stata	Javascript	Wordpress web design
ArcGIS/QGIS	CSS	Econometrics
Python	Illustrator	Ethnography
nVivo	Photoshop	Interviewing
Qualtrics	Data Visualization	Focus Groups

Data Walks
 Blogging

Copyediting
 Freelance writing

Opinion Editorial

Publications

Blog Posts

Eldridge, Matthew, Kimberly Burrowes, and **Patrick Spauster**, "[How Cities Like Birmingham, Alabama, Are Unlocking New Funding for Parks and Green Space](#)," *Urban Wire* (blog), February 18, 2019.

Scally, Corianne, Camille Anoll and **Patrick Spauster**, "[Four lessons on federal crisis response from ten years of foreclosure counseling](#)," *Urban Wire* (blog), May 23, 2017.

Spauster, Patrick, "[LeBron James's I Promise School puts a public face to the evidence-based approach of whole-family intervention](#)," *Urban Wire* (blog), August 14, 2018.

Spauster, Patrick, "[In some New York City districts, nearly one in four students experience homelessness](#)," *Urban Wire* (blog), Urban Wire, November 19, 2018.

Spauster, Patrick, "[LeBron James's Foundation Is Building Transitional Housing at the I Promise School. But It Can Go Further to Help Families](#)," *Urban Wire* (blog), November 22, 2019.

Spauster, Patrick, "[Three Things We Learned from Cleaning One Million DMV Property Records](#)," *Data@Urban* (blog), December 3, 2019.

Spauster, Patrick, "[Tackling Systemic Barriers in Northeast Buffalo to Help Break Cycles of Poverty](#)," *Urban Wire* (blog), December 16, 2019.

Spauster, Patrick, Mica O'Brien, and Olivia Fiol, "[The Suburbs Aren't Under Attack. They Can Be Places of Opportunity for All](#)," *Urban Wire* (blog), September 11, 2020.

Opeds

Patrick Spauster, "[New York City Needs Basement Apartments Now More Than Ever](#)," *City Limits*, September 30, 2021.

Published Reports

Anderson, Theresa, Susan J. Popkin, Marla McDaniel, Amelia Coffey, Amanda Gold, **Patrick Spauster**, Peace Gwam, Marcus Gaddy, and Adaeze Okoli. Investing in Equitable Urban Park Systems. 2021. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/developing-two-generation-approaches-communities>

Cunningham, Mark K., Devlin Hanson, Sarah Gillespie, Mike Pergamit, Alyse D. Oneto, **Patrick Spauster**, Tracey O'Brien, Liz Sweiter, Christine Velez Breaking the Homelessness-Jail Cycle with Housing First: Results from the Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond Initiative. 2021. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/breaking-homelessness-jail-cycle-housing-first-results-denver-supportive-housing-social-impact-bond-initiative>

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Galvez, Martha, Solomon Greene, Alyse Oneto, and **Patrick Spauster**. Protecting Housing Choice Voucher Holders from Discrimination: Lessons from Oregon and Texas. 2020. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/housing-and-land-use-implications-split-roll-property-tax-reform-california>

Gillespie, Sarah, Devlin Hanson, Alyse D. Oneto, **Patrick Spauster**, Mary Cunningham, Mike Pergamit. Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond Initiative: Housing Stability Payments. 2020. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/denver-supportive-housing-social-impact-bond-initiative-housing-stability-payments-0>

Gillespie, Sarah, Devlin Hanson, Alyse D. Oneto, **Patrick Spauster**, Mary Cunningham, Mike Pergamit. Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond Initiative: Final Outcome Payments. 2021. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/denver-supportive-housing-social-impact-bond-initiative-final-outcome-payments>

Greene, Solomon, Laurie Goodman, Sarah Stochak, Daniel Teles, and **Patrick Spauster**. Housing and Land Use Implications of Split-Roll Property Tax Reform in California. 2020. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/housing-and-land-use-implications-split-roll-property-tax-reform-california>

Greene, Solomon, **Patrick Spauster**, Martha Galvez, and Daniel Teles. State and Local Voucher Protection Laws: Introducing a New Legal Dataset. 2020. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/state-and-local-voucher-protection-laws-introducing-new-legal-dataset>

Popkin, Susan, Theresa Anderson, Amelia Coffey, Marcus Gaddy, Charmaine Runes, Marla McDaniel, Adaeze Okoli, **Patrick Spauster**. Incorporation Two-Generation Approaches in Community Change. 2019. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/incorporating-two-generation-approaches-community-change>

Scally, Corianne, Camille Anoll, Jung Choi, **Patrick Spauster**, Leah Hendey, Diane Levy, and Bing Bai. 2018. "Responding to a Crisis: The National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program 2008-2018." NeighborWorks America. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/responding-crisis-national-foreclosure-mitigation-counseling-program-2008-2018>

Scally, Corianne, Eric Burnstein, Nicole DuBois, Marcus Gaddy, Chris Hayes, Clare Saleno, **Patrick Spauster**, Yipeng Su, Elsa Falkenburger, and Susan Popkin. "Evaluation of the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program." 2019. <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/evaluation-resident-opportunity-and-self-sufficiency-service-coordinator-program>

Features

Cunningham, Mark K., Devlin Hanson, Sarah Gillespie, Mike Pergamit, Alyse D. Oneto, **Patrick Spauster**, and Josh Leopold "Reenvisioning Rural America," Urban Institute, September 2021, <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/promise-heights-response-challenges-created-covid-19>

Scally, Corianne, Amanda Gold, Yipeng Su, Jorge Morales-Burnett, Eric Burnstein, and **Patrick Spauster**, "Housing First Breaks the Homelessness-Jail Cycle," Urban Institute, July 2021, <https://www.urban.org/features/housing-first-breaks-homelessness-jail-cycle>

Presentations

Spauster, Patrick, Solomon Greene, and Sarah Stochak "Housing and Land Use Implications of Proposed Split Roll Tax Reform," Fresno, CA and Washington DC. Zoom. July 30th, 2020.

Spauster, Patrick and Peter Tatian. "Building a Data-Driven Learning Culture." Washington, DC. Zoom. May 13th, 2020.

Spauster, Patrick, Timothy Tripplett, and Brett Theodos. "Improving Survey Design and Administration," Washington, DC. Zoom. August 11th, 2020.

Service

Organizer, Urban Institute Employees Union, 2019-2021
Davidson College Civic Engagement Council Chairperson 2016-2017
Volunteer and Researcher with the Beatties Ford Road Project 2017
Treasurer Amnesty International Davidson 2014-2016
Vice President, Communications Davidson Nonprofit Consulting 2015-2017
Puerto Rico Evacuee Service Center Volunteer 2017-2018