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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Housing Policy • Eviction • Health Disparities • Environmental Justice  
Quantitative Methods (Stata, R) • Geospatial Analysis (Python, ArcGIS, QGIS)

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Public Affairs (Minor in Population Studies)**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. 2023  
*Dissertation: "Three Essays on Housing Affordability in Chinese Cities"*

**Master of Urban Planning**, Tsinghua University, China 2018  
Exchange Student, TU Delft Faculty of Architecture & the Built Environment 2017

**Bachelor of Engineering in Urban Planning**, Tianjin University, China 2015  
Exchange Student, NUS School of Design and Environment 2013

## EMPLOYMENT

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Jul 2024 - **Postdoctoral Research Associate**  
People, Health, & Place Unit, Prevention Research Center, Washington  
University in St. Louis.

Mar 2023 - **Senior Research Associate**  
Center for Urban Studies, Portland State University

Aug 2018 - May 2023 **Research Assistant**  
Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota

Jun - Aug 2022 **Research Assistant**  
Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation, University of Minnesota

Jan - Feb 2018 Planning Intern, Center for Master Planning, THUPDI

Jun - Aug 2014 Planning Intern, AECOM (Beijing)

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Goetz, E. G., **Wang, Y.**, & Damiano, A. (2025). Extra-judicial Evictions and Changing Landlord Strategies in Response to the Eviction Moratorium. *Housing Policy Debate*. Journal Impact Factor: 2.8.

VanHeuvelen, J. S., **Wang, Y.**, & VanHeuvelen, T. (2024). Political Context and State-Level Health Behavior Disparities. *Socius*, 10, 23780231241285061. Journal Impact Factor: 3.0.

**Wang, Y.** (2023). Housing cost burden, homeownership, and self-rated health among migrant workers in Chinese cities: The confounding effect of residence duration. *Cities*, 133, 104128. Journal Impact Factor: 6.0.

**Wang, Y.**, & Goetz, E. G. (2022). No Place in the City: The Segregation of Affordable Formal Private Rentals in Beijing. *Housing Policy Debate*, 32(4-5), 607-621. Journal Impact Factor: 2.8.

Goetz, E. G., & **Wang, Y.** (2020). Overriding Exclusion: Compliance with Subsidized Housing Incentives in the Massachusetts 40B Program. *Housing Policy Debate*, 30(3), 457-479. Journal Impact Factor: 2.8.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES IN-PROGRESS

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**Wang, Y.**, Silva, A. A. P., Silva, M. F., Rios-Hernandez, M., Leão, A. L. F., Gierbolini-Rivera, R. D., Yang, S., Eyler, A., Brownson, R., & Reis, R. Do Priorities for Developing Livable Cities Change Over Time? Under review at *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.

**Wang, Y.**, Crenshaw, A. N., & Reis, R. Federal Cuts and Public Health: Social Media Sentiment Among Federal Employees. Under review at *JAMA Health Forum*.

**Wang, Y.** Displacement and Disparity: The Impact of Shantytown Redevelopment on Migrant Renters in Beijing. Under review at *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*.

**Wang, Y.**, & Bates, L. K. Evictions in Subsidized Housing: The Role of Owners and Managers. Under review at *Housing Policy Debate*.

Crenshaw, A. N., **Wang, Y.**, Leão, A. L. F., Kepper, M., Gierbolini-Rivera, R. D., & Reis, R. Community Perspectives on Livability Metrics: Insights Using Designing for Dissemination and Sustainability. Under review at *Cities & Health*.

Graff, M., Pradhan, B., & **Wang, Y.** Investigating Administrative Burden through Spatial Accessibility in Energy Assistance. Under review at *The American Review of Public Administration*.

Oerther, S., Ditto, J., Xu, L., **Wang, Y.**, Scroggins, S., Shacham, & E. Wildland Fires, Spatial Dependence, and Social Vulnerability: An Exploratory Integrative Analysis. Under review at *PLOS ONE*.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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Farrington, A., Bates, L., Carroll, C., **Wang, Y.**, Amir-Ghassemi, A., Cho, M., Cholula, N., & Lindstrom, A. (2025). Eviction Court in Multnomah County: Improved Legal Outcomes for Tenants Amidst Rising Eviction Filings. *Urban Studies and Planning Faculty Publications and Presentations*.

**Wang, Y.**, Bates, L., Amir-Ghassemi, A., Cho, M., Zapata, M., Greene, J., Carroll, C., & MacArthur, D. (2024). Eviction in Oregon's Subsidized Affordable Housing. *Center for Urban Studies Publications and Reports, Portland State University*.

Goetz, E. G., **Wang, Y.**, & Damiano A. (2022). The Impact of the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium on Landlord-Initiated Displacement Actions in Minnesota. *Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota*.

Goetz, E. G., Williams, R. A., **Wang, Y.**, Martin A. A., Vergara, A. (2022). Seeking Closure: The Lowry Grove Report. *Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota*.

Kirszbaum, T., Goetz, E. G., **Wang, Y.** (2021). Promouvoir le logement social dans les communes déficitaires. Monograph published by *Défenseur des Droits, République Française*.

## IN THE MEDIA

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Werk, J. (2025). Tenants Speak Out Amid Wave of Evictions at NAYA Affordable Housing. Underscore Native News. <http://www.underscore.news/justice/tenants-speak-out-amid-wave-of-evictions-at-naya-affordable-housing/>

Bach, J. (2024). Oregon affordable housing landlords filed thousands of evictions in recent years, study finds. Oregonlive. <https://www.oregonlive.com/business/2024/09/oregon-affordable-housing-landlords-filed-thousands-of-evictions-in-recent-years-study-finds.html>

Bourgeois, M., & Jones, J. (2024). Oregon saw over 5K recent affordable housing eviction filings, PSU finds. KOIN.Com. <https://www.koin.com/news/oregon/oregon-saw-over-5k-recent-affordable-housing-eviction-filings-psu-finds/>

Nesterak, M. (2022). Study: Minnesota renters didn't report surge of 'informal evictions' during moratorium. Minnesota Reformer. <https://minnesotareformer.com/2022/12/22/study-minnesota-renters-didnt-report-surge-of-informal-evictions-during-covid-19-moratorium/>

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2015	Honorary Mention, TEAM20 3th Architecture and Urban Planning Competition
2014	Honorary Mention, Tianjin International Design Week (TDW) Award
2014	Sustainable City Fellowship, Oak Foundation (Switzerland)
2013	Selected Award, Architects in Mission (AIM) International Design Competition

## GRANTS - FUNDED

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2025	Here & Next Ignite Interdisciplinary Grant — \$50,000 “An Evidence-Based Toolkit to Conduct Research on Climate Resilience and Health Impacts in Affordable Housing” PIs: Rodrigo Reis, Lindsay Underhill, & Catalina Freixas Role: Co-Investigator
2025	Here & Next Spark Funding: Pop-Up Initiative Grant — \$20,000 “Designing a Community-centered Action Plan to Enhance Climate Resilience and Public Health Equity in Affordable Housing” PIs: Lindsay Underhill & Catalina Freixas Role: Co-Investigator
2025	<u>Here &amp; Next</u> Global Incubator Research Seed Funding — \$25,000 “Evaluating the Impacts of Affordable Housing on Physical Activity, Health, and Climate Resilience in Brazil” PIs: Rodrigo Reis & Alex Antonio Florindo Role: Co-Investigator
2024	<u>Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity &amp; Equity</u> Small Grant — \$1,000 “Predatory Landlord Practices: Housing Code Violations and Evictions in the City of St. Louis” PI: Yi Wang

2024     Here & Next Interdisciplinary Research Seed Funding — \$50,000  
 “Measuring Spatial Inequities in Urban Communities”  
 PIs: Rodrigo Reis & Nathan Jacobs  
 Role: Research Staff

## TEACHING

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2021 - 2022     Instructor, PA 5932 - Working with Data: Finding, Managing, and Using Data,  
 University of Minnesota.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2024 -             Postdoc Representative, Data and Methods Core, Prevention Research Center,  
 Washington University in St. Louis.

2022 - 2023     Student Representative, MURP Faculty Search Committee, Humphrey School,  
 University of Minnesota.

2021 - 2022     Student Representative, Ph.D. Committee, Humphrey School, University of  
 Minnesota.

### Reviewer:

*Cities, Journal of Planning Education and Research, Population Research and Policy Review, Local Environment, Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, PLOS ONE, Urban Planning.*

### Member:

*Alumni Population Studies Trainee, Minnesota Population Center (MPC)*  
*Member, Urban Affairs Association (UAA)*  
*Member, Law & Society Association (LSA)*  
*Member, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)*  
*Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2026     Law & Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. “Investigating the Impact of  
 Kansas City’s Tenant Right to Counsel Program on Eviction Outcomes.”

2025     International Conference on Urban Affairs (ICUA), Vancouver, Canada. “Predatory Landlord  
 Practices: Housing Code Violations and Evictions in The City of St Louis.”

2024     Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. “The  
 Role of Community Action Agencies in Disaster Response: The Case of Covid-19 Emergency  
 Rental Assistance.”

2024     Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Annual Conference, New York, NY. “Access and Equity in  
 Disaster Response: The Case of Covid-19 Emergency Rental Assistance”

2023     Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Annual Fall Research  
 Conference, Atlanta, GA. “Protected from Eviction? A Study of Subsidized Housing Evictions  
 in Oregon.”

- 2023 Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. "Protected from Eviction? A Study of Subsidized Housing Evictions in Oregon."
- 2023 Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Annual Conference, Nashville, TN. "[Extra-Judicial Evictions: Changing Landlord Strategies During and After the Eviction Moratorium.](#)"
- 2023 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. "[Eviction Moratorium and Threats of Eviction in the Twin Cities.](#)"
- 2022 Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Annual Conference, Washington DC. "Development for whom? The Impact of Shantytown Redevelopment Projects (SRPs) on Rental Affordability in Beijing."
- 2022 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. "[Microsimulation and the Risk of Eviction Among Family Members \(Poster\).](#)"
- 2021 [Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning \(ACSP\) Annual Conference \(Virtual\).](#) "Housing Affordability and Self-Rated Health of Migrant Workers in Chinese Cities."
- 2021 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting (Virtual). "Housing Cost Burden and Physical Health of Internal Migrant Populations in Urban China (Poster)."
- 2020 International Association for China Planning (IACP) Annual Conference (Virtual). "No Place in the City: The Segregation of Affordable Market-Rate Rentals in Beijing."
- 2020 [Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning \(ACSP\) Annual Conference \(Virtual\).](#) "No Place in the City: The Segregation of Affordable Market-Rate Rentals in Beijing."
- 2019 [Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning \(ACSP\) Annual Conference, Greenville, SC.](#) "Exclusion or Fair Share? Local Government Compliance with Affordable Housing Incentives."
- 2019 International Conference on China Urban Development, Beijing, China. "Exclusion or Fair Share? Local Government Compliance with Affordable Housing Incentives."
- 2019 Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA. "Residential segregation of low-to-moderate-income households in Beijing: An empirical study of private sector rental housing."
- 2017 Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development (SPSD) Annual Conference, Seoul, South Korea. "Exploring the Residential Segregation in Beijing using Rental Housing Data."

## REFERENCES

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[Dr. Rodrigo Reis](#)

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