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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Housing Policy • Eviction • Health Disparities • Environmental Justice  
Quantitative Methods (R, Stata) • 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 2018  
Exchange Student, TU Delft Faculty of Architecture & the Built Environment 2017  
**Bachelor of Engineering in Urban Planning**, Tianjin University 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 - Jun 2025 **Senior Research Associate**  
Evicted in Oregon Research Team, 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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Crenshaw, A. N., **Wang, Y.**, Leão, A. L. F., Kepper, M., Gierbolini-Rivera, R. D., & Reis, R. (2025). Community Perspectives on Livability Metrics: Insights Using Designing for Dissemination and Sustainability. *Cities & Health*.  
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: 2.9.  
VanHeuvelen, J. S., **Wang, Y.**, & VanHeuvelen, T. (2024). Political Context and State-Level Health Behavior Disparities. *Socius*, 10, 23780231241285061. Journal Impact Factor: 2.0.

**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: 6.6.

**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: 2.9.

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: 2.9.

## 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. S. Do Priorities for Developing Livable Cities Change Over Time? Under Review, *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.

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

**Wang, Y.,** McMurtry, C., & Han, H.-S. Investigating the Impact of Kansas City's Tenant Right to Counsel Program on Eviction Court Outcomes. Under review, *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

Leão, A. L. F., **Wang, Y.,** Banda, B. F., Balogun, M., Xing, E., Gudapati, S., Rios-Hernandez, M., Jacobs, N., & Reis, R. S. Exploring Spatial Inequities and Livability: A Mixed-Methods Study Using Artificial Intelligence and Community Insights. Under review, *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*.

Reis, R. S., Leão, A. L. F., **Wang, Y.,** Silva, M. F., & Salvo, D. Enhancing the Socioecological Model to Integrate Equity and Planetary Health: A Framework for Understanding Complex Interventions Shaping Population Health and Active Living. Under review, *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*.

Graff, M., Pradhan, B., & **Wang, Y.** Investigating Administrative Burden through Spatial Accessibility in Energy Assistance. Under review, *Administration & Society*.

Chun, Y., Hauptert, T., & **Wang, Y.** Policy Adoption in Dire Times—Lessons from Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Programs During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Under review, *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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Blackmon, K., Yearby, R., Lewis, C. N., **Wang, Y.,** & Hutton, S. (forthcoming). Unsafe Rental Housing and Poor Health: Using Tenant Organizing to Empower Community and Address Housing Deterioration. In *Preserving America's Housing from the Bottom Up: Deterioration and the Affordable Housing Crisis*. Island Press.

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	<u>Here &amp; Next Ignite Interdisciplinary Grant</u> – \$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
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- 2025      Here & Next Spark Funding: Convening Track – \$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      Here & Next 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      Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity Small Grant – \$1,000  
 “Predatory Landlord Practices: Housing Code Violations and Evictions in the City of St. Louis”  
 Role: PI
- 2024      Here & Next Interdisciplinary Research Seed Funding – \$50,000  
 “Measuring Spatial Inequities in Urban Communities”  
 PIs: Rodrigo Reis & Nathan Jacobs  
 Role: Research Staff
- 2022-2025      Oregon Housing and Community Services Department Funding – \$1,999,556  
 “Evictions Prevention and Diversion”  
 PI: Lisa K. Bates  
 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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- 2025 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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