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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Housing Policy • Eviction • Urban Health • Climate Resilience  
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*.

## 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<br>“An Evidence-Based Toolkit to Conduct Research on Climate Resilience and Health Impacts in Affordable Housing”<br>PIs: Rodrigo Reis, Lindsay Underhill, & Catalina Freixas<br>Role: Co-Investigator |
| 2025 | <u>Here &amp; Next Spark Funding: Convening Track</u> – \$20,000<br>“Designing a Community-centered Action Plan to Enhance Climate Resilience and Public Health Equity in Affordable Housing”<br>PIs: Lindsay Underhill & Catalina Freixas                              |

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|           | Role: Co-Investigator   |
| 2025      | <u>Here &amp; Next Global Incubator Research Seed Funding</u> – \$25,000<br>“Evaluating the Impacts of Affordable Housing on Physical Activity, Health, and Climate Resilience in Brazil”<br>PIs: Rodrigo Reis & Alex Antonio Florindo<br>Role: Co-Investigator |
| 2024      | <u>Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity &amp; Equity Small Grant</u> – \$1,000<br>“Predatory Landlord Practices: Housing Code Violations and Evictions in the City of St. Louis”<br>Role: PI   |
| 2024      | <u>Here &amp; Next Interdisciplinary Research Seed Funding</u> – \$50,000<br>“Measuring Spatial Inequities in Urban Communities”<br>PIs: Rodrigo Reis & Nathan Jacobs<br>Role: Research Staff   |
| 2022-2025 | Oregon Housing and Community Services Department Funding – \$1,999,556<br>“Evictions Prevention and Diversion”<br>PI: Lisa K. Bates<br>Role: Research Staff   |

## TEACHING

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| 2021 - 2022 | Instructor, <u>PA 5932 - Working with Data: Finding, Managing, and Using Data</u> ,<br>University of Minnesota. |
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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| 2024 -      | Postdoc Representative, Data and Methods Core, Prevention Research Center,<br>Washington University in St. Louis. |
| 2022 - 2023 | Student Representative, MURP Faculty Search Committee, Humphrey School,<br>University of Minnesota.               |
| 2021 - 2022 | Student Representative, Ph.D. Committee, Humphrey School, University of<br>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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