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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 – Professor, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University
2016 – 2023 Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University
2014 – 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University
2009 – 2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University

EDUCATION

2009 PhD in Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2005 MA in Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2001 BA in Philosophy & Classics, University of Arizona, Tucson

EDITORSHIPS (Action/decision editor roles are underlined)

2022 – Editor-in-Chief, *Global Networks*
2022 – 2024 Editor-in-Chief, *Evidence and Policy*
2020 – Editorial Board, *Journal of Social Structure*
2018 – Editorial Board, *American Journal of Community Psychology*
2023 Special issue editor, "Brokerage Within and Between Regions" in *Regional Studies*
2020 – 2022 Deputy Editor, *City & Community*
2012 – 2022 Associate Editor, *Global Networks*
2007 – 2022 Series Editor, *The Metropolis and Modern Life* (Routledge Book Series)
2021 Special issue editor, "Cities, Networks, and Urban Policy" in *Journal of Urban Affairs*
2017 – 2021 Associate Editor, *Evidence and Policy*
2009 – 2020 Editorial Board, *City & Community*
2015 – 2020 Senior Associate Editor, *Journal of Urban Affairs*
2019 Special issue editor, "Complexity and the City" in *Applied Network Science*
2018 Special issue editor, "Intersections Between Urban Studies and Network Science" in *Networks and Spatial Economics*, 18(3)
2017 Special issue editor, "Diversity and Sense of Community" in *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 59(3-4)
2003 – 2009 Managing Editor, *City & Community*

FELLOWSHIPS

2019 – 2020 Fellow, MSU Hub for Innovation in Learning and Technology
2015 – 2016 Senior Fellow, Brookings Metropolitan Policy program

BOOKS

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4. Neal, Z. P. & Rozenblat, C., eds. (2021). *Handbook of Cities and Networks*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.
3. Neal, Z. P., ed. (2016). *The Handbook of Applied Systems Science*. New York: Routledge.
2. Neal, Z. P. (2013). *The Connected City: How Networks are Shaping the Modern Metropolis*. New York: Routledge.
1. Orum, A. M., & Neal, Z. P., eds. (2010). *Common Ground? Readings and Reflections on Public Space*. New York: Routledge.

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125. Neal, Z. P. and Neal, J. W. (2025). My closest relationship is with "Yur Mama": Data quality in the CHIP50 ego network module. *Connections*, 46. <https://doi.org/10.2478/connections-2025-0004> [[data](#)]
124. Neal, J. W., Neal, Z. P., Brutzman, B., & Durbin, C. E. (2025). Understanding the Developmental Transition between Parallel and Social Play During Preschool: A Multiplex Social Network Analysis. *Developmental Psychology*, 61, 1860 – 1867. <https://doi.org/10.1037/dev0001837> [[post-print](#), [data](#)]
123. Chua, A. L. B., Neal, J. W., and Neal, Z. P. (2025). Trends in the Prevalence of Childfree Women in the Philippines, 1993 – 2022. *Journal of Family Issues*, 46, 966-980. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X251322148> [[post-print](#), [data](#)]
122. Rey, S. Knaap, E., Neal, Z. P., and Andris, C. (2025). Unraveling Incommensurate Spatial Partitions: A Bipartite Graph Approach to School-Neighborhood Interactions and Their Impacts. *Networks and Spatial Economics*, 25, 121-146. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11067-024-09655-x>
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120. Neal, Z. P. and Neal, J. W. (2025). Estimating the percentage of men who are childfree using the National Survey of Family Growth: A comment on Bozick (2023). *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 87, 1763-1766. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.13092> [[post-print](#), [data](#)]

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22. Neal, Z. P. (2022). Extracting the backbone of bipartite projections: Comparing hard and soft constraints. *Oxford Mathematical Institute, Oxford University*, May 10.
21. Neal, Z. P. (2021). The backbone of the world city network. *Agglomeration and Social Networks (ANET) Lab, Hungarian Academy of Sciences*, October 29.
20. Neal, Z. P. (2021). What really matters in bipartite projections. *University of Manchester Mitchell Center*, March 24.
19. Neal, Z. P. (2021). What are communities in social networks. *Hong Kong Baptist University*, January 27.
18. Neal, Z. P. (2020). How much to gender and party matter when US representatives collaborate? *Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research*, August 18.
17. Neal, Z. P., Domagalski, R., & Sagan, B. (2020). Introduction to bipartite projections with backbone. *INSNA Sunbelt workshop*, July 13.
16. Neal, Z. P. (2019). Looking for political friends and enemies. *Pennsylvania State University Center for Social Data Analytics*, December 2, State College, PA.
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14. Neal, Z. P. (2019). Haven't I seen you here before: Using proximity to measure networks in and between cities. *On the Edge Symposium Keynote, University of Western Australia*, July 18, Perth, AUSTRALIA.
13. Neal, Z. P. (2017). National urban policy: Shared space or divided space? *Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour (ABC) "Shared Spaces in Smart Places," Harvard University*. November 6, Cambridge, MA.
12. Neal, Z. P. (2017). The Future of Urban Networks. *Workshop on Leveraging Advances in Social Network Thinking for National Security Purposes, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine*. October 11, Washington, DC.
11. Neal, Z. P. (2017). Polarization: Do we need to "mind the gap"? *Freeman Award Lecture, International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt)*, June 2, Beijing, CHINA.
10. Neal, Z. P. & Lawlor, J. A. (2016). Workshop on agent-based modeling, and zombies. *Michigan Modeling Collaborative*, November 4, East Lansing, MI.
9. Neal, Z. P. (2016). Are cohesive, integrated communities possible? *Duke Network Analysis Center*, February 1, Durham, NC.

8. Neal, Z. P. (2014). Comparing real and possible interlocking world city networks. ARL International Summer School on Global Urban Networks, September 1, Loughborough, UK.
7. Neal, Z. P. (2014). Making big cities small: behavioral and environmental requirements for the formation of small world networks. Tinbergen Institute Workshop, May 19, Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS.
6. Neal, Z. P. (2013). Urban networks at micro- and macro-scales. Swansea University, May 15, Swansea, UK.
5. Neal, Z. P. (2013). Are diverse communities possible? Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, May 13, London, UK
4. Neal, Z. P. (2012). Measurement and metabolism in air traffic networks. ASU Global Institute of Sustainability Workshop on Urban Networks, Sustainability, and Resilience, November 1, Tempe, Arizona.
3. Neal, Z. P. (2012). Sustainability and formation of dynamic urban networks. INSITE Workshop on General Processes of Networks' Emergence and Sustainability, September 17, Venice, ITALY.
2. Neal, Z. P. (2011). Secret gardens: locating and understanding hidden public spaces. Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference, September 16 – 17, Chicago, IL.
1. Neal, Z. P. (2008). Why networks matter for cities: some historical and methodological considerations. City as System conference, Martin Prosperity Institute (University of Toronto), October 10, Toronto, ON.

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2024	Brian Brutzman, PhD in Social Psychology, MSU
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HONORS & AWARDS

2025	Commendation from <i>Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science</i> (SIPS) for "Recommendations for sharing network data and materials"
2019	Carol Weiss Prize for "What is research? Educators' conceptions and alignment with U.S. federal policies," published in <i>Evidence and Policy</i>
2019	MSU Social Science Data Analytics Visualization Challenge, First Place for "Waves of Polarization in the US Senate"
2019	<i>Urban Studies</i> Best Article Award, Honorable Mention for "The urban metabolism of airline passengers: Scaling and sustainability"
2017	Early Career Award, American Psychological Association Division 27, Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA)
2016	Freeman Early Career Award, International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
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2010	Outstanding Dissertation Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
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- 2009 2nd Place, Midwest Sociological Society Paper Competition for "From Central Places to Network Bases: The Emergence of a New Urban Hierarchy, 1900 – 2000."
- 2006 2nd Place, Midwest Sociological Society Paper Competition for "Building a BlauUrban Space"
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023 – 2025 Member, INSNA Board of Directors
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- 2023 Publicity Chair, Complex Networks 2023
- 2023 Organizer, AAG Cities & Networks Miniconference
- 2022 – 2023 Chair, Social-Personality Psychology program
- 2021 Program Committee, 10th International Conference on Complex Networks and their applications (Madrid)
- 2020 – Member, MSU College of Social Science Faculty Advisory Committee
- 2020 Organizer, INSNA Sunbelt symposium on bipartite networks
- 2020 Organizer, AAG Cities & Networks Miniconference
- 2020 Program Committee, 9th International Conference on Complex Networks and their applications (Madrid)
- 2020 Program Committee, 12th International Congress on Social Informatics (Pisa)
- 2019 Organizer, 2nd International Symposium on Urban Networks (Perth)
- 2019 Program Committee, 8th International Conference on Complex Networks and their applications (Lisbon)
- 2019 Organizer, Sunbelt Signed Ties Miniconference (Montreal)
- 2019 Program Committee, 11th International Congress on Social Informatics (Doha)
- 2019 Organizer, AAG Cities & Networks Miniconference
- 2019 Ecological-Community Psychology Brownbag Committee
- 2018 INSNA Freeman Award Committee
- 2017 – 2020 Psychology Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- 2017 – 2019 Psychology Department Advisory Committee
- 2017 Organizer, 1st International Symposium on Urban Networks (Ghent)
- 2015 – 2018 SCRA Council of Educational Programs
- 2015 – 2016 Ecological-Community Psychology Search Committee
- 2014 – 2015 Ecological-Community Psychology Admissions Committee
- 2013 – 2014 Organizer, Global Urban Studies Program Workshop Series
- 2012 Jane Addams Article Award Committee, Community & Urban Sociology Section
- 2011 University Committee on Faculty Affairs, Michigan State University
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