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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

PhD Urban Planning & Policy, 2014 - Present
Advisor: Dr. Rachel Weber

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

M.A. Geography, May 2014
Advisor: Dr. Matthew Wilson

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

B.A. Geography, June 2007
Minor in Women's & Gender Studies
Certificate in GIS

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago

Anchoring the Community: The Deepening Role of Urban Universities Aug 2015-Dec 2016

The Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU), of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) PI: Dr. David Perry

Working collaboratively with three APLU faculty, I designed and disseminated a survey to administrative heads of USU member universities. I coded and analyzed the survey results and discussed the findings in a report on community engagement practices of USU members. This project was supported by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, and coordinated through the Great Cities Institute at UIC.

How Incentives and Local Fiscal Structures Influence Business Decisions Aug 2015 – present

PI: Dr. Rachel Weber and Dr. Joshua Drucker

I collected data on local governments' use of business incentives for economic development in a study area that includes six metropolitan areas across three states. I am currently constructing and managing a master database and developing techniques to merge this data into common variables, reporting descriptive statistics and conducting preliminary analyses and policy research. The goal of

the study is to understand how the combination of public sector incentives and fiscal conditions influences business location and employment choices, and thereby improve the effectiveness of incentives as a policy tool. This project is supported by the Ewing M. Kauffman Foundation.

Master's student researcher

Department of Geography, University of Kentucky

2012-2014

I designed and conducted original research on participatory planning for public housing redevelopment in Memphis, TN, using interviews, participant observation, archival research and discourse analysis methods. Defended MA thesis May 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Craft, Andrea and Rachel Weber. (forthcoming). An incentive program grows up: The evolution of TIF in Chicago. In Tax Increment Financing and Economic Development: Uses, Structure and Impact, 2nd edition. Ed. Johnson, Craig and Ken Kriz. SUNY Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Explaining Incentive Adoption: Post-Crisis Economic Development "Regimes" in the Midwest. The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Denver, CO, October 2017

Urban Development and Displacement. Panelist. Conference on Critical Geography, Lexington KY, October 2015

Participation as Protest: Re-politicizing collaboration in public housing redevelopment. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015

Limits to Participation in Planning for Public Housing Residents in Memphis, TN. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, April 2014

Beyond Boystown: Critically Mapping Chicago's Queer Spaces. Poster presentation. East Lakes meeting of the Association of American Geographers, East Lansing, MI, 2007

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

Green Politics & Sustainability. Session Chair. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY, February 2014

Ecofeminist Homesteading Tour. Field Trip Leader, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY, February 2014

Resource Politics. Session Chair. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY, March 2013

HONORS & AWARDS

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Ph.D. Workshop 2017

University Fellowship, *University of Illinois at Chicago*, 2014 & 2018 (\$25,000 per annum)

Kentucky Opportunity Fellowship, *University of Kentucky*, 2012 – 2013 (\$15,000)

Daniel R. Reedy Quality Achievement Award, *University of Kentucky*, 2012 –2014 (\$3,000 per annum)

Barnhardt-Withington Research Award, *University of Kentucky*, 2013 (\$282)

Arthur J. Schmitt Academic Scholarship, *DePaul University*, 2003 – 2007

Betty Leahy Memorial Travel Scholarship to AAG Conference, *DePaul University*, 2007

Honors Convocation for Geography, *DePaul University*, 2007

Pilsen Alliance Community Partnership Award, Chicago, IL, 2006

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Department of Geography

GEO 109: Digital Mapping, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Taught digital mapping and geospatial data collection using open source software, facilitated balloon mapping project, and instructed on the social and political uses of maps.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, S.B. Friedman & Company, Chicago, IL, Nov 2007-2009, Jan 2011 – April 2012, Summer 2015, Summer 2016

Conducted research and GIS analysis and mapping for a consulting firm specializing in economic development, market and economic impact studies. Research methods included: on-site primary data collection, interviews, spatial analysis and gravity modeling, web-based property research, and FOIA data requests. Assisted in developing reports and proposals for various local economic development tools, including New Markets Tax Credits, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Tax Increment Financing, and Special Service Area designations.

Freecyclery Program Coordinator, The Recyclery Collective, Chicago, IL, March 2011 – May 2012

Coordinated a bike donation program for refugees, low income families, and adults experiencing homelessness for a non-profit community bicycle shop. Led a weekly volunteer session to repair kids' bikes and planned a holiday bike giveaway, which distributed 100 bikes to neighborhood kids and families.

GIS Intern, City of Chicago, Department of Innovation & Technology, GIS Division, June 2007 – Nov 2007

Maintained accuracy of city-owned GIS data by updating building shapefiles, geocoding address data, and testing web-based GIS applications.

Research Assistant, Steans Center for Community-Based Service Learning, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, Sep 2006 – June 2007

Provided research and data support for the community-based organization Pilsen Alliance. Analyzed and mapped neighborhood changes using GIS, conducted literature and field research on zoning and housing conditions, and managed a large database of student-generated data.

SERVICE

College of Urban Planning & Policy PhD Student Organization (CUPPS), University of Illinois Chicago, 2014-current

Coordinate Friday Forum guest lecture series for department, represent PhD students in faculty and administrative meetings

UIC Graduate Employees Organization, University of Illinois Chicago, served as representative for UPP department 2014-current; elected Steering Committee member for 2015-2017

Alumni Sharing Knowledge, DePaul University, 2013 – current

Mentor undergraduate students on a one-on-one basis regarding academic and professional decisions, speak annually on geography alumni panel for grad school and post-undergrad careers.

Board Member, The Recyclery Collective, Chicago, IL, 2008- 2012

Made administrative and programming decisions in a local non-profit community bike project. Led biweekly open shop nights for women and transgender cyclists.

Geography Student Representative, DePaul University, 2006-2007

Represented undergraduate geography students in hiring, faculty promotions, and departmental decisions.

Senator at Large, Student Government Association, DePaul University, 2005-2006

Represented student campaigns for ethical labor relations in university contracts. Served as student representative on the university's Fair Business Practices Committee.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Recyclery Collective bike classes, Chicago, IL, 2010 – 2012

Taught bike maintenance classes to groups of 6-7 adults; provided one-on-one support to volunteer bike mechanics as a volunteer hours shop host.

Howard Area Community Center, Chicago, IL, 2011

Tutored Spanish-speaking ESL learners in the Rogers Park neighborhood.

Mess Hall People's College, Chicago, IL, 2011

Taught workshop on urban cultivation of edible and medicinal mushrooms.

GIS training, City of Chicago Department of Innovation & Technology, GIS Division, Summer 2007

Assisted adult learners in introductory GIS trainings for City employees