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EDUCATION

PhD Urban Planning, Columbia University, New York. 2019
The Transport Planning Process: A Political and Institutional Analysis (sponsor: D King)

MPA Public Policy, DePaul University, Chicago. 2008
BA Political Science and Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington. 2004

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

University of North Texas, Visiting Assistant Professor 2019 -
Department of Public Administration, College of Health and Public Service

New York University, Adjunct Assistant Professor 2015

Columbia University, Teaching Assistant 2012 - 2015

DePaul University, Adjunct Instructor 2008 - 2011

GRANTS

Office of Research and Innovation, UNT \$5,500 (Co-PI) 2021 - 2022
Seed Grant: *Empowering Communities through Environmental Health Literacy*

Office of Research and Innovation, UNT \$6,000 (Co-PI) 2021 - 2022
Mentoring Grant: *Faculty Network for Interdisciplinary, Community-Engaged Research*

Jim McNatt Institute for Logistics Research, UNT \$10,000 (Co-PI) 2020 - 2021
Seed Grant: *Human-Robotic Interaction for Frisco Personal Delivery Device Deployment*

Office of Research and Innovation, UNT \$9,000 (Co-PI) 2020 - 2021
Seed Grant: *Tools for Participatory Science: Pilot Project in Denton, Texas*

Advanced Environmental Research Institute, UNT \$15,000 (Co-PI) Summer 2020
Seed Grant: *Planting the Suburban Transition: Environmental Governance in N. Texas*

PUBLICATIONS + SCHOLARSHIP

Referred Journal Articles

Fischer, L. A., Ray, R. S., & King, D. A. (2021). Who Decides? Toward a Typology of Transit Governance. *Urban Science*, 5(1), 6. <https://doi.org/10.3390/urbansci5010006>

Fischer, L.A. (2019). Value Capture In Situ: Participation, Evaluation and Signaling in Kansas City, MO. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X19873953>

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Fischer, L.A., Stahl, V. & Baird-Zars, B. (2018). Unequal Exceptions: Zoning Relief in New York City, 1998-2017. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2F0739456X18811532>

King, D. A., & Fischer, L. A. (2018). Long Term Land Use Effects of New Rail Investment: Lessons from San Diego. *Urban Science*, 2(1), 6. <https://doi.org/10.3390/urbansci2010006>

Schwieterman, J. P., & Fischer, L. A. (2017). The S-Curve of Technological Adoption: Mobile Communication Devices on Commuter Trains in the Chicago Region, 2010–2015. *Journal of Public Transportation*, 20(2), 1 - 18. <https://doi.org/10.5038/2375-0901.20.2.1>

King, D. A., & Fischer, L. A. (2016). Streetcar Projects as Spatial Planning: A Shift in Transport Planning in the United States. *Journal of Transport Geography*, 54, 383–390.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtrangeo.2016.02.005>

Schwieterman, J.P., & Fischer, L. A. (2012). Competition from the Curb: Survey of Passengers on Discount Curbside Bus Operators in Eastern and Midwestern US cities. *Transportation Research Record*, 2277(1), 49–56.

Fischer, L. A., & Schwieterman, J.P. (2011). Variations in the Rates of Passenger Usage of Portable Technology on Intercity Buses, Trains and Planes: Implications for Transportation Planning. *Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics, and Policy*, 78(1), 65.

Fischer, L. A., & Schwieterman, J. P. (2011). The Decline and Recovery of Intercity Bus Service in the United States: A Comeback for an Environmentally Friendly Transportation Mode? *Environmental Practice*, 13(1), 7–15. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1466046610000694>

Books and Book Chapters

Sclar, E. Baird-Zars, B. Fischer, L.A. & Stahl, V. (2019) *Zoning: A Guide for 21st Century Planning*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Fischer, L.A (2019). Zoning, Transport and Urban Growth: An Institutional Perspective in E. Sclar, L.A. Fischer, V. Stahl, & B. Baird-Zars (Eds.) *Zoning: A Guide for 21st Century Planning*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Fischer, L. A., & Sclar, E. (2016). Value Capture: Why We May be Disappointed. In M. Lönnroth, C. Wolmar, & E. Sclar (Eds.), *Improving Urban Access: New Approaches to Funding Transport Investment*. London; New York, NY: Routledge.

Technical Reports

King, David and L. A. Fischer. (2017). Case Studies in Transit Finance: How and Why Public Transit is Subsidized in Global City Regions. Report for the Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University.

King, David and L.A. Fischer. (2016). Final Report: Streetcars as Spatial Planning. University Transportation Research Center RF Grant No: 49198-22-26.

Fischer, L. A., & Zuk, D. A. (2011). La Linea Baja: Reimagining Puerto Plata as a Pedestrian-oriented, All-Inclusive City. *Game Changers for the Future City*. FUNGLODE, DR.

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Schwieterman, J., Fischer, L., Ghosal, C., Largent, P. Netzel, N. and M. Schulz. 2011. The Intercity Bus Rolls to Record Expansion: 2011 Update on Scheduled Motor Coach Service in the United States. Chaddick Institute Policy Study, Chicago, IL.

Schwieterman, J. and L. Fischer. 2010. The Intercity Bus: America's Fastest Growing Transportation Mode: 2010 Update on Scheduled Bus Service. Chaddick Institute Policy Study, Chicago, IL.

Schwieterman, J. and L. Fischer. 2010. Privacy Invades Public Space: The Growing Use of Portable Technology on Intercity Buses, Trains and Planes between 2009 and 2010. Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, Chicago, IL.

Schwieterman, J, Fischer, L. Field, S. Pizzano, A. and S. Urbanczyk. 2009. Is Portable Technology Changing how Americans Travel? A Survey of the Use of Electronic Devices on Intercity Buses, Trains and Planes. Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, Chicago, IL.

Fischer, L. and J. Schwieterman. 2008. A Kaleidoscope of Culture" Measuring Diversity in Chicago's Neighborhoods. Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, Chicago, IL.

Schwieterman, J. and L. Fischer. 2008. The Return of the Intercity Bus: 2008 Update. Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, Chicago, IL.

Schwieterman, J., Fischer, L., Smith, S. and C. Towles. 2007. The Return of the Intercity Bus: The Decline and Recovery of Scheduled Service to American Cities, 1960-2007. Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, Chicago, IL.

Invited Talks

June 2019. "Road Pricing and Planning: Building Efficient and Equitable Urban Transport Systems", How Central Planning Affects Communities. Institute for Human Studies at George Mason University. San Francisco, CA.

April 2019. Discussant at Volvo Research and Educational Foundation seminar on Governance of Metropolitan Transport, Lund Sweden.

March 2019. "Urban Transport in the Age of Devolution: Designing Institutional Change" Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.

February 2019. "Urban Transport in the Age of Devolution: Designing Institutional Change" Department of Public Administration, University of North Texas.

November 2018. "Urban Transport in the Age of Devolution: Designing Institutional Change" School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University.

October 2017. "Innovations in Financing and Governance: Lessons from Modern Streetcars" Metropolitan Research Center Seminar Series, University of Utah.

December 2016. "Transit Value Capture: Institutional Pitfalls and Reforms for Equitable Cities." Past is Prologue: A Critical Approach to 100 Years of Zoning. Columbia University.

December 2014. "The Movement to Build Modern Streetcar Lines in U.S. Cities." Transportation Research Forum Conference Call Series.

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September 2014. "Modern Streetcars: Urban Amenities, Transit Project or Both?" Academic Seminar, Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development, DePaul University.

Conferences

Kruger, S, Fischer L., Benavides, A. (January 2021). "Public Health Disasters and Local Government Strategy: The Role of Community Collaboration in North Texas", Paper presentation at the Southern Political Science Association, Virtual Conference.

Fischer, L. A. (October 2020). "Financing, Equity and Neighborhood Redevelopment: The Evolution of Value Capture in Kansas City", Paper presentation at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Virtual Conference.

Fischer, L. A. (October 2020). "Transport Equity in Slow Growth Cities," Panel Organizer and Moderator at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Virtual Conference.

Fischer, L. (February 2020). "Brick by Brick: Reshaping Planning to Foster Affordable Housing," Presenter and panelist at American Planning Association's Focus North Texas, Irving, Texas.

Craw, M., Andrew, S. and L. Fischer. (January 2020) "Sustainable Neighborhoods: Sub-Local Institutions and Property Reinvestment", Paper presentation at the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Fischer, Lauren Ames (October 2019), "Who Benefits? Assessing the Social Sustainability of Transit-Led-Revitalization in Kansas City, MO," Paper presentation at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

Fischer, Lauren Ames (April 2019). Who Benefits? Assessing the Social Sustainability of Transit-Led Revitalization in Kansas City, MO. Paper presentation at the Urban Affairs Annual Conference (UAA), Los Angeles.

Fischer, Lauren Ames (October 2018). Financing Modern Streetcars: Assessing the Planning Impacts of Value Capture Implementation in Kansas City, MO. Paper presentation at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Buffalo.

Fischer, Lauren Ames (October 2018). Zoning for the 21st Century City. Roundtable Moderator at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Buffalo.

Fischer, Lauren Ames, Bernadette Baird-Zars and Valerie Stahl (October 2017). Geographies of Exception: A Quantitative Examination of Zoning Relief in NYC, 1998-2017. Paper presentation at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Denver.

Fischer, Lauren Ames. (October 2015). Integrated Planning or Divide and Conquer: Assessing the Views of Transport and Economic Development Planners Implementing Modern Streetcar Projects in U.S. cities. Paper Presentation at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Houston.

Fischer, Lauren Ames. (April 2015). Who Pays? Who Benefits? Assessing the Social Equity of Modern Streetcar Projects in U.S. cities. Paper Presentation at American Association of Geographers (AAG), Chicago.

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Fischer, Lauren Ames and Adam Davidson. (January 2015). (Re)Producing Transport Systems: Uber, Driverless Technology and the Modern City. Poster Presentation at Transportation Research Board (TRB), Washington D.C.

Fischer, Lauren Ames. (October 2014). Assessing the Rhetoric of Transit Oriented Development: Modern Streetcar Planning in U.S. cities. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Philadelphia.

King, David and Lauren Ames Fischer. (June 2014) Assessing the long-term land use changes associated with San Diego light rail: How long should we wait for change? World Symposium on Transport and Land Use Research, Delft (Netherlands).

King, David and Lauren Ames Fischer. (April 2013). Do New Rail Systems Affect Metropolitan Spatial Structure? American Association of Geographers (AAG), Los Angeles.

Schwieterman, Joseph and L. A. Fischer. (2012) Competition from the Curb: A Survey of Passengers on Discount Curbside Bus Operators in Eastern and Midwestern Cities. Transportation Research Board (TRB), Washington D.C.

Fischer, Lauren Ames. (2012) Build It and They Will Come...Maybe: An Evaluation of the Empirical Evidence for Transportation Investments and Economic Development. Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Planning and Public Policy, New Brunswick (NJ).

Schwieterman, Joseph and L.A. Fischer. (2011) Privacy Invades Public Space: The Growing Use of Portable Electronic Technology on Intercity Buses, Trains and Planes between 2009 and 2010. Transportation Research Board (TRB), Washington D.C.

TEACHING + INSTRUCTION

University of North Texas

Capstone Planning Studio (PADM4180)	2021
Population Demographic and Planning (PADM3210)	2019 – current
Planning Research Methods (PADM4170)	2020 – current
Introduction to Urban Planning (undergraduate; PADM2120)	2020 – current
Introduction to Urban Planning (graduate, PADM5300)	2019

History and Theory of Planning, NYU Wagner School of Public Service 2015

Statistics Summer Short Course, Columbia University 2013 & 2014

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University,
Planning Methods, MS Urban Planning Program 2012 & 2013
Physical Structure of Cities, MS Urban Planning Program 2015

DePaul University,
Daniel Burnham and Chicago Architecture, Freshman Seminar 2008 – 2011
Transportation Policy, Public Policy Department 2009 – 2011
Global Governance in the EU, Brussels, MPA Studio 2009 – 2011
Urban Development in Curitiba, Brazil, MPA Studio 2011

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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Student Mentoring

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Shane Warren), University of North Texas.
Historic Preservation and Affordable Housing: The Case of North Texas. 2020 – 21.

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Nicholas Collins), University of North Texas.
Sustainable Landscaping in North Texas. 2020-21.

Faculty Advisor, Student Volunteer Research Project with City of Lewisville (Jose Marines, Benton Meador, Karlie Thornson), University of North Texas. May 2020 – current.

Professional + University Service (*appointed)

*Scholarship Committee, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). June 2020 – current.

Reviewer, *Journal of Transport Geography*. 2020.

Faculty Affiliate, Advanced Environmental Research Institute (AERI), UNT. 2019 – current.

Faculty Affiliate, McNatt Institute for Logistics Research: Integrated Intelligent Mobility Working Group, UNT. 2019 – current.

Community Service + Volunteer Activities (*elected positions)

*Committee Chair, Denton Affordable Housing Corporation, Denton, Texas. September 15, 2020 - September 15, 2022.

Board Member, Denton Affordable Housing Corporation, Denton, Texas, United States of America. June 22, 2020 - June 22, 2022.

Volunteer, Urban Land Institute, Denton, Texas, United States of America. (2020 – current)

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS + TRAININGS (*selective/ application based)

CLEAR Online Course Development Training, University of North Texas (\$500) 2020

*Preemption Policy & Data Analytics Workshop, Urban Affairs Association and National League of Cities. April 2020 (CANCELLED due to COVID) 2020

*Critical Participatory Action Research Institute (CPAR), Public Science Project CPAR Institute, New York, NY. June 2020 (CANCELLED due to COVID) 2020

Faculty First Flight, University of North Texas (\$1000) 2019 - 2020

*Teaching First Generation Students Workshop, Urban Affairs Association. Los Angeles, CA. 2019

National Science Foundation IGERT
Solving Urbanization Challenges by Design 2011 - 2016

Columbia University Teaching Fellowship 2012 - 2015

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*Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University 2015
Preparing Doctoral Students for 21st Century Teaching, Summer Seminar

*Volvo Research and Educational Foundation, Research Travel Grant 2014
University of Melbourne and Curtin University, Australia

Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and 2012
Preservation, Seminar Participation Grant, *Inter – University Consortium
For Political and Social Research (ICPSR)*, Ann Arbor, MI

*Phyllis Sutker Scholarship, DePaul University 2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Center for Sustainable Urban Development, New York, NY 2011 – 19
Research and advocacy work for clients including the Amalgamated
Transit Union and Volvo Research and Educational Foundation

Associate Director/Research Associate, Chaddick Institute, Chicago, IL 2007 – 2011
Organized research projects, technical seminars and study trips.
Provided support for educational programs, supervised
graduate students and coordinated civic and community activities

Office Manager, City Museum, St Louis, MO 2005 - 2006
Coordinated Community Relations, Donations and Membership program
Accounts Payable/Receivable, Payroll and other Human Resource tasks.

Assistant Outreach Director, Public Interest Research Group, St Louis, MO 2004
Organized grassroots voting campaigns for state and federal elections,
held press conferences, drafted op-eds and press releases.