

# Austin Harrison

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## EDUCATION

2022 (exp) Georgia State University, Ph.D. in Urban Studies  
2018 University of Memphis, Master of Public Administration  
2016 Mercer University, Bachelor of Arts in History

## **Certifications/Training**

Summer Workshop PSID 2021 Data User Training 2021  
- Five-day workshop hosted by University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research aimed at orienting participants to the content and structure of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics and its special topics modules.

E-Seminar Assoc. of European Schools of Planning 2020  
- Two-Day seminar with fellow Ph.D. candidates from 6 different continents to discuss research design, academic writing, planning theory, and more in the context of current research projects

Data Certificate Georgia State University 2020  
- Completed in-depth workshops on data analysis tools and coding languages (STATA, 6 hours; R, 5 hours; Python, 2 hours)

## EXPERIENCE

### **Rhodes College**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Urban Studies  
Visiting Instructor of Urban Studies

### **Memphis, TN**

2021 – present  
2020 – 2021

### **Georgia State University**

Graduate Research Assistant.

### **Atlanta, GA**

2019 – present

### **A.T. Harrison LLC**

Founder & Principal

### **Memphis, TN**

2019 – present

### **Neighborhood Preservation Inc.**

Program Manager

### **Memphis, TN**

2017 – 2019

### **Athens Land Trust**

Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator

### **Athens, GA**

2016 - 2017

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Neighborhood Change  
Urban Policy  
Urban Disinvestment and Displacement  
Community Development  
Community Data to Action  
Affordable and Fair Housing

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

City Innovate STIR Labs Academic Partner	2020
Georgia Tech/Georgia State: Public Interest Technology Fellow	2020
Upsilon Sigma Honor Society GSU Founder & Inductee	2020
New Memphis Institute Embark Graduate	2018
University of Memphis Housing and Community Development Fellow	2017
Urban Land Institute Memphis Scholar	2017
Mercer University Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award	2016
Mercer University Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society	2015
Mercer University Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society	2015

## **RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

2021 Harrison, A., & Immergluck, D. (2021). Housing vacancy and hypervacant neighborhoods: Uneven recovery after the US foreclosure crisis. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 1-17.

Mallach, A., & Harrison, A. (2021). Leaving the Old Neighborhood: Shifting Spatial Decisions by Black Homeowners and their Implications for Black Urban Middle Neighborhoods in Legacy Cities. *Housing Policy Debate*. (March 18, 2021): 1-33.

2020 Harrison, A., Immergluck, D., Ernsthausen, J., & Earl, S. (2020). Housing Stability, Evictions, and Subsidized Rental Properties: Evidence from Metro Atlanta. *Housing Policy Debate*. (September 7, 2020): 1-14.

### **Journal Articles Under Review**

2021 Harrison, A. (2021). The Promises & Realities of Data-Driven Community Development: Lessons from Memphis, Tennessee. *Metropolitica*. \*under review\*

Melton-Fant, C., Harrison, A., & Ramsey-Mason, K. (2021). Race, mental health, and evictions in Memphis, TN. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. \*under review\*

## Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2021 Harrison, A., & Immergluck, D. (2021) The Battle of the Belts: Comparing Housing Vacancy in Cool-Market Metros in the Sun Belt and the Rust Belt Since the Mortgage Crisis. In: *Ten Years Tackling Vacancy and Abandonment: A Retrospective Examination of Strategies and Impacts*. Center for Community Progress and Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland & Atlanta (Forthcoming).

## Applied Research & Reports

- 2021 Analysis of Delinquent Tax Foreclosures in Memphis prepared for Innovate Memphis. June 2021
- JP Morgan Chase PRO Neighborhoods Evaluation 2020 White Paper prepared for the Memphis CDFI Network. March 2021
- Using Data to Inform Local Decisions on COVID-19 Response & Recovery 2020 prepared for Whole Child Strategies and COMMONS. March 2021
- 2020 State of Memphis Housing Report: Lessons from Responding to a Crisis. Prepared for City of Memphis Housing & Community Development. August 2020
- COVID-19 Socioeconomic Vulnerability in Memphis, TN. Prepared for Innovate Memphis. May 2020
- 2019 Tipping Point Neighborhoods in Memphis. Prepared for BLDG Memphis. December 2019
- Evictions in Memphis: A Fact Sheet to Start the Conversation. October 2019
- Memphis Middle Neighborhoods: Moving the Needle in the Right Places. Prepared for Neighborhood Preservation, Inc. March 2019
- 2016 Macon Neighborhood Action Strategy. Prepared for the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority. May 2016
- Bloomfield 2020. Prepared for the Bloomfield Community Empowerment Center. April 2016

## Presentations (\*invited)

- 2021 "Looking at One Side of the Coin: Critical Analysis Of Neighborhood Displacement Research In The Context Of Disinvestment." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting [virtual conference]. October 2021

Alexus Moore, Amy Spring, Joy Dillard Appel, and Austin Harrison. "Stuck or rooted?: Discourse on residential immobility of children from poor neighborhoods and its policy implications." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting [virtual conference]. August 2021.

"Mound Up! Neighborhood Data Report for Orange Mound." Juice Orange Mound Community Meeting. July 2021\*

*"Data Driven Activism & Community Development: Evidence from the Memphis Property Hub."* Community Development Society's Annual Conference [virtual conference]. July 2021

"Using Data for Community Driven Change in South City." South City LEADs Neighborhood Leaderships Training Session. June 2021\*

"Anti-Displacement Playbook for Memphis Neighborhoods." City Innovate's STIR Labs Summit. June 2021.

"Housing Stability, Evictions, and Subsidized Rental Properties: Evidence from Metro Atlanta." Atlanta Studies Symposium. May 2021

"Ethical Property Management: Examining COVID Rental Housing Dynamics and Implementing a Socially Entrepreneurial Solution in Memphis, TN." Sankofa Real Estate Summit. January 2021.

2020 "Applied Civic Data Partnerships: Lessons from Memphis." Andrew Young School of Policy Studies' Tech Tuesday Brown Bag Series. December 2020\*

"Rental Research & Data Analysis in Memphis." Center for Community Progress' Rental Research Community of Practice. November 2020\*

"COVID-19 Eviction Update." Memphis Safety Net Collaborative. Memphis, TN. October 2020\*

"COVID Evictions in Memphis." Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAHA). Memphis, TN. August 2020\*

"Roadmap for Applying Neighborhood Data to Drive Community Based Organizations" Memphis Neighborhood Preservation Summit. Memphis, TN. May 2020\*

"Housing Stability, Evictions, and Subsidized Properties: Evidence from Atlanta." Urban Affairs Association Conference. April 2020 (accepted but cancelled by COVID-19)

"Black Neighborhoods Matter: Spatial Inequality and Inclusive Development in Memphis, TN" Center for Social Justice and Urban Leadership, Lemoyne-Owen College. February 2020\*

"Neighborhood Revitalization in Memphis" Rhodes College, First Year Seminar. February 2020\*

"Impact of Absentee Owners on Memphis Neighborhoods" City of Memphis Division of Housing & Community Development, State of Housing Summit. October 2019

2019 "Housing Inequities in Memphis: An Introductory Overview" Crosstown High School's 9th Grade Humanities Class, Guest Lecture, August 2019\*

"Making the Case for Strategic Neighborhood Targeting in Memphis" Memphis Community Reinvestment Act Association Meeting. Memphis, TN. June 2019

"Redlining's Modern-Day Implications for Memphis" Memphis Area Association of Realtor's Fair Housing Forum. Memphis, TN. April 2019\*

"Comparing the Scope, Impact, and Policy Response associated with the Vacant Property Problem in Japan and the United States." Georgia State's Urban Studies' Institute's Comparative Urbanism: Global Perspectives Conference. Atlanta, GA. March 2019

2018 "Incorporating a Middle Neighborhoods Strategy at the Citywide Level." American Assembly's Middle Neighborhoods Convening. Cleveland, OH. November 2018

"Data...Data...Data: How Memphis and Other Cities Are Leveraging Public Data in Their Abandoned Property Strategies." University of West Virginia's Brownfield, Abandoned, Dilapidated Buildings Program Conference. Charleston, WV. November 2018

"Memphis Neighborhood Market Analysis." Neighborhood Preservation Summit. Memphis, TN. October 2018\*

"Tale of Two Cities: How Memphis and Buffalo Are Using Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies in Comprehensive Citywide Planning." Center for Community Progress Conference. Milwaukee, WI. May 2018

2016 "Collect to Connect: Bloomfield Community Asset Analysis." National Council for Undergraduate Research. Asheville, NC. April 2016

### **Media Quotations and Citations**

2021 What's Behind the Big Rent Increases in Memphis? Memphis Metropolis Podcast. October 24, 2021. Emily Trenholm

Organizers of Orange Mound Revitalization Plan Seek Community Feedback. Memphis Flyer. September 23, 2021

Mound Up: How a Community-College Partnership is Helping Orange Mound Residents Chart Their Future. August 23, 2021. Emily Trenholm

Summer Avenue stakeholders plan for a safer and more attractive street. Memphis Metropolis Podcast. August 15, 2021. Emily Trenholm.

Investigators: Affordable housing woes in Memphis. WMC Channel 5. August 5, 2021. Jessica Jaglois.

A Community Land Trust Comes to Binghampton. Memphis Metropolis Podcast. May 23, 2021. Emily Trenholm.

Memphis faces eviction crisis after court strikes down federal ban. CBS News Moneywatch. April 23, 2021. Irina Ivanova.

Fighting Blight in Memphis. Memphis Metropolis Podcast. April 11, 2021. Emily Trenholm.

The Challenge of Churches: What happens to the building when a congregation moves on? Memphis Metropolis Podcast. March 28, 2021. Emily Trenholm.

The State of Memphis Housing. Memphis Metropolis Podcast. February 14, 2021. Emily Trenholm.

Memphis homeowners lost their houses in environmental court. Now a DC law firm is suing. WMC Channel 5. February 11, 2021. Jessica Jaglois

- 2020 9,100+ evictions households facing eviction in less than a month. Fox 13. December 3, 2020. Kirstin Garriss
- Turning An Impressive Housing Summit Into Well-Funded Actions. Smart City Memphis. November 6, 2020. Tom Jones.
- Analysis: Political influence gives birth to tax subsidies for apartment developers. MLK 50 Justice Through Journalism. October 8, 2020. Tom Jones
- When EDGE subsidizes pricey apartments, developers win and low-wage renters lose. MLK 50 Justice Through Journalism. October 7, 2020. Tom Jones
- City's housing mix could take hard hit in pandemic. Daily Memphian. September 28, 2020. Bill Dries
- Report says pandemic could lead to affordable housing crisis in Memphis. WREG Channel 3. September 28, 2020. Shay Arthur.
- An On-Coming Tidal Wave and Tools to Stop It. Storyboard Memphis Podcast. July 31, 2020. Mark Fleischer
- Could COVID-19 cause Memphis' next housing crisis? WMC Channel 5. June 18, 2020. Jessica Jaglois
- Why Are So Many Memphis Families Being Evicted? High Ground News Podcast. February 22, 2020. Emily Trenholm
- 2019 Dream Denied: Corporations Buying Up Memphis Homes, Destabilizing Neighborhoods. Memphis Flyer. December 12, 2019. Toby Sells
- 'Eviction Crisis' Plagues Memphis' Fast-Growing Rental Market. Memphis Flyer. October 29, 2019. Toby Sells
- Seeing Red I: Mapping 90 years of redlining in Memphis. High Ground News. March 31, 2019. Cole Bradley
- 2018 Former residents of Foote Homes re-imagine their neighborhood in urban planning summer camp. High Ground News. July 25th, 2018. Michael Waddell

### **Consulting & Technical Assistance (selected)**

- 2021 Blight Authority of Memphis, Memphis, TN.
- 2020 Crosstown Memphis CDC, Memphis, TN.

- 2020 – pres. czb LLC, Alexandria, VA.  
Memphis CDFI Network, Memphis, TN.
- 2019 – pres. Innovate Memphis, Memphis, TN.  
City of Memphis Division of Housing & Community Development,  
Memphis, TN.
- 2019 – 2020 Southeast Regional Development Corporation, Memphis, TN.
- 2019 Vacant Property Research Network, Washington, D.C.  
BLDG Memphis, Memphis, TN.  
Memphis - Shelby County Community Redevelopment Authority,  
Memphis, TN.  
Clean Memphis, Memphis, TN.

## **Grants**

- 2021 Microsoft & Urban Institute. Justice Reform Initiative Catalyst Grants.  
Research Partner with Innovate Memphis & JustCity Memphis. Awarded in  
July 2021 (\$8,000).
- State Justice Initiative. Shelby County Eviction Research Grant. Co-PI for  
Innovate Memphis. Awarded in April 2021 (\$30,000)
- University of Memphis Division of Research & Innovation. West Cancer  
Foundation Initiative. Awarded in February 2021 (\$2,750)
- 2020 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Using Data to Inform Local Decisions  
on COVID-19 Response & Recovery 2020. Co-PI for Innovate Memphis.  
Awarded in July 2020 (\$40,000)
- 2020 Georgia State University & Georgia Institute for Technology. Public Interest  
Technology Fellowship. Awarded in February 2020 (\$5,000)
- 2020 USI Professional Development Fund. Urban Affairs Association Spring 2020  
Annual Conference. Awarded in November 2019 (\$1,000)
- 2019 Georgia State University's Urban Studies Institute. Fully Funded Doctoral  
Student. Awarded in August 2019 (roughly \$90,000)

## **TEACHING**

### **Visiting Assistant Professor**

2021 URBN 201 Rhodes College, Introduction to Urban Studies  
FYWS 151 Rhodes College, First Year Writing Seminar  
URBN 265 Rhodes College, Applied Neighborhood Equity

### **Visiting Instructor**

2021 URBN 201 Rhodes College, Introduction to Urban Studies  
URBN 460 Rhodes College, Urban Studies Internship

2020 URBN 265 Rhodes College, Applied Neighborhood Equity

### **Teaching Assistant**

2014 INT 101 Mercer University, Intro to Interdisciplinary Writing  
2013 - 2016 UNV 101 Mercer University, First Year Student Experience

### **Guest Lecturer**

2021 LAW 595 University of Memphis Law School, Medical-Legal Partnership  
Clinic

2020 PAPP 5309 U. Texas-Arlington, Local Politics in the Intergovernmental  
Setting  
LAW 595 University of Memphis Law School, Medical-Legal Partnership  
Clinic

## **SERVICE**

### **Professional Association Memberships**

International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights  
Association of European Schools of Planning  
American Planning Association  
Urban Affairs Association  
Association of Public Policy & Management  
Association Collegiate Schools of Planning

### **Referee/Reviewer**

*Urban Affairs Review*, 2021

### **Public and Community Service**

2021 Southeast Regional Development Corp., Board Member, Memphis, TN  
2020 The Athlete's Table, Board Member, Knoxville, TN  
2019 – 2020 Memphis River Parks Partnership, Ambassador, Memphis, TN

2017 – 2019 11th - 12th Grade Basketball Coach, Streets Ministries, Memphis, TN.

2018 Committee Member, West Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition,  
Memphis, TN.

2018 Committee Member, Memphis Heritage, Memphis, TN

2017 Heights Line Volunteer, Heights CDC, Memphis, TN.

2015 - 2016 Board Member, Communities in Schools of Central Georgia, Macon,  
GA.