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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy	Georgia State University Urban Studies	2022 (exp)
Master of Public Administration	University of Memphis Public Policy	2018
Bachelor of Arts	Mercer University History	2016

Certifications

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)		

EMPLOYMENT

Founder & Principal	A.T. Harrison LLC Memphis, TN	2019 - present
Graduate Research Assistant	Georgia State University Atlanta, GA	2019 - present
Program Manager	Nbhd. Preservation, Inc. Memphis, TN	2017 - 2019
Nbhd. Revitalization Coordinator	Athens Land Trust Athens, GA	2016 - 2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Neighborhood Change
Urban Policy
Shrinking Cities
Community Development

HONORS & AWARDS

Georgia Tech/Georgia State: Public Interest Technology Fellow	2020
Georgia State University Upsilon Sigma Chapter Founder	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

Journal Articles

Harrison, A., Immergluck, D., Earle, S. and Ernthausen, J. Housing Stability, Evictions, and Subsidized Properties: Evidence from Atlanta. *Housing Policy Debate*, forthcoming (Revise & Resubmit)

Applied Research & Reports

State of Memphis Housing Report: Responding to a Housing Crisis. Prepared for City of Memphis Housing & Community Development. August 2020 (expected)

COVID-19 Socioeconomic Vulnerability Index. Prepared for Innovate Memphis. June 2020.

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

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)

“Financialized Neglect? Examining Property Investor Types and Property Conditions on Single Family Rentals in Memphis, Tennessee.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. November 2020 (accepted)

“Data-Driven Housing Code Enforcement.” Strategic Code Enforcement Management Academy. Memphis, TN. June 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

“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 Realtors’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

“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

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

Works in Progress

Harrison, A., Immergluck, D. The Battle of the Belts: Comparing Housing Vacancy in Cool-Market Metros in the Sun Belt and the Rust Belt Since the Mortgage Crisis

Mallach, A., Harrison, A. What about the “old neighborhood”? Shifting Spatial Decisions by Black Homeowners and Their Implications for Black Urban Middle Neighborhoods in Legacy Cities

Harrison, A. Financialized Neglect? Examining Property Investor Types and Property Conditions on Single Family Rentals in Memphis, Tennessee

Spring, A., Appel, J. and Harrison, A. Stuck Versus Rooted: Discourse on Residential Immobility from Poor Neighborhoods and Its Policy Implications

Media Quotations and Citations

Which Memphis neighborhoods will be most damaged by coronavirus? Not necessarily the poorest? Memphis Business Journal. June 9, 2020. Jacob Steimer.

Why Are So Many Memphis Families Being Evicted? High Ground News Podcast. February 22, 2020. Emily Trenholm

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

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

Atlanta Land Trust, Atlanta, GA. 2020 - present

Innovate Memphis, Memphis, TN. 2019 – present

Southeast Regional Development Corporation, Memphis, TN. 2019 - present

City of Memphis Division of Housing & Community Development, Memphis, TN. 2019

Vacant Property Research Network, Washington, D.C. 2019

BLDG Memphis, Memphis, TN. 2019

Memphis - Shelby County Community Redevelopment Authority, Memphis, TN. 2019

Clean Memphis, Memphis, TN. 2019

Keep Ridgeland Beautiful, Ridgeland, MS (on behalf of Neighborhood Preservation, Inc). 2018

Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful, Macon, GA (on behalf of Neighborhood Preservation, Inc.). 2018

City of Providence, RI (on behalf of Neighborhood Preservation, Inc.) 2017

City of Waynesboro, VA (on behalf of czb LLC) 2017

Grants

Georgia State University & Georgia Institute for Technology. Public Interest Technology Fellowship. Awarded in February 2020 (\$5,000)

Georgia State University's Urban Studies Institute. Fully Funded Doctoral Student. Awarded in August 2019 (roughly \$90,000)

TEACHING

Visiting Instructor

URB 265 Rhodes College, Applied Neighborhood Equity 2020

Teaching Assistant

INT 101 Mercer University, Intro to Interdisciplinary Writing* 2014

UNV 101 Mercer University, First Year Student Experience* 2013 – 2016

SERVICE

Professional Association Memberships

Urban Land Institute

American Planning Association

Urban Affairs Association

Association of Public Policy & Management

Public and Community Service

The Athlete's Table, Board Member, Knoxville, TN	2020 - present
Juice Orange Mound, Business Incubator Advisory Board, Memphis, TN	2020 - present
Memphis River Parks Partnership, Ambassador, Memphis, TN	2019 - present
11th - 12th Grade Basketball Coach, Streets Ministries, Memphis, TN.	2017 - present
Committee Member, West Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition, Memphis, TN.	2018
Committee Member, Memphis Heritage, Memphis, TN	2018
Heights Line Volunteer, Heights CDC, Memphis, TN.	2017
Board Member, Communities in Schools of Central Georgia, Macon, GA.,	2015 - 2016