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EMPLOYMENT:

2018 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, Tulane University

EDUCATION:

2018 PhD, Sociology, Northwestern University

2015 MA, Sociology, Northwestern University

2011 MA, Sociology, Loyola University, Chicago

2007 Certificate: Understanding Cities, Open University, U.K.

2006 BA Hons, Social Anthropology & Russian, Sussex University, U.K.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS:

Urban sociology, cultural sociology and knowledge, inequality, legal studies, gender and sexualities.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Robin Bartram. Forthcoming. "Going Easy and Going After: Building Inspections and the Selective Allocation of Code Violations." *City and Community*.

- Winner of the ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Best Student Paper Award, 2018

Robin Bartram. 2018. "[Emplacing Risks in the City: Class, Politics, Risk and the Built Environment of Women's Residential Clubs, 1896-1917.](#)" *The Journal of Urban History* 44(2): 219-238.

Robin Bartram. 2017. "[Housing Historic Role Models and the American Dream: Domestic Rhetoric and Institutional Decision-Making at the Tenement Museum.](#)" *Qualitative Sociology* 40(1):1-22.

Robin Bartram. 2016. "[Housing and Social and Material Vulnerabilities.](#)" *Housing, Theory and Society* 33(4): 469-483.

UNDER REVIEW:

Robin Bartram, Japonica Brown-Saracino, and Holly Donovan. "Uncertain Sexualities and the Unusual Woman: Museum Depictions of Jane Addams and Emily Dickinson."

IN PREPARATION:

Book manuscript: *Building Bureaucrats: Urban Intermediaries and Cracks in the Municipal Machine*

Articles:

To Fix-up or to Forget: How Building Violations Reproduce Inequality in the Housing Market.

Flirtation Flats and Race Suicide Apartments: Racial Reproduction and Architectural Design

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Robin Bartram. 2018. "[Grenfell's Problem Wasn't Just Lax Regulation.](#)" *CityLab.com. The Atlantic Monthly.*

Robin Bartram. 2018. "[How Urban Building Inspections Can Impede – or Encourage – the Expansion of Safe and Affordable Housing.](#)" *Scholars Strategy Network* policy brief.

Robin Bartram. 2017. "[How historic role models leave no room for structural inequality at the Tenement Museum,](#)" *Work in Progress: Sociology on the economy, work and inequality.*

Robin Bartram. 2016. Review of "What Buildings Do" Gieryn, Thomas. 2002. *Theory and Society* 31(1): 35-74. Invited contribution to "A Field Guide to Materiality for Cultural Sociologists" *ASA Sociology of Culture Newsletter* 22 (2).

Robin Bartram. 2015. "Infrastructures of Epistemic Moments: Buildings, Blackboxes, "Improvement," and Neighbourhood Change," in [Architecture, Materiality and Society: Connecting Sociology of Architecture with Science and Technology Studies](#), edited by Anna-Lisa Müller and Werner Reichmann. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Robin Bartram. 2015. "[Material Evidence and Evidentiary Reasoning,](#)" *Qualitative Sociology* 38(3):349-352. Review Essay of:

- Bartmanski, D and Woodward, I. 2015. *Vinyl: The Analogue Record in the Digital Age.* London: Bloomsbury.
- Chapman, D and Wylie, A. (eds.). 2015. *Material Evidence: Learning from Archaeological Practice.* Routledge, New York and London.
- Lopez, S. 2015. *The Remittance Landscape: Spaces of Migration in Rural Mexico and Urban USA.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Robin Bartram and Mary Pattillo. 2012. "Dallas School Landscape and Neighborhoods and Housing Site Context Report," Research Report prepared for The MacArthur Foundation Research Network on How Housing Matters for Children and Families.

Robin Bartram and Mary Pattillo. 2012. "Seattle School Landscape and Neighborhoods and Housing Site Context Report," Research Report prepared for The MacArthur Foundation Research Network on How Housing Matters for Children and Families.

GRANTS:

- 2016 Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, "Picking Battles with Buildings: Building Inspections and the Social and Physical Characteristics of Code Violations," \$3000
- 2016 Conference Travel Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2015 Conference Travel Grant, Sexualities Project at Northwestern, Northwestern University
- 2015 Summer Research Grant, Sexualities Project at Northwestern, Northwestern University, "Unusual Women and Uncertain Sexualities: Museum Depictions of Jane Addams and Emily Dickinson," \$857
- 2015 Buffett Institute for Global Studies Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Northwestern University, "Housing Court, Building Inspections and the Social and Physical Characteristics of Building Code Violations," \$5000
- 2014 MacArthur Summer Research Grant, with Al Hunter, Northwestern University, "Recovering Histories of Early Public Housing," \$1150.
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, Sexualities Project at Northwestern, Northwestern University, "Flirtation Flats and Race Suicide Apartments: Encouraging (white) Reproduction through Architectural Design," \$875.
- 2013 MacArthur Summer Research Grant with Wendy Griswold, Northwestern University, "Architectural and Material Representations of Urban Poverty," \$1000.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- 2018 ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Best Student Paper Award
- 2016-2018 Society of Fellows Presidential Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2017 Winch Award for the Best Paper Presented or Published by a Northwestern University Graduate Student, Honorable Mention

- 2016 Winch Award for the Best Paper Presented or Published by a Northwestern University Graduate Student, Honorable Mention
- 2014-2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer in Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2014-2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Sociology, Northwestern University, Honorable Mention
- 2012 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, nominee.
- 2011 Summer Research Fellowship, Women and Leadership Archives, Gannon Center, Loyola University Chicago
- 2011 Social Sciences Thesis/Dissertation of the Year, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago.

TEACHING:

- 2018 Instructor, Sociology 160: Urban Sociology, Tulane University
- 2017 Instructor, Sociology 207: Cities and Society, Northwestern University
- 2014-2016 Instructor, Introduction to the Discipline [Graduate Seminar], Northwestern University Sociology Department.
- 2013 Facilitator, Academic Studies of Museums staff training, National Public Housing Museum, Chicago
- 2009-2010 Statistics software advisor, Loyola University Library

RESEARCH POSITIONS:

- 2014-2015 Research Assistant to Professor Wendy Griswold, Sociology, Northwestern University. Archival research for book project on WPA Federal Writers' Project
- 2013-2014 Research Resident and Archivist, The National Museum of Public Housing, Chicago.
- 2013 Research Assistant to Professor Mary Pattillo, Northwestern University, MacArthur Foundation Research Network on How Housing Matters For Children and Families
- 2010-2012 Research Assistant, Loyola University, for Professors Kelly Moore, Judith Wittner and Jon Norman

PRESENTATIONS:

- 2018 Paper presentation, "Building Inspections and the Selective Allocation of Code Violations." Law and Society Association, Toronto.
- 2018 Paper presentation, "Building Inspections and the Selective Allocation of Code Violations." Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice, A Scholar-Activist Gathering, Minneapolis.
- 2017 Paper presentation, "The Cost of Compliance." Law and Society Graduate Conference, Paris.
- 2017 Paper presentation, "Going Easy and Going After: How Building Inspections Backfire." American Sociological Association, Montreal.
- 2017 Invited presentation, "Misfires and Backfires: How Attempts to Offset Inequality Fail." Law and Society Association, Mexico City.
- 2017 Paper presentation, "Going Easy and Going After: How Building Inspections Backfire." Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis.
- 2016 Session organizer, "Housing People: Perceptions, Policies, and Place." Social Science History Association, Chicago.
- 2016 Invited presentation, "Going Easy and Going After: Building Inspectors in Chicago." University of Chicago Urban Workshop, Chicago.
- 2016 Roundtable presentation, "Picking Battles with Buildings." American Sociological Association, Seattle.
- 2016 Paper presentation, "All Buildings Have Violations: Building Inspections are About Picking Your Battles." Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, Boston.
- 2015 Paper presentation, "Building Inspections and the Physical and Social Characteristics of Code Violations." International Sociological Association RC43 Section on Housing and the Built Environment, Chicago.
- 2015 Roundtable presentation, "Unusual Women and Uncertain Sexualities: Museum Depictions of Jane Addams and Emily Dickinson." Social Science History Association, Baltimore.
- 2014 Roundtable presentation, "Housing the American Dream: Domestic Rhetoric and Historical Role Models at the Tenement Museum." American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 2013 Paper presentation, "Infrastructures of Epistemic Moments of Neighborhood Change." Workshop of the Working Committee "Sociology of Architecture," Bielefeld University, Germany.

- 2013 Research Report Presentation, "Dallas School Landscape and Neighborhoods and Housing Site Context Report." MacArthur Foundation Research Network on How Housing Matters For Children and Families, Harvard University, Boston.
- 2013 Paper presentation, "Infrastructures of Segregation: Disrupting Discourses of Racism through the Built Environment in a Chicago subdivision, 1880-1920." NSSR's Annual Sociology Conference "The Politics of Materiality," New School for Social Research, New York.
- 2012 Roundtable presentation, "Architectural Betrayals: Destabilizing Assemblages of Imaginary and Actuality in a Clinical Simulation Lab." American Sociological Association, Denver.
- 2011 Paper presentation, "Emplacing Risky Ideologies: Two Women's Residential Clubs as Safe and the City as Risky." Social Science History Association, Boston.
- 2011 Roundtable presentation, "Emplaced Risks and Built Form: Expressing Ideologies in 1900s Women's Residential Clubs." American Sociological Association, Las Vegas.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

- 2016 – Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *City and Community*; *Housing Studies*; *Housing, Theory and Society*; *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; *Qualitative Sociology*.
- 2016 – Urban Network Representative, Social Science History Association.
- 2016 – 2017 Organizing Committee, Chicago Ethnography Conference
- 2015 – 2017 Graduate Student Coordinator, Culture & Society Workshop, Northwestern University
- 2016 Sociology Department Graduate Admissions Committee, Northwestern University.
- 2015, 2016 Presider, Community and Urban Section Roundtable, Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 – 2016 Mentor, Sociology Undergraduate Program, Northwestern University.
- 2014 – 2015 Committee Member, Graduate Affairs, Northwestern University
- 2015 Reader, Exum Award for Best Undergraduate Paper on Race and Ethnicity, Northwestern University
- 2014 – 2015 Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban and Community Workshop, Northwestern University

2011 – 2012 Co-facilitator, Space and Place Workshop, Northwestern University

2011 – 2012 Sociology Faculty Hiring Committee, Loyola University Chicago

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

American Sociological Association

British Sociological Association

Law and Society Association

International Sociological Association

Scholars Strategy Network

Social Science History Association

Sociologists for Women in Society

Urban Affairs Association