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Curriculum Vitae  
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## **EDUCATION**

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- 2017 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2012 M.A., Sociology, Columbia University
- 2011 M.A., American Studies, Columbia University
- 2008 B.S., Business Administration, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## **CURRENT POSITION**

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2017 – present Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Rice University

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS**

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Urban and Environmental Sociology; Sociology of Culture; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Sociological Theory

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### Book

Kevin Loughran. *Gardens in the Machine: Contemporary Urbanism and the Nature of Postindustrial Parks*. New York: Columbia University Press. (under contract)

### Peer-Reviewed

- 2018 Kevin Loughran, James R. Elliott, and S. Wright Kennedy. “Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston, Flooding, and the Case of Federal Buyouts.” *Social Currents*, Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496518797851>.

\* Featured in *Houston Public Media*, “Researchers Find Connections between Houston-Area Home Buyouts And ‘White Flight’” ([link](#))

- 2018 Kevin Loughran, Gary Alan Fine, and Marcus Anthony Hunter. “Architectures of Memory: When Growth Machines Embrace Preservationists.” *Sociological Forum* 33(4), 855-76. <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12449>.
- 2018 Kevin Loughran. “Urban Parks and Urban Problems: An Historical Perspective on Green Space Development as a Cultural Fix.” *Urban Studies*, Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098018763555>.

2018 Marcus Anthony Hunter, Kevin Loughran, and Gary Alan Fine. "Memory Politics: Growth Coalitions, Urban Pasts, and the Creation of 'Historic' Philadelphia." *City & Community* 17(2): 330-49. ([link](#))

\* American Sociological Association featured article, June 2018  
<http://www.asanet.org/research-and-publications/journals/city-community>

2017 Kevin Loughran. "Race and the Construction of City and Nature." *Environment and Planning A* 49(9): 1948-67. ([link](#))

\* lead article

2016 Kevin Loughran. "Imbricated Spaces: The High Line, Urban Parks, and the Cultural Meaning of City and Nature." *Sociological Theory* 34(4): 311-34. ([link](#))

2015 Kevin Loughran. "The Philadelphia Negro and the Canon of Classical Urban Theory." *Du Bois Review* 12(2): 249-67. ([link](#))

2014 Kevin Loughran. "Parks for Profit: The High Line, Growth Machines, and the Uneven Development of Urban Public Spaces." *City & Community* 13(1): 49-68. ([link](#))

\* Cited 73 times per Google Scholar. Most cited article published in 2014 or later in *City & Community*, the journal of the American Sociology Association's Community and Urban Section, per the Web of Science.

\* Reprinted in *Deconstructing the High Line: Postindustrial Urbanism and the Rise of the Elevated Park*, eds. Christoph Lindner and Brian Rosa. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2017. ([link](#))

#### Book Chapters

2019 Kevin Loughran. "W. E. B. Du Bois." *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, ed. Anthony M. Orum, in press. Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.

2015 Kevin Loughran, Gary Alan Fine, and Marcus Anthony Hunter. "Urban Spaces, City Cultures, and Collective Memories." Pp. 193-204 in the *Routledge International Handbook of Memory Studies*, eds. Anna Lisa Tota and Trever Hagen. New York: Routledge. ([link](#))

#### Invited Review Essays

2019 Kevin Loughran. "Development and Its Disruptions on Manhattan's Far West Side, 1971-2014." Review of William W. Buzbee, *Fighting Westway: Environmental Law, Citizen Activism, and the Regulatory War That*

*Transformed New York City* and David Halle and Elisabeth Tiso, *New York's New Edge: Contemporary Art, the High Line, and Urban Megaprojects on the Far West Side*. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Urban History*.

- 2018 Kevin Loughran. Review of John Krinsky and Maud Simonet, *Who Cleans the Park? Public Work and Urban Governance in New York City*. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(5): 601-3.

#### Other Publications

- 2015 Gary Alan Fine, Marcus Anthony Hunter, and Kevin Loughran. "Getting Mailed in Philadelphia: The Growth Coalition and the Historic City." *Discover Society*. ([link](#))

#### Under Review

Avantika Gori, Ioannis Gidaris, James R. Elliott, Jamie Padgett, Kevin Loughran, Pranavesh Panakkal, Andrew Juan, and Philip Bedient. "Accessibility and recovery assessment of Houston's roadway network due to fluvial flooding during Hurricane Harvey." Under review at *Natural Hazards Review*.

#### In Preparation

Kevin Loughran. "Du Bois and The City: A Black Reconstruction of Urban Sociology."

James R. Elliott, Kevin Loughran, and S. Wright Kennedy. "Adaptive Mobility: Property Buyouts and Residential Pathways in Urban Flood Zones."

Kevin Loughran. "The Production of White Space: Police, Planners, and Publics in Postwar Chicago."

#### AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2016 – 2017 Graduate Writing Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (\$3000)
- 2016 Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$7200)
- 2015 Mellon Foundation Short-Term Summer Fellowship, Black Metropolis Research Consortium (\$4000)
- 2015 Research Grant, Kellogg School of Management, Dispute Resolution Research Center (\$5520)
- 2015 MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant (with Gary Alan Fine), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1250)

- 2014 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- 2014 Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (\$3000)
- 2014 MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant (with Wendy Griswold), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1150)
- 2013 MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant (with Gary Alan Fine), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1200)
- 2012 – 2017 University Fellow, Northwestern University

## **TEACHING**

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### Rice University

- 2018 – 2019 Developed and taught a research design and grant proposal workshop for graduate instruction, Spring 2019

### Northwestern University

- 2016 – 2017 Graduate Writing Fellow: instructed and advised graduate students from various disciplines on academic writing and led seminars on the academic publication process and related topics

- 2013 – 2017 Teaching Assistant for nine courses: Cities & Society, Race & Society, Social Inequality, Sociological Analysis, Class & Culture, Introduction to Sociology, Gender & Society, Social and Health Inequalities, and Global Education

\* Awarded Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2014

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2018 “Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston and the Case of Water.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Phoenix, AZ, November 9. (Panel organizer: “Sun Belt Cities”).
- 2018 “Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston and the Case of Water.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at Green Cities: Inequality, Space, and Sustainability, Princeton, NJ, September 28.
- 2018 “Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston and the Case of Water.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 14.

- 2018 “A Social Ecology of Property Buyouts in Houston/Harris County, 1970-2017.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at Cultures of Energy 7, Houston, TX. April 13.
- 2017 “Urban Parks and Urban Problems: An Historical Perspective on Green Space Development as a Spatial Fix.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Montreal, QC. November 3. (Panel organizer: “Cities, Environments, and Nature”).
- 2016 “Nature, Race, and the Creation of Metropolitan Social Space.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL. November 19.
- 2016 “Parks and Racial Inequality in Postwar Chicago, 1945-70.” Presented at the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Urban History Association, Chicago, IL. October 15.
- 2016 “Memory Politics: Growth Coalitions, Urban Pasts, and the Creation of ‘Historic’ Philadelphia.” With Marcus Anthony Hunter and Gary Alan Fine. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. August 23.
- 2016 “Nature, Race, and the Creation of Metropolitan Social Space, 1945-75.” Presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA. August 21.
- 2016 “The Symbolic Economy and Racial Geography of Metropolitan Nature in the United States, 1850-2015.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA. March 31.
- 2016 “Nature, Race, and Metropolitan Social Space.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL. March 25.
- 2015 “Cyborg Spaces: The Spatiality of City/Nature from Central Park to the High Line.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. August 22.
- 2014 “The Great Depression, Old Cities, New Money, and the Arts.” With Wendy Griswold. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Toronto, ON. November 7.
- 2014 “The City of Memory: Collective Memory and Urban Change in Postwar Philadelphia.” With Marcus Anthony Hunter and Gary Alan Fine. Presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale University, New Haven, CT. April 26.
- 2014 “Whiteness in the City: Race, Space, and the Reproduction of Hegemonic Whiteness.” Presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago,

IL. March 15.

- 2013 “The City of Memory.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. August 12.
- 2013 “Parks for Profit: The Urban Growth Machine and the Case of the High Line.” Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL. March 2.
- 2012 “Privileged Public Space: The High Line and Neoliberal Urbanization.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. February 23.
- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street: Ethnographic Perspectives.” Panel organizer and discussant, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. February 24.

#### **OTHER RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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- 2010 – 2011 Senior Research Advisor, Center for Contemporary Black History, Columbia University. Worked with Manning Marable on The Malcolm X Project and his Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* (Viking, 2011)

#### **SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP**

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##### Departmental Service

- 2014 – 2015 Committee Member, Undergraduate Affairs, Northwestern University
- 2014, 2015 Reader, Exum Award for Best Undergraduate Paper on Race and Ethnicity, Northwestern University
- 2013 – 2014 Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban and Community Workshop, Northwestern University

##### Disciplinary Service

- 2018 Panel organizer, “Sun Belt Cities,” Social Science History Association
- 2017 Panel organizer, “Cities, Environments, and Nature,” Social Science History Association
- 2015 – 2016 Graduate Student Representative, Community and Urban Sociology Section Council, American Sociological Association
- 2014 – present Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Theory*, *City & Community*, *Du Bois Review*, *Urban Studies*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Social Currents*, *Social Problems*, *Acta Sociologica*, *Urban Geography*, *Urban Research and Practice*, *Town Planning Review*, and *Sociology Compass*
- 2012 Panel organizer, “Occupy Wall Street: Ethnographic Perspectives,” Eastern Sociological Society

Professional Associations

2010 – present American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association,  
Association of American Geographers, Society for the Study of Social  
Problems, Vernacular Architecture Forum