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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

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

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

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Kevin Loughran. *Parks for Profit: Selling Nature in Postindustrial Parks.*
New York: Columbia University Press. (under contract)

Peer-Reviewed

2019 **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>.

2019 **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* 6(2): 121-40. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496518797851>.

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

* Covered in 46 media outlets as part of national NPR story, “How Federal Disaster Money Favors the Rich” ([link](#))

* Ranked #1 out of 135 *Social Currents* publications by Altmetric attention score, June 2019 ([link](#))

2019 **Kevin Loughran** and James R. Elliott. "Residential Buyouts as Environmental Mobility: Examining Where Homeowners Move to Illuminate Social Inequities in Climate Adaptation." *Population and Environment*, in press.

2019 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." *Natural Hazards Review*, in press.

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 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 88 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

* Ranked #4 in *City & Community* with 1600 downloads in 2017, per the American Sociological Association ([link](#))

* 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

- Forthcoming **Kevin Loughran**. "Du Bois: Urban Sociology." In *The Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. Du Bois*, eds. Aldon Morris, Walter Allen, Karida Brown, Dan S. Green, Marcus Hunter, Cheryl Johnson-Odim, and Michael Schwartz. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2019 **Kevin Loughran**. "W.E.B. Du Bois." *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, ed. Anthony M. Orum. Malden: Wiley-Blackwell. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118568446.eurs0497>.
- 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*. *Journal of Urban History*, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0096144219843840>.
- 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

- 2019 **Kevin Loughran**. "Nature, Race, and Cultural Power." *ASA Sociology of Culture Section Newsletter*, roundtable on Nature and Culture. Summer Issue. ([link](#))
- 2015 Gary Alan Fine, Marcus Anthony Hunter, and **Kevin Loughran**. "Getting Malled in Philadelphia: The Growth Coalition and the Historic City." *Discover Society*. ([link](#))

In Preparation

Kevin Loughran, James R. Elliott, and Phylcia Lee Brown. "Flooding, Buyouts, and Property Value Change: Evidence from Houston, 1984-2017."

James R. Elliott, Phylcia Lee Brown, and **Kevin Loughran**. "Environmental Mobility in Comparative Contexts."

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

Kevin Loughran. "The End(s) of the Growth Machine in a Climate-Changed City."

Kevin Loughran. "Landscapes of Retreat: Adaptation and its Aftermath."

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

Rice University

2017–2019 Developed and taught a research design and grant proposal workshop for graduate instruction, Spring 2019

Developed an original undergraduate seminar, “Knowledge, Society, and Space”

Co-advisor, senior honors thesis: Allison Yelvington, “Libraries and Disaster Recovery and Resilience: Houston Libraries and Hurricane Harvey”

Northwestern University

2016–2017 Graduate Writing Fellow: instructed and advised graduate students across 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

2019 “Residential Buyouts as Environmental Mobility: Examining Where Homeowners Move to Illuminate Social Inequities in Climate Adaptation.” With James R. Elliott. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August.

2019 “Adaptive Mobility: The Case of Property Buyouts and Resettlement Pathways in Urban Flood Zones.” With James R. Elliott. Presented at the Columbia Earth Institute, “What Point Managed Retreat? Resilience Building in the Coastal Zone,” New York, NY, June 21.

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 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 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 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 Social Space." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL. March 25.
- 2015 "Cyborg Spaces: City and 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 10th Anniversary Conference, the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale

University, New Haven, CT. April 26.

- 2014 “Whiteness in the City.” Presented at the 16th 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 15th 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

- 2010–2011 Senior Researcher, 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

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*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Urban Geography*, *Urban Research and Practice*, *Town Planning Review*, *Environment and Planning E*, 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