

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Nevada – Reno (Reno, NV)	B.A.	05/03	Psychology
University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH)	B.S.	05/04	Economics
Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL)	MURP	05/08	Urban Planning
Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL)	Ph.D.	05/12	Geosciences

A. Personal Statement

I am an Associate Professor and holder of the Robert F. Philip Endowed Professorship in the Runstad Department of Real Estate in the College of Built Environments at the University of Washington. I am also the Co-Director of the Outreach Core at Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center representing social science disciplines, specifically the impact of the built environment on injury and violence. My primary area of research is focused on policy innovation in low-income housing. I emphasize a spatial analytical approach to examine how housing policies either expand opportunity or perpetuate inequality for low-income households. Most of my work is applied and community based as it involves direct engagement with public housing authorities and non-profit housing providers. My other area of research that directly aligns with my work at the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center involves a collaborative with criminologists to study spatial-temporal crime patterns across various types of land uses, housing developments, and commercial real estate. I examine real estate and urban planning dynamics (e.g., private investment, community and economic development initiatives, business activity) and changes in crime over time at the micro-scale (properties and street segments) to help inform policies that support the greatest violent and property crime reduction benefits.

B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

2022-Present Co-Director of Outreach Core, Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, Seattle, WA
 2020-Present Associate Professor, Real Estate, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 2020-Present Adjunct Associate Professor, Geography, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 2017-2020 Assistant Professor, Real Estate, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 2017-2020 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Geography, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 2014-2017 Assistant Professor, Urban Planning, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
 2012-2014 Adjunct Professor, Social Sciences, Broward College, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 2009-2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

