

Alex Ramiller

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University of California, Berkeley

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. expected, 2025

- City and Regional Planning
- Graduate Certificate in Data Science

University of Washington – Seattle, WA

M.A., 2020

- Geography
- Graduate Certificate in Housing Studies

GPA: 3.97

Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

B.A., 2018

- *Majors:* Geography, Economics; *Minor:* Music

GPA: 3.96

PUBLICATIONS

- Thomas, T., Ramiller, A., Ren, C., & Toomet, O. (2024). Toward a National Eviction Data Collection Strategy Using Natural Language Processing. *Cityscape*, 26(1), 241–259.
 - Reid, C., & Ramiller, A. (2024). *Examining the Housing and Neighborhood Trajectories for Former HUD-Assisted Households with Children*. HUD Office of Policy Development and Research.
 - Ramiller, A., Reid, C., & Metcalf, B. (2023). *California's Prohousing Designation Program: Rewarding City and County Policies that Boost Housing Supply*. Terner Center for Housing Innovation.
 - Schmahmann, L., Ramiller, A., & Fields, D. (2023). Platform Firms, Commercial Real Estate Cycles and San Francisco's Growth as a Tech Cluster, 2008–2020. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1–25.
 - Walter, R. J., Tillyer, M. S., Ramiller, A., & Acolin, A. (2023). Scaling Down from the Neighborhood in Urban Planning Research and Practice: The Potential Benefits of a Micro-Scale Focus. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.
 - Hess, C., Walter, R. J., Kennedy, I., Acolin, A., Ramiller, A., & Crowder, K. (2023). Segmented Information, Segregated Outcomes: Housing Affordability and Neighborhood Representation on a Voucher-Focused Online Housing Platform and Three Mainstream Alternatives. *Housing Policy Debate*.
 - Ramiller, A. (2022). Displacement through development? Property turnover and eviction risk in Seattle. *Urban Studies*, 59(6), 1148–1166.
 - Ramiller, A., Acolin, A., Walter, R. J., & Wang, R. (2022). Moving to shared equity: Locational outcomes for households in shared equity homeownership programs. *Housing Studies*.
 - Acolin, A., Ramiller, A., Walter, R. J., Thompson, S., & Wang, R. (2021). Transitioning to Homeownership: Asset Building for Low- and Moderate-Income Households. *Housing Policy Debate*, 31(6), 1032–1049.
 - Costa, A., Sass, V., Kennedy, I., Roy, R., Walter, R. J., Acolin, A., Crowder, K., Hess, C., Ramiller, A., & Chasins, S. (2021). Toward a Cross-Platform Framework: Assessing the Comprehensiveness of Online Rental Listings. *Cityscape*, 23(2), 327–340.
 - Ramiller, A. (2019). Establishing the green neighbourhood: approaches to neighbourhood-scale sustainability certification in Portland, Oregon. *Local Environment*, 24(5), 428–441.
 - Ramiller, A., & Schmidt, P. (2019). Making Radical Change Real: Danish Sustainability, Adaptability, and the Reimagination of Architectural Utopias. *Utopian Studies*, 30(2), 279–299.
 - Ramiller, A., & Schmidt, P. (2018). Scale limits to sustainability: Transdisciplinary evidence from three Danish cases. *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions*, 27, 48–58. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eist.2017.10.001>
 - Ramiller, A. (2018). "From the Neighborhood Up!": Neighborhood Sustainability Certification Frameworks and the New Urban Politics of Scale. *Macalester College Digital Commons*.
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PRESENTATIONS

- Ramiller, A., (2024, Apr.). *Disentangling Sources of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Change in California*. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Ramiller, A., (2023, Oct.). *Residential Mobility and Big Data: Assessing the Validity of Consumer Reference Datasets*. University of California Berkeley D-Lab Fellows Talk, Berkeley, CA.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, Nov.). *Residential Mobility Outcomes After Leaving Housing Assistance: The Role of Local Housing Market Conditions*. Associated Collegiate Schools of Planning 62nd Annual Conference, Toronto, ON.

- Ramiller, A. (2022, April). *Examining the Housing and Neighborhood Trajectories for Former HUD-Assisted Households with Children*. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, March). *Eviction, Displacement, and Gentrification: Locating Evictions in Processes of Neighborhood Change*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Austin, TX.
- Ramiller, A. (2022, Feb.). *Impacts of Covid-19 on Regional and Neighborhood Rental Markets*. University of Washington Neighborhood Context Working Group (Virtual).
- Acolin, A. & Ramiller, A. (2021, Oct.). *Accessing Homeownership through Shared Equity Programs: Wealth-Building and Locational Outcomes*. West Coast Poverty Center Housing Roundtable (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A., & Thomas, T. (2021, March). *Modeling Housing Precarity Risk in the Wake of Covid-19*. UC Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning Ph.D. Colloquium (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2020, Nov.). *Transitioning to Homeownership: Asset Building for Low- and Moderate-Income Households*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2020, April). *Displacement Through Development? Situating the Role of Capital Investment in Residential Evictions Using Administrative Microdata*. American Association of Geographers (Virtual).
- Ramiller, A. (2018, April). *"From the Neighborhood Up!": Neighborhood Sustainability Certification Frameworks and the New Urban Politics of Scale*. American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA.
- Ramiller, A., & Schmidt, P. (2017, November). *A More Perfect Utopia: Sustainability and 21st Century Danish Architecture*. Society for Utopian Studies, Memphis, TN.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant, 2023
- Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics Research Grant, 2023
- Michael B. Teitz Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2023
- UC Berkeley D-Lab Data Science Fellowship, 2023
- Hubert M. Blalock Fellowship (University of Washington Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences), 2018
- Chuck Green Civic Engagement Fellowship (Macalester College), 2017
- Educating Sustainability Ambassadors Grant Recipient (Macalester College), 2016
- National Merit Scholarship, 2014

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2022
- Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2020
- Urban Affairs Association, 2019
- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 2018
- Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honors Society, 2018
- Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honors Society, 2018

AWARDS

- Teaching Effectiveness Award (University of California, Berkeley), 2024
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (University of California, Berkeley), 2023
- Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship (University of Washington Geography), 2020
- Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award in Geography (American Association of Geographers), 2018
- Hildegard Binder Johnson Prize (Macalester College Geography), 2017

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Terner Center for Housing Innovation** – Oakland, CA Aug. 2021 – Present
- Produced reports and policy briefs about national and state-level housing policies
 - Analyzed housing subsidy program outcomes for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The Evictions Study** – Berkeley, CA & Seattle, WA Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2021
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team of researchers studying residential evictions in the United States
 - Conducted web scraping, geocoding, static and interactive geovisualization, and geospatial analyses
- Urban Displacement Project** – Berkeley, CA June 2020 – Aug. 2021
- Analyzed impacts of climate and transportation investments on residential displacement risk
 - Assisted in the creation of housing precarity risk models

Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science and Engineering – Seattle, WA Jan. 2020 – Aug. 2020

- Served as graduate research assistant for multidisciplinary project analyzing web-scraped rental listings
- Constructed process for extensive cleaning and geocoding of large datasets

Macalester International Seminar – Copenhagen, DK & Saint Paul, MN May – Aug. 2016

- Attended Macalester International Seminar on Sustainability in Copenhagen
- Collaborated with professor on two academic articles about sustainable policy and architecture in Denmark

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning – Berkeley, CA May 2022 – Aug. 2024

- Designed and instructed undergraduate-level courses on U.S. housing policy and urban data science

Data for Housing – Berkeley, CA June 2020 – Aug. 2020

- Assisted in instruction for a data science training workshop for urban planners and policymakers
- Assisted in coordination of virtual seminars and addressed participant questions

Data Science for Social Good – Seattle, WA July 2020

- Created and instructed tutorial workshop introducing the RStudio Shiny platform for interactive web applications

University of Washington Department of Geography – Seattle, WA Sept. 2018 – June 2020

- Instructed lab and discussion sections, hosted office hours, and graded assignments
- Provided assistant instruction for courses in a variety of subject areas, including economic geography, digital geography, database management, research methods, and geographies of inequality

Macalester College Department of Geography – Saint Paul, MN Jan. – May 2018

- Assisted instruction for course about segregation and gentrification, including designing and teaching lectures, grading assignments, and facilitating discussions

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco – San Francisco, CA May 2022 – Present

Research Consultant

- Collaborated on report on multifamily homeownership in California
- Cleaned and analyzed comprehensive CDFI dataset

PolicyLink – Oakland, CA July 2020 – Present

Research Consultant

- Generated ongoing analyses of household rent debt and rental assistance programs following Covid-19 pandemic
- Produced demographic analyses using microdata from Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Conducted code review and data validation for various data analyses

City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development – Seattle, WA June 2019 – June 2020

Demographic Research Analyst

- Assisted in the development of Displacement Risk Indicators for Equitable Development Monitoring Program, analyzing demographic and property market datasets and developing a workflow for continuous monitoring
- Contributed to report on Equitable Outcome Indicators for Equitable Development Monitoring Program, conducting analysis, generating data visualizations, and writing analysis summaries

Macalester College Civic Engagement Center – Saint Paul, MN May 2018 – Aug. 2018

Research Assistant

- Analyzed integration of civic engagement into the History and Geography curricula compared to peer institutions
- Interviewed Geography department faculty about current curricula and “learning outcomes” for civic engagement in the classroom

Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation – Saint Paul, MN May 2017 – Aug. 2017

Research Fellow

- Gathered information on development strategies and collected and produced visualizations of demographic and economic data to aid in the establishment of a “vitality vision” for economic development in downtown St. Paul
- Created dynamic visualizations of downtown St. Paul’s development