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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 -Present** **University of Connecticut, School of Public Policy** Hartford, CT
Assistant Research Professor, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy
- 2023 -2024** **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
Postdoctoral Scholar, Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI
Public Policy and Sociology, August 2022
- Dissertation:* (Mis)Perceiving the Metropolis: The correlates and consequences of imperfect neighborhood knowledge
Committee: Elizabeth E. Bruch (Co-Chair), Jeffrey D. Morenoff (Co-Chair), Margaret Frye, Elisabeth R. Gerber, Alexandra K. Murphy
- ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award Honorable Mention*
- M.A.** **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI
Sociology, May 2017
- B.A.** **Barnard College, Columbia University**, New York, NY
Majors: Urban Studies, Human Rights, Minor: Psychology, May 2011
Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban Sociology; Community-Based Survey Research; Social Policy; Culture; Cognition and Decision Making; Social Psychology; Inequality; Neighborhood Change; Housing; Race/Ethnicity; Quantitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Talen, Emily, and **Lydia Wileden**. (2024). "The Density Puzzle: What Is Known, What Is Disputed, and Where to Go from Here." *Journal of Planning Literature* 08854122241262750. doi: [10.1177/08854122241262750](https://doi.org/10.1177/08854122241262750).

Cross, Fernanda, **Lydia Wileden**, Ayse Buyuktur, Jodyn Platt, Jeffrey Morenoff, Maria Militzer, Ana Patricia Esqueda, Movva Pranati, Ziyu Zhao, Kashmira Sawant, Felix Valbuena, Sarah Bailey, Barbara Israel, Erica Marsh, Susan J. Woolford. (2023). "MICEAL Black and Latinx Perspectives on COVID-19 Vaccination: A Mixed-methods examination." *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. doi: [10.1007/s40615-023-01815-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-023-01815-y)

Wileden, Lydia, Denise Anthony, Celeste Campos-Castillo, and Jeffrey Morenoff. (2023). “Resident Willingness to Participate in Digital Contact Tracing in a COVID-19 Hotspot: Findings From a Detroit Panel Study.” *JMIR Public Health and Surveillance*. doi:[10.2196/39002](https://doi.org/10.2196/39002)

Wagner, Abram L., **Lydia Wileden**, Trina R. Shanks, Susan D. Goold, Jeffrey D. Morenoff, and Sherri N. Sheinfeld Gorin. (2022). "Mediators of Racial Differences in COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and Uptake: A Cohort Study in Detroit, MI" *Vaccines* 10(1):36. doi: [10.3390/vaccines10010036](https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines10010036).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Wileden, Lydia. “(Mis)Perceiving the Metropolis: Residents’ Distorted Assessments of Neighborhood Racial Composition.”

- 2022 Katherine Luke Best Student Paper Award, University of Michigan, Sociology

Wileden, Lydia. “Perceiving Change Over Time: Linking Residents’ Assessments of Neighborhood Safety and Shifting Crime Conditions in Detroit.”

ACADEMIC BOOK CHAPTERS

Ray, Rashawn, Jane Fran Morgan, **Lydia Wileden**, Samantha Elizondo, and Destiny Wiley-Yancy. (2022). “Examining and Addressing COVID-19 Racial Disparities in Detroit.” in [Urban Health: A Practical Application for Clinical Based Learning](#). Edited by Cynthia McNeill, Umeika Stephens, and Tara Walker. Open Textbooks.

- First published as [Governance Studies report](#), *The Brookings Institution*.

BOOK REVIEWS

Wileden, Lydia. (2022). “The \$16 Taco: Contested Geographies of Food, Ethnicity, and Gentrification, by Pascale Jossart-Marcelli. 2021.” *Journal of Urban Affairs*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2022.2075677>

OP-EDS

Wileden, Lydia. (2021). “[Opinion: Should the City of Detroit mandate vaccines for employees?](#)” *Bridge Detroit*.

Rodems, Richard and **Lydia Wileden**. (2020). “[Opinion: Detroit needs another stimulus check.](#)” *Bridge Detroit*.

Wileden, Lydia and Jeffrey Morenoff. (2020). “[Opinion: Detroit survey shows coronavirus crisis threatens to widen inequality.](#)” *Bridge Magazine*.

RESEARCH BRIEFS

Wileden, Lydia. (2024). “[Examining Shifts in Neighborhood Sentiments Among Residents of SNF Neighborhoods Over Time.](#)” Strategic Neighborhood Fund Evaluation Series. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

- Related Cross-Sectional Analysis – Summer 2023: “[Evaluating Variation in Neighborhood Sentiments Among SNF Residents – Summer 2023.](#)”
- Related Cross-Sectional Analysis – Summer 2022: “[Evaluating Variation in Neighborhood Sentiments Among SNF Residents – Summer 2022.](#)”
- Related Cross-Sectional Analysis – Spring 2021: “[Evaluating Variation in Neighborhood Sentiments Among SNF Residents – Spring 2021.](#)”

- Related Cross-Sectional Analysis – Fall 2019: “[Re-Evaluating Variation in Neighborhood Sentiments Among SNF Residents – Fall 2019.](#)”

Wileden, Lydia. (2023). “[Employment Dynamics in Detroit and the Impact of Labor Force Rebounders - June 2023.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2022). “[Employment Dynamics in Detroit - November 2022.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia and Mara Cecilia Ostfeld. (2022). “[Detroiters’ Policy Priorities: What Matters to Detroiters Leading Up to the November 2022 Elections.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study & the Center for Racial Justice, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia and Erykah Benson. (2022). “[The Economic Well-Being of Detroit Residents Two Years Into the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2022). “[COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Over Time Among DMACS Panel Respondents.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2022). “[The Link Between Parents' and Children's Vaccination in Detroit.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2022). “[Employment Dynamics in Detroit During the COVID-19 Pandemic - 2022.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2021). “[Detroiters' Priorities for American Rescue Plan Funds.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2021). “[Using American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Meet Detroiters’ Home Repair Needs.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia and Caroline Egan. (2021). “[Detroiters’ Views on Crime and Policing - Summer 2021.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia and Caroline Egan. (2021). “[Unemployment Dynamics in Detroit During the COVID-19 Pandemic - 2021.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2021). “[Detroiters' Support for COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2021). “[Vaccination and Trust in Information on COVID-19 in Detroit.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia and Afton Branche-Wilson. (2020). “[Detroit’s Strategic Neighborhood Fund: A Baseline Report of Resident Perceptions.](#)” Report. Poverty Solutions & Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia. (2020). “[Employment Dynamics in Detroit During the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)” Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

Wileden, Lydia and Richard Rodems. (2020). “[Reach and Impact of Federal Stimulus Checks in Detroit.](#)” Policy Brief. Poverty Solutions & Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.

- Wileden, Lydia.** (2020). [“Behavior Change During COVID-19.”](#) Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.
- Wileden, Lydia.** (2020). [“Blight in Detroit.”](#) Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.
- Wileden, Lydia.** (2020). [“Health and Health Insurance in Detroit: Identifying Barriers to Accessing Health Care.”](#) Issue Brief. Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, University of Michigan.
- Wileden, Lydia.** (2019). [“Modeling ‘A Sense of Place’: Evaluating the Roles of Knowledge and Reputation in Neighborhood Dynamics via Online Surveys.”](#) Working Paper Series. Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP). Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- Vogel, Carl, Claire Michaels and **Lydia Wileden.** (2011). [“The End of an ARRA: The Recovery Act and Workforce Development in New York.”](#) Center for an Urban Future.
- Hilliard, Tom and **Lydia Wileden.** (2011). [“Pathways to Prosperity.”](#) Center for an Urban Future.
- Wileden, Lydia.** (2009). “Helping Those Who Help Others: A Report on the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Bronx Nonprofits.” Office of the Bronx Borough President

WORKS IN PREPARATION

- Wileden, Lydia.** “Making Sense of ‘A Sense of Place’: Evaluating the Underlying Dimensions of Neighborhood Reputation.”
- Wileden, Lydia.** “Broken Homes: Re-Estimating the Scale of Detroit’s Home Repair Crisis.”
- Wileden, Lydia.** “Differential Pathways of Neighborhood Change and Perceived Neighborhood Reputation.”
- Wileden, Lydia,** Jeffrey Morenoff, and Elisabeth Gerber “Assessing Detroit’s “Blight Flight”: Residential Perceptions and Neighborhood Attachment in Response Demolition Programs.”
- Wileden, Lydia** and Elizabeth Bruch. “Is Bad Stronger Than Good? Residential Mobility in Response to Neighborhood Change.”

HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2024 | Presidential Management Fellow Finalist |
| 2022 | ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award Honorable Mention, University of Michigan |
| 2022 | Katherine Luke Best Student Paper Award, University of Michigan |
| 2019 | Outstanding GSI Award Nominee, University of Michigan |
| 2018 | Phi Kappa Phi, University of Michigan |
| 2011 | Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University Chapter |
| 2011 | Departmental Honors in Urban Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University |

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

EXTERNAL

- 2016-2020 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (\$140,000)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

2023 Urban Innovation Grant (with Dr. Emily Talen), Mansueto Institute, University of Chicago (\$40,000)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2022 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan (\$11,600)
2021 Poverty Solutions Graduate Student Research Award, University of Michigan (\$11,217)
2021 Sweetland Summer Dissertation Writing Institute, University of Michigan (\$4,000)
2020-2021 Ford Graduate Fellowship, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan (\$18,600)
2020 Rackham Public Scholarship Grant, University of Michigan (\$8,000)
2020 Population Studies Center Small Grants, University of Michigan (\$3,250)
2017 Alumni Research Award, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan (\$5,000)
2017 Research Scholar, Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan (\$5,000)
2017 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan (\$1,500)
2016 Summer Research Fellowship, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan (\$3,500)
2015 Institute for Social Research Summer Training Award, University of Michigan (\$3,500)
2015 Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan (\$4,000)
2015-2016 Population Studies Research Traineeship, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan (\$22,920)
2014-2015 Ford Graduate Fellowship, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan (\$18,600)
2009-2011 Lesley Jane Rosen '71 Memorial Scholarship for Urban Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University

SELECTED CONFERENCES & TALKS (* invited)

“Measuring the relationship between transportation insecurity, health quality, and health access.”
 (with Alex Murphy)

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2024

“Comparisons of Chicago Neighborhood Boundaries from Crowdsourced Resident Drawings.” (with Crystal Bae and Emily Talen)

Conference on Spatial Information Theory, Fall 2024

“Broken Homes: Re-Estimating the Scale of America’s Home Repair Crisis.”

International Conference on Urban Affairs, Spring 2024

*** “Learning from The Chicago Neighborhood Project: Preliminary Insights from a Crowdsourced Mapping Effort.”**

Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago, Spring 2024
 Chicago Historical Museum, Spring 2024

*** “Imagined futures: The relationship between neighborhood expectations, attachment, and residential preferences.”**

“The New Demography of Migration and Mobility Conference,” Cornell Population Center, Cornell University, Spring 2023

*** “Making Sense of ‘A Sense of Place’: Examining the Collective and Relational Nature of Neighborhood Knowledge.”**

Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago, Spring 2023

“Entrepreneurship and Perceived Economic Uncertainty in Detroit during COVID-19”

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Fall 2022

“Linking Intent and Behavior: Shifts in COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Over Time in Detroit”

American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, Spring 2022

“Assessing Detroit’s “Blight Flight”: Neighborhood Attachment and Residential Mobility in Response to Large-Scale Demolition Programs.”

Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2022

“Measuring and Modeling Perceptions of Change in Neighborhood Safety: Evidence from Detroit.”

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Spring 2022

*** “Assessing Local Cultural Capital: Local Amenities and Perceived Neighborhood Reputation.”**

Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara, Spring 2022

*** “(Mis)Perceiving the Metropolis: Imperfect Neighborhood Knowledge and Residents’ Distorted Assessments of Local Racial Composition.”**

Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago, Spring 2022

*** Social Science Approaches to the Built Environment and Social Justice Issues in America.”**

Institute for Social Research, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Spring 2022

“Shifts in COVID-19 Vaccine Intent: Evidence from Detroit.”

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2021

“(Mis)Perceiving the Metropolis: Residents’ Distorted Assessments of Neighborhood Composition.”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Summer 2021 (Withdrawn due to COVID)

“Is Bad Stronger than Good? Residential Mobility in Response to Neighborhood Change.”

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Spring 2018

*** “Detroit Metropolitan Area Community Study and Archived Data at ICPSR.”** (with Jeffrey Morenoff and Elisabeth Gerber)

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Blalock Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Summer 2020

*** “Motor City at a Standstill: Measuring the Impact of COVID-19 on Detroit.”** (with Jeffrey Morenoff)

Institute for Social Research, ISR Insights Speaker Series, University of Michigan, Spring 2020

“Differential Pathways of Neighborhood Change and Perceived Neighborhood Reputation.

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Summer 2020

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Spring 2019

“Trajectories of Neighborhood Vacancy and Residential Perceptions.”

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Fall 2018

*** “Examining the Effects of Gentrification.”**

Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Spring 2018

“Interrogating the Dynamic Feedback Loop Between Mobility, Neighborhood Change, and Perception.”

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Fall 2017

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Spring 2017 *PAA Poster Award*

“Public ‘Wreck’oning: Examining the Co-Evolution of High-Rise Public Housing Demolition and Gentrification in Chicago from 1990-2010.”

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Fall 2016

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

[“What residents in targeted investment areas think about their neighborhoods.”](#) *Axios Detroit*. July 2024

[“How you can help redefine Chicago’s Community Boundaries.”](#) *Chicago Tonight: Black Voices, WTTW*. December 2023

[“New survey: Detroit's jobless rate is nearly 4x what government reports.”](#) *Detroit Free Press*. June 2023

[“Detroit home repair hotline gets more than 244K calls.”](#) *Bridge Detroit*. June 2022

[“Housing costs take bulk of paycheck for thousands of Detroiters, survey shows.”](#) *Detroit Free Press*. May 2022

[“UM study: Detroit parents less likely to vaccinate themselves, their kids.”](#) *Detroit News*. March 2022

[“Survey: 1 in 4 unemployed Detroit parents left work in past year: What's keeping them home.”](#) *Detroit Free Press*. February 2022

[“More than 90,000 Detroit residents live in inadequate housing, UM report estimates.”](#) *Detroit News*. October 2021

[“Government distrust driving younger Detroiters’ COVID vaccine hesitancy, University of Michigan survey says.”](#) *MLive*. July 2021

[“Interest from Detroit residents in getting COVID-19 vaccine ticks up.”](#) *Detroit News*. March 2021

[“UM study: Detroit unemployment ‘alarmingly high’; residents say coronavirus restrictions lifting too soon.”](#) *Crain’s Detroit*. July 2020

[“Survey: Pandemic caused job losses for 4 of 10 Detroiters.”](#) *Associated Press*. May 2020
Republished in The San Francisco Chronicle, US News, and other outlets

[“In Detroit, grief runs deep as city grapples with COVID-19.”](#) *Associated Press*. April 2020
Republished in The New York Times, The Washington Post, NBC News, ABC News, etc.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Research Associate, [Detroit Metro Area Communities Study](#), University of Michigan
2019 Consultant, Census Complete Count Committee, City of Detroit
2011 Research Assistant, Center for an Urban Future

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 Guest Lecturer, SW 41750: Housing, Inequality, and Society with Professor Robin Bartram
2021 Tutor, SOC 610: Statistical Methods II, with Professor Mark Mizruchi
2019 Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan

- 2019** Graduate Student Instructor, PUBPOL 639: Program Evaluation, with Professor Yusuf Neggers
- 2018** Graduate Student Instructor, PUBPOL 479: Evaluating Public Policies, with Professor Paula Lantz
- 2017** Grader, SOC 495: Crime and Justice, with Professor Jeffrey Morenoff
- 2017** Guest Lecturer, PUBPOL 746: Social Welfare Policy with Professor Luke Schaefer
- 2015** Assisted Professor Alex Murphy in creating and writing the syllabus and crafting interactive weekly assignments for SOC 435: Urban Inequality

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024-2026** Best Article in the Journal of Urban Affairs Award Committee, Urban Affairs Association
- 2016-2019** Co-Organizer, [Detroit School Series](#), Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop
- 2018** Preliminary Exam Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2016-2017** PhD Admissions Committee Member, Ford School of Public Policy
- 2015-2017** Co-Chair, University of Michigan Sociology Graduate Students Association (*elected*)
- 2015-2017** Founding Student Organizer, Urban & Community Workshop, University of Michigan
- 2015-2016** Graduate Student Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

OCCASIONAL REVIEWER

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Journal of Urban Affairs, Urban Studies, Urban Affairs Review, Sociological Focus, Cities & Health, Journal of Urbanism

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management
Population Association of America
Urban Affairs Association

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2014** NeighborWorks America, Stable Communities Initiative, Washington, DC
- 2011-2013** Office of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Washington, DC
- 2011** Enterprise Community Partners, Washington, DC
- 2011** Center for an Urban Future, New York, NY
- 2010** The White House, Office of Urban Affairs, Washington, DC
- 2009** Office of Congressman John Olver, Washington, DC

REFERENCES

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