

Lauren Ames Fischer

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Education

2016 (expected)	PhD, Urban Planning Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation
2008	M.S. Public Policy (with honors) DePaul University
2004	B.A. Political Science and Sociology (double major) Indiana University, Bloomington

Research Interests

Transportation, Economic Development, Urban Redevelopment, Institutions, Public Finance, Social Equity

Affiliations

Student Affiliate, Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University

Founding Member, Collective of Critical Transport Scholars, New York

Member, Association of American Geographers (AAG)

Member, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)

Refereed Journal Articles

“The Decline and Recovery of Intercity Bus Service in the United States: A Comeback for an Environmentally Friendly Transportation Mode?” *Environmental Practice*, March 2011 (Cambridge University Press). (Co-authored with Joseph Schwieterman)

“Variations in the Rates of Passenger Usage of Portable Technology on Intercity Buses, Trains and Planes: Implications for Transportation Planning” *Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy*, 2011. Vol. 78, Number 1. (Co-authored with Joseph Schwieterman)

“Competition from the Curb: A Survey of Passengers on Discount Curbside Bus Operators in Eastern and Midwestern Cities” *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*. Vol. 2277, Dec. 2012, pg. 49-56.

Reports and Proceedings

“The Return of the Intercity Bus: 2008 Update” Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, November 2008. (Co-authored with Joseph Schwieterman)

“A Kaleidoscope of Culture: Measuring Diversity in Chicago’s Neighborhoods” Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, July 2008. (Co-authored with Joseph Schwieterman)

“The Return of the Intercity Bus: The Decline and Recovery of Scheduled Service to American Cities, 1960-2007” Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development Policy Study, December 2007. (Co-authored with Joseph Schwieterman, Sara Smith and Christine Towles)

Papers under Review

King, David A. and Lauren Ames Fischer. *Long Term Impacts of New Rail Investment: Lessons from San Diego*. (Planning, Policy and Change)

King, David A. and Lauren Ames Fischer. *Streetcar Projects as Spatial Planning: A Shift in Transport Planning in the United States* (Journal of Transport Geography)

Conference Presentations

Fischer, Lauren Ames. (April 2015). Who Pays? Who Benefits? Assessing the Social Equity of Modern Streetcar Projects in U.S. cities. Paper Presentation at American Association of Geographers, Chicago.

Fischer, Lauren Ames and Adam Davidson. (January 2015). (Re)Producing Transport Systems: Uber, Driverless Technology and the Modern City. Poster Presentation at Transportation Research Board (TRB), Washington D.C.

Fischer, Lauren Ames. (October 2014). Assessing the Rhetoric of Transit Oriented Development: Modern Streetcar Planning in U.S. cities Paper Presentation at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Philadelphia.

King, David A. and Lauren Ames Fischer. (June 2014) Assessing the long term land use changes associated with San Diego light rail: How long should we wait for change? World Symposium on Transport and Land Use Research, Delft (Netherlands).

King, David and Lauren Ames Fischer. (April 2013). Do New Rail Systems Affect Metropolitan Spatial Structure? American Association of Geographers (AAG), Los Angeles.

Schwieterman, J. and L. Fischer. (2012) Competition from the Curb: A Survey of Passengers on Discount Curbside Bus Operators in Eastern and Midwestern Cities. Transportation Research Board (TRB), Washington D.C.

Fischer, Lauren Ames. (2012) Build It and They Will Come...Maybe: An Evaluation of the Empirical Evidence for Transportation Investments and Economic Development. Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Planning and Public Policy, New Brunswick (NJ).

Schwieterman, J and L. Fischer. (2011) Privacy Invades Public Space: The Growing Use of Portable Electronic Technology on Intercity Buses, Trains and Planes between 2009 and 2010. Transportation Research Board (TRB), Washington D.C.

Invited Talks/Media Coverage

December 2014. "The Movement to Build Modern Streetcar Lines in U.S. Cities." Transportation Research Forum Conference Call Series.

September 2014. "Modern Streetcars: Urban Amenities, Transit Project or Both?" Academic Seminar, Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development, DePaul University (Chicago).

"It's Streetcar Stalled, Kansas City Mulls the Best Way Forward", City Lab, September 25, 2014 (quoted)

"Google's New Chicago Home Isn't More Transit-Friendly, But It Is More Highway-Friendly", City Lab, November 6, 2013 (analysis)

Courses Taught

Statistics Bootcamp, Columbia University, GSAPP; Summer 2013, 2014

Planning Techniques (core course), Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, GSAPP; 2012 - 2013

Daniel Burnham and Chicago Architecture, DePaul University; 2008 – 2011

Transportation Policy, DePaul University; 2009 – 2011

Media and Society (Sociology), Teaching Assistant, Indiana University, 2004

Professional Experience

Consultant, Volvo Research and Education Foundation (VREF), 2013 - current

Consultant, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), 2011 – 2012, 2015

Associate Director, Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development, DePaul University, 2010 – 2011

Research Associate, Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development, DePaul University, 2007 – 2010

Office Manager, City Museum (St Louis, MO), 2005 – 2006

Assistant Outreach Director, Fund for Public Interest Research (St Louis, MO), 2004

Awards:

National Science Foundation IGERT Fellowship, 2011 – 2016

DePaul University “Media Star”, 2008

Phyllis M. Sutker Scholarship, 2008