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Academic Appointments

- Beginning in Fall 2025 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University.
- 2023 – present Postdoctoral Scholar in Urban and Environmental Studies, Department of Sociology and Department of Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Education

- 2023 Ph.D., Sociology, Northeastern University (Boston, MA)
- 2017 M.A., Sociology, Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)
 Minor in Research Methodology
- 2014 B.A., Economics, Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)
 Minor in Mathematics

Research and Teaching Interests

Environmental Sociology, Urban and Rural Sociology, Political Sociology, Urbanization, Political Economy, Energy Policy, Infrastructure Governance, Geographic Information Systems, Spatial Data Science, Comparative Historical Methods

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 Shatkin, Gavin, **Taylor Harris Braswell**, and Melinda Martinus. "[Mapping and the politics of informality in Jakarta.](#)" *Urban Geography*.
- 2022 Braswell, Taylor Harris. "[Extended spaces of environmental injustice: Hydrocarbon pipelines in the age of planetary urbanization.](#)" *Social Forces*.

- 2020 Thombs, Ryan, Dennis L. Thombs, Andrew K Jorgenson, and **Taylor Harris Braswell**. ["What is Driving the Drug Overdose Epidemic in the United States?"](#) *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- 2020 Prener, Christopher G., **Taylor Harris Braswell**, and Daniel J. Monti. ["St. Louis's 'urban prairie': Vacant land and the potential for revitalization."](#) *Journal of Urban Affairs* special issue on shrinking Cities.
- 2018 Braswell, Taylor Harris. ["Fresh food, new faces: community gardening as ecological gentrification in St. Louis, Missouri."](#) *Agriculture and Human Values*.

Invited Book Reviews

- 2022 *How Green Became Good: Urbanized Nature and the Making of Cities and Citizens*, Hillary Angelo. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. *Urban Studies*.

Presentations

Conference Presentations

- 2022 Braswell, Taylor. "Urbanization as a lens for understanding electric utility policy: suburbanization in the American South." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Community and Urban Sociology section roundtable on Infrastructure (Los Angeles, CA).
- Braswell, Taylor. "Suburbanization and the spatial politics of electricity in the American south." Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting (Boston, MA).
- 2020 Braswell, Taylor. "Toward a reintegration of urban and rural sociology" [Roundtable session canceled]. American Sociological Association annual meeting.
- 2019 Braswell, Taylor. "Hydrocarbon Pipeline Proximity and Environmental Justice in the Age of Planetary Urbanization." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting panel on Environmental Change and Inequality (New York, NY).

Braswell, Taylor. "Space, Place, and the Scales of Environmental Justice: The case of hydrocarbon pipelines." Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society's annual meeting (Atlanta, GA).

Braswell, T., R. Thombs, and J. Bolin. "The Production of Space: The Determinants of Walkability in Fordist and Post-Fordist Cities in the United States" Paper presented at Eastern Sociological Society's annual meeting (Boston, MA).

2018 Braswell, Taylor. "Environmental Justice in US Pipeline Communities." Paper presented at Rural Sociological Society's annual meeting (Portland, OR).

2017 Braswell, Taylor. "After the Boom: A CBPR Approach to Assessing Household Energy Insecurity." Poster presented at Boston Civic Media's Event on Climate Change and Design. (Boston, MA).

Braswell, Taylor. "Urban Community Gardens and the Commodification of Space: A spatial analysis of community gardening and neighborhood change in St. Louis, MO." Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association's annual conference (Minneapolis, MN).

Prener, C., Jennings, J., **Braswell, T.**, Miller, K. and Smith, A. "Closing the Gateway: Street Closures as Public Policy in St. Louis, MO." Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association's annual conference (Minneapolis, MN).

Jennings, J., Prener, C., **Braswell, T.**, Miller, K. and Smith, A. "To the Barricades! Street Closures as Public Policy in St. Louis, MO." Paper presented at the American Association of Geographer's annual meeting (Boston, MA).

Teaching

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Sociology (Northeastern University, Summer 2022; Spring 2022; Summer 2021)

Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs (Northeastern University, Spring 2021)

Programming with Data – Social Science Practicum (Northeastern University, Spring 2020)

Teaching Assistant

Environment and Society (Northeastern University, Fall 2020)

Analyzing Complex Digital Data (Northeastern University, Fall 2019)

Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs (Northeastern University, Spring 2019)

Applied Inferential Statistics (Saint Louis University, Fall 2016)

Guest Lectures

Introduction to GIS (Boston College, Research Methods in Environmental Studies, Fall 2019)

Urban Political Ecology (Northeastern University, Current Issues in Cities and Suburbs, Spring 2019)

Spatial Statistics (Davidson College, Quantitative Data Analysis, Spring 2017)

Service

Departmental

Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University (Fall 2019–Spring 2020)

College

Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Council, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University (Spring 2020)

Professional

Peer review for *Agriculture and Human Values*; *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*; *Social Problems*; *Urban Geography*

Honors

2022-2023 Dean’s Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities Center (College of Social Science and Humanities, Northeastern University)

- 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Research Paper Award (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University).
- 2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Research Paper Award (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University).
- 2017 Geospatial Science Research & Innovation Award (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University).

Software Skills

R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (sections on Community and Urban Sociology, Environmental Sociology, and Comparative Historical Sociology)

Rural Sociological Society

Social Science History Association