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Education

University of California – Los Angeles
Luskin School of Public Affairs
Los Angeles, California
Ph.D. in Urban Planning (2017)

The Royal Institute of Technology (Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan)
Stockholm, Sweden
Master of Urban Design (2011)

University of Michigan
Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
Ann Arbor, Michigan
B.S. in Architecture (2009)

Academic Positions

Morgan State University
Department of Design and Planning
Center for Urban Crime and Violence Reduction
Baltimore, Maryland
Associate Professor (2025-*present*)

Dalhousie University
School of Planning
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Associate Professor (2023-2025)

Dalhousie University
School of Planning
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Assistant Professor (2018-2023)

University of California – Los Angeles, Department of Urban Planning
Los Angeles, California
Lecturer (2017 – 2018)

Visiting Scholar Positions

Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (S.T.O.P)
New York, New York
Visiting Scholar (July 2023-*present*)

Pratt Center for Community Development
Brooklyn, New York
Scholar in Residence (June 2022-October 2023)

Books

Berglund, Lisa and Siobhan Gregory (eds.). *Design Divides: Gentrification and the Challenge of Inclusive Design*. UBC Press. *In development (contract issued)*.

Berglund, Lisa and Siobhan Gregory (eds.) (2020). *The Aesthetics of Neighborhood Change*. New York: Routledge.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Berglund, Lisa. “Detroit’s Project Green Light Experiment: Territorial Stigma as a Rationale for Policing as Economic Development Strategy”. *Revised and resubmitted*.

Berglund, Lisa and David Wilson. “New regimes of policing under austerity: an examination of emergent surveillance and smart city technologies in Flint and Detroit”. *Revised and resubmitted*.

Berglund, Lisa and Jodi Miles. “Detroit’s Fight for Community Benefits: Exploring the Challenges and Strategies of Securing Community Benefits Agreements in a Legacy City”. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. *Forthcoming*.

Berglund, Lisa and Sam Butler (2023). “Community Benefits Agreements and Growth Coalitions: Leveraging the Growth Machine Thesis for Alternative Organizing Strategies”. *Urban Geography*. DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2023.2219585.

Berglund, Lisa, Tam Perry, Julie Mah and Patricia Rencher (2022). “Missing Older Adults in a Gentrifying Downtown: Detroit’s Rebrand for a Young and Talented Pool of Residents”. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. DOI: 10.1111/1468-2427.13139

Berglund, Lisa and Jodi Miles (2022). “British Columbia’s Community Benefits Agreement: Discerning Economic Justice for Indigenous Workers from Union Politics in Urban Infrastructure Projects”. *International Indigenous Policy Journal*. DOI: 10.18584/iipj.2022.13.2.14154.

Kitson, Alexandra and **Lisa Berglund** (2022). “Heritage and Trauma: Reimagining the Preservation Planning Process for the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children”. *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*, 30(2), pp. 94-108.

Berglund, Lisa and Alexandra Kitson (2021). “The Redevelopment of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children: A Case for Trauma-Informed Planning Practices”. *Planning Theory and Practice*. DOI: 10.1080/14649357.2021.1968476.

Berglund, Lisa (2021). “Democratizing Design: Possibilities for Detroit’s Community Benefits Ordinance”. *Journal of Urban Design*. DOI: 10.1080/13574809.2021.1917985.

Berglund, Lisa and Sam Butler (2021). “Detroit’s Community Benefits Ordinance: Setbacks and Opportunities to Giving Residents a Voice in Development”. *Journal of Community Practice*. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2021.1881857.

Kitson, Alexandra & **Lisa Berglund** (2020). “Preserving the Painful: Lessons on Agency, Preservation, and Dialogue in Acknowledging Canada’s Indian Residential School Sites”. *Preservation Education and Research*. DOI: 10.5749/12.2020.0024.

Perry, Tam, **Lisa Berglund**, Julie Mah, Evan Villeneuve, Claudia Sanford and Pam Schaeffer (2020). “Advocating for the Preservation of Senior Housing: A Coalition at Work Amid Gentrification in Detroit, Michigan”. *Housing Policy Debate*. DOI: 10.1080/10511482.2020.1806899.

Berglund, Lisa (2020). “Early Lessons from Detroit’s Community Benefits Ordinance”. *Journal of the American Planning Association*. DOI: 10.1080/01944363.2020.1823243.

Berglund, Lisa (2020). “Critiques of the Shrinking Cities Literature from an Urban Political Economy Framework”. *Journal of Planning Literature*. DOI: 10.1177/0885412220928507.

Berglund, Lisa (2020). “The Shrinking City as a Growth Machine: Detroit’s Reinvention of Growth through Triage, Foundation Work, and Talent Attraction”. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. DOI: 10.1111/1468-2427.12858.

Berglund, Lisa (2019). “Excluded by Design: Informality versus Tactical Urbanism in the Redevelopment of Detroit Neighborhoods”. *Journal of Cultural Geography*. DOI: 10.1080/08873631.2018.1516600.

Berglund, Lisa (2018). “‘We’re Forgotten’: The Role of Active Disinvestment in Shaping Place Attachment and Collective Action in Detroit’s 48217 Neighborhood”. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, DOI: 10.1080/07352166.2018.1454819

Berglund, Lisa & Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris (2016). “The Road Home: An Examination of the Successes and Challenges of Housing Non-Profit Work in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina”. *Journal of Civil Society*, 12(2), pp. 121-140.

Berglund, Lisa (2015). “Challenges and Benefits of Homeownership: Conversations with Low-Income Homeowners in North Minneapolis”. *Critical Planning Journal*, 22, pp.153-180.

Book Chapters

Berglund, Lisa. “Gentrification goes Big Box: The Role of Designers in Curating the Aesthetics of Neighborhood Change and their Mobilization to the Mass Market”. In *The Routledge Companion to Practicing Anthropology and Design*. New York: Routledge.

Berglund, Lisa (2020). “Excluded by Design: Informality versus Tactical Urbanism in the Redevelopment of Detroit Neighborhoods”. In *The Aesthetics of Neighborhood Change*. New York: Routledge.

Non-Refereed Publications

Berglund, Lisa (2023). “Notes on Surveillance as a Planning Issue”. Blog series in the Pratt Center for Community Development [Notes On](#) page.

Kennedy, Madison & **Lisa Berglund** (2022). “Legalizing Survival: A Call for planning conscientious public spaces for the unhoused in Halifax”. *Plan Canada*. Summer 2022, pp. 45-47.

Jodi Miles & **Lisa Berglund** (2021). “British Columbia’s Community Benefits Agreement makes assumptions about Economic Justice for Indigenous Workers”. [*Policy Options*](#).

Lisa Berglund & Emily Erickson (2021). “Transportation justice is needed throughout the supply chain”. [*Progressive City*](#).

Kennedy, Madison & **Lisa Berglund** (2021). “Legalizing Survival: Public Space and the Criminalizing of the Homeless in the Age of COVID”. [*Progressive City*](#).

Berglund, Lisa (2020). “‘We Fight So Many Battles’: Resisting Urban Shrinkage and Environmental Injustice in Detroit”. [*Planning Magazine*](#).

Berglund, Lisa (2018). “Advocacy Planning and Environmental Justice in Michigan’s Most Polluted ZIP Code”. [*Progressive City*](#).

Berglund, Lisa, Hugo Sarmiento & Emily Erickson (2018). “A Report on the PhD Experience: Calling for a Dialogue on Diversity, Labor Practices, and the Future of Scholar-Activism”. *Critical Planning Journal*, 23, pp. 293-302.

Berglund, Lisa (2016). “The Effects of Urban Aesthetics in Detroit’s Development”. [*Impact Design Hub*](#).

Berglund, Lisa (2015). “Development in Detroit: We Hope for Better Things; It Shall Rise from the Ashes”. *Progressive Planning Magazine*, p. 2; 10-11.

Berglund, Lisa (2012). “Rebuilding Together Inc.: Housing Non-Profits and Homeownership for Low-Income Americans During the Housing Crisis”. *Nordic Journal of Architecture*, 3(2), pp. 102-104.

Community Resources

A People’s Handbook of Surveillance in New York (website and print materials). With the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project. *In development*.

Resource Guides for Unhoused Residents of Halifax, planners and service providers (online and print materials) (2024). A set of public facing resources produced in my master of planning urban design studio course at Dalhousie University.

“Making Development Work for Detroiters: A Training for Navigating the Detroit Community Benefits Ordinance” (community workshop) (2021). With Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit and the Office of City Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López.

Community Benefits Resource Center ([online database of community benefit related materials](#)) (2022). With Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit and Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice.

Making Development Work for Detroiters: A Resource Manual for Navigating the Detroit Community Benefits Ordinance (community resource manual) (2020). With Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit.

Book Reviews

Berglund, Lisa (2024). “Book review: Outside the Outside: The New Politics of Suburbs by Matt Hern”. *Journal of the American Planning Association*. DOI: 10.1080/01944363.2024.2398973

Berglund, Lisa (2024). “Book Review: Post-Growth Planning: Cities Beyond the Market Economy edited by Frederico Savini, et al.”. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. DOI: 10.56949/1MII3192.

Berglund, Lisa (2020). “Book Review: The People’s Atlas of Detroit by Linda Campbell, Andrew Newman, Sara Safransky and Tim Stallmann”. [*Progressive City*](#).

Berglund, Lisa (2019). “Book Review: An Ordinary City: Planning for Growth and Decline in New Bedford, Massachusetts by Justin Hollander”. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 85(3), pp. 384-385.

Funded Research

Co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Ayobami Laniyonu, University of Toronto, Centre of Criminology and Sociolegal Studies and Dr. Laura Wolf-Powers, Hunter College, Department of Policy and Planning)

Insight Grant Fund (2024)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

“The Role of a Smart City Surveillance Apparatus in the Development Agendas of Toronto and New York”

\$98,967

Co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Hugo Sarmiento, Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation)

Vice-President Research and Innovation International Seed Funding (2023)

“An Emerging Climate Surveillance Apparatus: Exploring the Social Implications of Surveillance Technologies for Disaster Risk Management”

\$5,000

Principal Investigator

Insight Development Grant (2022)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

“The New Eyes on the Street: Understanding Professional Urban Design Practices and Emerging Surveillance Technologies in Public Spaces”

\$60,840

Co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Ayobami Laniyonu, University of Toronto, Centre of Criminology and Sociolegal Studies)

New Frontiers in Research Fund - Exploration (2022)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

“Social Media Vigilantism in Gentrifying Canadian Neighborhoods: New Risks for Societal Inclusion”

\$185,881

Co-Principal Investigator (with Sam Butler, Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit)

Partnership Engage Grant (2020)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

“Developing Resident Resources for Detroit’s Community Benefits Ordinance”

\$24,978

Applicant
Co-op Education Incentive (2020)
Province of Nova Scotia
“Exploring the politics of British Columbia’s Provincial Community Benefits Agreement”
\$6,273

Applicant
Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning Canada (2020)
TechNation
“Exploring the politics of British Columbia’s Provincial Community Benefits Agreement”
\$5,469

Principal Investigator
Explore Research Grant (2019)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
“Equitable Infrastructure: Exploring the politics of British Columbia’s New Provincial Community Benefits Agreement”
\$5,000

Principal Investigator (with Alexandra Kitson, Dalhousie University)
Nova Scotia Museum Research Grant Program (2019)
Nova Scotia Museum
“The Harm of Forgetting: Lessons on Preserving Painful Legacies from the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children”
\$900

Principal Investigator
Research Grant (2019)
Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning of Dalhousie University
“Resisting the Growth Machine: The Struggle for Community Benefits in Detroit”
\$12,500

Principal Investigator
Dissertation Year Fellowship (2016-2017)
UCLA Graduate Division
“Experts of Crisis: Exclusive Planning Discourse and Community Resistance in Detroit”
\$20,000

Principal Investigator
Research Grant (2015)
UCLA Institute for American Cultures and the Bunche Center for African American Studies
“Talking Detroit: A Comparison Between Academic, Media, and Local Rhetoric Defining Redevelopment Challenges in Detroit”
\$1,800

Principal Investigator (advised by Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris)
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (2014)
UCLA Graduate Division
“Out of Site, Out of Mind: The Role of Place Attachment in the Redevelopment of General Motors Plant Sites in Lansing, Michigan”
\$5,000

Principal Investigator (advised by Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris)
Graduate Research Mentorship (2014-2015)
UCLA Graduate Division
“Out of Site, Out of Mind: The Role of Place Attachment in the Redevelopment of General Motors Plant Sites in Lansing, Michigan”
\$20,000

Principal Investigator (advised by Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris)
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (2013)
UCLA Graduate Division
“Observer Influence: The Role of Non-Profit Funding in Shaping the Reconstruction of New Orleans’ 9th Ward”
\$5,000

Teaching Experience

Morgan State University
Department of Planning and Design
* *City and Regional Planning Studio II*, Spring 2025 (Master’s level)

Dalhousie University
School of Planning
* *History and Philosophy of Planning*, Fall 2020-2023 (Master’s level)
* *History and Theory of Urban Design*, Fall 2018-2023 (undergraduate and Master’s level)
* *Urban Planning and Design Studio*, Winter 2019-2024 (Master’s level)
* *Maritime Field Trip (Charlottetown, PEI)*, Fall 2022 (Master’s level)
* *International Field Trip (New York, NY)*, Winter 2023 (Master’s level)

Hunter College—CUNY
Department of Urban Policy and Planning
* *Designing Inclusive Public Spaces*, Summer 2022 (Master’s level)

University of California – Los Angeles
Department of Urban Planning

- * *Gentrification and Displacement*, Summer 2017 (undergraduate level)
- * *Visual Communications*, Winter 2018 (Master's level)
- * *History of the Built Environment*, Spring 2018 (Master's level)
- * *Advanced Planning History and Theory*, Spring 2018 (Doctoral level)

University of California – Los Angeles
Department of Urban Planning
Graphic Design Tutor (September 2016-June 2018)

Relevant Work and Consulting Experience

Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit
Detroit, Michigan
Community Benefits Research Consultant (October 2020-June 2023)

Rebuilding Together Inc.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
AmeriCorps Member (August 2011-July 2012)

Lansing Township Planning Department
Lansing Township, Michigan
Planning assistant (June-August 2010 & December 2010-March 2011)

Awards

Legacy Award for Teaching Excellence – Hybrid Learning (2023)
Dalhousie University

Director's Service Award (2021)
Dalhousie University School of Planning

Award for Service to the Department (2017)
UCLA Department of Urban Planning

Conference Presentations

American Association of Geographers
Detroit, Michigan (2025)
“An Emergent Techno-Revanchism: The Structural Roots of Law Enforcement
Reliance on the Tech Sector and Civilians in Policing Disorder”

Annual Wellness Within Conference – Decarceration Beyond the Prison
Halifax, Nova Scotia (2023)
“A People's Handbook of Surveillance for New York”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Chicago, Illinois (2023)
“Surveillance Technology threatens Democracy and is a Planning Issue: Proposing a
Community Led Code of Ethics for Data Collection”

Law and Society Association (LSA)
San Juan, Puerto Rico (2023)
“Social Media Vigilantism in Gentrifying Neighborhoods: New Risks for Societal Inclusion”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Toronto, Ontario (2022)
“The Redevelopment of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children: A Case for Trauma Informed Urban Planning Practices”

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
Washington, D.C. (2022)
“Policing Experiments in a Shrinking City: Detroit’s Project Green Light”

American Association of Geographers (AAG)
Virtual (2022)
“Policing Experiments in a Shrinking City: Detroit’s Project Green Light”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Virtual (2021)
“British Columbia’s Community Benefits Agreement: discerning economic justice for Indigenous workers from union politics in urban infrastructure projects”.

American Association of Geographers (AAG)
Virtual (2021)
“‘Young, Educated, and Talented’: Downtown Detroit’s Rebranding Strategy and the Eviction of Seniors from Affordable Housing”.

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Virtual (2020)
“Early Lessons from Detroit’s Community Benefits Ordinance”

Atlantic Planners Institute (API)
St. John’s, Newfoundland (2019)
“The Harm of Forgetting: Lessons on Preserving Painful Legacies from the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children”

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
Los Angeles, California (2019)
“If we don’t fight for it, we don’t get it”: The shaping of place attachment and collective action in Detroit’s 48217 neighborhood”

SHIFT: Equity Planning Conference
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia (2019)
“Planning through Equity Lenses: Student Presentations of Studio Work”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Buffalo, New York (2018)
“Death by Expertise: Politics of Environmental Justice in Detroit’s 48217 Neighborhood”

American Association of Geographers (AAG)
New Orleans, Louisiana (2018)
“The Shrinking City as a Growth Machine: Redevelopment in Detroit’s Downtown Core”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Denver, Colorado (2017)
“Entrepreneurial Experts: The Mobilization of Professional Development Expertise in the Exclusionary Renaissance of Detroit”

American Association of Geographers (AAG)
Boston, Massachusetts (2017)
“Excluded by Design: The Exploitation of Poverty Knowledge as an Object of Urban Design in Detroit”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
Portland, Oregon (2016)
“‘We’re Forgotten.’: The Role of Active Disinvestment in Shaping Place Attachment and Collective Action in Detroit’s 48217 Neighborhood”

American Association of Geographers (AAG)
San Francisco, California (2016)
“One Side of the Story: The Role of Professional Development Discourse in the Exclusion of Local Communities from Shaping Urban Planning Narratives in Detroit”

Invited Talks

CUNY Graduate Center (2024)
Seminar on Technology in the City: Space, Power, and Resistance
“Project Green Light: New Regimes of Policing and Detroit’s Development Agenda”

Wayne State University (2022)
Humanities Center
Colloquium Series
“Where are the older adults in the marketing and branding of Detroit’s development?”

Yale University (2022)
School of Management
“Lessons from Detroit’s Community Benefits Ordinance”

Council of Development Finance Agencies (2021)
Annual Conference
“Distributing the benefits of development through CBAs and other Strategies”

City of Fresno (2020)
American Planning Association Equity Workshop
“‘We Fight So Many Battles’: Environmental Justice in Michigan’s Most Polluted Zip Code”

Licensed Professional Planning Association of Nova Scotia (2018)
Lunch and Learn Lecture Series
“Experts of Crisis: The Politics of Environmental Justice in Detroit’s 48217
Neighborhood”

University of California – Los Angeles (2015)
Department of Urban Planning
Introduction to Cities and Planning course
“Marketing Decline: The Emergence of Hardship as an Urban Design Brand in
Detroit”

University of California – Los Angeles (2014)
Department of Urban Planning
History and Theory of Urban Planning course
“Death, Blight and the Urban Frontier: Rhetoric and Metaphor in Detroit and
America’s Shrinking Cities”

**Selected
Academic and
Community
Service**

Member of Community Advisory Board (August 2024-present), Halifax Regional
Municipality Reaching Home Housing Initiative

Member of Research Advisory Board (January 2024-December 2024), Northwood
Community Housing

Representative for the Dalhousie School of Planning (January 2022-January 2025),
Planners Network

Senate Academic Programs and Research Committee (SAPRC) member (January
2024-July 2024), Dalhousie University

Graduate Program Coordinator (December 2020-July 2021 and February 2023-June
2024), Dalhousie University - School of Planning

Chair of Director Review Committee (September 2023-May 2024), Dalhousie
University – School of Planning

Decanal Review Committee (September 2023-March 2024), Dalhousie University –
Faculty of Architecture and Planning

Chair of Tenure and Promotion Policy Revision Committee (October 2021-October
2022), Dalhousie University - School of Planning

Member of Dean’s Transition Team (July 2021-July 2022), Dalhousie University -
Faculty of Architecture and Planning

Founder and Chair of Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee (August 2018-
August 2022), Dalhousie University - Faculty of Architecture and Planning

Chair of “Resistance as Practice: Acts of Anti-Racism through Architecture and Planning” Lecture Series Steering Committee (June 2020-March 2021), Dalhousie University - Faculty of Architecture and Planning

Member of Strategic Planning Committee (April 2019-April 2020), Dalhousie University - School of Planning

Co-founder and chair of Doctoral Student Planning Committee (2015-2017), University of California—Los Angeles - Department of Urban Planning

Editorial Roles

UBC Press

Co-editor (with Siobhan Gregory)

Design Divides: Gentrification and the Challenge of Inclusive Design (ongoing)

Routledge

Editor of themed volume of the Special Issues as Books (SPIB) program on the *Aesthetics of Neighborhood Change* (2020)

Journal of Cultural Geography

Guest Editor of themed issue on the Aesthetics of Neighborhood Change (2019)

Progressive Planning Magazine

Guest Editor of themed issue on Detroit (Fall 2015)

Critical Planning Journal

Member of Editorial Board (September 2013 – October 2014)

Critical Planning Journal

Managing Editor (September 2012 – October 2013)

Membership

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)

Member (2013-present)

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Member (2014-present)

Planner’s Network

Member (2014-present)