**Lauren Weber**

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**EDUCATION**

M.A. Geography, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois.

* Research area: Cities, Space and Society
* Anticipated completion: Spring 2023.

B.A. Geography and Urban Studies, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2020.

* Relevant coursework: Qualitative Research Methods, Statistical Research Methods, World Urbanization, Urban Geography, Urbanizing Africa
* 3.98 GPA

Globalization, Environment, and Society, University of Cape Town, January - June 2019.

* Relevant coursework: Imagining Southern Cities, Globalization & Environment, Environment & Sustainability

**AWARDS**

* Summa Cum Laude, Macalester College, May 2020
* Hildegard Binder Johnson Award in Geography, May 2019
* First Prize in Undergraduate Paper Presentation category, “Understanding Urban Density and Neighborhood Identity: A Case Study of Highland Park and the Ford Site,” West Lakes Division of American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, November 13, 2020
* Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award, “Understanding Urban Density and Neighborhood Identity: A Case Study of Highland Park and the Ford Site,” AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group, April 2021

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Preceptor for Dr. I-Chun Catherine Chang; *Geography of World Urbanization*, Fall 2019.

Teaching Assistant and Writing Mentor for Dr. Karin Velez; *First Encounters in History*,

Fall 2018.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Sian Butcher, *Global Environment and Development*, Fall 2021.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Directed Study Project**; Cape Town, South Africa, advised by Dr. Shari Daya, Spring 2019. Project Title: *Mobilizing Place: Narratives of Gentrification in News Media.* Utilized a mix of qualitative methods including critical discourse analysis and archival research.

**Policy Research Intern**; Summer 2019, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. Researched policy platforms and voting records of 2020 Democratic presidential candidates, focused on issue areas of climate change, agriculture, trade, and rural development.

**Research Team Member**; Fall 2019, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised by Dr. Daniel Trudeau as part of Qualitative Research Methods class. Project Title: [The Geography Alumni Life History Project](https://sites.macalester.edu/geogalumni/).

**Senior Capstone;** Spring 2020, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised by Dr. Catherine Chang. Project Title: *Understanding Neighborhood Identity and Urban Density: Highland Park and the Ford Site.* Methods included policy and archival analysis, participant observation, and semi-structured interviews.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Weber, Lauren. “Understanding Urban Density and Neighborhood Identity: A Case Study of Highland Park and the Ford Site,” the West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting; November 13, 2020.

**RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Building Energy Intern**; Summer 2018, City of Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development

* Directed communications and outreach for [Energize Saint Paul](https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/mayors-office/energize-saint-paul#:~:text=Through%20the%20Energize%20Saint%20Paul,residential%20buildings%20more%20energy%20efficient.&text=By%20providing%20resources%20and%20guidance,city's%20impact%20on%20climate%20change.), an energy efficiency initiative for large buildings
* Assisted with stakeholder engagement for energy benchmarking ordinance

**Alumni Coordinator**; July 2020 - February 2021, Urban Roots MN

* Directed programming and outreach for alumni of Urban Roots Internship Program
* Planned online career preparedness workshops and programming for alumni, focused on serving a BIPOC audience
* Managed grant writing and reports

**Community Program Associate**; February 2021 - August 2021, Center for Energy and Environment

* Co-facilitated community energy planning workshops
* Created presentations for energy efficiency initiatives in different Minnesota municipalities
* Conducted research on food system sustainability, natural gas bans in municipalities, and solar energy regulations

**REFERENCES**

I-Chun Catherine Chang

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Shari Daya

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