Lauren Weber

EDUCATION

PhD, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign <i>Urbana, IL</i> PhD in Geography; Research area: Cities, Space, and Society	Expected 2026
MA, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Urbana, IL Master of Arts in Geography; Research area: Cities, Space, and Society	Expected 2023
BA, Macalester College <i>Saint Paul, MN</i> Bachelor of Arts in Geography; Concentration in Urban Studies	2020

PRESENTATIONS

2023. Portland's progressive dystopia: crisis, carcerality, and the real estate state. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, March 23-27.

2022. "Crisis, carcerality, and the real estate state: Portland, Oregon's jail-to-shelter conversion," International Conference for Carceral Geography, Melbourne, Australia, December 14-15.

2022. Crisis, carcerality, and the real estate state: Portland, Oregon's jail-to-shelter conversion, West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Edwardsville, IL; October 21-22.

2022. Redevelopment Logics at the Periphery: Crisis and Public-Private Partnerships in Portland, Oregon, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting; February 25-March 1.

2020. 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 13-14.

AWARDS

2023. AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Graduate Student Paper Award. "Portland's progressive dystopia: Crisis, carcerality, and the real estate state."

2022. AAG Council Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation, "Crisis, carcerality, and the real estate state: Portland, Oregon's jail-to-shelter conversion," West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, October 22.

2022. First Prize in Masters Paper Presentation category, "Crisis, carcerality, and the real estate state: Portland, Oregon's jail-to-shelter conversion," West Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, October 22.

2022. AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Graduate Student Fellowship, Research proposal: "Declaring Surplus, Approving Sale': Redevelopment Logics at the Periphery in Portland, Oregon."

2021. AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award, "Understanding Urban Density and Neighborhood Identity: A Case Study of Highland Park and the Ford Site."

2020. 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 the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, November 13.

2019. Hildegard Binder Johnson Award in Geography, Macalester College Geography Department.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Thesis Research, Portland, OR, advised by Dr. Julie Cidell.Summer 2022Crisis, carcerality, and the real estate state: Portland, Oregon's jail-to-shelter conversion.Conducted 20 semi-structured interviews with developers, nonprofits, and government officials, archival research in public and news archives.

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

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

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Lead Instructor, UIUC

Global Development and Environment

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Julie Cidell, UIUC <i>Cities of the World</i>	Fall 2022
Lead Instructor, UIUC Global Development and Environment	Summer 2022
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Sian Butcher, UIUC Global Environment and Development	Spring 2022
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Sian Butcher, UIUC Global Environment and Development	Fall 2021
Preceptor for Dr. I-Chun Catherine Chang; Macalester College Geography of World Urbanization	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Karin Velez; Macalester College <i>First Encounters in History</i> ,	Fall 2018

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Champaign-Urbana Books 2 Prisoners Volunteer, Urbana, IL.	2022-present
Champaign County Point-in-Time Count Volunteer, Champaign, IL.	2023
Street Roots Front Desk Volunteer, Portland, OR.	2022-2023
Globalization, Environment, and Society Study Abroad Program. University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.	January – June 2019.