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FACULTY POSTS

- 2017 – present *Assistant Professor, Geography & Environmental Sustainability AND Regional & City Planning*
University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, USA
- 2011 – 2017 *Assistant Professor, Geography*
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA

EDUCATION

- 2011 *Doctor of Philosophy, Geography* (NRC Doctoral Program Rankings: R = [1..4], S = [9..10])
Clark University, Worcester, MA, USA
Dissertation: Urban Land Tenure and Sustainable Practices in Portland, Oregon.
- 2010 *Master of Arts, Geography*
Clark University, Worcester, MA, USA
- 2007 *Master of Arts, The Gallatin School*
New York University, New York, NY, USA
- 2000 *Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts*
Hampshire College, Amherst, MA, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban development, the nature of rights, justice, gentrification, suburbanization, race in urban theory, property and commodification, housing, automation, technology and labor, transportation and mobility, agonistic politics, sustainability, traveling theory, critical and qualitative GIS, and justice in higher education.

GRANTS & RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

FALL 2007-PRESENT

- 2018 Developing a Fully Open Textbook Replacement for Introductory Human Geography Courses.
University of Oklahoma, OU Libraries Alternative Textbook Grant Fund, \$1,750.
- 2014 – 2018 The Scale of Governance in the Regulation of Land: Community Land Trusts in the Twin Cities.
National Science Foundation, \$175,000.
Primary Investigators: Joseph Pierce, Deborah G. Martin, and James DeFilippis.
- 2014 Politicizing African Urban Ecologies: Enabling Radical Geographical Research Practices for African Scholars.
Antipode Foundation, \$15,000.
Awardees: Joseph Pierce, Jonathan Silver, Mary Lawhon, and Henrik Ernstson.
- 2012 Developing a Teaching Program to Improve Performance in Research Conduct for Graduate Students in the Geographic Sciences.
Florida State University, Responsible Conduct of Research and Creativity Grant Fund, \$15,000.
- 2012 The Public Politics of Green Urban Redevelopment in Braddock, Pennsylvania.
Florida State University, FYAP Grant Fund, \$17,000.

2010 Urban Land Tenure Regimes and Sustainable Practices in Portland, Oregon.
The George Perkins Marsh Institute, \$2,500.

2009 – 2010 The Mary E. and Irene L. Piper Fellowship in Urban Geography.
Clark University, \$16,000.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Under contract How to Think About Cities.
 Deborah Martin and Joseph Pierce
 Polity Press, Cambridge, UK.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (N = 28)

(* INDICATES CO-AUTHOR WAS A STUDENT AT TIME OF SUBMISSION)

Accepted w/
 minor revisions The production of community in Community Land Trusts in Minnesota, USA.
 Richard Kruger, James DeFilippis, Olivia R. Williams, Azadeh Hadizadeh Esfahani, Joseph
 Pierce, and Deborah G. Martin
 City & Community.

In press Trialing analytic metaphors for socio-political economic alterity: epiphytes and slime molds.
 Olivia R. Williams and Joseph Pierce
 ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies.

Early online How can we share space? Ontologies of spatial pluralism in Lefebvre, Butler, and Massey.
 Joseph Pierce
 Space and Culture.

Early online Meanings of limited equity homeownership in Community Land Trusts.
 Deborah G. Martin, Azadeh Hadizadeh Esfahani, Olivia R. Williams, Richard Kruger, Joseph
 Pierce, and James DeFilippis
 Housing Studies.

Early online Placing race: on the resonance of place with black geographies.
 Douglas Allen*, Mary Lawhon, and Joseph Pierce
 Progress in Human Geography.

2019 The city as ‘dissonant’ fetish: urban (re)production, gentrification, and the conceptual limits
 of urban commodity fetishism.
 Joseph Pierce and Katherine B. Hankins
 Annals of the American Association of Geographers, 109(5) 1529-1540.

2019 From precarious work to obsolete labour? Implications of technological disemployment for
 geographical scholarship.
 Joseph Pierce, Mary Lawhon, and Tyler McCreary
 Geografiska Annaler Series B: Human Geography, 101(2) 84-101.

2019 On the transformative potential of Community Land Trusts in the United States.
 James DeFilippis, Olivia R. Williams, Joseph Pierce, Richard Kruger, Deborah G. Martin, and
 Azadeh Hadizadeh Esfahani
 Antipode, 51(3) 795-817.

- 2018 The right to move: informal use rights and urban practices of mobility.
Joseph Pierce and Mary Lawhon
Urban Geography, 39(5) 667-686.
- 2018 Provincializing urban appropriation: agonistic transgression as a mode of actually existing appropriation in South African cities.
Mary Lawhon, Joseph Pierce, and Anesu Makina*
Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography, 39(1) 117-131.
- 2018 Scale and the construction of environmental imaginaries in local news.
Mary Lawhon, Joseph Pierce, and Roy Bouwer
South African Geographical Journal, 100(1) 1-21.
- 2017 The law is not enough: seeking the theoretical frontier of urban justice via legal tools.
Joseph Pierce and Deborah G. Martin
Urban Studies, 54(2) 456-465.
- 2017 Visceral pedagogy: teaching challenging topics emotionally as well as cognitively.
Joseph Pierce and Holly Widen*
Journal of Geography, 116(2) 47-56.
- 2017 Inserting scales of urban politics: the possibilities of meso-urban governance shims.
Olivia R. Williams* and Joseph Pierce
Urban Geography, 38(6) 795-812.
- 2017 Place-making at a national scale: framing tar sands extraction as 'Canadian' in *The Globe and Mail*.
Toby Davine*, Mary Lawhon, and Joseph Pierce
The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe Canadien, 61(3) 428-439.
- 2016 Rights in places: an analytical extension of the right to the city.
Joseph Pierce, Olivia R. Williams*, and Deborah G. Martin
Geoforum, 70(2016) 79-88.
- 2016 Against power? Distinguishing between acquisitive resistance and subversion.
Joseph Pierce and Olivia R. Williams*
Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography, 98(3) 171-188.
- 2016 What do you mean when you say "urban"? Divergence between everyday language and Northern analytical vocabularies in South African cities.
Joseph Pierce and Mary Lawhon
Die Erde, 147(4) 284-289.
- 2016 Iterative parallelism as research praxis: embracing the discursive incommensurability of scholarship and everyday politics.
Olivia R. Williams* and Joseph Pierce
Area, 48(2) 222-228.
- 2016 Unlearning (un)located ideas in the provincialization of urban theory.
Mary Lawhon, Jonathan Silver, Henrik Ernstson, and Joseph Pierce
Regional Studies, 50(9) 1611-1622.
- 2015 Placing Lefebvre.
Joseph Pierce and Deborah G. Martin
Antipode, 47(5) 1279-1299.

- 2015 The hilliness of U.S. cities.
Joseph Pierce and Crystal A. Kolden
Geographical Review, 105(4) 581-600.
- 2015 Walking as method: towards methodological forthrightness and comparability in urban
geographical research.
Joseph Pierce and Mary Lawhon
Professional Geographer, 67(4) 655-662.
- 2013 Reconceptualizing resistance: residuals of the state and democratic radical pluralism.
Deborah G. Martin and Joseph Pierce
Antipode, 45(1) 61-79.
- 2012 Urban politics and mental health: an agenda for health geographic research.
Joseph Pierce, Deborah G. Martin, Alexander Scherr, and Amelia Greiner
Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 102(5) 1084-1092.
- 2011 Relational place-making: the networked politics of place.
Joseph Pierce, Deborah G. Martin, and James T. Murphy
Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, 36(1) 54-70.
- 2010 Reinvigorating the concept of land tenure for American urban geography.
Joseph Pierce
Geography Compass, 4(12) 1747-1757.
- 2010 Urban sustainability and environmental justice: evaluating the linkages in public
planning/policy discourse.
Hamil Pearsall and Joseph Pierce
Local Environment, 15(6) 569-580.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2018 Sustainability, justice, and the problem of scale: place-making as a “multi-scalar fix” in urban
environmental politics.
Joseph Pierce
Chapter in SAGE Handbook of Nature, SAGE Publishers.
- 2017 Power and development.
Mary Lawhon and Joseph Pierce
Chapter in The International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment
and Technology, Wiley/AAG.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (EDITOR-REVIEWED ARTICLES, BOOK REVIEWS, WHITE PAPERS, ETC.)

- 2018 Controlling land collectively: the CLT groundlease reimagined.
Olivia Williams, James DeFilippis, Deborah G. Martin, Joseph Pierce, Richard Kruger, and
Azadeh Hadizadeh Esfahani
Shelterforce.
- 2017 A spoiled well (of data): addressing the procedural injustice of contemporary environmental
justice research through collaborative qualitative data gathering. [Commentary]
Hamil Pearsall and Joseph Pierce
Local Environment, 22(3) 388-392.

- 2017 Book Review of “Marxist Thought and the City” by Henri Lefebvre.
Joseph Pierce
Antipode.
- 2016 Book Review of “Transportation and Revolt: Pigeons, Mules, Canals, and the Vanishing Geographies of Subversive Mobility” by Jacob Shell.
Joseph Pierce
The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe Canadien, 60(4) e52.
- 2016 Book Review of “Toward an Urban Cultural Studies: Henri Lefebvre and the Humanities” by Benjamin Fraser.
Joseph Pierce
Social and Cultural Geography, 17(2) 331-332.
- 2012 Whither Rio+20?: demanding a politics and practice of socially just sustainability. [Special Issue Introduction]
Hamil Pearsall, Joseph Pierce, and Robert Krueger
Local Environment, 17(9) 935-941.
- 1997 Map showing areal extent of the Pittsburgh Coal Bed and Horizon and mined areas of the Pittsburgh Coal Bed.
Leslie Ruppert, Susan Tewalt, Linda Bragg, John Tully, Joseph Pierce, Adam Weller, and Jeanette Yarnell
United States Geological Survey, [Open File Report 96-280](#).

SPECIAL ISSUES ORGANIZED

- 2012 On Demanding a Politics and Practice of Socially Just Sustainability.
Guest editors: Robert Krueger, Hamil Pearsall, and Joseph Pierce
Local Environment.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

EITHER FIRST AUTHORSHIP OR ✧ INDICATES PRESENTING AUTHOR

- 2019 **On the transformative potential of community land trusts in the United States.**
James DeFilippis, Olivia R. Williams, Joseph Pierce✧, Richard Kruger, Deborah G. Martin, and Azadeh Hadizadeh Esfahani
Our Economy: Economic Democracy and System Change, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, New York, NY.
- 2019 **How community land trusts expose key consensual fictions of urban property.**
Joseph Pierce, Richard Kruger, Azadeh Hadizadeh Esfahani, Olivia Williams, James DeFilippis, and Deborah G. Martin
Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC.
- 2018 **An end to middle class white housing privilege: interrogating changes in the Bay Area housing market, 2008-2017.**
Joseph Pierce.
Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Buffalo, NY.

- 2018 Buried development rights and urban futurity: what do we have to lose by decommodifying land through community land trusts?
Joseph Pierce, Olivia R. Williams✧, Richard Kruger✧, Deborah G. Martin, and James DeFilippis
Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers Annual International Conference 2018, Cardiff, Wales.
- 2017 "Grow or die" until "too big to fail?" Effects of organizational and geographical scale for Community Land Trusts.
Joseph Pierce, Olivia R. Williams, Richard Kruger, James DeFilippis, and Deborah G. Martin
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2017 Performative place-making: claiming space and expressing alternative visions of race and place.
Douglas Allen, Mary Lawhon, and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2016 Capital's unintended bequests: the effects of declining inter-generational infrastructural subsidies to contemporary urban actors by historic urban capitalists.
Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 The spatial politics of alternative property interventions: housing and community land trusts in the Twin Cities, Minnesota.
Azi Hadizadeh, Deborah G. Martin, James DeFilippis, Joseph Pierce, and Olivia R. Williams.
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 Inserting scales of urban politics: the possibilities for community land trusts as meso-urban governance shims.
Olivia R. Williams and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 Situating knowledge of African Urban Political Ecologies: exploring the challenges.
Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Green redevelopment in rustbelt cities: more space, more debate, less displacement.
Hamil Pearsall and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 A place for 'place politics' in contemporary geography? (panel)
Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL.
- 2014 [Re]placing steel: imagining value amidst Pittsburgh's post-industrial waterfront.
Joseph Pierce
Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, San Antonio, TX.
- 2013 Qualitative GIS and sustainability: examining practices of urban mobility.
Joseph Pierce
Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers, London, UK.

- 2013 Theorizing “local” states and citizens: the role of Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in reshaping local governance.
Deborah G. Martin and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2013 Methodological questions in American urban environmental justice research: what about procedural justice?
Hamil Pearsall and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2013 Green redevelopment and the urban frontier in Braddock, Pennsylvania: is 'homesteading' another word for gentrification?
Joseph Pierce
Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 Urban agriculture and informal regulation.
Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY.
- 2012 Qualitative GIS and the geoweb for crisis analysis (panel).
Joseph Pierce
Critical Geography Conference, Worcester, MA.
- 2011 Relational place-making: theorizing place for post-politics.
Deborah G. Martin and Joseph Pierce ✧
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 The Rights to our Cities: reading Lefebvre through a contentious politics of rights.
Joseph Pierce and Deborah G. Martin
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 Reconceptualizing resistance: residuals of the state in the context of the devolution of social services (panel).
Joseph Pierce
Critical Geography Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2010 Urban sustainability, practice, and the scalar problem of injustice.
Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC.
- 2009 Reinvigorating the concept of land tenure for American urban geography.
Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2009 Devolution and abandonment: how neoliberal and rights-based ideologies shape group home siting in Worcester, MA.
Deborah G. Martin and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2008 Whose ideal city? Baltimore engages the challenges of diversity and engagement of cultures and visions in urban redevelopment activities.
Brenda Blom and Joseph Pierce ✧
The Ideal City Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 **Bringing the physical back into urban political geography: how hilliness and inherited infrastructures shape the political economies of cities.**
Joseph Pierce
Georgia State University, Department of Geosciences.
- 2012 **Re-examining American informality: urban agriculture & the evolution of land use regulation in Portland, Oregon.**
Joseph Pierce
Florida State University, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
- 2010 **The role of GIS in human geography.**
Joseph Pierce
Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

SESSIONS ORGANIZED

- 2017 **Unraveling urban property norms, practices, and imaginaries.**
Three sequential sessions:
(1) Neoliberalism, land, property,
(2) Transgressing property norms, and
(3) Community Land Trusts.
Olivia R. Williams, Kenton Card, and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2017 **Why can't we share our procedural Environmental Justice data? Exploring scholarly habits and structures which reproduce the distributive focus in EJ research.**
Hamil Pearsall and Joseph Pierce
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2016 **Transformations of property and land in the contemporary political economy.**
Two sequential sessions:
(1) Land trusts and commons: housing and gentrification, and
(2) Global communing: land and public space.
Organizers: Deborah G. Martin, James DeFilippis, Joseph Pierce, Olivia Williams, and Azi Hadizadeh.
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 **A place for 'place politics' in contemporary geography?**
Organizers: Joseph Pierce and Deborah G. Martin.
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Tampa, FL.
- 2011 **A new era of capitalism? Responses to Harvey's Roepke Lecture.**
Organizers: Joseph Pierce and Yuko Aoyama.
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 **Beyond sustainability: on demanding a politics of just sustainable development.**
Three sequential sessions:
(1) Critiques and conceptual interventions,
(2) Uncovering social injustice, and
(3) Alternatives for a neo-sustainability paradigm.
Organizers: Robert Krueger, Hamil Pearsall, and Joseph Pierce.
Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC.

WORKSHOPS

- 2019 How Does Infrastructure Shape Equity and Well-being across the Urban-Rural Gradient?
Three day workshop.
Participant
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- 2014 Urban Political Ecology for African cities.
One week workshop.
Organizer (w/ Jonathan Silver, Mary Lawhon, and Henrik Ernstson)
University of Pretoria, Pretoria/Tshwane, South Africa.

TEACHING & ADVISING

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES TAUGHT

- Undergraduate Introduction to Human Geography (OU)
Principles of Human Geography (OU)
Research and Critical Writing: Architectural Theory and Criticism (OU)
Urban Ecology (FSU)
Political Geography (FSU)
Dead Cities (FSU)
Urban Geography (OU *and* FSU)
Introduction to GIS (Clark University)
Introduction to UNIX (Quincy College)
Introduction to Web Design (Quincy College)
- Graduate Sociology of Housing (OU)
Critical Geopolitics (OU)
Geographic Thought (OU *and* FSU)
Theory of Sustainability (FSU)
Critical Geographies (FSU)
Professional Development/Ethical Practice (FSU)
Qualitative Methods (FSU)

POTENTIAL NEW COURSES

Urban Utopias and Dystopias; Community Engaged GIS; Internet Cartographies; Critical GIS;
Urban Politics; Economic Development; Property and Society.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Current Rachael Cofield, PhD Co-advisor (in process at FSU, anticipated 2020)
Anesu Makina, PhD Committee Member (in process at OU, anticipated 2020)
Lene Leroux, PhD Committee Member (in process at OU, anticipated 2021)
- Graduates Olivia Williams, PhD Advisor (2017, FSU Geography)
Kathryn Ziewitz, PhD Advisor (2016, FSU Geography)
Nicholas Quinton, PhD Advisor (2014, FSU Geography)
Douglas Allen, PhD Committee Member (2019, FSU Geography)
Michael Nesius, MA Advisor (2014, FSU Geography)
Timothy Kelleher, MA Advisor (2014, FSU Geography)
Ting Liu, PhD Committee Member (2014, FSU Geography)

Caitie Finlayson, PhD Committee Member (2012, FSU Geography)
 Toby Davine, MA Committee Member (2016, FSU Geography)
 Marcus Infanti, MA Committee Member (2014, FSU Geography)
 Daniel Scheith, MA Committee Member (2014, FSU Geography)
 Savannah Westwood, MA Committee Member (2012, FSU International Studies)

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

2018 – present Co-Chair, OU Working Group on Housing Research
 2018 – present Geography Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
 2018 – 2019 Urban Planning ‘Open Rank Hire’ Committee
 2017 – 2019 Geography ‘Urban Politics’ Hiring Committee
 2017 – 2018 Geography ‘Technology Management’ Committee

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

2016 – 2017 Departmental ‘Geographies of Race’ Hiring Committee
 2015 – 2016 College Curriculum Committee
 2014 – 2016 University Sustainability Board
 2015 Departmental ‘Human Geography’ Hiring Committee
 2014 – 2015 College ‘Geographer of Aging’ Hiring Committee
 2014 Departmental Undergraduate Advisor
 2013 Departmental Graduate Student Professional Development Lead
 2011 – 2012 Departmental Colloquium Coordinator

CLARK UNIVERSITY

2010 – 2011 Departmental ‘Human-Environment Geography’ Hiring Committee
 2008 – 2009 Tenure Committee
 2008 Co-chair, Clark University Geography Society [graduate student governance]

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2007, 2008 *Instructor* (Computer Science)
Johns Hopkins University, CTY Program, Baltimore, MD, USA
 2006 – 2007 *Curriculum Developer* [part time]
Into the Outside [educational nonprofit], Brooklyn, NY, USA
 2005 – 2006 *Instructor* (Environmental Science) [part time]
Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment [educational nonprofit], Brooklyn, NY, USA
 2002 – 2005 *Educational Program Developer and Data Analyst*
City University of New York, JFK Jr. Institute for Worker Education, New York, NY, USA

- 2001 – 2002 *Teacher* (English, Computer Science)
Morris High School, Bronx, NY, USA
- 2001 *Adjunct Instructor* (Computer Science)
Quincy College, Quincy, MA, USA
- 2000 – 2001 *Special Projects Manager*
The Daily Jolt, Boston, MA, USA
- 1996 – 1997 *GIS Technician*
United States Geological Survey, U.S. Coal Assessment Team, Reston, VA, USA