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Specializations and Interests: Legacy/Shrinking Cities, Community & Economic Development, Deindustrialization, Environmental Psychology, Housing, Non-Motorized Transportation, Planning Methods, Public Health, Spatial Analysis, Urban Design, Urban Sustainability, Vacant Properties

Education & Certification

PhD in City and Regional Planning, College of Engineering, 2012

The Ohio State University: Columbus, Ohio; 3.99 GPA

Dissertation: Predicting the Probability of Housing Abandonment Using Hierarchical and Spatial Models

M.C.R.P. (Master's in City and Regional Planning), College of Engineering, 2011

The Ohio State University: Columbus, Ohio; 3.99 GPA

Bachelor of Science in Education with concentrations in Political Science & Sociology, 2008

Youngstown State University: Youngstown, Ohio; 4.00 GPA

Summa Cum Laude & Scholars Recognition, Mathematics Minor

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), 2017-Present

Academic Appointments & Affiliations

Assistant Professor of Urban & Regional Planning

School of Planning, Design, & Construction

Michigan State University, 2025-Present

Senior Academic Specialist, Urban & Regional Planning Program

School of Planning, Design, & Construction

Michigan State University, 2022-2024

Associate Professor of Urban Planning & Public Policy

Geography, Planning, & Environment Department; Political Science Department

University of Michigan-Flint, 2017-2022

Winegarden Distinguished Professorship Nominee, University of Michigan-Flint, 2021

Assistant Professor of Urban Planning

Earth & Resource Science Department; Geography, Planning, & Environment Department

University of Michigan-Flint, 2012-2017

Adjunct Associate Professor & Visiting Scholar (Sabbatical), Urban and Regional Planning Program
School of Planning, Design, & Construction
Michigan State University, Fall 2019

Faculty Affiliate, Michigan Institute for Data Science
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Fall 2018-Winter 2022

Social Studies Teachers' Certificate Program Coordinator
College of Arts & Sciences
University of Michigan-Flint, Fall 2012-Winter 2019; Winter 2020

Co-Instructor, City & Regional Planning Program
College of Engineering
The Ohio State University, 2011-2012

-----RESEARCH-----

Publications

My Google Scholar page may be found [here](#).

Articles Appearing in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Double-blind peer review, unless noted otherwise.

+ = single-blind

** = reviewed by an editor or editorial board only*

28. **Morckel, V.** (Revise & Resubmit). Toward a research code of ethics for urban planners: Moving beyond the extraction of data in vulnerable communities.

27. **Morckel, V.** (In Review). Operationally defining “shrinking cities” in the United States: Exploring differences in the cities identified as shrinking using different base years, date ranges, and geographic boundaries.

26. **Morckel, V.** (In Review). Population decline and data discrepancies: Evaluating ACS estimates and comprehensive plan projections for a subset of U.S. shrinking cities.

25. **Morckel, V.**, Hertlein, M., Kelly, C. (2024). “Demolition planning” in a U.S. legacy city: Using stakeholder input to plan for the demolition of blighted, vacant properties in Flint, Michigan. *Housing Policy Debate*. 34(6), 1012-1031. doi: 10.1080/10511482.2023.2237008

24. **Morckel, V.C.** & Durst, N. (2023). Spatiotemporal patterns of housing vacancy in Ohio metropolitan statistical areas. *Urban Affairs Review*. 59(1), 309–328. doi: 10.1177/107808742111065014

23. **Morckel, V.C.** & Hanlon, B. (2022). Weak housing demand in a shrinking city: The potential effects of the water crisis on Flint, Michigan's housing market and homeowners' perceived mobility. *Housing and Society*, 49(1), 73-94. doi: 10.1080/08882746.2021.1902192
- *22. **Morckel, V.C.** (2021). Right-sizing is not what you think it is. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 87(3), 433-434. doi: 10.1080/01944363.2021.1906605
21. **Morckel, V.** (2020). Flint, Michigan missed an opportunity to "right size" with its water crisis. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 86(3), 304-310. doi: 10.1080/01944363.2020.1734059
20. **Morckel, V.C.** & Terzano, K. (2019). Legacy city residents' lack of trust in their governments: An examination of Flint, Michigan residents' trust at the height of the water crisis. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 41(5), 585-601. doi: 10.1080/07352166.2018.1499415
19. **Morckel, V.** & Rybarczyk, G. (2018). The effects of the water crisis on population dynamics in the City of Flint, Michigan. *Cities and Health*, 2(1), 69-81. doi: 10.1080/23748834.2018.1473095
- +18. **Morckel, V.** & Colasanti, K. (2018). Can farmers' markets in shrinking cities contribute to economic development? A case study from Flint, Michigan. *Sustainability*, 10(6), 1714. doi: 10.3390/su10061714
17. **Morckel, V.** (2018). The direct economic impact of the Flint, Michigan farmers' market relocation. *Community Development*, 49(2), 161-174. doi: 10.1080/15575330.2017.1418758
16. **Morckel, V.** (2017). Using suitability analysis to select and prioritize naturalization efforts in legacy cities: An example from Flint, Michigan. *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening*, 27, 343-351. doi: 10.1016/j.ufug.2017.09.006
15. **Morckel, V.** (2017). Why the Flint, Michigan, USA water crisis is an urban planning failure. *Cities*, 62, 23-27. doi: 10.1016/j.cities.2016.12.002
14. **Morckel, V.** (2017). Patronage and access to a legacy city farmers' market: A case study of the relocation of the Flint, Michigan market. *Local Environment*, 22(10), 1252-1267. doi: 10.1080/13549839.2017.1336519
13. **Morckel, V.** (2017). Using suitability analysis to prioritize demolitions in a legacy city. *Urban Geography*, 38(1), 90-111. doi: 10.1080/02723638.2016.1147756.
12. Terzano, K. & **Morckel, V.** (2017). SimCity in the community planning classroom: Effects on student knowledge, interests, and perceptions of the discipline of planning. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 37(1), 95-105. doi: 10.1177/0739456X16628959.
11. **Morckel, V.** (2016). Examining the relationships between perceived neighborhood mobility characteristics, perceived incivilities, travel attitudes, and physical activity amongst university faculty and staff. *Journal of Transport & Health*, 3, 86-95. doi: 10.1016/j.jth.2016.01.004

10. **Morckel, V.** (2015). Community gardens or vacant lots?: Rethinking the attractiveness and seasonality of green land uses in distressed neighborhoods. *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening*, 14(3), 714-721. doi:10.1016/j.ufug.2015.07.001
9. **Morckel, V.** & Rybarczyk, G. (2015). Improving downtown in a mid-sized legacy city: Examining responses to potential downtown improvements in Flint, Michigan. *Community Development*, 46(4), 341-360. doi: 10.1080/15575330.2015.1061679
8. **Morckel, V.** (2015). Does the house or neighborhood matter more? Predicting abandoned housing using multilevel models. *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research* [A publication by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development], 17(1), 61-69.
7. **Morckel, V.** (2014). Predicting abandoned housing: Does the operational definition of abandonment matter? *Community Development*, 45(2), 121-133. doi: 10.1080/15575330.2014.892019
- *6. **Morckel, V.** (2014). The four components and six essential pairs: A framework for neighborhood revitalization. *Planning Theory & Practice*, 15(2), 276-281. doi: 10.1080/14649357.2014.902910
5. **Morckel, V.** (2014). Spatial characteristics of housing abandonment. *Applied Geography*, 48, 8-16. doi: 10.1016/j.apgeog.2014.01.001
4. **Morckel, V.** & Terzano, K. (2014). The influence of travel attitudes, commute mode choice, and perceived neighborhood characteristics on physical activity. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*, 11(1), 91-98. doi: 10.1123/jpah.2011-0299
3. **Morckel, V.** (2013). Empty neighborhoods: Using constructs to predict the probability of housing abandonment. *Housing Policy Debate*, 23(3), 469-496. doi: 10.1080/10511482.2013.788051
Winner of the 2012 Housing Policy Debate paper competition.
2. Terzano, K., & **Morckel, V.** (2011). Walk or bike to a healthier life: Commuting behavior and recreational physical activity. *Environment and Behavior*, 43(4), 488-500. doi: 10.1177/0013916510366644
- *1. **Morckel, V.** (2010). A call for stakeholder participation in evaluating the implementation of plans. *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design*, 37(5), 769-774. doi: 10.1068/b36085

Invited Publications

Morckel, V. (2011). Spatial patterns of housing vacancy. In J. Leonard (Ed.), *ReVisioning Weinland Park [Volume 2] Design for Local Food in the Public Realm* (pp. 10-11). Columbus, Ohio: Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University.

Select Articles in Progress

Morckel, V.C. (In Progress). Residential migration patterns in shrinking cities.

Morckel, V.C. (In Progress). Demolition policy and planning in U.S. shrinking cities.

Presentations

Presentations at National or International Conferences

* = presenting author

23. ***Morckel, V.** (2025). Beyond complaints: Integrating community priorities into demolition strategies in legacy cities. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan.
22. ***Morckel, V.** & Hertlein, M. (2024). Participatory “demolition planning” in Flint, Michigan. National Planning Conference (American Planning Association), Minneapolis, Minnesota.
21. ***Morckel, V.** (2024). Potential operational definitions of a “shrinking city” in the U.S. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii.
20. ***Morckel, V.** (2022). Using stakeholder input to plan for the demolition of blighted, vacant properties in Flint, Michigan. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (62nd Annual Conference), Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
19. ***Morckel, V.** & Durst, N. (2021). Using emerging hot spot analysis to explore spatiotemporal patterns of housing vacancy. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (61st Annual Conference), Miami, Florida.
18. ***Morckel, V.** (2021, *Canceled due to COVID-19*). Is population change a cause or consequence of the Flint water crisis? Urban History Association 10th Biennial Conference, Detroit, Michigan.
17. ***Morckel, V.** & Durst, N. (2020, *Canceled due to COVID-19*). Spatiotemporal characteristics of housing vacancy. 50th Annual Urban Affairs Association Conference, Washington DC.
16. ***Morckel, V.** & Hanlon, B. (2019). The effects of the water crisis on housing and mobility in Flint, Michigan. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
15. **Morckel, V.** & ***Hanlon, B.** (2018). Flint residents’ lack of mobility in the wake of the water crisis. 48th Annual Urban Affairs Association Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
14. ***Morckel, V.** (2017). The Flint, Michigan water crisis and residents’ trust in local and state government: Planning and public policy implications. 47th Annual Urban Affairs Association Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
13. ***Morckel, V.** (2016). Patronage and access to a legacy city farmers' market: A case study of the relocation of the Flint, Michigan market. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (56th Annual Conference), Portland, Oregon.
12. ***Morckel, V.** & Mattern, P. (2016). Naturalization after demolition: Using suitability analysis to determine where to implement green land uses in a legacy city. International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Houghton, Michigan.

11. ***Morckel, V.** (2015). Creating a strategic demolition plan for Youngstown, Ohio. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (55th Annual Conference), Houston, Texas.
10. *Terzano, K. & **Morckel, V.** (2015). SimCity in the classroom: Examining gaming software's influence on students' perceptions of the field of planning. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (55th Annual Conference), Houston, Texas.
9. ***Morckel, V.** & Rybarczyk, G. (2014). Improving downtown in a shrinking city: A case study of Flint, Michigan. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (54th Annual Conference), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
8. ***Morckel, V.** (2014). Rethinking space: Community garden design in shrinking cities. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA 45), New Orleans, Louisiana.
7. ***Morckel, V.** (2012). Approaches for identifying and dealing with abandoned housing. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (53rd Annual Conference), Cincinnati, Ohio.
6. Nasar, J., ***Morckel, V.**, & Cowley, J. (2011). Save that house! An examination of demolition ordinances. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (52nd Annual Conference), Salt Lake City, Utah.
5. ***Morckel, V.** (2011). Selecting the perfect community garden site: A case study of Columbus, Ohio. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA 42), Chicago, Illinois.
4. ***Morckel, V.** (2010). Smart revitalization: A framework for bringing places back. National Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference: The Intersection of Sustainability, Revitalization, and Policy Reform, Cleveland, Ohio. (Poster Presentation)
3. ***Morckel, V.** & Terzano, K. (2010). Travel attitudes and neighborhood characteristics: Their association with commuting mode choice and exercise. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA 41), Washington DC.
2. Terzano, K. & ***Morckel, V.** (2009). The relationship between transit options, commuting mode and recreational physical activity: Washington, DC, and elsewhere. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (50th Annual Conference), Crystal City, Virginia.
1. Terzano, K. & ***Chaney, V.** [maiden name] (2009). Walk or bike to a healthier life: Commuting behavior and recreational physical activity. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA 40), Kansas City, Missouri.

Presentations or Guest Lectures at Other Universities

Morckel, V. (2023). "The Flint water crisis from an urban planner's perspective: Causes and consequences of a water contamination event." Cambridge Disaster Risk Research Network. University of Cambridge. 2/7/23. Cambridge, England.

Morckel, V. (2020). "Housing vacancy in Ohio." University of Toledo Department of Geography & Planning's Lecture Series. 10/2/20. Toledo, Ohio.

Morckel, V. (2020). "Spatial patterns of housing vacancy." Michigan State University's Global Urban Studies Program's Lecture Series. 2/28/20. East Lansing, Michigan.

Morckel, V. (2020). "Researching quality of life. Working for local and regional change." Guest lecture in the course MUS 965: Conducting research in music education. 1/27/20. Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan.

Morckel, V. (2019). "Can farmers' markets in shrinking cities contribute to economic development? A case study from Flint, Michigan." Wayne State University's Department of Urban Studies & Planning Brown Bag Presentation Series. 11/11/19. Detroit, Michigan.

Local (Non-Peer-Reviewed) Presentations

Morckel, V. (2018). The community development implications of the Flint water crisis. Science on Tap Research Series. 10/2/18. Flint, Michigan.

Morckel, V. (2017). The effects of the Flint Farmers' Market relocation on downtown Flint. Science on Tap Research Series. 11/14/17. Flint, Michigan.

Morckel, V. (2015). A method for prioritizing demolitions in a legacy city. UM-Flint Faculty Research Spotlight Series. 9/23/15. Flint, Michigan.

Morckel, V. (2015). The community is our classroom: How to select place-based projects to incorporate in the secondary social studies curriculum. *Our Cities, Our Classrooms* Conference. Flint, Michigan.

Morckel, V. (2013). Improving downtown in a shrinking city: A case study of Flint, Michigan. Faculty Research and Creative Activity Summit. Flint, Michigan.

Roundtables at National Conferences

(2015). "Building the case for strategic code enforcement: A practitioner—researcher dialogue." National Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference, Detroit, Michigan.

Professional Research Groups or Workshops

Urban Sustainability and Environmental Health (USEH) Research Cluster. University of Michigan-Flint. 2021-2022.

Researcher-Practitioner Dialogue on Detroit: Participated in a day-long forum hosted by the Urban Institute with support from the Kresge Foundation. October 20, 2016. Detroit, Michigan.

Spatial Analysis Workshop, June 2011: One of 24 Ph.D. students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty members (nationwide) selected to participate in a weeklong, advanced spatial analysis workshop sponsored by the National Institute of Health. Hosted by The Pennsylvania State University Population Research Institute.

Research Grants & Fellowships
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Pending, Under Review, or Consideration

2024. Durst, N., Herbert, C., Przybylinski, S., Reyes-Sanchez, A., Chen, S., & **Morckel, V.** (Pending) "Institutions, Property Relations, and the Uneven Risks and Rewards of Homeownership." National Science Foundation. \$983,782.00

Awarded

2021. **Morckel, V.** Grant for "Prioritizing demolitions in Flint using resident feedback" from the EDA University Center for Community & Economic Development and the Office of Economic Development, University of Michigan-Flint. \$9,568.00

2021. **Morckel, V.** Library Data Grant for "Update to Infogroup (Data Axle) US historical consumer-residential dataset." University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Library. \$10,000.00

2019. **Morckel, V.** Library Data Grant for "Infogroup US historical consumer-residential dataset." University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Library. (Unknown \$ amount; library purchased access to this dataset for my research).

2016. **Morckel, V.** Provost's 60th Anniversary Research Grant for "The effects of the Flint water crisis on local housing and rental markets." \$1,965.00

2016. **Morckel, V.** & Rybarczyk, G. University of Michigan Water Crisis Grant for "The effects of the Flint water crisis on population dynamics: Will residents flee Flint?" Office of the Provost, UM-Ann Arbor. \$10,000.00

2015. **Morckel, V.** Research and Creative Activities Grant for "Examining the current and potential economic impact of the Flint Farmers' Market move." Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at UM-Flint. \$15,308.00

2013. **Morckel, V.** Research and Creative Activities Grant for "Improving downtown in a shrinking city: A case study of Flint, Michigan." Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at UM-Flint. \$14,335.00

2008. **Chaney, V.** [maiden name] The Ohio State University—University Fellowship. Awarded to incoming students based on GPA, GRE scores, and academic department nomination. \$30,000.00

-----TEACHING-----

Courses Taught

Michigan State University

2019, 2022-Present

UP 100: The City

UP 201: Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning

UP 314: Methods for Investigation of Urban Systems (undergraduate)

UP 400: Special Topics (Urban Design) [Visiting Scholar for Fall 2019 Sabbatical.]

UP 410: Urban Design

UP 814: Methods for Investigation of Urban Systems (graduate, forthcoming)

The University of Michigan-Flint

2012-2022

POL 312: Urban Politics and Planning

PSY 392: Psychology Seminar – Environmental Psychology

PUB 506: Research Design and Qualitative Methods

RPL 311: Urban and Regional Land Use Planning

SEC 343: Teaching Social Science in Middle and Secondary Schools

SOC 215: General Statistics

URP 111: Introduction to Urban Geography and Planning

URP 116: Human Geography

URP 140: Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Shaping a Sustainable Healthy Future

URP 260: Statistical Methods in Planning & Sustainability Science

URP 310: Reading the City: Urban Planning History, Theory, and Law

URP 411: Reimagining Legacy Cities

URP 498: Internship

The Ohio State University

2011-2012 (Graduate Student Teaching Assistant/Co-Instructor)

CRP 350: Legal and Institutional Framework for Planning (Land Use Law)

Experiential & Service Learning Projects

2023. UP 410: Design and Land Use Proposals for the DDA Evergreen Properties
A public presentation to East Lansing's Downtown Development Authority and the city of East Lansing planning department
2017. URP 411: Reimagining Vacant Land near Community Anchor Institutions (Hurley Hospital)
A public presentation to local planners and architects
2016. URP 411: Reimagining Vacant Spaces in the Civic Park Neighborhood of Flint
A public presentation to residents and community stakeholders
2014. URP 260: Data Analysis for the Northside Plan
Data collection, statistical analysis, and a report to Metro Community Development in Flint
- RPL 311: Identifying Opportunities for Daylighting of Streams and Expansion of Blue/Green Infrastructure in Flint
A report and presentation to the city of Flint planning department and University Outreach
- RPL 311: Exploring Opportunities for Campus Expansion and Connections between the Campus Strategic Plan and the City of Flint's Master Plan
A report and presentation to the city of Flint planning department and University Outreach
- URP 411: Reimagining the Former Coney Island Site on Saginaw Street
A presentation to Uptown Development on design and land use recommendations
2013. URP 260: Improving Downtown in a Shrinking City: A Case Study of Flint, Michigan
Data collection, statistical analysis, and a report to Flint's Downtown Development Authority
2012. RPL 311: Property Conditions in Flint's Commercial Corridors
Data collection, photographs, and presentations to the city of Flint planning department

Pedagogical Grants

2014. **Morckel, V.** "Learning about Flint-like Cities: A Guided Bus Tour of Detroit." Awarded to support the course URP 411: Reimagining Cities. University of Michigan-Flint's Office of Development and Alumni Relations. \$500.00
2013. Rybarczyk, G. and **Morckel, V.** Technology grant to purchase CommuityViz software. University of Michigan-Flint's Technology Committee. \$2,000.00
- Morckel, V.** Faculty Development Teaching Grant for "Using Technology to Encourage Reflective Teaching in Practice." The Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching. University of Michigan-Flint. \$800.00

2012. **Morckel, V.** & Rybarczyk, G. Course Catalyst Grant for URP 260-Analytic Methods in Resource Planning and RPL 371-Geographic Information Systems II. The Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching. University of Michigan-Flint. \$1,000.00

Civic Engagement Course Implementation Grants. University Outreach. University of Michigan-Flint
URP 411, Winter 2017. \$1,000.00
URP 411, Winter 2016. \$800.00
URP 140, Fall 2015. \$100.00
URP 140, Fall 2014. \$780.00
SEC 343, Fall 2014. \$320.00

Teaching Experience: Student Mentoring

Thesis Committees, Michigan State University

- Tony Nikolovski: “Retaining local talent in a globalized world: How shrinking cities can look to a Basque football club to enhance placemaking, promote urban attachment, and mitigate brain drain.”

Student Graders or Teaching Assistants, Michigan State University

Toby Hayes, 2022-2023
Isaac Harter, 2023-2024; 2024-2025
Sommer Nafal, Spring 2024

Honors Options, Michigan State University

Stefanie Sadocha, UP 201, Fall 2024
Dylan White, UP 201, Spring 2024
Sofia Murray, UP 201, Spring 2024
Sophia Scherkenbach, UP 201, Fall 2023

Student-led Research, University of Michigan-Flint

Lead faculty advisor for the following student research projects presented at conferences:

- Ball, K. (2017). “Farmers market relocation/Water crisis impact on downtown Flint.” *Meeting of Minds Undergraduate Research Conference*. Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan.
- Yeoman, D. (2016). “How does the clean & green program impact the local community?” *Student Michigan Association of Planning Conference*. Detroit, Michigan.
- Slocum, V. (2013). “Urban decline in the wake of planned growth: A case study on the implementation and legacy of Flint’s 1920 master plan.” *Meeting of Minds Undergraduate Research Conference*, University of Michigan-Flint. Flint, Michigan.

Student Research Assistants, University of Michigan-Flint

22 positions from 2012-2021 funded through the following sources:

- *EDA University Center for Community & Economic Development Grant* (1 student)
- *Federal Work Study Program* (1 student)
- *Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program* (8 students)

- *Graduate Student Research Assistantship Program* (3 students)
- *Geography, Planning, and Environment Department Funding* (2 students)
- *Research and Creative Activity Awards* (4 students)
- *Urban Sustainability and Environmental Health Research Cluster* (1 student)
- *Water Crisis Research Grant, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor* (2 students)

Student Teaching Assistants, University of Michigan-Flint

- *Geography, Planning, and Environment Department Funded Teaching Assistants* (4 students)
- *Student Success Center Supplemental Instructors* (1 student for 3 semesters)

Student Advising

Faculty adviser for the following programs at the University of Michigan-Flint

- Urban and Regional Planning Minor, Fall 2014-Winter 2020
 - Social Studies Teacher’s Certificate Program, Fall 2012-Winter 2019
 - Social Science Joint Program
 - All majors: Fall 2012-Winter 2015; Geography Concentration: Fall 2015-Winter 2019
- From 2013-2016, I held over 100 advising appointments per academic year.*

Advising Workshops

Completion of the Advising Workshop Series co-sponsored by the University of Michigan Flint’s College of Arts and Sciences and Student Success Center. October 2014.

-----NOTABLE SERVICE-----

Michigan State University

School Advisory Committee Member, School of Planning, Design, & Construction, 2023-Present

- SPDC Director’s Search (formation of the search committee), Fall 2023
- Dual College Restructuring Committee, 2024
 - Member of a review panel to address concerns related to SPDC being housed in two colleges (CSS and CANR). Faculty lead for the academic governance work group.
- Revision of mentoring processes and procedures in SPDC, 2024-2025

SPDC Strategic Plan

- Lead for “Sustainable Health” section of the plan. Fall 2024

School (SPDC) Events that I Hosted & Organized

- Guest Lecture by Terry Schwarz, Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative: "Adaptive design cultures in depopulating cities." 11/6/24.
- Guest Lecture by Dr. Brent Ryan, Michigan Institute of Technology: “Shrinking cities, Shrinking world: Urban design for an emerging era of global population decline.” 10/5/23.

Faculty Search Committees

- Fixed Term URP Search (resulted in the hire of Katharine Merritt), Spring-Summer 2024

URP Assessment Committee, 2023

- Redesigned program assessments to better align with accreditation requirements.

University of Michigan-Flint

Social Studies Teacher's Certificate Program Coordinator, 2012-2020

- Chaired secondary social studies faculty meetings; coordinated course scheduling across five departments; assisted with faculty hiring for the program.
- Created, revised, and administered program assessments; communicated assessment information to administration; produced assessment reports for the Michigan Department of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.
- Developed interventions to improve passage rates on the state certification exam, including a workshop series and online test-preparation course.

Internship Program Coordinator, 2013-2020

- Created the Geography, Planning, and Environment Department's formal internship program.
- Placed students in internships based on their interests. Maintained communication and relationships with organizations that hosted students. Assessed student performance.
- Ran internship course which included professional development activities for students (e.g., resume writing, interview skills, digital portfolios).

Committee Membership

- Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Budget & Strategic Planning, Winter 2020
- University Library Committee, Fall 2016-Winter 2020
- College of Arts & Sciences Appeals Panel, 2016-2017
- College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee Interim Member, Winter 2016
- College of Arts & Sciences Spring Interim Committee, 2015

Campus-Wide Events that I Hosted & Organized

- Dr. June Manning Thomas, *Mapping Detroit*, Presentation and Book Signing, 4/2/2015
- University of Michigan-Flint, Flint Master Plan Community Workshop, 1/18/2013
- Dr. George Galster, *Driving Detroit*, Presentation and Book Signing, 11/15/2012

Panelist or Moderator for Campus Events

- Moderator for "Why There is No Detroit (or Flint) in Canada." [Jason Hackworth from University of Toronto as guest speaker]. Co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science. University of Michigan-Flint. 3/16/21.
- Panelist for "Connecting Community Engagement, Classes & Research: Reflections from UM-Flint Boyer Scholars." Hosted by University Outreach. University of Michigan-Flint. 2/6/14.
- Panelist for "The End is Coming: Student Evals, Passive Aggression and Last Minute Angst." Hosted by the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching. University of Michigan-Flint. 11/22/13.

- Panelist for “Tear Down or Build Up: Flint as Memory, Loss and Possibility.” Hosted by the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching. University of Michigan-Flint. 9/10/13.

Community Service

Invited Talks in the Community

- Panel discussion on the role of art and community engagement. Flint Free City Festival. Hosted by the Flint Public Art Project. Flint, Michigan 8/23/14
- Presentation on city planning and careers in planning given at the Urban Alternatives House to the Boys and Girls Club of Flint. Flint, Michigan 7/22/13
- Presented part of the Youngstown 2010 plan to the City of Flint’s Housing Advisory Committee. Flint, Michigan 2/25/13
- Panel discussion on the City of Flint Master Plan. Hosted by the Flint Area Public Affairs Forum. Flint Public Library. Flint, Michigan 1/22/13

Urban Planning Volunteerism and Engagement with the City of Flint, Michigan, 2012-2020

- Placement of student interns in the city’s planning department, 2013-2020
- Infrastructure and Community Facilities Implementation Task Group, 2014-2015
- UM-Flint Impact Circle for Master Plan Implementation, August 2014-December 2015
- Housing Advisory Committee for the Master Plan, 2012-2013
- Technical Team Member for the Master Plan, 2012-2013
- Table Facilitator for “A Community Conversation on Community Education” 6/7/14
- Grand Traverse Greenway Trail Community Event Participant 3/12/14
- Short presentation on university partnerships with the City of Flint at the fourth annual Michigan Green Communities Conference. Flint, Michigan 2/26/14
- Table facilitator at the City of Flint’s Land Use Workshop 6/22/13
- “Issue Expert” at the City of Flint’s Master Plan Vision and Goals Workshop 3/9/13

Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BNCP), 2013-2015

Assisted Metro Community Development with the federally funded BNCP program in wards 1 and 3 on the north side of the City of Flint. The BNCP program empowered local communities to develop and obtain the tools and resources necessary to transform neighborhoods of concentrated poverty into neighborhoods of opportunity. My tasks included attending and participating in neighborhood planning meetings, creating a neighborhood survey, and conducting pro-bono data analysis. I also supervised student research assistants and interns who worked for Metro.

Planner’s Day in School Coordinator, 2009-2010; Participant, 2008-2011

Coordinated a biannual program that taught local elementary school children about the planning profession. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

City and Regional Planning Student Association, The Ohio State University, 2008-2010

Attended student meetings, networking sessions, and social events. Participated in community service events such as the Columbus Jingle Bell Run.

Professional Service

American Planning Association National Policy Delegate, 2021-2022

One of three policy delegates selected by MAP (Michigan Association of Planning) to represent the State of Michigan.

- Reviewed emerging APA (American Planning Association) policy guides that serve as the grounding force behind APA's federal and state advocacy work.
- Supported the policy development process in various ways, including participating in digital meetings, submitting formal comments, weighing in on early proposals, and voting to adopt finished policy guides, including the *Equity in Zoning Policy Guide*.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

- *Applied Geography*, 2014, 2015
- *Cities*, 2018
- *Cityscape*, 2022
- *Community Development Journal*, 2014
- *Housing Policy Debate*, 2014, 2016, 2020
- *Housing Studies*, 2017
- *Journal of Planning Literature*, 2012, 2024
- *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 2018
- *Journal of Rural Studies*, 2021
- *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 2014, 2015, 2020
- *Michigan Journal of Sustainability*, 2014
- *Territory, Politics, Governance*, 2021
- *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening*, 2015, 2016
- *Urban Studies*, 2017, 2023

Science Foundation Proposal Reviewer

- Czech Science Foundation, 2017
- Israel Science Foundation, 2016

Conference Facilitation

- Session Chair for the American Association of Geographers' 2024 Conference
- Session Chair for the American Association of Geographers' 2019 Conference
- Discussant for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning's 2016 Conference
- Reviewer for the Environmental Design Research Association's 2014 Conference
- Moderator for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning's 2012 Conference

Book Reviews Appearing in Scholarly Journals (Peer-Reviewed by Journal Editor)

Morckel, V. (2019). Review of The Divided City: Poverty and Prosperity in Urban America. Alan Mallach. *Journal of Planning Literature*, 34(2), 183-184: doi: 10.1177/0885412218816234

Morckel, V.C. (2013). Review of Driving Detroit: The Quest for Respect in the Motor City. George Galster. *Journal of Planning Literature*, 28(4): 364-365.

Morckel, V.C. (2013). Review of Design After Decline: How America Rebuilds Shrinking Cities. Brent Ryan. *Journal of Planning Literature*, 28(1): 32-33.

Pre-Publication Book Reviews

- *IBM SPSS for Introductory Statistics* by Morgan, Leech, Gloeckner, & Barrett, 2017

Professional Memberships

American Institute of Certified Planners, 2017-Present
American Planning Association, 2007-Present
Michigan Association of Planning, 2013-Present
Vacant Property Research Network, 2011-Present
Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA), 2008-2015
Cleveland + Youngstown + Pittsburgh Regional Learning Network, 2008-2012
American Planning Association of Ohio, 2007-2012

Other Professional Experience

Urban Planning Intern, City of Columbus, Ohio's Land Redevelopment Division (Land Bank), 2009-2011

Inspected vacant properties, made demolition recommendations to code enforcement, determined which properties the land bank would acquire via the tax foreclosure process, worked with community development corporations on planning and property acquisition initiatives, created marketing materials for properties owned by the land bank, updated the city's website.

Urban Planning Intern, City of Youngstown, Ohio's City Planning Department, 2007

Worked to implement portions of the *Youngstown 2010* plan; contributed to the "Faces of 2010" public engagement initiative; drafted the city's successful "Tree City USA" application.

Tax Lien Associate, Lien Forward Ohio—A Regional Council of Governments (Mahoning County Land Bank), 2007-2008

Assisted residents in acquiring vacant land via the tax foreclosure process; conducted research on vacant properties, tax liens, and property owners.

Accounts Payable Office Assistant, Youngstown State University, 2005-2007

Processed invoices and purchase orders.

Selected Honors & Awards

- **Scholarly or Creative Achievement Award**, University of Michigan-Flint, 2021
Recognizes outstanding faculty performance in research at UM-Flint. One award given per year campus-wide (\$2,000).

- **Winegarden Distinguished Professorship Nominee**, University of Michigan-Flint, 2021
Nominated by the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences for an endowed professorship that recognizes tenured faculty members who have demonstrated, and will continue to achieve, the highest levels of scholarship, teaching excellence and social impact, and bring national recognition to the university. [Finalist, Not Awarded]
- **Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Junior Women Faculty Award**, University of Michigan-Flint, 2016
Awarded to one female faculty member annually, based on excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service at UM-Flint.
- **Golden Apple Teaching Recognitions**, University of Michigan-Flint
Winter 2014; Fall 2015 (2); Winter 2016 (2); Winter 2017
- **Boyer Faculty Scholar**, University of Michigan-Flint, 2013-2014
The program recognizes and enables the contributions of community-engaged faculty, cultivates faculty leadership for the “engaged citizenship” pillar of the campus mission, and strengthens community-engaged pedagogy and research practices.
- **Bruce and Lillian Wright Online Teaching Award**, University of Michigan-Flint, 2013
5th place for a lesson developed for URP 116—Human Geography. The award is designed to distinguish and showcase effective, memorable, and inspiring student distance learning experiences created by UM-Flint faculty (\$200.00).
- **Michigan Road Scholar**, University of Michigan, 2013
One of thirty UM faculty members (across the three University of Michigan campuses) selected to take part in a weeklong tour of the State of Michigan. The program encourages university service to the public, and suggests ways faculty can address state issues through research, scholarship and creative activity.
- **2012 Housing Policy Debate Paper Competition Award**
Awarded to the best housing-related paper presented at the annual Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference (\$1,000.00).
- **Knowlton School of Architecture Alumni Society Scholarship Recipient**
The Ohio State University, 2010
Awarded to a student in architecture, city and regional planning, or landscape architecture based on demonstrated leadership skills and future promise to be an alumni leader.
- **Ohio Planning Conference Cleveland Section Scholarship**, 2009-2010
Awarded to a student who demonstrates academic achievement and commitment to the planning profession.
- **University Finalist for the McGrath Engagement Award** (as a class for the Mississippi Project)
The Ohio State University, 2009
In recognition of outstanding community outreach and engagement in Harrison County, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina.

- **Leslie H. Cochran University Scholar**
Youngstown State University, 2004-2008
Recognition takes the form of an award of full tuition and room and board for four years. Requirements include community service and completion of the university's honors program.
- **YSU Pin Award for Outstanding Graduating Student Leaders**
Youngstown State University, 2008
Awarded since 1948, the YSU Pin Award recognizes up to five graduating seniors annually who have achieved academic success and demonstrated outstanding leadership, motivation, and creativity in university and community activities.
- **Emerging Leaders Post Graduate Scholarship**, Sigma Alpha Lambda, 2008
Awarded to five students nationally who have maintained high academic performance, made significant contributions to their chapter and their community, and been accepted to an accredited graduate program of study.
- **Mavrigian-Grim Scholar Award**, 2008
Awarded to a graduating senior in recognition of outstanding scholarship.
Given by the Youngstown State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society.
- **ETS Recognition of Excellence**, 2006
Honor for scoring in the top 15% nationally on the *Principles of Teaching and Learning* examination. (Praxis II teaching examination is required for teacher licensure in the State of Ohio.)
- **B'Nai B'Rith Undergraduate History Award**, Youngstown State University, 2005
Awarded to one outstanding history student annually.
- **Local Prudential Spirit of Community Award Honoree**, 2004
Based on community service, the program recognizes young people who make a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods.
- **Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society**, Inducted 2007
- **Golden Key International Honour Society**, Inducted 2006
- **Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership & Honors Organization**, Inducted 2005
Youngstown State University Chapter
 - Secretary (2006-2008).
 - Community Service Committee (2005-2008).

Media Coverage

My work (or my students' work) received recognition in the following media outlets:

- Brown, R. W. (2024, February). St. John Street: Story of a neighborhood. Interview with *iMichiganProductions* for this PBS film about urban renewal in Flint, Michigan. (Interview September 2022; film released February 2024)
- McCann, A. (2024, February 13). Best state capitals to live in. *WalletHub.com*. Retrieved from https://wallethub.com/edu/best-state-capitals/19030#expert=Dr._Victoria_Morckel
- Harter, I. (2023, December 21). Urban planning students share plans with E.L. officials. *MSU School of Planning, Design and Construction's Website*. Retrieved from <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/urban-planning-students-share-plans-with-e-l-officials>
- Logan, M. (2023, December 13). MSU students pitch proposals for Evergreen properties. *East Lansing Info*. Retrieved from <https://eastlansinginfo.news/msu-students-pitch-proposals-for-evergreen-property/>
- McCann, A. (2023, October 3). 2023's Best Small Cities in America. *WalletHub.com*. Retrieved from https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-small-cities-to-live-in/16581#expert=Victoria_Morckel
- Graham, M. (2021, July 12). Flint's housing crisis predates recent crises, according to report by UM-Flint professor. *East Village Magazine*. Retrieved from <https://www.eastvillagemagazine.org/2021/07/12/flints-housing-crisis-predates-recent-crises-according-to-report-by-um-flint-professor/>
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- Bach, T. (2019, February 12). Can Flint be fixed? *U.S. News & World Report*. Retrieved from https://www.usnews.com/news/cities/articles/2019-02-12/what-will-it-take-to-save-flint-michigan?fbclid=IwAR2EhbmSoXNijU8_sjLVO-Q3I1vmfMFV3QYuwVXR5wkpZLm7Z0IAGRI9fMM
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- Yeo, S. (2018, October 5). How a coming exodus from Flint could further imperil the city's infrastructure. *Pacific Standard*. Retrieved from <https://psmag.com/environment/how-a-coming-exodus-from-flint-could-further-imperil-the-citys-infrastructure>
- Cislo, G. (2016, July 13). Many cars, few solutions: the dilemma of Fenton's Owen Road. *Spartan Dispatches* (Michigan State University). Retrieved 2/24/17 from <http://news.jrn.msu.edu/dispatches/2016/07/13/many-cars-few-solutions-the-dilemma-of-fentons-owen-road/>
- Scherman, S. (2016, May). UM-Flint researcher examining water crisis effects. *East Village Magazine*. Retrieved from <http://www.eastvillagemagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/EVMMay2016-.pdf>

- Satkowiak, S. (2016, April 25). ERS to conduct water survey, gather local data. *The Michigan Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.themichigantimes.com/?p=1802>
- Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation. (2016, March 18). YNDC acknowledged in academic article published in *Urban Geography*. Retrieved 2/24/17 from <http://www.yndc.org/news-media/yndc-acknowledged-academic-article-published-urban-geography>
- Amron, Y. (2016, February 16). Water crisis leaves Flint's Jews high and dry. *The Forward*. New York City. Retrieved from <http://forward.com/news/333323/water-crisis-leaves-flints-jews-high-and-dry/>
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- Bort, S. (2013, September 5). How do we know if a neighborhood will be abandoned? *Citizens Planning & Housing Association*. Retrieved from <http://www.cphabaltimore.org/2013/09/how-do-we-know-if-a-neighborhood-will-be-abandoned/>
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