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Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

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June 2017      Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University  
May 2012      M.A., Sociology, Columbia University  
May 2011      M.A., American Studies, Columbia University  
May 2008      B.S., Business Administration, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2020-present    Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Temple University  
2021-2022      Faculty Fellow, Public Policy Lab, Temple University  
2017-2020      Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Rice University

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

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Urbanization and the Environment; Urban Ecology and Urban Theory;  
Racism and Environmental Justice; Urban Adaptation and Public Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

2022              **Kevin Loughran.** *Parks for Profit: Selling Nature in the City.*  
New York: Columbia University Press.  
<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/parks-for-profit/9780231194051>

- Featured in [CityLab](#), March 2022
- Op-Ed in [New York Daily News](#), April 2022
- Featured in [Grid magazine](#), June 2022
- Reviewed in [Social Forces](#), [Annals of Leisure Research](#)

Peer-Reviewed

- 2021 **Kevin Loughran** and James R. Elliott. "Unequal Retreats: How Racial Segregation Shapes Climate Policies." *Housing Policy Debate* 32(1): 171-189.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2021.1931928>
- 2021 James R. Elliott, **Kevin Loughran**, and Phylicia Lee Brown. "The Divergent Residential Pathways of Climate Adaptation: Resettlement from Flood-Prone Homes in a Major Metropolitan Area." *Social Problems*. Online first:  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spab059>
- Featured on *National Public Radio*, July 1, 2021
- 2020 **Kevin Loughran**. "Urban Parks and Urban Problems: An Historical Perspective on Green Space Development as a Cultural Fix." *Urban Studies* 57(11): 2321-38.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098018763555>.
- 2020 James R. Elliott, Phylicia Lee Brown, and **Kevin Loughran**. "Racial Inequities in Federal Buyouts of Flood-Prone Homes: A Nationwide Assessment of Environmental Adaptation." *Socius* 6: 1-15.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023120905439>
- Featured in the *New York Times*, June 7, 2021:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/07/climate/FEMA-race-climate.html>
- 2020 Avantika Gori, Ioannis Gidaris, James R. Elliott, Jamie Padgett, **Kevin Loughran**, Pranavesh Panakkal, Andrew Juan, and Philip Bedient. "Accessibility and recovery assessment of Houston's roadway network due to fluvial flooding during Hurricane Harvey." *Natural Hazards Review* 21(2): 04020005-1-20.  
[https://doi.org/10.1061/\(ASCE\)NH.1527-6996.0000355](https://doi.org/10.1061/(ASCE)NH.1527-6996.0000355)
- 2019 **Kevin Loughran**, James R. Elliott, and S. Wright Kennedy. "Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston, Flooding, and the Case of Federal Buyouts." *Social Currents* 6(2): 121-40. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496518797851>.
- \* Covered in 46 media outlets as part of national *NPR* story, "How Federal Disaster Money Favors the Rich" ([link](#))
  - \* Featured in *Houston Public Media*, "Researchers Find Connections between Houston-Area Home Buyouts And 'White Flight'" ([link](#))
  - \* Ranks #1 out of 154 *Social Currents* publications by Altmetric attention score, Aug. 2022 ([link](#))

- 2019 **Kevin Loughran** and James R. Elliott. "Residential Buyouts as Environmental Mobility: Examining Where Homeowners Move to Illuminate Social Inequities in Climate Adaptation." *Population and Environment* 41(1): 52-70. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11111-019-00324-7>.
- 2018 **Kevin Loughran**, Gary Alan Fine, and Marcus Anthony Hunter. "Architectures of Memory: When Growth Machines Embrace Preservationists." *Sociological Forum* 33(4): 855-76. <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12449>.
- 2018 Marcus Anthony Hunter, **Kevin Loughran**, and Gary Alan Fine. "Memory Politics: Growth Coalitions, Urban Pasts, and the Creation of 'Historic' Philadelphia." *City & Community* 17(2): 330-49. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12299>
- \* American Sociological Association featured article, June 2018
- 2017 **Kevin Loughran**. "Race and the Construction of City and Nature." *Environment and Planning A* 49(9): 1948-67. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X17713995>
- \* Lead article
- 2016 **Kevin Loughran**. "Imbricated Spaces: The High Line, Urban Parks, and the Cultural Meaning of City and Nature." *Sociological Theory* 34(4): 311-34. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0735275116679192>
- 2015 **Kevin Loughran**. "The Philadelphia Negro and the Canon of Classical Urban Theory." *Du Bois Review* 12(2): 249-67. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1742058X15000132>
- 2014 **Kevin Loughran**. "Parks for Profit: The High Line, Growth Machines, and the Uneven Development of Urban Public Spaces." *City & Community* 13(1): 49-68. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12050>
- \* Ranks #6 all-time among most cited articles published in *City & Community*, the journal of the American Sociology Association's Community and Urban Section, per the Web of Science (as of Aug. 2022)
- \* Reprinted in *Deconstructing the High Line: Postindustrial Urbanism and the Rise of the Elevated Park*, eds. Christoph Lindner and Brian Rosa. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2017. ([link](#))

### Book Chapters

- 2022 **Kevin Loughran.** “The Coming in of the Southern Freedman’s Sons and Daughters’: Du Bois and The Urban Question.” In *The Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. Du Bois*, eds. Aldon Morris, Walter Allen, Karida Brown, Dan S. Green, Marcus Hunter, Cheryl Johnson-Odim, and Michael Schwartz. New York: Oxford University Press.  
<https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/41983/chapter/371507400>
- 2021 Katie Turner and **Kevin Loughran.** “Historic Preservation.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*, ed. Lynette Spillman. New York: Oxford University Press.  
<https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199756384/obo-9780199756384-0260.xml>
- 2019 **Kevin Loughran.** “W.E.B. Du Bois.” Pp. 1-5 in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, ed. Anthony M. Orum. Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118568446.eurs0497>.
- 2015 **Kevin Loughran**, Gary Alan Fine, and Marcus Anthony Hunter. “Urban Spaces, City Cultures, and Collective Memories.” Pp. 193-204 in the *Routledge International Handbook of Memory Studies*, eds. Anna Lisa Tota and Trever Hagen. New York: Routledge. ([link](#))

### Invited Review Essays

- 2022 **Kevin Loughran.** Review of Hillary Angelo, *How Green Became Good: Urbanized Nature and the Making of Cities and Citizens*. *City & Community*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/15356841221076662>
- 2022 **Kevin Loughran.** Review of Melissa Checker, *The Sustainability Myth: Environmental Gentrification and the Politics of Justice*. *The British Journal of Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.12943>
- 2021 **Kevin Loughran.** Review of José Itzigsohn and Karida L. Brown, *The Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois: Racialized Modernity and the Global Color Line*. *Social Forces* 99(4): e8. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa128>
- 2019 **Kevin Loughran.** “Development and Its Disruptions on Manhattan’s Far West Side, 1971-2014.” *Journal of Urban History* 45(4): 852-7.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0096144219843840>.
- Review of William W. Buzbee, *Fighting Westway: Environmental Law, Citizen Activism, and the Regulatory War That Transformed New York City* and David Halle and Elisabeth Tiso, *New York’s New Edge: Contemporary Art, the High Line, and Urban Megaprojects on the Far West Side*.

2018 **Kevin Loughran**. Review of John Krinsky and Maud Simonet, *Who Cleans the Park? Public Work and Urban Governance in New York City*. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(5): 601-3. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0094306118792220y>.

#### Other Publications

2022 **Kevin Loughran**. "Return all New York City parks to the people." *New York Daily News*. Op-Ed. April 8. ([link](#))

2021 **Kevin Loughran** and James R. Elliott. "The Policy Challenges of Urban Flooding, Managed Retreat & Social Equity." Policy brief prepared for the Public Policy Lab, Temple University. July 27. ([link](#))

2019 **Kevin Loughran**. "Nature, Race, and Cultural Power." *ASA Sociology of Culture Section Newsletter*, roundtable on Nature and Culture. Summer Issue. ([link](#))

2015 Gary Alan Fine, Marcus Anthony Hunter, and **Kevin Loughran**. "Getting Malled in Philadelphia: The Growth Coalition and the Historic City." *Discover Society*. ([link](#))

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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2022 Summer Research Award, Temple University (\$7000)

2021-24 National Science Foundation. "Urban Flooding and Residential Adaptation." Temple University PI with James R. Elliott, Rice University PI (\$578,885)

2021-22 Faculty Fellow, Public Policy Lab, Temple University

2021-22 Grant-In-Aid, Temple University (\$3000)

2016-17 Graduate Writing Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (\$3000)

2016 Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$7200)

2015 Mellon Foundation Short-Term Summer Fellowship, Black Metropolis Research Consortium (\$4000)

2015 Research Grant, Kellogg School of Management, Dispute Resolution Research Center (\$5520)

2015 MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant (with Gary Alan Fine), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1250)

- 2014 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- 2014 Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (\$3000)
- 2014 MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant (with Wendy Griswold), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1150)
- 2013 MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant (with Gary Alan Fine), Northwestern University Department of Sociology (\$1200)
- 2012-17 University Fellow, Northwestern University

## TEACHING

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### Temple University

- 2020-present Urban Sociology (graduate)  
Urban Dynamics (undergraduate)  
Research Design and Methods (undergraduate)  
History and Significance of Race in the US (undergraduate)  
Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)

### Rice University

- 2017-20 Developed and taught a research design and grant proposal workshop for graduate instruction, Spring 2019

### Thesis Committees

- 2022 Jonathan Marty, "The Transfer of the Commons: Assessing Publicness in New York City's Privately-Run Public Parks," master's thesis, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University
- 2020 Allison Yelvington, "Libraries and Disaster Recovery and Resilience: Houston Libraries and Hurricane Harvey," senior honors thesis, Rice University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2021 "The Divergent Residential Pathways of Climate Adaptation: Resettlement from Flood-Prone Homes in a Major Metropolitan Area." With James R. Elliott and Phylcia Lee Brown. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (virtual), August.
- 2021 "The Divergent Residential Pathways of Climate Adaptation: Resettlement from Flood-Prone Homes in a Major Metropolitan Area." With James R. Elliott and Phylcia Lee Brown. Presented at the Columbia Earth Institute, "At What Point

- Managed Retreat? Resilience, Relocation, and Climate Justice,” New York, NY (virtual), June 23.
- 2020 “Where Do Americans Go When They Leave Their Flood-Prone Homes? Investigating the Maintenance and Recreation of Geographic Community in the Face of Climate Dislocation.” With James R. Elliott and Phylcia Lee Brown. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 23, Washington, DC. (Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.)
- 2019 “Residential Buyouts as Environmental Mobility: Examining Where Homeowners Move to Illuminate Social Inequities in Climate Adaptation.” With James R. Elliott. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10.
- 2019 “Adaptive Mobility: The Case of Property Buyouts and Resettlement Pathways in Urban Flood Zones.” With James R. Elliott. Presented at the Columbia Earth Institute, “What Point Managed Retreat? Resilience Building in the Coastal Zone,” New York, NY, June 21.
- 2018 “Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston and the Case of Water.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Phoenix, AZ, November 9. (Panel organizer: “Sun Belt Cities”).
- 2018 “Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston and the Case of Water.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at Green Cities: Inequality, Space, and Sustainability, Princeton, NJ, September 28.
- 2018 “Urban Ecology in the Time of Climate Change: Houston and the Case of Water.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 14.
- 2018 “A Social Ecology of Property Buyouts in Houston/Harris County, 1970-2017.” With James R. Elliott and S. Wright Kennedy. Presented at Cultures of Energy 7, Houston, TX. April 13.
- 2017 “Urban Parks and Urban Problems: An Historical Perspective on Green Space Development as a Spatial Fix.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Montreal, QC. November 3. (Panel organizer: “Cities, Environments, and Nature”).
- 2016 “Nature, Race, and Social Space.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL. November 19.

- 2016 "Parks and Racial Inequality in Postwar Chicago, 1945-70." Presented at the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Urban History Association, Chicago, IL. October 15.
- 2016 "Memory Politics: Growth Coalitions, Urban Pasts, and the Creation of 'Historic' Philadelphia." With Marcus Anthony Hunter and Gary Alan Fine. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. August 23.
- 2016 "Nature, Race, and Social Space, 1945-75." Presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA. August 21.
- 2016 "The Symbolic Economy and Racial Geography of Nature in the United States, 1850-2015." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA. March 31.
- 2016 "Nature, Race, and Social Space." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL. March 25.
- 2015 "Cyborg Spaces: City and Nature from Central Park to the High Line." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. August 22.
- 2014 "The Great Depression, Old Cities, New Money, and the Arts." With Wendy Griswold. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Toronto, ON. November 7.
- 2014 "The City of Memory: Collective Memory and Urban Change in Postwar Philadelphia." With Marcus Anthony Hunter and Gary Alan Fine. Presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale University, New Haven, CT. April 26.
- 2014 "Whiteness in the City." Presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL. March 15.
- 2013 "The City of Memory." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. August 12.
- 2013 "Parks for Profit: The Urban Growth Machine and the Case of the High Line." Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL. March 2.
- 2012 "Privileged Public Space: The High Line and Neoliberal Urbanization." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. February 23.



- 2012 “Occupy Wall Street: Ethnographic Perspectives.” Panel organizer and discussant, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. February 24.

## **SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP**

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### Departmental Service

- 2020-present Committee Member, Graduate Affairs, Temple University  
2014-15 Committee Member, Undergraduate Affairs, Northwestern University  
2014, 2015 Reader, Exum Award for Best Undergraduate Paper on Race and Ethnicity, Northwestern University  
2013-14 Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban and Community Workshop, Northwestern University

### Disciplinary Service

- 2018-present Book reviewer, *Social Forces*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Urban History*, *City & Community*, *British Journal of Sociology*, NYU Press  
2022 Panel organizer, “Environmental Publics, Policy, and Practice,” American Sociological Association  
2018 Panel organizer, “Sun Belt Cities,” Social Science History Association  
2017 Panel organizer, “Cities, Environments, and Nature,” Social Science History Association  
2015-16 Graduate Student Representative, Community and Urban Sociology Section Council, American Sociological Association  
2014-present Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Theory*, *City & Community*, *Du Bois Review*, *Social Forces*, *Urban Studies*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Social Currents*, *Social Problems*, *Acta Sociologica*, *Population and Environment*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Urban Geography*, *Urban Research and Practice*, *Town Planning Review*, *Environment and Planning E*, *Climatic Change*, and *Sociology Compass*  
2012 Panel organizer, “Occupy Wall Street: Ethnographic Perspectives,” Eastern Sociological Society

### Professional Associations

- 2010-present American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Society, Social Science History Association, Association of American Geographers, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Vernacular Architecture Forum