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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2023 – Assistant Professor, The Crown School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago  
Faculty Affiliate: Sociology Department; Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality; Committee on Environment, Geography and Urbanization, The University of Chicago
- 2022 – Affiliated Scholar, American Bar Foundation
- 2018 – 2023 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Tulane University

### **EDUCATION**

- 2018 PhD, Sociology, Northwestern University
- Presidential Fellow & Legal Studies Affiliate
  - Committee: Mary Pattillo, Wendy Griswold, and Lincoln Quillian
- 2015 MA, Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2011 MA, Sociology, Loyola University, Chicago
- 2007 Certificate: Understanding Cities, Open University, U.K.
- 2006 BA Hons, Social Anthropology & Russian, Sussex University, U.K.

### **BOOK**

- Bartram, Robin.** 2022. *Stacked Decks: Building Inspectors and the Reproduction of Urban Inequality*. The University of Chicago Press
- Honorable Mention, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Robert E. Park Book Award
  - Academic reviews: *The American Journal of Sociology* (forthcoming); *Housing Studies*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Social Forces*; *Journal of Planning Literature*; *The Journal of Urban Affairs*; *The British Journal of Sociology*.
  - Additional coverage: *Slate*, *South Side Weekly*, *Next City*, *New Books Podcast*, *The Nation*

**Bartram, Robin.** In progress. *How Things Fall Apart*

### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS\***= graduate student co-authors

- Golio, AJ,\* **Robin Bartram**, and LaToya Tufts. “Punishing People Through Property: Strategic Task Force Inspections at the Nexus of Criminal and Civil Legal Systems” Online first. *Punishment & Society*
- Bartram, Robin.** “Property Markers and the Hassle of Leniency: Building Code Enforcement in the Courtroom.” Online first. *Law and Social Inquiry*
- Bartram, Robin.** 2023. “Routine Dilapidation: How Homeownership Creates Environmental Injustice.” *City & Community* 22(4):266–285.
- Bartram, Robin.** 2023. “Making Babies Pay Rent: Race suicide, and the Subsidization of Whiteness through Rental Housing.” *Qualitative Sociology* 46(1):1-20
- Bartram, Robin.** 2021. “Cracks in broken windows: How objects shape professional evaluation” *American Journal of Sociology* 126(4):759–794.

- Winner, ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section Outstanding Published Article Award, 2022
- Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Law Section article award, 2022
- Honorable Mention, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Jane Addams article award, 2022

**Bartram, Robin**<sup>^</sup> Japonica Brown-Saracino<sup>^</sup> and Holly Donovan. 2021. "Uncertain Sexualities and the Unusual Woman: Museum Depictions of Jane Addams and Emily Dickinson." *Social Problems* 68(1): 168–184. <sup>^</sup> = equal authors

**Bartram, Robin**. 2020. "The Infidelity of Place: Medical Simulation Labs and Disjunctures in Pedagogical Places." *Sociology of Health and Illness* 42(2): 293-306

**Bartram, Robin**. 2019. "The Cost of Code Violations: How Building Codes Shape Residential Sales Prices and Rents." *Housing Policy Debate* 29(6): 931-946

**Bartram, Robin**. 2019. "Going Easy and Going After: Building Inspections and the Selective Allocation of Code Violations." *City and Community* 18(2): 594-617.

- Winner, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Student Paper Award, 2018

**Bartram, Robin**. 2018. "Emplacing Risks in the City: Class, Politics, Risk and the Built Environment of Women's Residential Clubs, 1896-1917." *The Journal of Urban History* 44(2): 219–238.

**Bartram, Robin**. 2017. "Housing Historic Role Models and the American Dream: Domestic Rhetoric and Institutional Decision-Making at the Tenement Museum." *Qualitative Sociology* 40(1):1-22.

**Bartram, Robin**. 2016. "Housing and Social and Material Vulnerabilities." *Housing, Theory and Society* 33(4): 469-483.

## WORK UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

**Robin Bartram**<sup>^</sup> and Japonica Brown-Saracino.<sup>^</sup> "Gender, Housing, and Inequality in Sociology" Invited submission to *Annual Review of Sociology due 9/24* <sup>^</sup> = equal authors

Reosti, Anna, Rahim Kurwa, and **Robin Bartram**. "Rental Housing and the Shadow Carceral State" Conditionally accepted at *Theoretical Criminology*.

**Bartram, Robin** and Angela Garcia. "Basements: Climate Hazards and Climate Reprieve" Under Review Russell Sage Foundation Journal, special issue on Climate Hazards

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

**Bartram, Robin** and Japonica Brown-Saracino. 2023. "Living the dream? The Realities of Female Homeownership" *CityLab*

**Bartram, Robin**. 2023. "Illinois needs a different kind of assistance for homeowners: home repairs." *The Chicago Tribune*

**Bartram, Robin**. 2022. "Black women endure legacy of racism in homeownership and making costly repairs." *The Conversation*. Reprinted in *Slate* and *The Milwaukee Independent*

Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, **Robin Bartram**, and Max Besbris. Forthcoming. "The Sociology of Housing Market Intermediaries," in *Sociology of Housing*, Eva Rosen and Brian McCabe, eds.

**Bartram, Robin**. 2022. "What's Wrong With Chicago's Building Code" *South Side Weekly*

**Bartram, Robin**. 2022. "How Objects Guide Discretion and Counteract Stereotypes" *Law in Action blog*.

**Bartram, Robin**. 2022. Review of *Preserving Neighborhoods: How Urban Policy and Community Strategy Shape Baltimore and Brooklyn*. By Aaron Passell. New York: Columbia University Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 127(4): 1397-1399.

- Bartram, Robin** and Annika Bruno. 2022. *Rebuilding Together New Orleans research report*.
- Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, **Robin Bartram**, and Max Besbris. 2021. “The Sociology of Housing Market Intermediaries” SocArXiv.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica and **Robin Bartram**. 2020. “Emily Dickinson, “The Greatest Freak of Them All”?” *Public Books*.
- Bartram, Robin**. 2019. Research brief for Chicago Department of Buildings.
- Bartram, Robin**. 2018. “Grenfell’s Problem Wasn’t Just Lax Regulation.” *CityLab; The Atlantic Monthly*.
- Bartram, Robin**. 2018. “How Urban Building Inspections Can Impede – or Encourage – the Expansion of Safe and Affordable Housing.” *Scholars Strategy Network* policy brief.
- Bartram, Robin**. 2017. “How historic role models leave no room for structural inequality at the Tenement Museum,” *Work in Progress: Sociology on the economy, work and inequality*.
- Bartram, Robin**. 2016. Review of “What Buildings Do” Gieryn, Thomas. 2002. *Theory and Society* 31(1): 35-74. Invited contribution to “A Field Guide to Materiality for Cultural Sociologists” *ASA Sociology of Culture Newsletter* 22 (2).
- Bartram, Robin**. 2015. “Infrastructures of Epistemic Moments: Buildings, Blackboxes, “Improvement,” and Neighbourhood Change,” in *Architecture, Materiality and Society: Connecting Sociology of Architecture with Science and Technology Studies*, Müller and Reichmann (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan.
- Bartram, Robin**. 2015. “Material Evidence and Evidentiary Reasoning,” *Qualitative Sociology* 38(3):349-352. Review Essay of: Bartmanski, D and Woodward, I. 2015. *Vinyl: The Analogue Record in the Digital Age*; Chapman, D and Wylie, A. (eds.). 2015. *Material Evidence: Learning from Archaeological Practice*. Routledge; Lopez, S. 2015. *The Remittance Landscape: Spaces of Migration in Rural Mexico and Urban USA*.

## **MEDIA, INTERVIEWS, CONSULTING, & ADVISORY ROLES**

- 2023-2025 ABF/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Scholars Advisory Council
- 2023-2024 Fix Our Homes Illinois Steering Committee
- 2024 Cited in “Complaints from renters lacking heat spiked to 5-year-high in January, but building owners rarely fined,” WBEZ Chicago/Chicago Sun-Times
- 2024 Interviewed for story on disrepair, Investigative Project on Race and Equity
- 2023 Cited in “Some say Dallas landlords use this city policy to game the system” *Dallas Morning News*
- 2023 Cited in “5 Fixes for Philly’s Construction Chaos,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 2023 Interviewed for story on building code enforcement, *Chicago Tribune*
- 2023 Interviewed for story on rat violations, *Block Club Chicago*
- 2023 Interviewed for story on building code enforcement, *Injustice Watch*
- 2023 Interviewed for story on female homeownership, *Marketplace NPR*
- 2023 Interviewed for story on code enforcement, The Publics Radio, Rhode Island
- 2023 Cited in “Solstice on the Park and the Critique of Performance Over Promise” *Mas Context*
- 2023 Consulted for “More single women than men buy homes. That doesn’t mean it’s easy.” *The Washington Post*
- 2023 Cited in “Mice and no heat: Behind the struggle to hold landlords accountable” *Albany Times Union*
- 2023 Interviewed for story on Chicago’s Troubled Building Initiative, *Illinois Answers Project*
- 2023 Cited in “Wires and Fires update,” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

- 2023 Interviewed for story on repair programs, *The New Yorker*
- 2023 Interviewed about Stacked Decks, *New Books Network Podcast*
- 2023 Cited in “Fires Continue to Kill People in Unsafe Buildings as Chicago Ignores Problems with its Inspection System,” *The Chicago Tribune*
- 2022- Subject matter expert, Affordable Housing Research and Technology Division, PD&R, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 2002 Interviewed for article on building safety, *Middle East Eye*
- 2022 Peer reviewer, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- 2022 Interviewed on CityWatch WBAI Radio
- 2022 Interviewed for “Why Does Building Inspection Fail Tenants? A Professor Explains” *Next City*
- 2022 Interviewed for story on blight remediation, *The New Orleans Gambit*
- 2022 Interviewed for “Building Inspectors are the Reverse Cops of Chicago,” *Slate*
- 2022 Whole-Home Repairs Program, Senator Nikil Saval’s (1st District, PA) Office
- 2021 Greater Boston Code Consultants, Massachusetts
- 2021 Cited in “The Failures Before the Fires” *The Chicago Tribune* (Pulitzer Prize)
- 2021 Interviewed for story on code enforcement, *The Boston Globe*
- 2019 Interviewed for story on code enforcement, *LA Times*
- 2019 Interviewed for story on code enforcement, *Better Government Association*
- 2018 Interviewed for Tulane School of Liberal Arts Newsletter
- 2018 Interviewed for American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section Newsletter
- 2012-2013 National Public Housing Museum, Chicago

### **FUNDING ACTIVITY**

- 2024 Russell Sage Foundation “How Homeownership Stabilizes and Destabilizes Women’s Lives” with Japonica Brown-Saracino, \$200,000. Invited to submit full proposal.
- 2024 The Crown Family School Junior Faculty Research Grant, \$4,266
- 2022 COR Research Fellowship, Tulane University, “Cities, Mundane Decay, and the Reproduction of Health Inequality and Housing Instability.” \$7,000
- 2021 Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars, Louisiana Board of Regents, \$27,000
- 2021 Classroom Enhancement Grant, Tulane University (to fund speaker on housing re-entry at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women)
- 2020 Newcomb College Institute Faculty Grant, Tulane University, “Mixed-methods Study of Female Homeownership in U.S. Cities,” \$2,084
- 2020 COR Research Fellowship, Tulane University, “Repairing Housing Inequality,” \$7,000
- 2019 Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant, Tulane University, “Repairing Housing Inequality,” \$9,800
- 2019 Monroe Fellows Research Grant, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, \$5,000
- 2019 Provost Faculty Manuscript Workshop Grant, Tulane University, \$4,765
- 2018 Provost Faculty Networking Grant, Tulane University, \$3,245
- 2018 Newcomb College Institute Faculty Grant, Tulane University, “Repairing Housing Inequality,” \$3,534

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2024 Provost Faculty Development Grant, University of Chicago, with Phil Garboden.
- 2023 Quad Faculty Research Grant Program, University of Chicago

- 2023 Honorable Mention, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Park Best Book Award
- 2022 Winner, ASA Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section Outstanding Published Article Award
- 2022 Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Law Section Distinguished Article Award
- 2022 Honorable Mention, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Jane Addams article award, 2022
- 2021-2022 ABF/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Scholars Program, American Bar Foundation, Chicago IL
- 2020 Studio in the Woods Scholarly Retreat, The ByWater Institute, LA
- 2018 ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section Student Paper Award, winner
- 2018 – Newcomb College Institute Fellow, Tulane University
- 2016-2018 Society of Presidential Fellows, Northwestern University
- 2017 Winch Award for the Best Paper Presented or Published by a Northwestern University Graduate Student, Honorable Mention
- 2016 Winch Award for the Best Paper Presented or Published by a Northwestern University Graduate Student, Honorable Mention
- 2014-2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer in Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2014-2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Sociology, Northwestern University, Honorable Mention
- 2012 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, nominee.
- 2011 Summer Research Fellowship, Women and Leadership Archives, Gannon Center, Loyola University Chicago
- 2011 Social Sciences Thesis/Dissertation of the Year, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago.

## **INVITED TALKS**

*For "Stacked Decks"*

- 2024 *Scheduled* Georgetown University Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2024 *Scheduled* Oregon American Bar Foundation
- 2024 University of Chicago Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2024 Boston College Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2024 University of Southern California Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2024 Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago
- 2023 Institute for Metropolitan Studies, San Jose State University
- 2023 The American Institute of Architects, Chicago
- 2023 Logan Square Public Library, Chicago
- 2023 Loyola University Chicago, Center for Urban Research and Learning Seminar
- 2023 Crown School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago
- 2022 Harvard University, Joint Center for Housing Studies seminar
- 2022 UW-Milwaukee Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2022 University of Virginia Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2022 Boston University Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2022 Colby College Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2022 University of Illinois-Chicago Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2022 Notre Dame Sociology Department Colloquium
- 2022 Northwestern University Ethnography Workshop

*For "Maintaining Homeownership"*

- 2023 Northwestern University Culture Workshop

For “*Routine Dilapidation as Environmental Injustice*”

- 2023 Satellite symposium to the Basic Income Guarantee conference, Chicago, IL
- 2022 Georgetown Law School, Access to Justice Showcase, Washington, DC
- 2022 Notre Dame University Culture Workshop
- 2022 Reimagining Access to Justice conference, Chicago, IL
- 2022 University of Oregon Housing Forum, Eugene, OR
- 2022 Access to Justice roundtable, New York City, NY
- 2021 Access to Justice mini-conference, Chicago, IL

**CONFERENCES, PANELS, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS (PAST FIVE YEARS)**

- 2024 Blaustone-Dye, Natalie, Eileen Tomczuk and **Robin Bartram**. “Distrust and Disrepair: How Homeowners’ Perceptions of Contractors Matters” Urban Affairs Association conference, New York City.
- 2024 Author Meets Reader session for *Stacked Decks*, Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA
- 2023 Author Meets Reader session for *Stacked Decks*, Urban Affairs Association, Nashville, TN
- 2023 Author Meets Reader session for *Stacked Decks*, Law and Society Association, San Juan, PR
- 2022 Author Meets Reader session for *Stacked Decks*, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL
- 2022 Presenter, “Routine Dilapidation as Environmental Injustice,” Navigating Uncertain Futures: Social Engagement and Transformative Change in Global Socio-Ecological Systems, virtual event.
- 2022 Session organizer and discussant, Author Meets Reader Session for *A Detroit Story*, Claire Herbert (University of California Press), Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, D.C.
- 2022 Discussant, *Indefensible Spaces: Policing and the Remaking of Racial Segregation*, Rahim Kurwa, Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellows Seminar, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2022 Discussant, Author Meets Reader Session for *Race Brokers*, Elizabeth Korver-Glenn (Oxford University Press), Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2021 Guest speaker, building code seminar, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan
- 2021 Guest speaker, Research Design Seminar, Department of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2021 Panelist, TuSA Architecture Lecture: Human Inhabitation & Development, Tulane University School of Architecture
- 2020 Paper presentation, “Leniency as punishment.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (remote)
- 2019 Presenter, “Damned if you do and damned if you don’t: building inspections and housing inequality.” Sociology of Housing Conference, Georgetown University
- 2019 Presenter, “Punishing the Privileged: Frontline work in the city beyond disorder.” Boston University Urban Inequalities Workshop
- 2018 Paper presentation, “Building Inspections and the Selective Allocation of Code Violations.” Law and Society Association, Toronto.

- 2018 Paper presentation, “Building Inspections and the Selective Allocation of Code Violations.” Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice, A Scholar-Activist Gathering, Minneapolis.
- 2017 Presenter, “Misfires and Backfires: How Attempts to Offset Inequality Fail.” Law and Society Association, Mexico City.
- 2017 Paper presentation, “The Cost of Compliance.” Law and Society Graduate Conference, Paris.
- 2017 Paper presentation, “Going Easy and Going After: How Building Inspections Backfire.” American Sociological Association, Montreal.
- 2017 Paper presentation, “Going Easy and Going After: How Building Inspections Backfire.” Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis.

## TEACHING

### *Training*

CELT/ILC Online Teaching Training, Tulane University  
 Service Learning Faculty Seminar Training, Tulane University

### *Courses taught*

Housing, Inequality, and Society, The University of Chicago  
 Social Intervention: Programs and Policies, The University of Chicago  
 Housing and Society, (graduate-level seminar, writing intensive option), Tulane University  
 Cities and Society, Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women  
 Housing and Health Amid COVID (Tenenbaum Program), Tulane University  
 Cities and Society (graduate-level seminar, writing intensive option), Tulane University  
 Introduction to Research Design, Tulane University  
 Urban Sociology, Tulane University  
 Cities and Society, Northwestern University  
 Introduction to the Discipline, Northwestern University (Graduate Seminar)  
 Facilitator, Museum research staff training, National Public Housing Museum, Chicago

## SERVICE

### *To The Crown School*

2023 – Inclusion, Equity & Diversity committee  
 2023 – Admissions Committee  
 2024 Dissertation defence reactor

### *To the academy*

Occasional reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *City and Community*; *European Planning Studies*; *Housing Policy Debate*; *Housing Studies*; *Housing, Theory and Society*; *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Social Forces*; *Sociology of Health and Illness*; *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*; *Oxford Bibliographies*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Social Sciences*; *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*; *Social Service Review*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *University of Chicago Press*; *Urban Affairs Review*.

2024 – Dissertation committee member (AJ Golio, Megan Faust, Natalie Blaustone-Dye, Tulane University).  
 2024-2026 Member, *City & Community*, journal editorial board.  
 2022-2024 Member, Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award Committee, Urban Affairs Association

- 2023 Member, ASA Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Section Outstanding Published Paper Award Committee
- 2020 – 2023 Member, Publications Committee, Community and Urban Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2022 Mentor, Community and Urban Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2022 Member, Weber Book Award Committee, Organizations, Occupations and Work Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2020 Program Committee Member, Culture Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2020 Session co-organizer, “Theorizing Renters and Rental Housing in the United States,” American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 2020 Session chair, “Ways Forward in Socio-Legal Approaches to Property,” Law and Society Annual Meeting
- 2019 Chair, ASA Community and Urban Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
- 2015 – 2019 Presider, Community and Urban Section Roundtable, Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association
- 2016 – 2018 Urban Network Representative, Social Science History Association.
- 2018 Session co-organizer, “The Social and Cultural Construction of Places.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2016 Session organizer, “Housing People: Perceptions, Policies, and Place.” Social Science History Association, Chicago.

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
 Law and Society Association  
 Scholars Strategy Network  
 Urban Affairs Association  
 Sociologists for Women in Society