

EMILY BARRETT

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Community, Research and Action, Vanderbilt University** 2020–2025
Committee: Dr. Sara Safransky (chair), Dr. Emily Rosenman, Dr. Ashley Carse, Dr. Jyoti Gupta, and Dr. Stacy Curry-Johnson
Graduate Certificate in College Teaching, Center for Teaching
- M.A. Geography, University of Kentucky** 2018–2020
Committee: Dr. Matthew W. Wilson (chair), Dr. Jack Giesecking, and Dr. Matthew Zook
Graduate Certificate in Digital Mapping, New Maps Plus
- B.A. Anthropology and Geography, Syracuse University** 2012–2016
Renée Crown Honors Scholar, summa cum laude
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020-24 Research Assistant, Reparative Cities, Vanderbilt University
2021-22 GIS Specialist, Vanderbilt University
2018-20 Research Assistant, Mapshop, University of Kentucky
2015-16 GIS Intern, Syracuse Community Geography, Syracuse University

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- 2023-24 Nashville People's Budget Coalition
2020-24 Stand Up Nashville, Nashville, TN
2020-22 East Bank Working Group, Nashville, TN
2018-20 Neighborhoods in Transition Taskforce, Lexington, KY

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Barrett, Emily and Sara Safransky. 2024. "Reimagining the municipal economy: The emancipatory politics of the people's budget movement". *Urban Studies*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980241231439>
- Barrett, Emily and Sara Safransky. 2023. "Towards people's budgets: Public economic geography for movement building". *The Professional Geographer*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2023.2275307>
- Barrett, Emily. 2023. "Unseeing racism: Naming whiteness at the intersections of regimes of data and participation". *Planning Theory & Practice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14649357.2023.2279654>
- Barrett, Emily and Amber J. Bosse. 2022. "Community geography for precarious researchers: Examining the intricacies of mutually beneficial and co-produced knowledge". *GeoJournal*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10708-020-10358-2>

BOOK REVIEWS

Barrett, Emily. 2022. "The new urban ruins: Vacancy, urban politics and international experiments in the post-crisis city edited by Cian O'Callaghan and Cesare Di Felicianantonio". *Social & Cultural Geography*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2022.2114144>

Barrett, Emily. 2019. "Gay, Inc.: The non-profitization of queer politics by Myrl Beam". *Antipode*. Part of *Queer Geographies* book review symposium (organized by Jack Giesecking and Erin Clancy). <https://antipodeonline.org/2019/05/30/queer-geographies-symposium/>

PUBLIC PRESS

Barrett, Emily and Matthew W. Wilson. 2019. "Mapshop: Learning to map, mapping to Learn." *Living Maps Review*. No. 6. <http://livingmaps.review/journal/index.php/LMR/article/view/166>

IN PREPARATION

Barrett, Emily. "Budget mapping: A precise accounting of the racialized geographies of public goods in U.S. cities". *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

Henderson, Maya, Orozco, Amber, and Emily Barrett. "Doing community geography as graduate students". *Community geography: Engaged scholarship for a more just world*. Eds. Jerry Shannon, Colleen Hammelman, and Danny Block.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

RESEARCH AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Publishing Fellow
- 2024 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$23,230)
- 2020 AAG Digital Geographies Specialty Group (DGSG) Small Grant for Racial Justice in Digital Geographies (\$200)
- 2020 AAG Applied Geography Specialty Group research award (\$100)
- 2018 Research Fellowship, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky (\$16,650)

CONFERENCE & TRAVEL AWARDS

- 2019 Community Geography Conference Fellow (\$850)
- 2014 Clinton Small Harris Scholarship, Syracuse University (\$3,000)

TEACHING & SERVICE AWARDS

- 2023 Peabody Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) Small Grant, Vanderbilt University (\$500)
- 2019 Student Government Organizational Grant, co-grantee with E. Clancy, E. Sperandio, I. Spangler & O. Meyer, University of Kentucky (\$750)
- 2015 Mary-Ann Shaw Center for Leadership Intern Scholarship, Syracuse Community Geography, Syracuse University (\$1,000)

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2016 National Council for Geographic Education / American Association of Geographers Excellence of Scholarship Award
- 2016 Honorable Mention for Honor's Thesis in the Social Sciences Category (\$250)
- 2015 Undergraduate Anthropology Gordon Bowles Essay Writing Prize (\$100)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Expertise and ethics in community mapping”. Innovative and ethical practices and pedagogies in the social sciences: Geospatial data, validity and fairness, virtual conference. Presented with Dr. Matthew W. Wilson.
- 2023 “Contesting urban financialization: Organizing for community benefits and the rights of displaced tenants in Nashville, TN”. Urban Affairs Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.
- 2023 “Critical budget studies: Understanding people’s budgets through care and abolition.” Accounting for Space: Critical accounting / critical geography mini conference. Toronto, ON. Presented with Dr. Sara Safransky.
- 2023 “Code enforcement as policing”. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2022 “Pipelines, not pipe dreams: Examining financialization narratives and activist demands in Nashville, TN”. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, virtual meeting.
- 2021 “Reparative budgeting: A radical reconceptualization of value and care”. Negotiating Social Futures: The politics of land development and value capture during and after COVID-19, virtual workshop. Presented with Dr. Sara Safransky.
- 2021 “Examining uneven power relations in community-engaged GIS”. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, virtual meeting.
- 2020 “Doing critical GIS: Examining collaborative data practices for social justice in Lexington, KY”. Dimensions of Political Ecology, Lexington, KY
- 2019 “Participatory politics: Informing neighborhood housing strategies”. Workshop on Community Geography, Atlanta, GA

SESSION ORGANIZATION

- 2024 “Digital geographies of land justice”. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (session chair and co-organizer)
- 2023 “Financialization and the economics of gentrification”. Gentrification and displacement: An international dialogue, Boston University (session chair and co-organizer)
- 2022 “Data activism for social and environmental justice”. Department of Human and Organizational Development, Vanderbilt University (panel co-organizer)
- 2021 “A video lexicon for community geography”. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, virtual meeting (session co-organizer)
- 2020 “Power and positionality in community geography: An open discussion on the moments of success and failure in participatory research.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (panel co-organizer) *cancelled due to COVID
- 2020 “Community geography: Guided poster session.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (panel co-organizer) *cancelled due to COVID

PANELS

- 2022 “A public economic geography for the 21st century”. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, virtual meeting.
- 2021 “Digital and racial justice in digital geographies”. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, virtual meeting.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 “Syracuse’s historic water system 1892-1896: A lesson on the relevancy of archives”. ACC Meeting of the Minds Undergraduate Research Symposium, Syracuse, NY

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Nashville’s affordable housing crisis”. Psychobabble on WXNA Radio. [Podcast]. Presented with Diamond Bell, Stand Up Nashville.
- 2022 “Evictions in Davidson County”. Nashville Metro Government, Affordable Housing Committee. Presented with KT Wiley, with contributions from Action Research class.
- 2022 “Mapping affordable housing with community organizers”. Nashville Metro Government, Division of Affordable Housing. Presented with Isaac Swafford, Stand Up Nashville.
- 2021 “Many maps, few stories: Using GIS to identify vulnerable neighborhoods”. Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals, virtual conference. Keynote presentation with Dr. Matthew W. Wilson.
- 2021 “Trailblazing women at Vanderbilt University”, Student Center for Social Justice and Identity, Vanderbilt University (panelist).
- 2019 “Understanding transitions in Lexington, KY”. LFUCG Neighborhoods in Transition Taskforce, Lexington, KY. Presented with Dr. Matthew W. Wilson.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

WORKSHOPS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 2024 Mapping public land, housing and transit in Nashville, TN, Stand Up Nashville.
- 2023 QGIS workshop: Mapping prejudice in Nashville’s infrastructure, Vanderbilt University

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Small Group Behavior (includes qualitative methods), Vanderbilt University (7 semesters)
- Understanding Organizations, Vanderbilt University (2 semester)
- Digital Mapping, University of Kentucky (2 semesters)

MENTORSHIP

- 2024-25 Research assistant supervisor, Vanderbilt University
- 2022-23 Peer mentor, Vanderbilt University
- 2013-16 Peer advisor, College of Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “GIS and participatory mapping” in HOD 8810: Community Inquiry (Dr. Beth Shinn and Dr. Doug Perkins). Department of Human and Organizational Development, Vanderbilt University.
- 2023 “Evictions & right to counsel in Nashville, TN” in LAW 6879: Housing Law Clinic (Dr. Jennifer Prusak).
- 2022 “GIS and participatory mapping” in HOD 8810: Community Inquiry (Dr. Beth Shinn and Dr. Ashmeet Oberoi). Department of Human and Organizational Development, Vanderbilt University.
- 2022 “Affordable housing & evictions in Nashville, TN” in LAW 6879: Housing Law Clinic (Dr. Jennifer Prusak). Presented with Kay Bowers, NOAH. Vanderbilt University Law School.

2020 “Understanding affordable housing in Lexington, KY” in GEO 309: Introduction to GIS (Ian Spangler). Department of Geography, University of Kentucky.

SERVICE

AD HOC PEER REVIEWER

Planning, Theory and Practice
International Journal of Cartography
Cartography and Geographic Information Science
Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship
Journal of Community Psychology

EVENT ORGANIZING

2023 Create your own academic website: A professional development workshop.
Department of Human and Organizational Development, Vanderbilt University.
2019 Critical pedagogy and professional development workshop, Department of
Geography, University of Kentucky (event co-organizer)
2019 Undergraduate career night, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky
(event co-organizer)

DISCIPLINARY

2023-24 Student representative, AAG Digital Geographies Specialty Group
2020-21 Steering committee member, Community Geographies Collaborative
2018-20 Conference Volunteer, Dimensions of Political Ecology, University of Kentucky

DEPARTMENTAL

2021-22 CRA Graduate Student Association, Vanderbilt University
2019-20 Secretary, Geography Graduate Student Union, University of Kentucky
2018-19 Undergraduate Committee, University of Kentucky
2018-19 Treasurer, Geography Graduate Student Union, University of Kentucky
2015-16 President, Undergraduate Anthropology Club, Syracuse University

SOFTWARE SKILLS

QGIS, ArcGIS, Carto, Mapbox
Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
GitHub, MAXQDA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-18 Neighborhood Planner, Home Headquarters, Syracuse, NY
2016-17 AmeriCorps VISTA, Community Prosperity Initiative, Syracuse, NY
2015-16 Graphic Designer, Routledge Publishing, New York, NY

AFFILIATIONS

Association of American Geographers
Urban Affairs Association