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Education

Portland State University
Urban Studies, PhD (ABD), Spring 2023
Foci: mobility justice, queer mobility, travel behavior

University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
Master of Urban and Regional Studies, May 2015

Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
Bachelor of Science, August 2008
Major: Geography, Minor: Urban Studies

Awards and Scholarships

Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Graduate Fellowship, 2019/2020 (PSU)
National Institute for Transportation and Community Scholar, 2019/2020 (PSU)
National Institute for Transportation and Community Scholar, 2018/2019 (PSU)
National Institute for Transportation and Community Scholar, 2017/2018 (PSU)
Fully Funded Graduate Research Assistant (UNO, PSU)
Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geography Honors Society (ISU)
General Assembly Scholarship (ISU)

Academic Experience

Portland State University January 2021 to Current
Portland, Oregon, Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant
- Full-time student and graduate research assistant, worked under the direct supervision of Professor Marisa Zapata and as a teaching assistant under Professor Yu Xiao and Professor Yiping Fang.
- Performed academic research related to active transportation, travel behavior, micromobility, and transit-oriented development using GIS, literature review, statistical analysis, interviews, survey, and field work.
- Teaching assistant duties include grading, student support, classroom management, and project troubleshooting.
- BIPOC photo-voice transit study and homelessness sanitation report for Portland Mayor's Office.

Chinese University of Hong Kong July 2020 to December 2020
Hong Kong, Part-Time Research Assistant
- Developed and researched case studies on global smart cities to be used as teaching material for a new undergraduate class dedicated entirely to teaching students about smart city theory and history.
- Worked with Dr. Sylvia He sourced and secured production company contracts to develop an educational e-module video. Managed production budget, creative development, educational scriptwriting, and video production.

Portland State University September 2017 to June 2020
Portland, Oregon, Graduate Research Assistant
- Full-time student and graduate research assistant, worked under the direct supervision of Professor Jennifer Dill.
- Performed academic research related to active transportation, gender, e-scooter, and transit-oriented development using GIS, literature review, statistical analysis, interviews, survey, and field work.
- Occasionally performed teaching assistant duties, such as the Portland Traffic & Transportation course and ad hoc work around the Urban Studies and Planning Department.

Chinese University of Hong Kong

January 2016 to July 2017

Hong Kong, Teaching Assistant

- Developed tutorials and in-class activities to facilitate an interactive and stimulating learning classroom for undergraduate students to achieve course learning outcomes.
- Assisted professors with daily administrative and classroom duties to ensure a well-organized semester and positive learning environment for students.
- Assisted with transportation related research at the Institute of Future Cities and individual professors with a focus on sustainable transportation and gentrification.
- Contributed to the department's successful application to the Royal Town Planning Institute chartership.
- Organized a ten day international field trip to Seoul, South Korea for final year students' capstone project. Duties include: securing travel agency for daily operations, organizing daily educational activities with NGOs, universities, and local governments.

University of New Orleans Transportation Institute

May 2014 to May 2015

New Orleans, Louisiana, Graduate Research Assistant

- Aided professors with grant-funded transportation research covering topics such as alternative fuel use for public transit and liquefied natural gas for maritime use.
- Collected quantitative and qualitative data, researched academic literature, assisted with field work and developed researched back alternatives for reports.
- Occasionally performed teaching duties, public speaking, and event organizing.

Professional Experience

GCR, Inc

August 2013 to May 2014

New Orleans, Louisiana Intern

- Assisted urban planners with several transportation and community plans while starting my first year at UNO.
- Used GIS and spatial analysis to implement General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) for Jefferson Parish's transit system Jefferson Transit (JeT). Conducted fieldwork and ridership surveys for JeT.
- Conducted community outreach and interview efforts for local economic planning efforts.

Chicago Department of Transportation- Bicycle Program

March 2009 to September 2009

Chicago, Illinois, Bikeways Technician

- Worked as a Bikeways Technician and assisted with the planning of bikeways by assisting the engineering team with field surveys and analysis of current infrastructure conditions.
- Attended to abandon bicycles and assessed public bicycle parking.
- Assisted with traffic counts, conducted maintenance inspections of bikeways, and assisted with CDOT supported community outreach and advocacy events.

Chicago Transit Authority

June 2008 to December 2008

Chicago, Illinois, Intern

- As an intern helped managed the country's second largest bicycle-transit program, Bike and Ride.
- Assisted on several projects and advocacy initiatives to increase the bicycle friendliness and multimodal integration of CTA, including CTA's first high capacity bicycle parking.
- Managed and assessed bicycle parking at all CTA transit stations, rail yards, and bus terminals. This included community outreach and education events.

Publications

Articles

García, I., Albelson, M., **Puczkowskyj, N.**, Khan, S. M., & Fagundo-Ojeda, K. (2022). Harassment of low-income women on transit: A photovoice project in Oregon and Utah. *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment*, 112, 103466. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trd.2022.103466>

Sylvia He, Sui Tao, Yannie H.Y. Cheung, **Nicholas Puczkowskyj**, & Seli Lin. (2021). Transit-oriented development, perceived neighbourhood gentrification, and sense of community: A case study of Hong Kong. *Case Studies on Transport Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cstp.2021.02.010>

Minju Kim, **Nicholas Puczkowskyj**, John MacArthur, and Jennifer Dill. (2022). **Perspectives on E-scooters Use: A Multi-year Cross-sectional Approach to Understanding E-scooter Travel Behavior in Portland, Oregon.** *Transportation Research Part A.* (edits)

Conference Papers

Nicholas Puczkowskyj, Minju Kim, John MacArthur, and Jennifer Dill. (2021). *The Perspectives of E-scooters Use: A Longitudinal Approach to Understanding E-scooter Travel Behavior in Portland, Oregon.* (No. TRBAM-21-02645).

Reports

Marisa Zapata, Toddy Ferry, Jacen Greene, Lisa Hawash, & **Nicholas Puczkowskyj**. (2022) *Hygiene, Storage, and Waste Management for the Unsheltered Community: Gaps & Opportunities Analysis.* Portland State University. Portland, OR. ([Link](#))

John Renne, James R. Amdal, Vivek Shah, Kim Mosby, & **Nick Puczkowskyj**. (2014). *Alternative Fuels Assessment Capital Area Transit System, Baton Rouge, LA.* Baton Rouge, LA.

Teaching

Portland State University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

GIS for Community Development

GIS for Planners (Graduate)

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Teaching Assistant with Discussion Sections

Introduction to Urban Studies

Urban Sustainability

Urban Design and Place Making

Sustainable Urban Transport

Urban Economics

Field Trips

2017 Seoul, South Korea

Guest Lectures and Talks

2021, March, panelist, Theory and Practice of Smart Cities, Chinese University of Hong Kong

2021, March, guest lecture, Micromobility, Theory and Practice of Smart Cities, Chinese University of Hong Kong

2021, March, guest lecture, Gentrification in Hong Kong, City II, Tulane University,

2016, August, panel moderator and organizer, Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Technical Skills

ArcMap, QGIS, R Studio, Microsoft Office, Atlas.ti, public speaking, survey, interviewing

Professional Activities and Service

Portland State University President Search Committee

June 2022 to current

Portland, Oregon, Board member

-Selected by the current university board to collectively work with a diverse body representing the university to assist with the search for a new university president.

Central City in Motion Working Group

April 2022 to current

Portland, Oregon, Board member

-I contribute to this citizens working group that provided strategic advice to the Portland Bureau of Transportation Director and projects to help guide transportation projects in central Portland.

Graduate Employees Union of Portland State University, AFT Local 6666

September 2017 to June 2021

Portland, Oregon, President

- As President, developed solidarity and union identity by creating a strong union culture and presence on campus.
- Organized union members and the bargaining unit through educational campaigns, outreach, and social activities.
- Coordinated with fellow academic unions AAUP, SEIU, and ASUP to build cross-union solidarity and mutual aid.
- As a bargaining team lead, collectively negotiated a new contract extension with Portland State University administration; secured higher wages, fee elimination, and improved working conditions.
- Developed new institutional structures and expectations for governance with the union leadership board.

Institute of Transportation Engineers- Students in Transportation Engineering & Planning April 2019 to June 2020
Portland, Oregon, President

- As president, work with the board to build community and camaraderie amongst transportation students at Portland State University.
- Collectively develop programming, enrichment programs, outings, and distribute conference funding to all students who are interested in transportation and transportation related topics.

American Planning Association August 2013 to January 2017
New Orleans, Louisiana

- Active member and APA Planning Student Organization Representative during graduate school at UNO.

Chicago CMWC 2012 September 2010 to August 2012
Chicago, Illinois

- As a board member hosted the annual Cycling Messenger World Championships.
- Worked closely with the board, sponsors, city officials, and the messenger/bicycle community to organize a large week long international cycling event.
- Primary duties included; fundraising events, organizing sponsorships, event management, procurement of event space and liaison to the City of Chicago and Soldier Field Stadium.

Professional Societies Memberships

- American Association of Geographers