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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

City University of New York, New York, NY
Department of Sociology, Assistant Professor, CUNY Queens College 2023 – present
Faculty Member, CUNY Graduate Center 2025 – present
Faculty Affiliate, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research 2025 – present

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 2020 - 2023
School of Public and International Affairs, Postdoctoral Research Associate

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Ph.D in Sociology (Advisors: Kathryn Edin, Stefanie DeLuca) 2020
M.A. in Sociology 2017

Columbia University, New York, NY
M.A., International Educational Development 2015

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
B.A., Art, Art History 2007

BOOK

Jang-Trettien, Christine. Speculating Inequality: Real Estate Investments in Racially-Segregated Baltimore (under contract with Oxford University Press)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Bolger, Daniel, Kathryn Edin, Tim Nelson, **Christine Jang-Trettien**. “The Epidemic of Pain and the Making of Disability Assistance Clusters.” Accepted at *Social Problems*

Reina, Vincent, Katherine O'Regan, **Christine Jang-Trettien**, Haydar Kurban. 2025. “Expanding Access to Rental Assistance: What Do We Know and Where Do We Go From Here?” *Housing Policy Debate*
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2025.2479468>

Jang-Trettien, Christine. 2024. “Concealed Exchanges: Relational Work in Racially-Segregated Housing Markets.” *Social Forces* 103(2):802-820 <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soae082>

- Interviewed by *Washington Post*, *Rolling Stone Magazine*, [Shelterforce](#)

Jang-Trettien, Christine and Daniel Bolger. 2024. “Racialized Administrative Burden in Disability Assistance Programs in Two Rural Counties.” *Social Service Review* 98(3):446-481
<https://doi.org/10.1086/730819>

- Outstanding Publication Award, American Sociological Association (ASA) Disability in Society Section, Honorable Mention (2025)

Gomory, Henry, Andrew Messamore, **Christine Jang-Trettien**, and Philip Garboden. 2024. "Beyond Scale: Legal, Organizational, and Economic Factors that Shape Landlord Behaviors and Tenant Housing Experiences." *Journal of Urban Affairs* <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2024.2427632>

Jang-Trettien, Christine. 2022. "House of Cards: Informal Housing Markets and Precarious Pathways to Homeownership in Baltimore." *Social Problems* 69(4):928-951 <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spab004>

- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association (ASA) Community and Urban Sociology Section, Honorable Mention (2019)

DeLuca, Stefanie and **Christine Jang-Trettien**. 2020. "Not Just a Lateral Move": Residential Decisions and the Reproduction of Urban Inequality." *City & Community* 19(3):451-488 <https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12515>

Garboden, Philip ME and **Christine Jang-Trettien**. 2020. "There's Money to Be Made in Community: Real Estate Developers, Community Organizing, and Profit-making in a Shrinking City." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 42(3):414-434 <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2018.1465346>

- 2021 Best Article in the *Journal of Urban Affairs* Award, Urban Affairs Association (2021)

IN PROGRESS

Jang-Trettien, Christine. "Racialized Circuits: Currencies, Logic and Routines within Housing Markets in Baltimore" (R&R at *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*)

- Media coverage in [Marketplace](#)

Bolger, Daniel, Kathryn Edin, Tim Nelson, **Christine Jang-Trettien**. "The Crisis of Pain" (Under Review at *Social Forces*)

Max Besbris, Anna Rhodes and **Christine Jang-Trettien**. "Returning to Risk: Residential Immobility and Climate Change Beliefs after Hurricane Harvey" (In Progress)

Jang-Trettien, Christine, Kathryn Edin, Tim Nelson, Daniel Bolger. "The Economy of Pain" (In Progress)

OTHER WRITING

Book Chapter

Cornelissen, Sharon and **Christine Jang-Trettien**. 2023. "Housing Amidst Urban Decline." Chapter in the book manuscript *Sociology of Housing*, edited by Eva Rosen and Brian McCabe. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

- Media Coverage in [HUD Edge](#)

Reports

Cornelissen, Sharon and **Christine Jang-Trettien**. "How Does Decline Impact Housing Today? Issues and Questions for a Housing Agenda." Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies <https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/blog/sociology-housing-how-homes-shape-our-social-lives>

Christine Jang-Trettien, Daniel Bolger, Emily Miller, Ryan Parsons, and Kathryn Edin. “Place and Disability Program Enrollment: Comparing Two Rural Counties.” Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin

Book Review

Jang-Trettien, Christine. 2024. Review of “Before Gentrification: The Creation of DC’s Racial Wealth Gap” By Tanya Maria Golash-Boza. *Social Forces*

Jang-Trettien, Christine. 2025. Review of “From Chinatown to Everytown: How Chinese Immigrants have Expanded the Restaurant Business in the United States” By Zai Liang. *Contemporary Sociology*

Jang-Trettien, Christine. 2023. Review of “Stacked Decks: Building Inspectors and the Reproduction of Urban Inequality” by Robin Bartram. *Social Forces*

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2026 CUNY Faculty Fellowship Publication Program
- 2025 Disability in Society Section Outstanding Publication Award, Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association
- 2021 2021 Best Article in the *Journal of Urban Affairs* Award, Urban Affairs Association
- 2019 Community and Urban Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorary Mention, American Sociological Association
- 2015 Johns Hopkins University Gilman Fellowship

GRANTS

External

- 2022 University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty. “The Shifting Safety Net: The Role of Disability Insurance Programs in Household Budgets, Dynamics, and the Broader Community.” (Principal Investigator, with Kathryn Edin, Dan Bolger, Ryan Parsons) (\$45,000)
- 2016-2019 Annie E. Casey Foundation / JHU Office of the President. Who is Moving In? Understanding the Process of Neighborhood Revitalization in Baltimore. (Principal Investigator, with Kathryn Edin, Stefanie DeLuca, Philip Garboden) (\$839,429)

Internal

- 2025 Queens College Research Enhancement Grant (\$5,000)
- 2025 CUNY Book Completion Award (\$7,500)
- 2025 PSC-CUNY Research Award (\$3,491)
- 2025 Dean’s Research Grant (\$5,000)
- 2024 PSC-CUNY Research Award (\$5,762)
- 2012 *Teachers College, Columbia University* Teachers College Minority Scholarship (\$7,000)
- 2007 *Indiana University* Hutton Honors College Creative Activities Grant (\$3,000)
- 2007 *Indiana University* Hutton Honors College Research Grant (\$3,000)
- 2006 *Indiana University* Harry Engel Scholarship
- 2006 *Indiana University* Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Grant (\$3,000)

PRESENTATIONS (* Invited)

“Returning to Risk”

- 2025 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Regular Session. Chicago, IL
- “The Epidemic of Pain”
- 2024 APPAM, Annual Meeting, Panel Paper. Washington D.C.
American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Regular Session. Montreal, Canada
- “Racialized Administrative Burden”
- 2024 APPAM, Annual Meeting, Panel Paper. Washington D.C.
2023 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Regular Session. Philadelphia, PA
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD
- “Racialized Circuits in Segregated Markets”
- 2023 Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Annual Meeting, Paper Session, Chicago, IL
American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Regular Session. Philadelphia, PA
Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN
2022 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Economic Racism, Ethnic Chauvinism, Racial Capitalism Mini-Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- “Obfuscated Relational Work”
- 2023 Hunter College, City University of New York, Department of Sociology, New York, NY*
Queens College, City University of New York, Department of Sociology, New York, NY*
Georgia Institute of Technology, School of City and Regional Planning, Atlanta, GA*
University of North Carolina, Department of City and Regional Planning, Chapel Hill, NC*
2022 American University, Department of Sociology. Washington D.C.*
University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning. Vancouver, BC*
Marquette University, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences. Milwaukee, WI*
University of Florida, Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Gainesville, FL*
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Community & Environmental Sociology. Madison, WI*
2021 Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Virtual*
Virginia Tech, Urban Affairs and Planning. Blacksburg, VA*
Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Sociology. Virtual*
2019 Georgetown University, Sociology of Housing Conference. Washington D.C.*
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA
- “Homebuyers in Informal Housing Markets”
- 2020 Harvard University, Contemporary Ethnography and Inequality Workshop. Virtual*
2019 Community & Urban Sociology, Pre-Conference, New York University. New York, NY
2018 Princeton University, Princeton Housing Conference. Princeton, NJ*
2017 Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session. Montreal, Canada
- “There’s Money to be Made in Community”
- 2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session. Seattle, WA
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston, MA

Other

- 2024 Panelist, HUD “Next Generation of Housing Policy Roundtable,” Washington D.C.*
- 2023 Discussant, Harvard University Sociology Climate Pipeline Conference. Cambridge, MA*
- 2022 Critic, “Featured Author Meets Critics Session: Detroit Story by Claire Herbert,” Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Creating Moves to Opportunity, Seattle and King County, WA
 Project Manager for the Family Cohort Study

- PIs: Raj Chetty (Harvard University), Stefanie DeLuca (Johns Hopkins University), Nathaniel Hendren (Harvard University), Lawrence Katz (Harvard University), Christopher Palmer (MIT), Peter Bergman (Teachers College, Columbia University)
- Conducted in-depth interviews with program participants about residential history, family history, household income, and program experiences
- Managed a large team of undergraduate and graduate researchers from both Johns Hopkins University and University of Washington

Who’s Moving In?, Baltimore, MD
 Project Director & Co-PI

- PIs: Kathryn Edin (Princeton University), Stefanie DeLuca (Johns Hopkins University), Philip Garboden (Johns Hopkins University), Christine Jang-Trettien (Johns Hopkins University)
- Conducted in-depth interviews about residential history, family history, household income, and perception of neighborhood change
- Managed and trained a large team of undergraduate and graduate researchers in the field for four years

Understanding Communities of Deep Disadvantage
 Project Manager & Fieldworker

- PIs: Kathryn Edin (Princeton University) and H. Luke Shaefer (University of Michigan)
- Conducted in-depth interviews about family support, household consumption and expenditures, and community engagement in Zavala County, Texas, and Clay County, Kentucky

TEACHING

Department of Sociology, CUNY Queens College

Assistant Professor

Race and Ethnicity (Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

Research Methods (Spring 2024, Fall 2025)

Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University

Co-Instructor (with Stefanie DeLuca)

In Our Backyard: Housing and Community Change in Baltimore (Spring 2018)

Guest Lectures

Rutgers University, School of Planning and Public Policy. New Brunswick, NJ (October 2022)

Johns Hopkins University, Introduction to Sociology, Virtual (October 2022)

Princeton University, Topics in Policy Analysis: Poverty and Social Policy, Princeton, NJ (February 2023, November 2024)

Jackson State University, Department of Public Policy & Administration, Jackson, MS (May 2023)

SERVICES

American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting

2020 Section Session Organizer, “Theorizing the Renters and Rental Housing in the United States”

2022 Section Session Organizer, “Homelessness, Unsheltered Populations, and Housing Precarity”

2024 Inequality, Poverty and Mobility’s (IPM) Devah Pager Outstanding Article Award Committee

2025 Regular Session Organizer, “Housing / Housing Policy”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

Eastern Sociological Society

Urban Affairs Association

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)