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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Oregon, 1997.

- Dissertation: "Contested Terrain: Downtown Redevelopment, Industrial Displacement, and Regime Change in Chicago, 1955-1996." Committee: Gerald Berk, Chair; Daniel Goldrich; Richard Kraus; Quintard Taylor.
- Examination Fields: American Government (primary); Comparative Politics (secondary).

M.S. Political Science, University of Oregon, 1992.

B.A. Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1983.

Employment

- Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2020-present.
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2007-present.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2001-2007.
- Director, Urban Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2015-present.
- Director, Center for Economic Development, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2007-2015 and 2018-present.
- Research Associate, Center for Neighborhood Technology, Chicago, IL, 1997-2001.
- Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Oregon, 1995.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon, Department of Political Science, 1990-1993.
- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oregon, Department of Political Science, 1993-1994.

Books

Rast, J. 2019. *The Origins of the Dual City: Housing, Race, and Redevelopment in Twentieth-Century Chicago*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Rast, J. 1999. *Remaking Chicago: The Political Origins of Urban Industrial Change*. DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press.

- Runner-up, Lewis Mumford Award, Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 1999.

Refereed Articles

Rast, J. 2022. "Urban Political Development and the Social Construction of Interests: The Case of Chicago's Dearborn Park." *Urban Affairs Review* 58: 1207-1233.

Rast, J. 2015. "Urban Regime Theory and the Problem of Change." *Urban Affairs Review* 51: 138-149.

Rast, J. 2012. "Why History (Still) Matters: Time and Temporality in Urban Political Analysis." *Urban Affairs Review* 48: 3-36.

Rast, J. 2011. "Creating a Unified Business Elite: The Origins of the Chicago Central Area Committee." *Journal of Urban History* 37: 583-605.

Rast, J. 2009. "Critical Junctures, Long-Term Processes: Urban Redevelopment in Chicago and Milwaukee, 1946-1980." *Social Science History* 33: 393-426.

Rast, J. 2009. "Regime Building, Institution Building: Urban Renewal Policy in Chicago, 1946-1962." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 31: 173-194.

Rast, J. 2007. "Annexation Policy in Milwaukee: An Historical Institutional Approach." *Polity* 39: 55-78.

Rast, J. 2006. "Governing the Regimeless City: The Frank Zeidler Administration in Milwaukee, 1948-1960." *Urban Affairs Review* 42: 81-112.

Rast, J., and Carlson, V. 2006. "When Boeing Landed in Chicago: Lessons for Regional Economic Development." *State and Local Government Review* 38: 1-11.

Rast, J. 2006. "Environmental Justice and the New Regionalism." *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 25: 249-263.

Rast, J. 2005. "The Politics of Alternative Economic Development: Revisiting the Stone-Imbroscio Debate." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 27: 53-69.

Rast, J. 2001. "Manufacturing Industrial Decline: The Politics of Economic Change in Chicago, 1955-1998." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 23: 175-190.

- Finalist, Best Paper Award, Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, 2000.

Non-Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

Rast, J. 2020. "How Policy Paradigms Change: Lessons from Chicago's Urban Renewal Program," in Richardson Dilworth and Timothy P. R. Weaver, eds., *How Ideas Shape Urban Political Development*, 21-33, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Rast, J. 2012. "The Promises and Pitfalls of Planned Manufacturing Districts: Lessons from Chicago." *Progressive Planning* (winter): 21-23.

Book Reviews

Rast, J. 2019. Review of Timothy P. R. Weaver, *Blazing the Neoliberal Trail: Urban Political Development in the United States and the United Kingdom* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016). In *Journal of Urban Affairs* 41: 734-735.

Rast, J. 2005. Review of Douglas W. Rae, *City: Urbanism and Its End* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003). In *Urban Geography* 26: 278-280.

Policy Papers and Technical Reports

Osutei, N., and J. Rast. 2024. "Unequal Landscapes: Race, Ethnicity, and Environmental Equity in Metro Milwaukee." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2020. "Milwaukee's Coronavirus Racial Divide: A Report on the Early Stages of COVID-19 Spread in Milwaukee County." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2018. "JobLines: An Analysis of Milwaukee County Transit System Routes 6 and 61." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2015. "Public Transit and Access to Jobs in the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area, 2001-2014." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2012. "Preserving Our Industrial Land: Industrial Zoning in Milwaukee, 1998-2011." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2011. "An Analysis of the Impact of Proposed 2012 Milwaukee County Transit Service Reductions on Access to Employment." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2010. "The Economic State of Milwaukee, 1990-2008." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2010. "An Analysis of the Impact of Proposed 2011 Milwaukee County Transit Service Reductions on Access to Employment." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2008. "Out of Service: The Impact of Transit Cuts on Access to Jobs in Metropolitan Milwaukee." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast J. 2005. "Curbing Industrial Decline or Thwarting Redevelopment? An Evaluation of Chicago's Clybourn Corridor, Goose Island, and Elston Corridor Planned Manufacturing Districts." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2004. "Transportation Equity and Access to Jobs in Metropolitan Milwaukee." University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for Economic Development.

Rast, J. 2001. "Back to the Future: (Re)integrating Freight Transportation and Land Use in the Chicago Region." Chicago: Center for Neighborhood Technology.

U.S. Department of Transportation. 2000. *Transportation and Environmental Justice: Case Studies*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Transportation (co-authored with the Louis Berger Group under contract with the U.S. Department of Transportation).

Rast, J. 1999. "Building on the Basics: Economic Development Strategies for South Suburban Cook County." Chicago: Center for Neighborhood Technology.

Rast, J. 1999. "The Port of Chicago: Economic Engine or Missed Opportunity?" Chicago: Center for Neighborhood Technology.

Rast, J. 1998. "Intermodal Freight Transportation in the Chicago Metropolitan Area: Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Development." Chicago: Center for Neighborhood Technology.

Grants and Contracts

Ozaukee County Economic Development Council, FY 2024-25 thru FY 2027-28 (\$356,564).
Project title: Ozaukee County Economic Development Council Technical Assistance. (Principal Investigator)

U.S. Department of Education, FY 2022-23 thru FY 2024-25 (\$350,000). Project title: A Research-Based Approach to Enhance Understanding of Racial and Economic Inequity in Milwaukee. (Principal Investigator)

Ozaukee County Economic Development Council, FY 2021-22 thru FY 2023-24 (\$323,900).
Project title: Ozaukee County Economic Development Council Technical Assistance. (Principal Investigator)

Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce, FY 2021-22 (\$20,356). Project title: A Report on the State of Veterans in Wisconsin. (Co-Principal Investigator)

Milwaukee Environmental Consortium, FY 2018-19 (\$29,775). Project title: Pathways to Employment in a Water-Centric City. (Co-Principal Investigator)

Ozaukee County Economic Development Council, FY 2018-19 thru FY 2020-21 (\$316,000).
Project title: Ozaukee County Economic Development Council Technical Assistance. (Principal Investigator)

Milwaukee County Transit System, FY 2017-18 (\$17,840). Project title: Economic Impact Analysis of Milwaukee County Transit System JobLines. (Principal Investigator)

UWM Research Growth Initiative, FY 2016-17 (\$38,939). Project title: The Dual City: Policy Paradigms and Housing Reform in Twentieth Century Chicago. (Principal Investigator)

Burleigh Street Community Development Corporation, FY 2014-15 (\$6,000). Project title: Socio-Economic Impact Analysis of the Sherman Theater. (Co-Principal Investigator)

Wisconsin Voices, FY 2013-14 (\$35,000). Project title: Economic Analysis of Milwaukee Metropolitan Area. (Co-Principal Investigator)

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, FY 2012-13 (\$42,852). Project title: Socioeconomic Analysis of the Preliminary Regional Housing Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region. (Co-Principal Investigator)

Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District, FY 2011-12 (\$44,588). Project title: Impact of Green Infrastructure on Property Values within the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District Planning Area. (Co-Principal Investigator)

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, FY 2009-10 (\$34,989). Project title: Socioeconomic Analysis of the Preliminary Recommended Regional Water Supply Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region. (Principal Investigator)

UWM Research Growth Initiative, FY 2007-08 (\$14,154). Project title: Urban Redevelopment and Machine Building in Postwar Chicago: An Institutionalist Perspective. (Principal Investigator)

UWM Graduate School Research Committee Award, FY 2004-05 (\$12,934). Project title: Curbing Industrial Decline or Thwarting Redevelopment? An Evaluation of Chicago's Clybourn Corridor, Goose Island, and Elston Corridor Planned Manufacturing Districts. (Principal Investigator)

University of Oregon Doctoral Research Fellowship, 1995-96 (\$12,000).

Conference Presentations

Rast, J. 2024. "Racial Governance in Postwar Chicago: A Multiple Orders Perspective." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, New York City, April 2024.

Rast, J. 2023. "Racial Governance in Postwar Chicago: A Multiple Orders Perspective." Presented at Social Science History Association annual conference, Washington, DC, November 2023.

Rast, J. 2023. "Progressive Policy and Policy Drift: The Cautionary Tale of Chicago's Planned Manufacturing Districts." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Nashville, TN, April 2023.

Rast, J. 2019. "Urban Political Development and the Social Construction of Interests." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 2019.

Rast, J. 2018. "Ideas, Interests, and Paradigm Change: Lessons from Chicago's Urban Renewal Program." Presented at Social Science History Association annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 2018.

Rast, J. 2017. "How Policy Paradigms Change: Lessons from Chicago's Urban Renewal Program." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN, April 2017.

Rast, J. 2014. "Privatism and Housing Reform in Early Twentieth Century Chicago." Presented at European Social Science History conference, Vienna, Austria, April 2014.

Rast, J. 2014. "How Policy Paradigms Change: Housing Reform in Chicago, 1930-1947." Presented at American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, August 2014.

Rast, J. 2013. "Housing Reform in the Private City: Lessons from Chicago." Presented at Society for American City and Regional Planning History conference, Toronto, ON, October 2013.

Rast, J. 2013. "Housing Reform in the Private City: Lessons from Chicago." Presented at American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2013.

Rast, J. 2012. "Critical Antecedents of Postwar Urban Redevelopment: Lessons from Chicago." Presented at Social Science History Association annual meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 2012.

Rast, J. 2012. "How Urban Governing Arrangements Evolve: Lessons from Postwar Chicago." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2012.

Rast, J. 2011. "Why History (Still) Matters: Time and Temporality in Urban Political Analysis." Presented at European Urban Research Association conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 2011.

Rast, J. 2009. "Urban Redevelopment in Chicago and Milwaukee: A Path-Dependence Perspective." Presented at Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

Rast, J. 2009. "Creating a Unified Business Elite: The Origins of the Chicago Central Area Committee." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2009.

Rast, J. 2008. "Critical Junctures, Long-Term Processes: Urban Redevelopment in Chicago and Milwaukee, 1946-1980." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, April 2008.

Rast, J. 2007. "Urban Redevelopment and Machine Building in Postwar Chicago: An Institutional Perspective." Presented at Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2007.

Rast, J. 2007. "Why History (Still) Matters: Reconnecting to the Discipline through Historical Institutionalism." Presented at American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2007.

Rast, J. 2007. "Urban Redevelopment and Machine Building in Postwar Chicago: An Institutional Perspective." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2007.

Rast, J. 2006. "Annexation Policy in Milwaukee: An Historical Institutional Approach." Presented at Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

Rast, J. 2006. "Annexation Policy in Milwaukee: An Historical Institutional Approach." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Montreal, Canada, April 2006.

Rast, J. 2005. "Governing the Regimeless City: The Frank Zeidler Administration in Milwaukee, 1948-1960." Presented at Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

Rast, J. 2005. "Governing the Regimeless City: The Frank Zeidler Administration in Milwaukee, 1948-1960." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2005.

Rast, J. 2005. "The Politics of Alternative Economic Development: Revisiting the Stone-Imbroscio Debate." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2005.

Rast, J. 2005. "Transportation Equity and Access to Jobs in Metropolitan Milwaukee." Presented at Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

Rast, J., and Carlson, V. 2004. "When Boeing Landed in Chicago: Lessons for Regional Economic Development." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, March 2004.

Rast, J., and Carlson, V. 2004. "When Boeing Landed in Chicago: Lessons for Regional Economic Development." Presented at Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, April 2004.

Rast, J. 2003. "Environmental Justice and the New Regionalism." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Cleveland, OH, March 2003.

Rast, J. 2002. "Urban Sprawl and the 'Smart Growth' Machine: Lessons from Chicago." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Boston, MA, March 2002.

Rast, J. 2000. "Manufacturing Industrial Decline: Urban Economic Development and Regime Change in Chicago, 1955-1998." Presented at Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, May 2000.

Rast, J. 1999. "Building on the Basics: Economic Development Strategies for South Suburban Cook County." Presented at Midwest Conference on Public Transportation Research, Chicago, IL, June 1999.

Awards and Distinctions

Finalist, Best Paper Award, Urban Affairs Association annual meeting, 2000.

Runner Up, 1999 Lewis Mumford Book Award, Society for American City and Regional Planning History (for *Remaking Chicago*).

Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon, 1990-1994.

Invited Talks and Public Presentations

"The Origins of the Dual City: Housing, Race, and Redevelopment in Twentieth-Century Chicago." University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, February 2020.

"The Economic State of Milwaukee." Presentation to Milwaukee Common Council, February 2011.

Featured speaker, Henry Maier Summit on Transportation in Southeastern Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, November 2010.

"Downtown Redevelopment and Industrial Change in Postwar Chicago." Workshop held by the UWM Center for Canadian-American Policy Studies, Milwaukee, WI, February 2002.

"Downtown Redevelopment and Industrial Displacement in Chicago, 1955-1998." Presentation to Phi Lambda Alpha, Chicago, IL, February 2000.

Plenary Speaker, University of Illinois Eighth Annual Great Cities Winter Forum, Chicago, IL, December 2000.

Courses Taught

Political Science 213: Urban Government and Politics.

Political Science 216: Environmental Politics.

Political Science 913: Urban Political Process.

Political Science 914: Seminar in Intergovernmental Relations.

Urban Studies 921: Research Methods in Urban Studies.

Urban Studies 911: Urban Development and Redevelopment.

Graduate Work Supervised

Kostyn Tyksinski, "Locust Street in Riverwest: How Do Commercial Stakeholders Perceive Locust Street?" (master's paper, Urban Studies, 2020).

Stephanie Harling, "A Case Study of Citizen Participatory Planning within the Milwaukee Choice Neighborhood Initiative." (master's thesis, Urban Studies, 2020).

Robert Machado, "Milwaukee's Dual Approach to Neoliberal Growth." (master's paper, Political Science, 2020).

Paul Davidson, "Foxconn and its \$4.5 Billion Incentive Package: An Economic Development Conflict Analysis" (master's paper, Urban Studies, 2019).

Kari Smith, "Sheltering Opportunity: City Planning and Housing in Chicago, 1909-1941" (PhD diss., Urban Studies, 2018).

Nick DeMarsh, "Resourcing Communities in a Neo-Liberal, Climate Changed World: A Triple Bottom Line Analysis of Urban Agriculture in Milwaukee" (master's paper, Urban Studies, 2017).

Sierra Starner-Heffron, "Get a Lot for Less: Case Study Evaluating the \$1 Vacant Lot Program in Milwaukee's 15th Aldermanic District" (master's thesis, Urban Studies, 2016).

Jennifer Weber, "Gentrification Rhetoric in the Digital Age: Portrayals of Gentrification in Chicago's Pilsen Neighborhood" (master's paper, Urban Studies, 2014).

Connor Broderick, "Miller Park: An Economic Development Project" (master's paper, Urban Studies, 2014).

Jennifer Wuest, "Wisconsin Works (W-2) Employment Outcomes: An Evaluation of the Effects of Contract Changes in Milwaukee County" (master's paper, Urban Studies, 2014).

Benjamin Schmidt, “‘It Can Be Done’ Better: Regimeless Milwaukee and the Success of Ad Hoc Coalitions” (master’s paper, Political Science, 2011)

Andrew Krystowiak, “Shifting Gears: Changing Urban Transportation Policy in Milwaukee Despite the Existing Power Structure, 1943-2010” (master’s paper, Urban Studies, 2011).

Brittany Rosales, “Urban Education Reform: A Regime Perspective of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program” (master’s thesis, Political Science, 2009).

Therese Fitzpatrick, “Whose Dream is it Anyway? The Creation of Community in a Traditional Neighborhood Development” (Ph.D. diss., Urban Studies, 2008).

Matthew Wagner, “Black Entrepreneurship: What Makes Some Cities Excel while Others Fail?” (Ph.D. diss., Urban Studies, 2008).

Christopher Grandt, “Conflicts and Challenges in a Collaborative Urban Neighborhood Development Planning Process” (master’s paper, Urban Studies, 2008).

Elizabeth Moen, “Combating the Growth Machine: A Case Study of the Redevelopment of Milwaukee’s Park East Corridor and the Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition” (master’s thesis, Urban Studies, 2008).

Leslie Silletti, “The February 2000 U.S. Leather Shutdown and Its Effects on the Employees of Pfister & Vogel and A. L. Gebhardt Tanneries” (master’s thesis, Urban Studies, 2006).

Kristi Luzar, “Removing the Roadblocks to Neighborhood Revitalization: A Survey of Milwaukee’s Approach to Residential Vacant and Abandoned Properties” (master’s paper, Urban Studies, 2006).

Bethany Poprocky, “Milwaukee’s Public Housing Puzzle: Applying Urban Regime Theory to Explain Public Housing Failure during the Frank Zeidler Administration, 1948-1960” (master’s paper, Urban Studies, 2006).

Kristin Stieger, “The Norquist Regime and the Redevelopment of Milwaukee’s Menomonee Valley, 1988-2003” (master’s paper, Urban Studies, 2006).

Jennifer Jahnke, “An Evaluation of the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office Southside Community Prosecution Unit” (master’s paper, Urban Studies, 2004).

George Papakis, “Athens: A Globalizing City?” (master’s paper, Urban Studies, 2003).

University Service

College of Letters and Science, Divisional Committee, Social Sciences, 2014-17 (chair, 2016/17).
Student Affairs Committee (chair), Urban Studies, 2012-2014.

Graduate Research Committee, 2008-2010.
 Internship Coordinator, Political Science, 2002-2019.
 Undergraduate committee, Political Science, 2002-2007.
 Political Science Department liaison, ACCESS-ed Project, 2006-2007.
 Steering Committee, Urban Studies, 2003-2007.
 Student Affairs Committee, Urban Studies, 2006-2012.
 Lectures Committee (chair), Urban Studies, 2004-2006.
 Community Advisory Committee, Urban Studies, 2002-2003.

Service to the Discipline

Charles E. Merriam Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2022-23.
 Best Dissertation Committee, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2010-11.
 Executive Committee, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2007-09.

Community Service

Member, City of Milwaukee Pay Equity Task Force, 2006-07.
 Member, Planning Group on Public Involvement and Environmental Justice in Regional Transportation Planning for Southeastern Wisconsin, 2005-2007.
 Member, Chicago Area Transportation Study Intermodal Advisory Task Force, 1998-2001.

Editorial Activities

Editorial Board, *Dialogues in Urban Research*, 2021-present.

Journal reviewer: *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Urban Studies*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *State and Local Government Review*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, *Journal of the Community Development Society*, *International Journal of Public Administration*.

Manuscript reviewer: University of Chicago Press, Cornell University Press, Stanford University Press, University Press of Kansas, Northern Illinois University Press, SUNY Press.

Memberships

Urban Affairs Association
 Social Science History Association