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Academic Appointments

- 2025 – present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University.
- 2023 – 2025 Postdoctoral Scholar in Urban and Environmental Studies, Department of Sociology and Department of Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Education

- 2023 Ph.D., Sociology, Northeastern University (Boston, MA)
- 2017 M.A., Sociology, Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)
 Minor in Research Methodology
- 2014 B.A., Economics, Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA)
 Minor in Mathematics

Research and Teaching Interests

Environmental Sociology, Urban and Rural Sociology, Political Sociology, Urbanization, Infrastructure, Spatial Data Science, Comparative Historical Methods

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 Shatkin, Gavin, **Taylor Harris Braswell**, and Melinda Martinus. "[Mapping and the politics of informality in Jakarta.](#)" *Urban Geography*.
- 2022 Braswell, Taylor Harris. "[Extended spaces of environmental injustice: Hydrocarbon pipelines in the age of planetary urbanization.](#)" *Social Forces*.

- 2020 Thombs, Ryan, Dennis L. Thombs, Andrew K Jorgenson, and **Taylor Harris Braswell**. [“What is Driving the Drug Overdose Epidemic in the United States?”](#) *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- 2020 Prener, Christopher G., **Taylor Harris Braswell**, and Daniel J. Monti. [“St. Louis’s ‘urban prairie’: Vacant land and the potential for revitalization.”](#) *Journal of Urban Affairs* special issue on shrinking cities.
- 2018 Braswell, Taylor Harris. [“Fresh food, new faces: community gardening as ecological gentrification in St. Louis, Missouri.”](#) *Agriculture and Human Values*.

Invited Book Reviews

- 2022 *How Green Became Good: Urbanized Nature and the Making of Cities and Citizens*, Hillary Angelo. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. *Urban Studies*.

Presentations

Conference Presentations

- 2024 Braswell, Taylor. “Locating Rurality in the Infrastructural State: The electric utility sector in the southeastern United States.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Comparative-Historical Sociology section roundtable on The Politics of Political Economic Transformation (Montreal, QC).
- Braswell, Taylor. “Energy democracy at what scale? The case of community-owned electric utilities in the United States.” Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting (Honolulu, HI).
- 2022 Braswell, Taylor. “Urbanization as a lens for understanding electric utility policy: suburbanization in the American South.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Community and Urban Sociology section roundtable on Infrastructure (Los Angeles, CA).
- Braswell, Taylor. “Suburbanization and the spatial politics of electricity in the American south.” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting (Boston, MA).

- 2020 Braswell, Taylor. "Toward a reintegration of urban and rural sociology" [Roundtable session canceled]. American Sociological Association annual meeting.
- 2019 Braswell, Taylor. "Hydrocarbon Pipeline Proximity and Environmental Justice in the Age of Planetary Urbanization." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting panel on Environmental Change and Inequality (New York, NY).
- Braswell, Taylor. "Space, Place, and the Scales of Environmental Justice: The case of hydrocarbon pipelines." Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society's annual meeting (Atlanta, GA).
- Braswell, T., R. Thombs, and J. Bolin. "The Production of Space: The Determinants of Walkability in Fordist and Post-Fordist Cities in the United States" Paper presented at Eastern Sociological Society's annual meeting (Boston, MA).
- 2018 Braswell, Taylor. "Environmental Justice in US Pipeline Communities." Paper presented at Rural Sociological Society's annual meeting (Portland, OR).
- 2017 Braswell, Taylor. "After the Boom: A CBPR Approach to Assessing Household Energy Insecurity." Poster presented at Boston Civic Media's Event on Climate Change and Design. (Boston, MA).
- Braswell, Taylor. "Urban Community Gardens and the Commodification of Space: A spatial analysis of community gardening and neighborhood change in St. Louis, MO." Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association's annual conference (Minneapolis, MN).

Prener, C., Jennings, J., **Braswell, T.**, Miller, K. and Smith, A.
“Closing the Gateway: Street Closures as Public Policy in St.
Louis, MO.” Paper presented at the Urban Affairs
Association’s annual conference (Minneapolis, MN).

Jennings, J., Prener, C., **Braswell, T.**, Miller, K. and Smith, A. “To the
Barricades! Street Closures as Public Policy in St. Louis, MO.”
Paper presented at the American Association of Geographer’s
annual meeting (Boston, MA).

Invited Talks and Presentations

2024 Panelist, “Theorizing the Urban Interface: Critical and Comparative
Approaches.” American Association of Geographers Annual
Meeting, April 17 (Honolulu, HI).

“Electricity governance, urban governance, and the spatial political
economy of community-owned electric utilities.” The Second
Annual Solving Climate Change Panel, The Problem-Solving
Sociology Network, March 29 (Virtual).

Teaching

Instructor of Record

Sociology of Agriculture and Rural Society (NC State University, Fall 2025)

Introduction to Sociology (Northeastern University, Summer 2022; Spring 2022;
Summer 2021)

Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs (Northeastern University, Spring 2021)

Programming with Data – Social Science Practicum (Northeastern University, Spring
2020)

Service

Departmental

Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern
University (Fall 2019–Spring 2020)

College

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University (Spring 2020)

Professional

Peer review for *Agriculture and Human Values; City & Community; Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space; Journal of Urban Affairs; Social Forces; Social Problems; Urban Geography*

Honors

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| 2022-2023 | Dean's Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities Center (College of Social Science and Humanities, Northeastern University) |
| 2021 | Outstanding Graduate Student Research Paper Award (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University). |
| 2019 | Outstanding Graduate Student Research Paper Award (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University). |
| 2017 | Geospatial Science Research & Innovation Award (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University). |