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### EDUCATION

Ph.D.	<b>University College London (UCL)</b> , Planning Studies, 2019 <b>Yale University</b> , Exchange Scholar, 2014 – 2015 <i>Place and Public Transport: Station Area Characteristics in Relationship to Passenger Rail Ridership in Berlin, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles and Medellin</i> Primary Advisors: Professor Sir Peter Hall and Professor Stephen Marshall
M.Sc.	<b>University College London</b> , International Planning, Specialism: Sustainable Urban Development, 2010 <i>The Small Lot Ordinance: Implementation of an Adaptive Re-Use Policy in Los Angeles.</i>
M.Arch.	<b>University of Southern California</b> , Architecture and American Urbanism, 2007
M.P.A.S.	<b>University of Southern California</b> , Master of Public Art Studies, 2006 <i>Conceptual Street Art as a Means of Democratic Participation.</i>
B.A.	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> , Architecture, 1999
B.A.	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> , Art Practice, 1999

### CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Visiting Scholar	<b>University of California Los Angeles</b> Department of Urban Planning	2022 – 2023
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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor	<b>California State Polytechnic University Pomona</b> Department of Urban and Regional Planning Courses Taught: URP 1050 Social Justice in Planning URP 2010 Urban Design Theory for Planning URP 2020 Tools Graphic Communication for Planning URP 3010 Introduction to Urban Planning URP 3030 Urban Design Site and Neighborhood URP 4120 Urban Design in Europe URP 4340 Housing and Community Development URP4760 International Planning URP 5010 How Planning Works	2019 – 2022
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Cal Poly Pomona

URP 6950 Senior Project Supervision

URP 6969 Master's Thesis Supervision

Courses Designed:

URP 5990 Sustainable Cities

Visiting Lecturer	<b>University College London</b> Bartlett School of Planning Course Taught: Transport Policy and Planning	Spring 2016
Studio Critic	<b>University College London</b> Development Planning Unit M.Sc. Program: Building and Urban Design in Development	2013 – 2016
Final Project Marker	<b>University College London</b> Bartlett School of Planning Three M.Sc. Programs: Sustainable Urbanism and Planning, Design and Development and Urban Regeneration	2014 – 2015
Postgraduate Teaching Assistant	<b>University College London</b> Bartlett School of Planning Course: Critical Debates in Urban Regeneration	2013 – 2015
Teaching Assistant	<b>University of Southern California</b> Fine Arts Department Course: A Cultural Guide to Los Angeles	2006

## STUDENT ADVISEMENT

### **Completed Graduate Thesis Students**

Chair: Edwar Sissi (5/20). Danielle Clendening (5/17/21)

Committee Member: Jenny Wong, Jane Roberts (2020) and Estefania Solorio-Sanchez (05/20/21)

**Senior Project Jury Reviews** 12/2019, 12/2020, 12/2021

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant	<b>University College London</b> Bartlett School of Planning Employed to support several research projects including sustainability in higher education, the environmental and cultural impacts of cafes on London's changing high streets, and sustainability in the construction industries.	2013 – 2016
Visiting Assistant in Research	<b>Yale University</b> School of Architecture Hosted and funded to build a collaborative research knowledge in urban planning and architecture across departments. Researched transport lines, political economy and urban design.	2014 – 2015
Visiting Researcher	<b>University of Hong Kong</b> Department of Social Work and Administration Funded independent research project on the Hong Kong MTR passenger rail system and transit-oriented developments, including site-analysis, data collection and interviews with planning officials.	2014
Visiting Researcher	<b>University of California Los Angeles</b> Institute of the Environment and Sustainability <b>Arizona State University</b> School of Sustainable Engineering & the Built Environment Hosted and funded to map passenger rail station areas in Los Angeles concerning environmental life cycle analysis.	2012
Graduate Research Scholar	<b>University of Southern California</b> School of Architecture Employed to support two faculty research projects, one on computer aided archaeological reconstruction and one on the evolution of tall buildings in the United States for the book The Big Idea: Criticality and Practice in Contemporary Architecture by Scott Johnson FAIA.	2004 – 2006

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2022	UCLA Visiting Scholar Scholarship. \$3,000.
2022	MIT Professional Education Junior Faculty Scholarship. \$1,800.
2022	Lecturer Pool, Geography, California State University Northridge.
2021	Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities Grant Award, Cal Poly Pomona. \$10,000.
2022	Urban Land Institute (ULI) Next LA cohort.

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS CONTINUED

2021 to Present	Faculty Led Curriculum Design Grant, Cal State Universities. \$2,000.
2020 – 2021	Accessory Dwelling Unit Research Grant, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Co-Principal Investigator. \$13,000 of \$112,000 total.
2020 – 2021	Research Through Inclusive Opportunities Grant, Cal Poly Pomona. \$3,500.
2019 – 2020	Early Career Research Grant, Cal Poly Pomona. \$3,500.
2019	Start Up Research Funds, Cal Poly Pomona. \$4,000.
2015 & 2017	Travel Grant, The Association of Pacific Coast Geographers. \$300.
2016	Los Angeles County Regional Planner Exam Pass.
2014 – 2015	Yale Bursary Scholarship, Yale University and University College London. \$7,500.
2014 – 2015	Collaborative Exchange Fellowship Yale University and University College London.
2012 – 2015	Field Work Funding, Bartlett School of Planning, University College London. \$1,440.
2012 – 2015	Conference Attendance Funding, Bartlett School of Planning, University College London. \$1,200.
2014	Research Project Funding Award for work at University of Hong Kong, University College London Doctoral School. \$2,400.
2007	Los Angeles Metro Signage Catalogue, Best Business Graphics, Print Magazine
2006	Resilient Foundations: The Gulf Coast After Katrina, Biennale di Venezia.
2006	Education Project Award, American Planning Association.
2006	Public Outreach Award, American Planning Association.
2004 – 2007	Graduate Research Scholarship, USC School of Architecture. \$32,000.
2005 – 2007	Pigeon Scholarship, USC School of Architecture. \$3,300.
2004 – 2006	Director's Scholarship Award, USC School of Fine Arts. \$1,500.
2004 – 2006	Blumenthal Scholarship, USC School of Fine Arts. \$1,000.

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### Peer Reviewed

Garcia, B. (2021). Scanning for Cultural Competency in Online Urban Planning Programs. *Urban Planning*, 6(4), 273–282.  
<https://doi.org/10.17645/up.v6i4.4574>

Garcia, B. (August 01, 2015). Book Review of Retailising space: Architecture, Retail and the Territorialisation of Public Space, by Mattias Karrholm, Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2012. *Urban Design International*, 20, 3, 253-254.

Moore, S., Rydin, Y., & Garcia, B. (June 01, 2015). Sustainable City Education: The Pedagogical Challenge of Mobile Knowledge and Situated Learning. *Area*, 47, 2, 141-149.

## PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED

### In Revision

Kim, D., Baek, S., Garcia, B., Vo, T., Wen, F. The influence of accessory dwelling unit (ADU) policy on the contributing factors to ADU development: A Case of the City of Los Angeles. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*.

### Reviewed Conference Papers

Garcia, B., Contradiction in Public Transport Urbanism. Architecture Media Politics Society Conference, The City and Complexity – Life, Design and Commerce in the Built Environment, Held Online, June 17-19, 2020.

Garcia, B., Density and Demographics in Los Angeles Transit-Oriented Development. Cities in the 21st Century the International Seminar on Urban Form, Held Online, Sep 1-4, 2020.

### Editor Reviewed Publications

Garcia, B. (Autumn 2020). Urban Design Review in the Creative Milieu Los Angeles, Urban Design Group Journal, London, UK.

Garcia, B. (July 25, 2019). "Does Urban Design Make a Difference in Public Transport Planning?", The Bartlett Blog by the Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment, University College London.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/bartlett/news/2019/jul/does-urban-design-make-difference-public-transport-planning>

Garcia, B. (March 01, 2015). Book Review of The Social Atlas of Europe, by Dimitris Ballas, Danny Dorling, and Benjamin Hennig, Bristol, Policy Press, 2014. *Urban Research & Practice*, 8, 1, 135-136.

Garcia, B. (2014) "Civic Entrepreneurialism: A Public Transport Boom in the Age of Crisis", The Urban Fringe A Practitioners Blog by the Berkeley Planning Journal.

Garcia, B. (2014) Strategic Intensification of Polycentric Cities; Examining the Catalytic Potential of Urban Rail Projects. In Cardoso, R. (Ed.), Taking Planning Forward; PhD Research Projects on the Centenary of the Bartlett School of Planning 1914-2014 (pages 3-4). England: The PhD Community at the Bartlett School of Planning.

## PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED

Garcia, B. (January 01, 2014). Book Review of London Underground Maps: Art, Design and Cartography, by Claire Dobbin, Farnham: Lund Humphries in association with London Transport Museum, 2012. *Planning Perspectives*, 29, 1, 123-124.

### Editor Reviewed Publications

Garcia, B. (2013) Book Review of Urban Maps Instruments and Interpretation in the City by Richard Brook and Nick Dunn, 2011, for the Urban Geography Research Group, Book Review Series.

Garcia, B. (2013) Review in the Development Planning Unit, University College London's Summer Lab Workshop, Leveraging the city as a laboratory for developing socially responsive design strategies: Medellin, Santiago, Rome, London.

### Published Theses

*Garcia, Brian Paul; (2019) Place and Public Transport: Station Area Characteristics in Relation to Passenger Rail Ridership. Doctoral thesis (Ph.D), UCL (University College London).*

<https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10074770/>

Garcia, B. (2006). *Conceptual street art as a means of democratic participation*. Ann Arbor, MI: ProQuest Information and Learning Company.

<https://www.proquest.com/openview/3c0817556e7937c7755dc886170eb799/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=18750&diss=y>

### In the Publication Process

Garcia, B. (2021) Time for High Speed Rail in California, The Commons, College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona. The final version has been accepted and will be published summer 2022.

### Publications in Preparation

Book Manuscript: Garcia, B. The Coming Golden Age: Social Democracy and Urban Planning.

Journal Article: Garcia, B. Typology and Passenger Rail Success, *Journal of Urban Design*.

## PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED

Journal Article: Garcia, B. Transit Oriented Development and Changing Urban Form in Los Angeles, Urban Morphology.

Journal Article: Baek, S., Garcia, B., Kim, D., & Vo, T. An Affordable Housing Policy that Works: A Review of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinances in Southern California.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Design Review for the Urban Design Studio of the Los Angeles City Planning Department.** Ongoing review of building projects in Los Angeles County for the City Planning Department of Los Angeles based on the requirements of pedestrian first, 360 degrees design and climate adapted design.

**Council for Graduate and Faculty Scholarship, Cal Poly Pomona.** 2020 – 2022.

Committee to increase research at Cal Poly Pomona and allocate research funds.

**Undergraduate Research Faculty Advisory Committee Cal Poly Pomona.** Spring 2020 – 2022. Committee to promote undergraduate research through conferences and publications

**Dean Search Committee,** College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona Development of position listing, dissemination and review of candidates. Fall 2021 – 2022.

**Emergency Action Committee,** 11/11/20 and 5/12/21.

Two review processes for College of Environmental Design student applications for emergency funding due to COVID-19, job losses and other personal trauma.

**Graduate Urban Planning Student Association Advisor.** Spring 2020 – 2022.

**Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Innovation in Affordable Housing** Student design and competition advisor. Fall 2021.

**Planning Program Accreditation application.** Spring 2020 – Spring 2021.

I worked on the undergraduate curriculum component of our department's accreditation application and development of an alumni survey to gain information for the Planning Accreditation Board requirements.

**Review of Department's Strategic Plan.** Fall 2021.

**Neutra VDL Studios and Residences.** Board member. Fall 2020 – 2022.

**Kellogg Honors College Advisory Council member.** Strategizing new recruitment. Fall 2020 – 2022.

**Dale Prize Committee.** Annual selection of a practitioner and academic on a current topic in planning for a spring symposium. Fall 2021 – 2022.

**International Seminar on Urban Form.** North American network committee. Fall 2020 – 2022.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTINUED

**Transportation Advisory Committee, Working Group: Transit Services** Between Cal Poly Pomona and Foothill Transit. Planning for new public transport and parking connections at Cal Poly Pomona. Spring 2020 – 2022.

**Scientific Committee, Peer Review**

First International Blended Conference on Pandemics and Urban Form, April 28th-30th 2022, Istanbul, Turkey. Organized by: INTBAU, Nanjing University, University of Trento, Özyeğin University, University of Idaho, Kuwait University.

**Graphic Design for the Urban Planning Department**, Mentoring students on department promotional materials, the Senior Project booklet, flyers and posters. 2019 – 2022.

**Conceptboard project design software administrator** for the department.

**Urban Planning Library Guides** Worked with Jennifer Bidwell, the urban planning librarian, to expand the urban planning library guides. Fall, 2020.

**Positive News** Interview for an article on the transformation of Medellin, Colombia.

**Department Lecture Series Housing and Transit.** Spring 2020. Organized a department lecture series of over 14 expert guest speakers on homelessness and transport including from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

**ENG 5150 Writing for the Disciplines.** Fall 2019. Mentored two graduate students and worked with them on researching how to teach writing outside of English majors. Their work will be part of a report that will advise the teaching of general education in writing and composition at Cal Poly Pomona.

**Virtual Fellow, United States of America Department of State.** 2016. Renewable energy plan development.

**Policy review** of the American Planning Association's policy guide Energy. 2012.

**Policy review** of the American Planning Association's policy guide Smart Growth. 2012.

**Peer Review.** 2012. University College London, Journal Article Writing Workshop.

**Student Academic Representative of the University College London Union** for graduate students of the Faculty of the Built Environment. 2014 – 2015.

**Graduate Student Government Representative.** University of Southern California. 2004 – 2006..

**Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Student Mentor.** University of Southern California. 2005.



## CERTIFICATES AND CREDENTIALS

2022	Certified Urban Planner, American Institute of Certified Planners.
2022	Certificate, Transportation Networks and Smart Mobility: Methods and Solutions, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Professional Education.
2020	Promoting Active Learning Online, Micro-Credential, Association of College and University Educators.
2013	Medellin Summer Laboratory Growth in Transit, Development Planning Unit, University College London.
2013	Associate Fellow, Teaching in Higher Education, Higher Education Academy United Kingdom.
2012	Forge Summer School: Time Travel and Everyday Life, University of York, UK.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2022 – Present	Member, United States Green Building Council.
2022 – Present	Member, United States Bus Rapid Transit Community of Practice Network, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP).
2019 – Present	Associate AIA, American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles chapter.
2021 – Present	Member, Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation.
2021 – Present	Member, Urban Land Institute.
2021 – Present	Member, Los Angeles Regional Collaborative (LARC).
2021 – Present	Committee Member, Climate Adaptation Policy Working Group.
2013, 2015, 2019 – Present	Associate, American Planning Association, Los Angeles chapter.
2011 – Present	Committee Member, Ad-Hoc Policy, American Planning Association.
2015 – 2017, 2019	Member, Association of Pacific Coast Geographers.
2015 – 2016	Member, Urban Affairs Association.
2014	Postgraduate Fellow, Royal Geographic Society.
2013	Academy of Urbanism, Young Urbanist Member.
2013, 2015 – 2016, 2018	Member, American Association of Geographers.
2014	Urban Morphological Research Network, UCL, Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment.
2014	Christopher Alexander Theory Doctoral Initiative, University College London, Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment.
2014	Leverhulme International Research Network on Eco-Cities Frameworks.
2012 – Present	Energy and Social Science Group, University College London Energy Institute.
2012 – 2015	Transport Doctoral Network, UCL, Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment.
2013 – Present	University College London Americas Research Network.
2012	Bartlett Social Science Network for Transport and Travel.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Baek, S., Garcia, B., Kim, D., & Vo, T. An Affordable Housing Policy that Works: A Review of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinances in Southern California, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Online, Oct 7 – 23, 2021.

Garcia, B., The Impacts of Public Transport Station Activity on the Local Built Environment in World Cities; Balancing Macro Benefits with Neighborhood Costs, European Urban Research Association (EURA), Online, May 6 – May 7, 2021.

Garcia, B., Place and Public Transport: Station Area Characteristics in Relation to Passenger Rail Ridership. Planning Research Conference, Planning for Infrastructures, Sheffield, UK, September 3 – 5, 2018.

Garcia, B., The New Context of Los Angeles, Motivations and Projects in a Public Transport City. Architecture, Media, Politics, Society Conference, Critical Practice in an Age of Complexity, Tuscon, USA, February 22 – 23, 2018.

Garcia, B., Place and Public Transport. Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Annual Meeting, Chico State University, Chico, CA, USA, October 25 – 28, 2017.

Garcia, B., Wicked Cities and Meandering Paths to Gentrification. Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA, March 29 – April 2, 2016.

Garcia, B., Pedestrian Urban Design; Linking Public Transport Ridership to Environmental Benefits? Urban Affairs Association, Annual Conference, San Diego, March 16 – 19, 2016.

Garcia, B., Comparative Urbanism, Ethnography and Site Analysis of Pedestrian Friendly Public Transport Neighborhoods. Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, CA, USA, October 21 – 24, 2015.

Garcia, B., Public Transport Infrastructure as a Comparative Point between North and South America; Overcoming Terminology in Planning Practices in Los Angeles and Medellin. American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA, April 21 – 25, 2015.

Garcia, B., Land Use Challenges of Urban Transportation Retrofit. Universities Transport Study Group, Annual Conference, Oxford University, UK, January 4 2013.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS CONTINUED

Garcia, B., Usurping the Auto: Challenges for Implementing Public Transportation in Car Dominated Cities. Sustainability: Concepts and Materiality Conference, UCL, London, UK, May 18 2012.

#### CONFERENCE SERVICE

##### **Panels Chaired**

Creative Activities and Research Symposium, Cal Poly Pomona, August 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.  
Grounding Knowledge, Assembling Policies – Urban Development in the Global South. Session II: Urban Policy Circulations, American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Chicago, USA, April 21 – 25, 2015.

##### **Sessions Facilitated**

Discussion Facilitator, Maximising Crossrail Seminar, Future of London Policy Network, January 30, 2014.

International Roundtable for Future Cities, American Planning Association, Annual Conference, Los Angeles, USA, April 14 – 17, 2012.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Comparative Transport Urbanism and an Ethnographic Exploration of The Relationship Between Pedestrian Friendly Transport Neighborhoods and Urban Regeneration. UCL Energy, Society and People Symposium, May 29, 2015.

Retrofit and Intensification in Polycentric Cities: An Examination of the Relationships between Land Use, Ridership and the Benefits of Catalytic Public Transport Projects. UCL Institute of the Americas, Environment and Urbanism Seminar, Jan 18, 2014.

Mapping New Urban Rail Projects; Pollution, Crime and the Pedestrian. Transport and City Planning, PhD Seminar Series, UCL Bartlett School of Planning, December 3 2013.

Projects in Progress: Social Science Methods in Environment and Transport Research, UCL Energy Institute, Social Science Group Seminar Series, June 19 2013.

An Examination of the Relationships Between Land Use Adaptation and the Benefits of Catalytic Transport Projects, Upgrade Presentation, UCL Bartlett School of Planning, February 27 2013.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

Reorganization and Intensification in Large Cities: Comparisons of Environmental Policy and Catalytic Transport Projects Across Political Geographies. “Doc Talk”, UCL Bartlett School of Planning, UCL, December 13 2012.

## WORKSHOPS

- 2018 Left Coast Political Ecology, Why Political Ecology Now? University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, USA
- 2014 Design the Un-Designable. Urban Design, Informality and Critical Architectural Pedagogies Workshop and Seminar, University College London, Development Planning Unit, Building and Urban Design in Development Programme and National University of Colombia at Medellin de Colombia for the UN-Habitat World Urban Forum, Medellin, Colombia

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2013 **Graduate Internship**  
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Environmental Compliance and Services Department  
Worked to advance research on the changing passenger rail system and land use developments in Los Angeles. Collaborated on a variety of sustainability efforts to reduce LA Metro’s carbon footprint.
- 2009 **Design Guidance Graduate Internship**  
Urban Design Studio, Department of City Planning Los Angeles  
Produced design guidance documents pertaining to dense housing, historic district signage and street wall heights for the City Planning Department of Los Angeles.
- 2008 – 2009 **Senior Urban Designer**  
Aedas Urban Design and Landscape LTD. Hong Kong  
Managed an international team to produce large design document sets for high-rise residential developments and master plans in China, India, Singapore and Kazakhstan. Working group on promoting sustainable practices for the large firm. Designed and Developed self-sufficient townships.
- 2007 – 2008 **Consultant**  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Creative Services Department. Design guidance, graphic design and construction standards for LA Metro system.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

- 2006                      **Designer**  
Urban Studio Los Angeles / John Kaliski Architects  
Town home and affordable housing designer.
- 2004                      **Production Designer**  
Freewaves New Media Festival art administration and curation at venues in Los Angeles including at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Geffen Contemporary.
- 2003 – 2004            **Public Arts Administrator**  
University of Southern California  
Managed the selection process and implementation for two public art projects on the University of Southern California campus.
- 2003-2004            **Assistant Program Director**  
Master of Public Arts Program, University of Southern California
- 2003                      **Designer**  
Steven Crane and Company  
Custom home designs and site work.
- 2001 – 2002            **Project Designer**  
Brand + Allen Architects  
Executive architects for Rem Koolhaas and Office of Metropolitan Architects west coast Prada expansion. Mixed-use development housing in South of Market, San Francisco. Several high-end retail refurbishments. Led Retrofit of Frank Lloyd Wright circle Gallery.
- 2000 – 2001            **Designer**  
FMG Architects  
Bay Area Rapid Transit and San Mateo Valley Transit projects.

## REFERENCES

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