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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Public Administration

Department of Public Administration

Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, Illinois
August 2020—present

Assistant Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning

School of Public and International Affairs
College of Architecture and Urban Studies

Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia
August 2015—present

Director, Master of Urban and Regional Planning

School of Public and International Affairs
College of Architecture and Urban Studies

Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia
August 2019—August 2020

Associate Director of Education

Virginia Center for Housing Research

Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia
June 2019—August 2020

Faculty Fellow

Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience (GFURR)

Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia
August 2016—August 2019

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Urban and Regional Planning

Dissertation: *Risk, Rationality, and Regional Governance*

University of Michigan

Arbor, Ann Michigan

Master of Urban Planning, with distinction

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*

Michigan State University

East Lansing, Michigan

Bachelor of Science in Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*

Grand Valley State University

Grand Rapids, Michigan

SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

Skuzinski, Thomas. *The Risk of Regional Governance: Cultural Theory and Interlocal Cooperation.* Routledge, 2018.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES (PUBLISHED)

Damien Geffroy, Robert Oliver, Luke Juran, and **Thomas Skuzinski.** “Projecting the Metropolis: Paris 2024 and the (re)scaling of metropolitan governance.” *Cities.* (accepted March 15, 2021).

Impact factor: **3.85** (2021)

Weinreich, David and **Thomas Skuzinski.** 2021. “Organizing Transit Institutions to Facilitate Cross-Jurisdictional Service Integration.” *Journal of Urban Affairs.* <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ujua20/0/0>.

Impact factor: **1.62** (2019)

Read, Dustin C., **Thomas Skuzinski,** and Andrew R. Sanderford. “Increasing the Understanding of Fiscal Impact Analysis to Help Real Estate Developers More Effectively Manage Process Risk.” *Journal of Real Estate Literature* 27, no. 1 (2019): 53-66.

Impact factor: **0.67** (two-year, 2019-2020)

Read, Dustin C., Andrew R. Sanderford, and **Thomas Skuzinski.** “The Bounded and Pragmatic Consultant: Fiscal Impact Analysts as Rational Actors.” *Planning Practice & Research* (2019): 1-14.

Impact factor: **1.88** (2017)

Linkous, Evangeline, and **Thomas Skuzinski.** “Land use decision-making in the wake of state property rights legislation: Examining the institutional response to Florida’s Harris Act.” *Land use policy* 77 (2018): 603-612.

Impact factor: **3.85** (2017)

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES (UNDER REVIEW)

Skuzinski, Thomas and David Weinreich. “Functional Fragmentation and the Governance of Metropolitan Public Transportation Systems.” *Journal of Planning Education and Research.* (revised and resubmitted April 12, 2021, manuscript ID JPER-2019-051.R1). Impact factor: **3.10** (two-year, 2019-2020)

Skuzinski, Thomas and David Weinreich. “A New Measurement of Regional Transit Governance.” *Territory, Politics, and Governance.* (revise and resubmit invited February 25, 2021).

Impact factor: **2.73** (2018)

Skuzinski, Thomas and Carolina Velandia Hernandez. “Envisioning a role for RIGOs in cross-boundary land use regulation.” *Urban Affairs Forum (Urban Affairs Review)* (under review, March 1, 2021)

CHAPTERS

Skuzinski, Thomas. “States and the Relationships Among Local Governments.” In *State-Local Relations in Partnership and Conflict* (Eric Zeemering and Russ Hanson, eds.), pp. to be determined. Rowman and Littlefield, 2021.

Skuzinski, Thomas, and Evangeline R. Linkous. “Tradable development rights in the US: Making zoning flexible through market mechanisms.” In *Instruments of Land Policy: Dealing with Scarcity of Land* (Jean-David Gerber and Thomas Hartmann, eds.), pp. 223-237. Routledge, 2018.

REPORTS

Weinreich, David, **Thomas Skuzinski,** and Shima Hamidi. *Overcoming Local Barriers to Regional Transportation: Understanding Transit System Fragmentation from an Institutional Perspective*. U.S. Department of Transportation, No. CTEDD 017-08. 2018.

PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS

Weinreich, David P., **Thomas S. Skuzinski,** and Shima Hamidi. *Measuring the Governance of Public Transportation Systems in US Metropolitan Areas*. Transportation Research Board, 2019 Proceedings. No. 19-03412. 2019.

Polys, Nicholas, Cecile Newcomb, Todd Schenk, **Thomas Skuzinski,** and Donna Dunay. “The value of 3D models and immersive technology in planning urban density.” In *Proceedings of the 23rd International ACM Conference on 3D Web Technology*, p. 13. ACM, 2018.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Skuzinski, Thomas (presenter and author). “Loss Aversion in Local Governments: The Bounded Rational Response to Changes in State Law” *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning*. 2020.

Skuzinski, Thomas (presenter and author). “Exploring the Capacity for Innovation: The Changing Nature of Local Autonomy in U.S. Regions.” *Regional Studies Association North American Conference*. September 26, 2019.

Skuzinski, Thomas (moderator, presenter, and author). “Street-level Autonomy.” *Urban Affairs Association 49th Annual Conference*. April 26, 2019.

Skuzinski, Thomas (panel organizer, moderator, and presenter). “The Role of Local Governments in U.S. and European Regional Governance.” *American Society for Public Administration 2019 Annual Conference*.

Skuzinski, Thomas (co-presenter and co-author) and Jay Rickabaugh. “Local Autonomy as a Determinant of Regional Economic Development Policy.” *Small Cities 2018 Conference*. May 12, 2018.

Skuzinski, Thomas (panel organizer, presenter, co-author) and Jay Rickabaugh. “Local Autonomy and Development Policy in Mid-Size Appalachian Regions.” *Urban Affairs Association 48th Annual Conference*. April 5, 2018.

Weinreich, David P. and **Thomas Skuzinski** (co-author). “Overcoming Institutional Barriers to Regional Transportation: The Transit Governance Index Development and Validation.” *Urban Affairs Association 48th Annual Conference*. April 5, 2018.

Skuzinski, Thomas (moderator, presenter, co-author). “Opting Out: The Theory and Measurement of Localist Impulses.” *American Society for Public Administration 2018 Annual Conference*. March 11, 2018.

Skuzinski, Thomas (invited panelist and author). “Balancing Local and Regional Interests Using Cultural Heuristics” *5th Annual Deil S. Wright Symposium, Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management, American Society for Public Administration*. March 9, 2018.

Skuzinski, Thomas (presenter and author). “The Staff Planner as Legal Expert.” *Association of Law, Property, and Society 8th Annual Meeting*. May 19, 2017.

Skuzinski, Thomas (panel moderator; presenter; author). “Interlocal Cooperation Amidst Uncertainty: How Variation in Institutional Setting Affects the Reasoning of Local Public Actors.” *Urban Affairs Association 47th Annual Conference*. April 20, 2017.

Skuzinski, Thomas. “The Limits of Administrative Conjunction Theory in Cooperative Land Use: The Case of Metropolitan Detroit.” *American Society for Public Administration 2017 Annual Conference*. March 17, 2017.

Skuzinski, Thomas (co-author) and Evangeline Linkous. “Private, Public, Participatory, or More? Examining Competing Ideologies in Land Use Law.” *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 56th Annual Conference*. November 5, 2016.

Weinreich, David P. and **Thomas Skuzinski** (co-author). “Getting to Work or Not? Assessing the Importance of Regional Governmental Autonomy in Metropolitan Transportation Policy.” *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 56th Annual Conference*. November 4, 2016.

Skuzinski, Thomas (presenter and co-author) and Huyen Le. “Using Cultural Cognition to Understand Travel Mode Choice.” *Urban Affairs Association 46th Annual Conference*. March 19, 2016.

Skuzinski, Thomas (presenter and author). “Cooperative Land Use Planning Among Local Governments: Toward an Institutional Typology and Theoretical Framework.” *International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights, 10th Annual Conference*. February 18, 2016.

Skuzinski, Thomas (presenter and author). “Lessons About Land Use Regionalism from Two Rust Belt Metropolitan Areas.” *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 56th Annual Conference*. October 22, 2015.

Skuzinski, Thomas (presenter and author). “Explaining Attitudes Toward Intermunicipal Land Use Governance: Evidence from Michigan.” *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 54th Annual Conference*. October 30, 2014.

WORKING PAPERS

Skuzinski, Thomas S. *Loss Aversion in Local Governments: The Bounded Rational Response to Changes in State Law* (for submission to *Urban Affairs Review*)

Skuzinski, Thomas S. Cultural worldviews as a driver of regional governance perceptions. (for submission to *State and Local Government Review*)

Skuzinski, Thomas S. and Carolina Hernandez. *Theorizing Subjective Local Autonomy: A Framework and Research Agenda*. (for submission to *Local Government Studies*)

Skuzinski, Thomas S. *Choice Architecture in Local Government Land Use Decisions*. (for submission to *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*)

FUNDING

UNDER REVIEW

National Science Foundation: EAGER: Strengthening American Infrastructure

Nudging Communities toward Broadband: Regional Public Sector Organizations as Rationalizing Intermediaries in Innovative Infrastructure Systems

PI: James Rickabaugh (Appalachian State University); Co-PI: **Thomas Skuzinski**; Jennifer Luetkemeyer (Appalachian State University); Michael Ford (University of Wisconsin—Osh Kosh)

\$298,733

Pre-proposal submitted: 12/15/20; Binding invite for full proposal**: 1/8/21; Submitted: 2/5/21

**note: In 2019 only 28% of preliminary proposals received a binding invitation to submit a full proposal (467 / 1,653)

(https://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2020/merit_review/FY-2019/table-9.1.jsp)

EXTERNAL · \$296,450

4-VA Curriculum Development Grant

Housing Camp: Piloting Adaptive Lifelong Learning at Virginia Tech

PI: **Thomas Skuzinski**; Co-PI: Andrew McCoy (Virginia Center for Housing Research)

\$50,000

Period: 06/01/20 – 09/01/20

4-VA Course Development Grant

Promoting Transdisciplinary Thinking, Sustainable Design, and Community Engagement in STEM Education

PI: Tripp Shealy**; Co-PI: **Thomas Skuzinski**

\$100,000

Period: 11/01/18 – 06/30/21

**note: The PI was required to come from a traditional STEM field, but Skuzinski spearheaded the work and wrote the proposal

Regional Studies Association Early Career Grant Scheme

Reimagining metropolitan fragmentation: The Local Autonomy Project

PI: **Thomas Skuzinski** (one of three awardees from 107 applicants)

\$14,345

Period: 11/13/17 – 11/12/18

Department of Transportation

UTC: Center for Transportation Equity, Decision, and Dollars (C-TEDD) #017-08

Transit in Flex: Examining Service Fragmentation of New App-Based, On-Demand Transit Services

PI: David Weinreich; Co-PI: **Thomas Skuzinski**

\$68,648

Period: 09/01/17 – 08/31/18

Department of Transportation

UTC: Center for Transportation Equity, Decision, and Dollars (C-TEDD) #017-08

*Local Barriers to Regional Transportation: Understanding Transit System Fragmentation from an Institutional Perspective*PI: David Weinreich; Co-PI: **Thomas Skuzinski**; Co-PI: Shima Hamidi**\$63,457**

Period: 09/01/17 – 08/31/18

INTERNAL (AT VIRGINIA TECH) · \$48,164

Curriculum Globalization Grant
for *Building Sustainable Regions*Awardee: **Thomas Skuzinski****\$5,000**

Period: Fall 2019 / Spring 2020

Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment (ISCE) Scholars program

*Vividness to Improve and Rethink Long-Term Resilience of the Built Environment*PI: Tripp Shealy (Civil and Environmental Engineering); Co-PI: **Thomas Skuzinski****\$29,664**

Period: July 2018 – December 2019

Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Sciences (ICTAS)

Research Experiences for Undergraduates NSF Pilot Funding

*Decision Sciences for Resilient Communities*PI: **Thomas Skuzinski**

Co-PI: Tripp Shealy (Civil and Environmental Engineering); Co-PI: Robin Panneton (Psychology)

\$10,000

Period: 11/01/17 – 06/30/18

Curriculum Globalization Grant
for *Legal Foundations of Planning*Awardee: **Thomas Skuzinski****\$3,500**

Period: Spring 2017 / Fall 2017

TEACHING AND ADVISING

METRICS (VIRGINIA TECH)

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| Overall teaching effectiveness rating: | 5.71/6.00 |
| Undergraduate: | 5.69/6.00 |
| Graduate: | 5.73/6.00 |
| Other measures: | |
| “The instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual respect” | 5.84/6.00 |
| “The instructor was well prepared” | 5.67/6.00 |
| “The instructor presented the subject matter clearly” | 5.66/6.00 |

Source: Student Perceptions of Teaching, Fall 2015-Spring 2019. 201/276 students responding.
Peer comparison data only made available to faculty on teaching effectiveness item.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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| Housing Camp: Piloting Adaptive Lifelong Learning at Virginia Tech | 2020 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Designed, developed, and implemented a fully online adaptive lifelong learning curriculum focused on affordable housing (construction, finance, policy, design, data analysis, and law) for the Virginia Center for Housing Research</i> · <i>First curriculum at Virginia Tech to use a sub-credit hour, fully micro-credentialed course unit to allow flexible learning</i> · <i>First curriculum at Virginia Tech offered simultaneously to both professionals and graduate students</i> · <i>Managed nine faculty across fifteen courses</i> · <i>Coordinated course development and registration across multiple university units, including Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies (TLOS), Office for Continuing and Professional Education, and the Graduate School</i> | |

RECOGNITION

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| University Excellence in Teaching Award | 2019/20 |
| College of Architecture and Urban Studies awardee Virginia Tech Academy of Teaching Excellence | |
| Faculty Adviser to National Finalist team HUD Innovations in Affordable Housing | 2018/19 |
| Graduate Student Design and Planning Competition <i>One of four national finalist teams; first from Commonwealth of Virginia; Advised four-student team from Urban Affairs and Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Building Construction</i> | |
| Commitment to Diversity Recognition Award | 2019 |
| Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies <i>“for development and mentorship of undergraduate research and graduate extracurricular opportunities for students traditionally underrepresented in the academy”</i> | |
| Nominee, VT Alumni Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising | 2017 |
| <i>nominated by team of 21 students/ alumni in Urban Affairs & Planning</i> | |

COURSES (AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY; ALL GRADUATE LEVEL)

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Public Administration and Law (synchronous online) | Spring 2021 |
| Public Service Performance I: Theory and Measurement (synchronous online) | Spring 2021 |
| Urban Planning and Zoning (synchronous online) | Fall 2020 |
| Public Service Performance I: Theory and Measurement (synchronous online) | Fall 2020 |

COURSES (AT VIRGINIA TECH)

Graduate

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| Land Use Law and Planning (asynchronous online) | Summer 2020 |
| Environmental Law (in-person; asynchronous online) | Spring 2020 |

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| Land Use Law and Planning (in-person) | Fall 2019 |
| Land Use Law and Planning (in-person) | Spring 2019 |
| Metropolitan and Regional Governance (in-person, distance) | Fall 2018 |
| Land Use Law and Planning (online) | Summer 2018 |
| Land Use Law and Planning (in-person, distance) | Spring 2018 |
| Graduate Student Colloquium (in-person, distance) | Spring 2018 |
| Metropolitan and Regional Governance (in-person, distance) | Fall 2017 |
| Graduate Student Colloquium (in-person, distance) | Fall 2017 |
| Land Use Law (in-person) | Fall 2016 |
| Theory and Practice of Planning (in-person) | Fall 2016 |
| Urban and Regional Development Theory (in-person) | Spring 2016 |
| Land Use Law (in-person) | Fall 2015 |

Undergraduate

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| Legal Foundations of Planning (asynchronous online) | Summer 2020 |
| Law of Critical Environmental Areas (in-person; asynchronous online) | Spring 2020 |
| Legal Foundations of Planning (in-person) | Fall 2019 |
| Law of Critical Environmental Areas (in-person) | Spring 2019 |
| Legal Foundations of Planning (in-person) | Fall 2018 |
| Legal Foundations of Planning (in-person) | Summer 2018 |
| Legal Foundations of Planning (in-person) | Fall 2017 |
| Legal Foundations of Planning (undergraduate, in-person) | Spring 2017 |
| Legal Foundations of Planning (undergraduate, in-person) | Spring 2016 |

DISSERTATION, THESIS, AND CAPSTONE ADVISING

Completed

Shealy, Elizabeth Carlisle. Dissertation (member). Current status: ABD (defense date: February 25, 2021)
Ph.D. in Environmental Design and Planning

Sim, Jisoo. Dissertation (member). (defended November 2019)
Ph.D. in Landscape Architecture

Breske, Ashleigh. Dissertation (member). *Politics of Repatriation: Formalizing Indigenous Cultural Property Rights.*
Ph.D. in Policy, Governance, and Globalization (defended 06/08/2018)

Johnson, Bryce. Thesis (chair). *Socioeconomic Diversity in Public Spaces.* (defended 04/12/2018)

Shanholtz, Spencer. Thesis (chair). *Do Qualified Allocation Plans Influence Developers' LIHTC Siting Decisions?: The Case of Access to High-Performing Schools.* (defended 11/30/2016)

Spencer, Samuel. Thesis (member). *The Fiscal Resilience of American Cities.* (defended 04/17/2018)

Newcomb, Cecile. Thesis (member). *Imagine Blacksburg: Using immersive 3D models to explore density.* (defended 04/05/2017)

Patterson, Natalie Rose. Thesis (member). *Creating Participatory Space through Partnership Exploring the relationship between a faith-based day programming organization and a cohousing community for individuals with and without disabilities.* (defended 03/17/2017)

Fraker, Joseph. Major Paper (chair). (defended 09/15/2019)

Ly, Binh (chair). Practicum. (defended 05/01/2018)

Vandervliet, Maxwell (chair). Major Paper. (defended 04/26/2018)

Barlow, Danielle (chair). Major Paper. (defended 04/16/2018)

Buchanan, Emma (chair). Major Paper. (defended 02/22/2018)

Stephenson, Ronnie (chair). Practicum. (defended 02/10/2018)

McCray, Andrew (chair). Practicum. (defended 09/22/2017)

Berryman, Alexander Paul (chair). Major Paper. (defended 04/28/2017)

Fomenko, Kelly. Practicum. (defended 04/10/2018)

Research Experiences for Undergraduates funded pilot (PI and faculty lead):

Decision Sciences for Resilient Communities

Samantha Cornwell, Elena Muraca, Abril Yu-Shan (Fall 2017-Summer 2018)

Global Forum Summer Lab: Policy in Action (faculty lead)

Maja Gabrielson, Becca Good, Laura Hogan (Hollins University), Ira Long III, Madison McElhinney (Hollins University), Sam Rauf (Roanoke College), Natalie Tobias, Leslie Uptegraff (Summer 2017)

In progress

Talukdar, Shahidur. Dissertation (co-chair). Current status: ABD (defense expected August 2021)

Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Affairs

Topic: *Policy Conflict in Regional Sustainability in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area*

SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND ENGAGEMENT

NOTE: service, outreach, and engagement from prior to Fall 2020 was at Virginia Tech

PROFESSION

Member

2020-2021

Wisconsin City/County Manager Association: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Task Force

Facilitated priority matrix exercise that moved recommendation to form full committee up by four months (from June 2021 to February 2021)

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| Governing board nominations committee, member <i>Urban Affairs Association</i> | 2020-present |
| Contributions to the Field of Urban Affairs, committee chair <i>Urban Affairs Association</i> | 2019-2020 |
| Contributions to the Field of Urban Affairs, committee chair <i>Urban Affairs Association</i> | 2018-2019 |
| Best Book in Urban Affairs Award Committee, chair <i>Urban Affairs Association</i> | 2017-2018 |
| Best Book in Urban Affairs Award Committee, member <i>Urban Affairs Association</i> | 2016-2017 |
| Faculty mentor, doctoral student mentorship program Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning | 2016-2017 |
| Reviewer: <i>Land Use Policy, Journal of Planning Education and Research, Urban Affairs Review, Transportation Research Review, Housing Studies, Sustainability</i> | |

UNIVERSITY

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| Illinois Innovation Network: Research Committee , member | Spring 2021—present |
| Work-Life Liaison Provost and College of Architecture and Urban Studies Appointment by Dean | Fall 2019—Spring 2020 |
| LGBT+ Caucus Invited Faculty member | Fall 2019—Spring 2020 |
| Graduate Curriculum Committee , member College of Architecture and Urban Studies representative | Fall 2017— Spring 2020 |
| Transportation and Parking Committee , member College of Architecture and Urban Studies representative | Fall 2017— Spring 2020 |
| University Academic Support Committee , member College of Architecture and Urban Studies representative | Fall 2016— Spring 2020 |

COLLEGE

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| Leadership Development Program Invited participant by Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences | Fall 2020—present |
| Honorifics Committee , member | Fall 2017— Spring 2020 |

DEPARTMENT / SCHOOL AND PROGRAM

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| Faculty adviser, ICMA Student Chapter | Fall 2020—present |
| Spring Graduate Colloquium coordinator | Fall 2020—present |
| Admission committee, member | Fall 2020—present |
| Director, Master of Urban and Regional Planning | Fall 2019— Spring 2020 |
| UAP Honorifics Committee, chair | Fall 2019— Spring 2020 |
| SPIA Undergraduate Degree Committee Faculty Lead: Environmental Policy and Planning major | Fall 2018— Spring 2020 |
| MURP Degree Curriculum Task Force | Fall 2017—Spring 2018 |

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Skuzinski, Thomas (invited workshop participant). *RIGO Mini-Conference* (University of Pittsburgh). (February 23rd-24th, 2020)

Skuzinski, Thomas (invited keynote speaker). *The Risk of Regional Governance*. 2018 Southeast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI) Annual Professional Development Conference. (May 21, 2018)

Skuzinski, Thomas (invited keynote panelist). *What's Next? Future Directions for Research on Small Cities*. Small Cities 2018 Conference (Ball State University): Vulnerable Communities. (May 12, 2018)

Skuzinski, Thomas (invited workshop panelist). *Cities after Decline: Small City Revival in the U.S.A. and Russia* (Roanoke, VA). *Hollins University*. (February 15, 2019)

Skuzinski, Thomas (invited guest and lecturer). *Cities after Decline: Small City Revival in the U.S.A. and Russia* (Leipzig, Germany). *Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography*. (September 15, 2018)

MEDIA

Interviewed about legal aspects of public-private partnerships for Associated Press article:
Ley, Ana. *Women plead for relief from expensive tunnel toll bills*. March 18, 2017
(<https://www.apnews.com/8c0635b3c1b5420283df130c496f1d14>)