

# Matt Patterson | Curriculum Vitae

## CONTACT

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## EMPLOYMENT

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2021 – Present Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Calgary

2015 – 2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Calgary

## EDUCATION

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2015 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Toronto

2007 M.A., Sociology, University of Toronto

2006 B.A., Sociology, University of Waterloo

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Urban Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Sociological Theory, Architecture, Cultural Planning, Chinatowns, Museums

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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†Graduate co-author #Undergraduate co-author

Patterson, Matt, Henry Tsang, Bryan Kuk†, Weiqi Li‡, and Mojtaba Rostami†. 2026. "Living with Ghosts: How Physical Traces of the Past Shape Cultural Trauma in Chinatowns." *American Sociological Review*. (First author)

Tsang, Henry, Matt Patterson, Chanel Vinet†. 2026. "The Politics of Placemaking in Chinatown: Study of Culture & Identity in the Architecture of North American Chinatowns." *Journal of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada* 50(1-2): 29–41. (Second author)

Patterson, Matt. 2024. "Scoreboard Urbanism: Theorizing Mental Life in the Digitally Mediated Metropolis." *City & Community* 23(1): 26–46.

Patterson, Matt. 2022. "Revitalization, Transformation, and the 'Bilbao Effect': Testing the Local Area Impact of Iconic Architectural Developments in North America, 2000 to 2009." *European Planning Studies* 30(1): 32–49.

Kohut, Chris‡ and Matt Patterson. 2022. "Being Homeless at the 'End' of Homelessness: Navigating the Symbolic and Social Boundaries of Housing First." *Canadian Review of Sociology* 59(1): 59–75. (Equal co-authors)

- Jeong, Hyesun and Matt Patterson. 2021. "Starchitects in Bohemia: An Exploration of Cultural Cities from the 'Top-Down' and 'Bottom-Up'." *Urban Affairs Review* 57(6): 1656–96. (Equal co-authors)
- Patterson, Matt. 2020. "Architecture as Performance Art: Evaluating 'Iconic Power' in the Development of Two Museums." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 8(2): 158–190.
- Patterson, Matt. 2016. "The Global City versus the City of Neighbourhoods: Spatial Practice, Cognitive Maps, and the Aesthetics of Urban Conflict." *City & Community* 15(2): 163–183.
- Winner of 2013 Best Student Paper (Canadian Sociological Association)
- Patterson, Matt and Daniel Silver. 2015. "The Place of Art: Local Area Characteristics and Arts Growth in Canada." *Poetics* 51(1): 69–87. (First author)
- Patterson, Matt. 2012. "The Role of the Public Institution in Iconic Architectural Development." *Urban Studies* 49(15): 3286–3302.
- Winner of 2009 Daniel G. Hill Prize for Best Graduate Paper (Sociology, University of Toronto)
- Patterson, Matt and Josée Johnston. 2012. "Theorizing the Obesity Epidemic: Health Crisis, Moral Panic, and Emerging Hybrids." *Social Theory & Health* 10(3): 265–291. (Equal co-authors)
- Li, Dorothy, Taryn Tang, Matt Patterson, Michael Ho, E. Jenny Heathcote, and Hemant Shah. 2012. "The Impact of Hepatitis B Knowledge and Stigma on Screening in Canadian Chinese Persons." *Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology* 26(9): 597–602. (Third author)
- Taylor, Judith and Matt Patterson. 2010. "Autonomy and Compliance: How Qualitative Sociologists Respond to Institutional Ethical Oversight." *Qualitative Sociology* 33(2): 161–183. (Equal co-authors)

## PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

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- Patterson, Matt. 2026. "Cultural Trauma, Collective Memory, and the Enduring Power of Chinatown during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Pp. 48 – 71 in Chandrima Chakraborty, Sibon Chen, Muiyang Li, Guida Man, and X. Alvin Yang (eds.) *Anti-Asian Racism and the COVID-19 Pandemic in Canada*. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Patterson, Matt. 2025. "Cultural Entrepreneurship and Societalization in the Founding of the Royal Ontario Museum: How Collecting Fossils and Antiquities Went from Private Hobby to Civic Responsibility." in Jeffrey C. Alexander and Mervyn Horgan (eds.) *The Civil Sphere in Canada*, pp. 321–343. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Patterson, Matt. 2020. "Building Citizens by Building Museums: Royal Ontario Museum & Art Gallery of Ontario." In Georgia Lindsay (ed.) *Contemporary Museum Architecture and Design: Theory and Practice of Place*, pp. 155–177. New York: Routledge.
- Patterson, Matt and Daniel Silver. 2015. "Turning the Post-Industrial City into the Cultural City: The Case of Toronto's Waterfront." In Kate Oakley and Justin O'Connor (eds.) *Routledge Companion to the Cultural Industries*, pp. 268–280. London: Routledge. (First author)

## RESEARCH REPORTS

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Patterson, Matt. 2024, June 6. Supporting Chinatowns Across Canada: Follow-up Report to Canadian Federal Anti-Racism Secretariate.

Patterson, Matt, Lindsey Kokaritis†, Jacey Magnussen†, and Jason Yip‡. 2020. *Identity and Culture in Calgary Chinatown*. Calgary Urban Alliance. (First author)

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Patterson, Matt. 2023. Mike Owen Benediktsson, *In the Midst of Things*. *Contemporary Sociology* 52(6).

Patterson, Matt. 2020. Zachary J. Violette, *The Decorated Tenement*. *Labour/Le Travail* 85: 314-316.

Patterson, Matt. 2008. Zygmunt Bauman, *Consuming Life*. *Canadian Journal of Sociology* 33(2): 468-470.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Patterson, Matt. 2021. "Community Profile: Chinatown, Calgary." *Research Committee 03 Newsletter* 50(1): 3-4. International Sociological Association.

## ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

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Patterson, Matt. "Architecture as Practice and Product in Urban Sociology." Chapter accepted in Leonard Nevarez and Ryan Centner (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Urban Sociology*. Book currently under review at Oxford University Press.

Patterson, Matt, Omid Asayesh, and Hyesun Jeong. "Chinatown as an Urban Model Space: How Planning Context Shapes Identity Claims in Ethnic Placemaking Initiatives." In preparation for submission.

Kuk, Bryan and Matt Patterson. "K-pop Fandom and the Status of Cosmopolitan Consumption in a Transnational World." In preparation for submission.

## GRANTS

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Total career funding as Principal Investigator: \$315,080; as Co-Investigator: \$2,680,280.

2026-31 "Community Power in Four Historic Chinatowns: A Comparative Study of Non-Market Housing." SSHRC Insight Grant; \$195,681. Role: Principal investigator.

2022-27 "Quality in Canada's Built Environment: Roadmaps to Equity, Social Value and Sustainability." SSHRC Partnership Grant; \$2,496,780. Role: Co-investigator (PI: Jean-Pierre Chupin)

2025-26 "Non-Market Housing in Four Historic Chinatowns." *SSHRC Enhancement Grant*, University of Calgary; \$4,000. Role: Principal investigator

- 2025-26 "Health, Happiness, Design and the City: Explorations of Critical Forces & Factors Beyond the Pragmatic." *Transdisciplinary Scholarship Connector Grants*, University of Calgary; \$8,500. Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Brian Sinclair)
- 2023-24 "The Politics of Placemaking in Chinatown." Transdisciplinary Scholarship Connector Grant, University of Calgary; \$17,000. Role: Principal Investigator
- 2021-23 "The Politics of Placemaking in Chinatown." SSHRC Insight Development Grant; \$71,438. Role: Principal investigator
- 2019-20 "Culture and Identity in Chinatown, Calgary." City of Calgary; \$26,461. Role: Principal investigator
- 2019 Scholarly Activity Grant, Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary; \$500.00
- 2016-18 "The Social and Environmental Implications of Smart Cities: A Global Comparative Research Agenda." Human Dynamics Research Strategy Fund (University of Calgary); \$150,000. Role: Co-investigator (PI: Byron Miller)
- 2017 SSHRC Connection Grant, \$25,000. Role: Co-investigator (PI: Byron Miller)

### INVITED TALKS, 2020 – Present

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- 2025 "Living with Ghosts: How Physical Traces of the Past Shape Memories of Trauma in Chinatowns." *Naegele Memorial Lecture*, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, BC. 4 February 2025.
- 2023 "The Politics of Placemaking in Chinatown." Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Conference on Architecture. Calgary, AB. 5 May 2023. (With Henry Tsang)
- 2023 "Remembering and Overcoming Exclusion in Chinatown." Presentation by Matt Patterson. Calgary Central Library, Calgary, AB. 23 June 2023.
- 2022 "Community Engagement + Design of Built Environments" Common Integrative Seminar, Quality in Canada's Built Environment: Roadmaps to Equity, Social Value and Sustainability. Calgary, AB. 15 December 2022. (With Hieu Van Ngo and Yeonjung Lee)
- 2022 "Cultural Entrepreneurship and Societalization in the Founding of the Royal Ontario Museum: How Collecting Fossils and Antiquities Went from Private Hobby to Civic Responsibility." The Civil Sphere in Canada, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON. 7 May 2022.
- 2022 "Asian Diasporic Identities and Canadian Cities: Confluence and Differentiation." Mapping Transnational Urbanism: Culture, Ethnicity, Heritage and Public Response in an Indian/Canadian Context, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, IIT Ropar, Rupnagar, India. 30 March 2022.
- 2020 "Building Citizens by Building Museums" Presented at *Museum Architecture: Shaping Experiences*, Online Webinar, School of Architecture and Design, University of Tasmania. 12 November 2020.

- 2020 "Chinatown: Let's Talk Culture!" An online discussion of Calgary Chinatown hosted by the City of Calgary, Chinatown Advisory Group, and Dunefield Consulting. 26 August 2020.
- 2020 "Iconic Architecture." Guest lecture in Arts, Culture & Urban Development, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland. 9 April 2020.

### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, 2020 – Present

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- 2025 "Prime, Marginal, and Sacred: A Three-Party Theory of Urban Space." *Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference*. Toronto, ON. 3 June 2025.
- 2025 "Community, Inclusivity + Wellbeing: An Interdisciplinary Critical Examination of the Calgary Central Library (CCL) as a Vehicle to Redefine Quality in Design." *Architectural Research Centers Consortium 2025 International Conference*. Washington, DC. 3 April 2025. (with Nooshin Esmaeili, Belle Gutierrez-Kellam, TalyDawn Salyn, Enrica Dall'Ara, Gavin McCormack, and Brian R. Sinclair)
- 2024 "The Materiality of Cultural Trauma: Chinese Exclusion and Historic Chinatowns." *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*. Montreal, QC. 12 August 2024. (with Mojtaba Rostami)
- 2024 "K-pop Fandom and the Status of Cosmopolitan Consumption in a Transnational World." *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*. Montreal, QC. 10 August 2024. (with Bryan Kuk)
- 2024 "Disappearing Chinatowns: A Tale of Canadian Culture, Identity, Racism + Architecture." *Alberta Association of Architects Banff Session*. Banff, AB. 10 May 2024. (With Henry Tsang)
- 2023 "The Perseverance of Historic Chinatowns in the 21st Century: A Comparative Analysis of Chicago and Philadelphia." *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*. Philadelphia, PA. 19 August 2023.
- 2023 "Cultural Planning in North American Chinatowns." *XX International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology*. Melbourne, Australia. 29 June 2023.
- 2020 "Scoreboard Urbanism: Assessing Mental Life in the 'Smart' Metropolis." *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA. (Held online due to COVID-19)
- 2020 "Is There a Bilbao Effect? Testing the local area impact of iconic architectural developments in North America, 2000 to 2009." *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, Denver, CO. (Canceled due to COVID-19)

### COURSES TAUGHT, 2020 – Present

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#### Graduate

- *Major Research Paper Seminar, Course-based MA program*
- *Seminar in Sociological Theory*
- *Urban Sociology*
- *Independent Study Courses: Sociology of Music, Culture and Consumption, Agency in the Digital Age*

Undergraduate

- *Urban Sociology*
- *Research Seminar on Cities and Culture*
- *Sociology of Culture*
- *Classical Sociological Theory*
- *Contemporary Sociological Theory*

**STUDENT SUPERVISION**

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Ongoing Supervision

Erin Knox, PhD, *Sociology* (committee member)  
Bryan Kuk, PhD, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
Jianru Li, PhD, *Kinesiology, University of Alberta* (committee member)  
Fahimeh Mehrabi, PhD, *Sociology* (committee member)  
Alli Moncrieff, PhD, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
Lizzie Rajchel, MA, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
Jenna Robinson, PhD, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
Natalia Rodriguez, MA, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
Mo Zanjani, PhD, *Environmental Design* (committee member)

Completed Students

2025 Farhana Ally, Undergraduate PURE Project, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
2024 Chene Redwood, PhD, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
2022 Sabeen bin Zayyad, *Environmental Design* (committee member)  
2021 Bryan Kuk, MA, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
2021 Erik Mohns, MA, *Sociology* (supervisor)  
2017 Chris Kohut, Undergraduate honours thesis, *Sociology* (supervisor)

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE, 2020 – Present**

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2023 – 27 Graduate Program Director (on leave 2025-26)  
2020 – 23 Graduate Program Committee, *member*  
2022 Hiring Committee, *member*  
2021 – 22 Curriculum Developer, Course-based MA Program  
2020 Social Committee, *member*

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE, 2020 – Present**

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2024 Recruitment Scholarship Evaluation Committee, Faculty of Arts  
2023 Graduate Awards Committee, Faculty of Arts  
2021 – 22 Hiring Committee, School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape, *member*  
2020 – 21 Faculty of Arts Award Leaders Advisory Group, *member*  
2020 Faculty of Arts Executive Committee, *member*  
2018 – 20 University of Calgary Childcare Centre Board of Governors, *member*

2019 – 20 Smart Cities Working Group, Calgary Institute for the Humanities, *co-facilitator*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Leadership/Editorial Positions

2025 – 27 Editorial board member, *City & Community*

2023 – 27 Vice-President, RC03 Community Research, International Sociological Association

2020 – 23 Newsletter Editor, RC03 Community Research, International Sociological Association

### Conference Session Organizer/Chair/Moderator (2018 – Present)

2023 "Co-creating Communities Democratically." *Questions of Democracy: Exploring Possibilities for Transdisciplinary Work*, University of Calgary, Calgary. (Moderator)

2023 "Uses and Misuses of Arts and Culture in Community and Urban Development." *ISA World Congress of Sociology*, Melbourne. (Organizer and Chair)

2023 "Cultural Institutions and Community." *ISA World Congress of Sociology*, Melbourne. (Organizer and Chair)

2023 Complexity, Uncertainty, Cities + Society: Design Education at a Crossroads. City Building Design Laboratory, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB. (Moderator)

2019 "Cultural Sociology: Objects, Embodiment, and Materiality," *CSA Annual Conference*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. (Organizer and Chair)

2019 "Consumption and Material Culture," *CSA Annual Conference*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. (Organizer and Chair)

2018 "Community and the Built Environment," *ISA World Congress of Sociology*, Toronto. (Organizer and Chair)

### Manuscript Reviewer (2020 – Present)

*American Journal of Cultural Sociology; American Sociological Review; Canadian Journal of Urban Research; Canadian Review of Sociology; Cities; City & Community; City, Cultural Sociology; Culture and Society, European Planning Review, Journal of Urban Affairs, Palgrave Macmillan, Poetics, Polity Press, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Sociological Quarterly, Space and Culture, Sustainable Cities and Society*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

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2006 – Present Canadian Sociological Association

2009 – Present American Sociological Association

2018 – Present International Sociological Association

2015 – Present UCCites, University of Calgary

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/ENGAGEMENT

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2024 Chinese Canadian History Project, ACCT Foundation, Advisory board member.

2023 – 25 Anti-Racist Action Committee, City of Calgary, Board member.

2022 National Roundtable on Saving Canada's Disappearing Chinatowns, ACCT Foundation, Moderator. Toronto, ON. 30 October 2022.

2019 Roundtable on Canadian Chinatowns, Chinese Canadian Leader's Summit, Moderator. Calgary, AB. 5 May 2019.