

# 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* 91(2): 286–312. (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, Muyang Li, Guida Man, and X. Alvin Yang (eds.) *Anti-Asian Racism and the COVID-19 Pandemic in Canada*. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Esmaeili, Nooshin<sup>†</sup>, Belle Gutierrez Kellam<sup>†</sup>, Taly-Dawn Salynt<sup>†</sup>, Matt Patterson, Enrica Dall'ara, Gavin R. McCormack, and Brian R. Sinclair. 2026. "Community, Inclusivity + Wellbeing: An Interdisciplinary Critical Examination of the Calgary Central Library (CCL) As A Vehicle To Redefine Quality In Design." Pp. 849-858 in Clare Robinson, Salvador Arellano and Maritza Noriega (eds.) *ARCC 2025 Conference Proceedings*. ISBN 979-8-234-04636-9.
- 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<sup>†</sup>, Jacey Magnussen<sup>†</sup>, and Jason Yip<sup>‡</sup>. 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." Under review (submitted April 2026).

Kuk, Bryan and Matt Patterson. "K-pop Fandom and the Status of Cosmopolitan Consumption in a Transnational World." Under review (submitted May 2026).

## 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

- 2026 "A Black Cowboy in Chinatown: Ethnic Placemaking as Barrier or Bridge." *Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference*. Halifax, NS. 10 June 2026. (with Sarah Bock)
- 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 (2020 – Present)

- 2026 "Culture and Inequality," *CSA Annual Conference*, Dalhousie University, Halifax. (Chair)
- 2026 Quality in the Built Environment Roundtable Sessions. University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. (Moderator)
- 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)

### 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.