

MARK KEAR

Education

PhD in Geography, 2015

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Dissertation: *Governing Homo Subprimicus: Essays on the Financial Regulation of Poverty After the Subprime Crisis*

Advisor: Geoff Mann, Professor, Department of Geography

Major: Economic/Financial Geography

MA in Geography, 2007

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Thesis: *Fixing Nature: Economic Transition, Creative Destruction & the Remaking of Southeast False Creek*

Advisor: W Scott Prudham, Professor, Department of Geography

Major: Environmental and Economic Geography

Honors BA in Economics, 2004

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Thesis: *A Model of the Economic Impacts of Urban Growth Controls*

Advisor: Matthew Turner, Professor, Department of Economics, Brown University (formerly U. of Toronto)

Major: Economics / Minors: Environmental Economics, Geography

Employment

Assistant Professor, 2015 to present

School of Geography, Development & Environment, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Affiliate Faculty, 2018 to present

Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Instructor, 2013 to 2015

School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Instructor, 2008 to 2009

Department of Geography, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

Launius S and **Kear M** (2019) "'Fixing' Financialization in the Credit Constrained City." *Urban Geography*. 40(9): 1335-1355. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2019.1586220>

Kear M (2017) "Playing the credit score game: Algorithms, 'positive' data, and the personification of financial objects." *Economy and Society*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03085147.2017.1412642>

Kear M (2017) "The Marketsite: A New Conceptualization of Market Spatiality." *Economic Geography*. 94(3): 299-320. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00130095.2017.1312337>

Kear M (2016) "Peer Lending and the Subsumption of the Informal." *Journal of Cultural Economy*. 9(3): 261-276.

Kear M (2014) "The Scale Effects of Financialization: the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Production of Financial Space and Subjects." *Geoforum*. 57: 99-109.

Kear M (2013) "Governing *Homo Subprimicus*: Beyond Financial Citizenship, Exclusion, and Rights." *Antipode*. 45(4): 926-946.

Kear M (2007) "Spaces of Transition, Spaces of Tomorrow: Making a Sustainable Future in Southeast False Creek, Vancouver." *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*. 24(4): 324-334.

Book Chapters

Hartman J, **Kear M** (2020) "Critical Financial Geography." in *Routledge Handbook to Critical Finance Studies*. Borch and Wosnitzer, Eds. New York, NY: Routledge.

Other Publications

Op-Eds

Kear M, Solís P, Wilder M, Hondula D, and Bernstein M. (2020) "When Heat Collides with a Pandemic." May 3, 2020. <https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2020/05/03/arizona-heat-could-kill-self-isolating-coronavirus-mobile-homes/3043693001/>

Kear M and Wilder M (2020) "The coronavirus is a housing crisis, and not just for the homeless." *Arizona Daily Star*. April 3, 2020. https://tucson.com/opinion/local/local-opinion-the-coronavirus-is-a-housing-crisis-and-not-just-for-the-homeless/article_674d5dc2-dd4e-5ee7-bc89-3c93fd33fe21.html

Essays

Kear M (2018) "Innovating and improvising the social contract in the US financial borderscape." *Journal of Cultural Economy*. 11(5): 1 (5), 489-495.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17530350.2018.1448880>

Whitepapers and Reports

Kear M, Handschuh, T, Launius S, Hartman J, Christopherson G. (2019) "The 'Manufactured Housing Gap' in Tucson and Pima County." Economic and Business Research Center, Eller College, University of Arizona.

Quiñonez J, Robinson TC, and **Kear M** (2012) "Credit Deserts: The Absence of Low-Cost Credit in Low-Income Communities." Mission Asset Fund. <http://missionassetfund.org/84-lc-blog/52>.

Reviews

Kear M (2015) "Debtfare States and the Poverty Industry: Money, Discipline and the Surplus Population." By Susanne Soederberg, *Antipode*.

Kear M (2014) "Banking Across Boundaries: Placing Finance in Capitalism." By Brett Christophers, *AAG Review of Books*. 2(4): 147-149.

Kear M (2013) "Hard Choices: Financial Exclusion, Fringe Banks and Poverty in Urban Canada" By Jerry Buckland, *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*. 22(1): 113-114.

Kear M (2012) Review Essay: "Debt -- The First 5000 Years and The Bonds of Debt" by David Graeber and "The Bonds of Debt" by Richard Dienst. *Environment and Planning D: Society and*

Space: <http://societyandspace.com/reviews/reviews-archive/dienst-richard-2011-the-bonds-of-debt/>

Kear M (2011) "How It Works: Recovering Citizens in Post-Welfare Philadelphia" by Robert P. Fairbanks II. *Antipode*. 43(5): 1946–1949.

Work in Progress

Kear M (under review) "The Moral Economy of the Algorithmic Crowd: Possessive Collectivism and Techno-Economic Rentiership." *Competition and Change*.

Kear M, Wilder M (in prep) "Home on the Fringe". *Environment and Planning A*.

Wilder M and **Kear, M** (in prep) "Climate Change and Energy Poverty in Manufactured Housing Communities." *Geography Compass*.

McCann L, Hibberd R, **Kear M** (in prep) "Housing Insecurity in Tucson and Beyond: A Case Study of Manufactured Housing." Making Action Possible White Paper Series. Economic and Business Research Center, Eller College, University of Arizona.

Meyer D, Wilder M, Kear M (in prep) "Displacement Without Relocation? Negative Place-Making in Manufactured Housing Landscapes."

Hartman J, Kear M (in prep) "Ecologies of Finance and Entrepreneurship."

Scholarly Presentations (since 2015)

Conferences

Meyer D, McCann L, **Kear M** (2019) "The 'Manufactured Housing Gap' in Tucson and Pima County: Emerging Themes from a Landscape of Vulnerability." Association of Pacific Coast Geographers AGM, Flagstaff, AZ, USA.

Kear M (2019) "Moral Economies of the Serial Crowd." Cultures and Spaces of Debt and Finance. Tucson, AZ, USA.

Kear M (2019) "Duty to Serve and the Redemption of Chattel," Association of American Geographers AGM, Washington, DC, USA.

Kear M (2019) "Financial Borderscapes: Inhabitants and Habitations." Institute for New Economic Thinking. Washington, DC, USA.

Kear, M (2018) "The 'Manufactured Housing Gap' in Tucson and Pima County." Equitable Development of Housing and Neighborhoods Forum. Tucson, Arizona, USA.

Kear M (2018) "Collectivity Under Übercapital." Association of American Geographers AGM, New Orleans, LA, USA.

Kear M (2017) "Playing the Credit Score Game." Intersections of Finance and Society, London, England.

Kear M (2017) "The Psychological State and the Assembly of Financial Subjects." Association of American Geographers AGM, Boston, MA, USA.

Kear M and Launius S. (2017) "Hybrid-Machines: Local Growth Coalitions and Global Financial Markets. Association of American Geographers AGM, Boston, MA, USA.

Kear M (2016) "Moral Economies of Financial Self-Care: Credit Building Community in the San Francisco Bay Area." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economic AGM, Berkeley, CA, USA.

Kear M (April 2016) "The Realization of Value in Payment Space." Association of American Geographers AGM, San Francisco, CA, USA.

Kear M (April 2015) "The Strategic Personification of Objects: NGOs, Positive Data, Calculative Agency & the Credit Score Game." Association of American Geographers AGM, Chicago, IL, USA.

Kear M (April 2015) "Accounting for Debt." Association of American Geographers AGM, Chicago, IL, USA.

Discussant

Kear M (2016) "Becoming Financial III." Association of American Geographers AGM, San Francisco, CA, USA.

Kear M (2015) panelist: The Spatial Constitution of Markets. Association of American Geographers AGM, Chicago, IL, USA.

Colloquia

Kear, M (2015) "Subsuming the Informal: Peer Lending and the Financial Regulation of Poverty." San Diego State University, Department of Geography Colloquium, San Diego, CA, USA.

Kear, M (2015) "'I have never met those people in that room': Peer lending and the subsumption of the informal." University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development Colloquium, Tucson, AZ, USA.

Community Presentations and Webinars

Kear M (2019) "A New Habitat for Manufactured Housing in Tucson: What we know, what we don't, how you can help and what we can return", Habitat for Humanity Tucson. (Housing Practitioners Workshop), Tucson, AZ.

Kear M (2019) "A New Habitat for Manufactured Housing in Tucson", Swan Lake Estates (Resident Outreach), Tucson, AZ.

Kear M (2019) "A New Habitat for Manufactured Housing in Tucson", Flowing Wells Public Library (Resident Outreach), Tucson, AZ.

Kear M (2019) "The Manufactured Housing Gap" MAP Talk (Making Action Possible / Economics and Business Research Center at Eller College of Management),

Conference Sessions Organized

Kear M, Wilder M, Solis P, Sullivan E (2020) "Crisis Housing Assemblages." Association of American Geographers AGM, Denver, CO, USA.

Kear M, Harker C and Johnson R (2019) "Debt: Coping, Supporting, Overcoming, Resisting and Enduring." Association of American Geographers AGM, Washington, DC, USA.

Kear M and Loomis, J (2016) "Becoming Financial, I, II, III." Association of American Geographers AGM, San Francisco, CA, USA.

Student Supervision

Undergraduate

Myriam Sandoval	Research Intern	2018-2019
Joe Meisburger	Research Intern	2018-2019
Michela Wilson	Research Intern	Fall 2019
Niamh Trinci	Research Intern	Fall 2019
Andrea Lara-García	Research Intern	Ongoing
Alfonso Villasenor	Research Intern	Ongoing

Graduate (main advisor)

Julian Hartman	PhD Candidate	Ongoing
Antonio Cabrera	PhD	Graduated 2019

Graduate (Committee Member)

Dugan Meyer	PhD Student	Ongoing
Richard Johnson	PhD Candidate	Ongoing
Laura McCann	MDP	Ongoing
Özlem Özgür	PhD Candidate	Ongoing
Surabhi Karambelkar	PhD Candidate	2017 to 2018 (Comps only)
Laura Sharp	PhD	Graduated 2019
Taylor Handschuh	MSGIST	Graduate 2018
Sarah Launius	PhD	Graduated 2018
Remy Franklin	MA	Graduated 2017

Service (since 2015)

International

Conference Organizer (2019) “Cultures and Spaces of Debt and Finance,” a two-day conference with 19 papers presented and two keynotes, organized with Marcia Klotz and students enrolled in SCCT 510.

Reviewer

Annals of the Association of American Geographers

Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography

Capitalism, Nature, Socialism

Economic Geography

Environment and Planning A
Environment and Planning D: Society and Space
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research
Geoforum
Journal of Cultural Economy
Progress in Human Geography
Regional Studies
Urban Affairs Review
Governance
Gender Place and Culture
Monograph review, Rowman & Littlefield (2018)

University

Sawyer Seminar Organizing Committee (2019 to present)
Sawyer Seminar Postdoc Hiring Committee (AY 2019-2020)

Departmental Committees and Service

Data Science and Spatial Analysis Hiring Committee (AY 2019-2020), SGDE
David Plane Symposium Organizing Committee (Spring 2019), SGD
Spatial Statistics & Quantitative Methods Hiring Committee (AY 2018-2019), SGD
Colloquium Committee (2016 to 2019), School of Geography and Development (SGD)
Human Geography Hiring Committee (Summer 2018), SGD
Urban and Regional Development Curriculum Subcommittee (2015 to present), SGD
Urban and Regional Development Review and Alumni Relations (Spring 2017), SGD
Urban Geography Hiring Committee (2016 to 2017), SGD
Admissions Committee (2015 to 2016), SGD
Annual Faculty Performance Review Committee (2015 to 2016), SGD

Grants and Contracts (since 2015)

2020 to 2021	Kear, M (PI), McCann L, Hibberd R, Economics and Business Research Center Making Action Possible Grant (\$7,500).
2020 to 2021	Medovoi L (PI), Reynolds Cooper A, Gibbs D, Kear M (Co-Investigator), Klotz M, Luibheid E, Ren H, Silverstein B, Srinivisan R "Neoliberalism at the Neopopulist Crossroads." Andrew W. Mellon Foundation John E. Sawyer Seminars on the Comparative Study of Culture (\$250,000).
2020	Hartman J and Kear M, Graduate Student Collaboration Grant (\$2,000).
2020	Meyer D and Kear M, Graduate Student Collaboration Grant (\$2,000).
2020	Kear M (PI) College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Leveraging Grant (\$2,000).
2019	Kear M (Co-PI, 50%) and Klotz, M (Co-PI) University of Arizona Graduate Interdisciplinary Program "Problem" Grant for Critical Financial Studies (\$5,000).
2018 to 2020	Kear, M (PI, 75% effort) and Wilder M (Co-I) "A New Habitat for Manufactured Housing in Tucson." Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice (\$60,000).

2017 Kear, M (PI, 75% effort), Launius S and Christopherson G (co-PIs) Economics and Business Research Center Making Action Possible Grant (\$7,500).