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PhD Sociology - Brown University
MA Sociology - Washington State University
BA History and English Literature - Purdue University

Previous Positions:	Assistant Prof. of Sociology	University of British Columbia
	Assistant Prof. of Family Studies	University of British Columbia
	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	University of Minnesota
	Assistant Prof. of Sociology	DePauw University
	Visiting Researcher	Uppsala University - IBF
	Fulbright Hays Fellowship	Stockholm University

Research & Teaching Areas: Housing; Home; Urban; Immigration; Family; Life Course; Population; Environment; Health; Methods

Books & Edited Volumes: 2016 *The Death and Life of the Single-Family House: Lessons from Vancouver on Building a Livable City*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

*** Winner of the 2017 John Porter Tradition of Excellence Book Award from the Canadian Sociological Association

2012 *The End of Children? Changing Trends in Childbearing and Childhood*. Vancouver: UBC Press. Co-edited With Graham Allan

2010 *Housing Studies* 25(4) special issue on "Housing and the Family." Co-edited With Clara Mulder.

Journal Articles & Book Chapters Forth Woody, Sheila, Peter Lenkic, Christiana Bratitotis, Kate Kysow, May Luu, Jesse Edsell-Vetter, Randy Frost, Nathanael Lauster, Gail Steketee, David Tolin. How Well Do Hoarding Research Samples Represent Cases that Rise to Community Attention? *Behaviour Research & Therapy*. TBA.

Forth Kysow, Kate, Christiana Bratitotis, Nathanael Lauster, Sheila Woody. How Can Cities Tackle Hoarding? Explaining an Intervention Program Bringing Together Fire and Health Authorities in Vancouver. *Health & Social Care in the Community*. TBA.

2019 Lauster, Nathanael. What's Livable? Comparing Concepts and Metrics for Housing and Livability. In *A Research Agenda for Housing*. Ed. Markus Moos. Cheltenham & Camberley: Edward Elgar.



- 2018 Luu, May, Nathanael Lauster, Christiana Bratiotis, Jesse Edsell-Vetter, & Sheila Woody. Squalor in community-referred hoarded homes. *Journal of Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders* 19: 66-71.
- 2018 Bratiotis, Christiana, Nathanael Lauster, Sheila Woody. Coordinated Community-Based Hoarding Interventions: Evidence of Case Management Practices. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services* 100(1): 93-105.
- 2018 Kwok, Navio, Christiana Bratiotis, May Luu, Nathanael Lauster, Kate Kysow, Sheila Woody. Examining the Role of Fire Prevention on Hoarding Response Teams: Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services as a Case Study. In Press. *Fire Technology* 54: 57-73.
- 2018 Lauster, Nathanael. *In Defense of Housing* Book Review. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(2): 200-202
- 2017 Lauster, Nathanael & Jing Zhao. Labor Migration and the Missing Work of Home-making: Three Forms of Settling for Chinese-Canadian Migrants. *Social Problems* 64(4): 497-512.
- 2016 Lauster, Nathanael, Alina McKay, Navio Kwok, Jennifer Yip, & Sheila Woody. How Much of Too Much? What Inspections Data say about Residential Clutter as a Housing Problem. *Housing Studies* 31(6): 519-539.
- 2014 Lauster, Nathanael & Frank Tester. Homelessness and Health in the Canadian East Arctic. in *Homelessness and Health*. Eds. M. Guirguis-Younger, S. Hwang, R. McNeil. University of Ottawa Press.
- 2014 Berggren, Caroline & Nathanael Lauster. The motherhood penalty and the professional credential: Inequality in career development for those with professional degrees. *International Studies in Sociology of Education* 24(1): 44-64.
- 2013 Lauster, Nathanael. 'Kinda Just a Home I Guess': Toward Theorizing the Making of Home in Vancouver. in *Home – Place – Community: International Sociological Perspectives*. Ed. M. Kusenbach, K. Paulsen, M. Milligan. New York: Peter Lang.
- 2012 Lauster, Nathanael, Todd Martin, & James White. Changing Children and Changing Cultures: Immigration as a Source of Fertility and the Assumptions of Assimilation. In *The End of Children? Changing Trends in Childbearing and Childhood*. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- 2012 Lauster, Nathanael. The Performance of Motherhood and Fertility Decline: A Stage Props Approach. *The End of Children? Changing Trends in*



Childbearing and Childhood. Vancouver: UBC Press.

- 2011 Lauster, Nathanael & Adam Easterbrook. No Room for New Families? A Field Experiment Measuring Rental Discrimination against Same-Sex Couples and Single Parents. *Social Problems* 58.3: 389-409.
- 2011 Black, Jennifer, Richard Carpiano, Stuart Fleming, Nathanael Lauster. Exploring the Distribution of Grocery Stores in British Columbia; Associations with Neighbourhood Socio-Demographic Factors and Urban Form. *Health and Place* 17: 961-970.
- 2010 Lauster, Nathanael. A Room to Grow: The Residential Density-dependence of Childbearing in Europe and the United States. *Canadian Studies in Population* 37.3-4: 475-496. Special Issue on Low Fertility. ed. B. Ram.
- 2010 Lauster, Nathanael & Frank Tester. Culture as a Problem in Linking Material Inequality to Health: On Residential Crowding in the Arctic. *Health and Place* 16: 523-530.
- 2010 Mulder, Clara & Nathanael Lauster. Introduction to the Special Issue on Housing and Family. *Housing Studies* 25.4: 433-440.
- 2010 Lauster, Nathanael. Housing and the Proper Performance of American Motherhood, 1940-2005. *Housing Studies* 25.4: 541-555.
- 2008 Lauster, Nathanael. Better Homes and Families: Housing Markets and Young Couple Stability in Sweden. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 70.4: 891-903.
- 2006 Lauster, Nathanael. A Room of One's Own or Room Enough for Two? Housing and Leaving Home for Family and Non-Family Destinations in Sweden, 1968-1992. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 25.4: 329 - 351.
- 2006 Lauster, Nathanael and Urban Fransson. Of Marriages and Mortgages: The Second Demographic Transition and the Relationship between Marriage and Home Ownership in Sweden. *Housing Studies* 21.6: 911 - 929.
- 2005 Guttman, Myron, Glenn Deanne, Nathanael Lauster and Andres Peri. Two Population-Environment Regimes in the Great Plains of the United States, 1930-1990. *Population and Environment* 27.2: 191 - 225.
- 2002 Lauster, Nathanael. "Hem Ljuva Hem": Cohabitation, Marriage, and Access to Home Ownership in Sweden, 1972-1992. *Scandinavian Population Studies*. 13: 171 - 190.
- 2001 Lindstrom, David and Nathanael Lauster. Local Economic Opportunity and the Competing Risks of Internal and U.S. Migration in Zacatecas,



Mexico. *International Migration Review* 35.4: 1232 - 1256.

1998 Lauster, Nathanael. Gender, Work, and Subsistence: A Human Ecological Explanation for the Availability of Female Labor leading up to the Industrial Revolution. *Advances in Human Ecology*. Vol. 7. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press. Pp. 139 - 160.

Other Works

2016- Present *Home: Free Sociology* blog: homefreesociology.wordpress.com
Provides regular commentary on housing and sociology, 28,000+ views

2015 *At Home Looks Like*: Book and Exhibit of Youth Photovoice project, together with the Making Housing Home research project and Karina Czyzewski.

2006-2008 *The Illustrated Journey Project*: Co-founder and coordinator of the award-winning Illustrated Journey Project (with Pascaline Nsekera), bringing together comic book artists with refugee youth to illustrate journeys to Canada

Invited Talks

2019 “The Death and Life of the Single-Family House” presented to the *BC Humanist Association*, Jan 20.

2018 “The Death and Life of the Single-Family House” presented to the *Richmond Public Library*, Oct 27.

2018 “Land and Housing” *Lincoln Land Institute Journalists Forum*, Cambridge, MA, Apr 14.

2018 “The Death and Life of the Single-Family House” presented to the *Vancouver Historical Society*, Vancouver, Feb 22

2017 “The Rise (and Fall) of Single-Family Residential Zoning” presented during the *Property in the City Arbutus Corridor Walking Tour*, Allard Law School, Vancouver, Sept 9

2017 **Keynote Talk**: “Wanting, Needing, Having, Planning: How to pair residential trajectories of household and metropolis?” presented to the Partner Relationships, Residential Relocations, and Housing in the Life Course International Conference at the University of Cologne, **Cologne, Germany**, July

2017 “Life Beyond the Single-Family House?” presented to the *City of Victoria Lecture Series*, Victoria, BC, May 1



- 2017 “Is There a More Livable Vancouver Beyond the Single-Family House?”
Brock House Society Lecture Series, Vancouver, Jan 24
- 2016 **Keynote Talk:** “Getting Beyond the Single-Family House” presented to
the *Re:Address Housing Affordability Symposium*, City of Vancouver,
Vancouver, Oct 27.
- 2015 “Habitation Denied: Why is Public Housing always in the Cross-Hairs?”
presented to *Future of Public Housing Symposium*, Vancouver, May 22
- 2012 “Room for Improvement in Estimating Canadian Housing Needs”
presented to *Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China*, April 9
- 2011 “Policy Responses to Housing the Poor in Canada, Mexico, and the
United States” presented to El Colegio de Mexico, Centro de Estudios
Demograficos, Urbanos y Ambientales (CEDUA), **Mexico City, Mexico**,
October
- 2008 “Swedish Housing Problems in Comparison” presented to *Visiting
Swedish Social Housing Delegation (SABO)*, Vancouver, Oct 23
- 2008 “Housing Prices and Family Development” *UBC Arts Wednesdays*
Downtown Lecture, March
- 2007 “The Properly Housed Family: Status, Ownership, and Family Formation
in the US, 1880-2005” presented to the Family and Residential Choice
Workshop at the University of Amsterdam, **Amsterdam, the
Netherlands**, August

Research Grants: I’ve been fortunate to receive regular research funding from SSHRC, as well as funding from the CMHC, CIHR, the BC Metropolis project, and UBC. In total, my grant funding as Principal Investigator (PI) has included over \$680,000 in funding. As PI or Co-I, my research teams have brought approximately \$1.5 million in grant funding through UBC research projects. My current primary research is the *Vancouver Zoning Project*, working with co-I Jens von Bergmann with support from the CMHC: <https://zoning.sociology.ubc.ca/>

Research Assistant Support & Supervision: I’ve teamed up with over 20 research assistants at the undergraduate and graduate levels, providing support for their work carried out under my supervision.

Student Supervision: I’ve supervised over 15 students at the Master’s and PhD level and sat on many additional graduate student committees. I’ve also supervised numerous directed studies and honors theses for undergraduate students. I am happy to talk with prospective students interested in working with me in my own or related research areas.

Active Member: American Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association, International Sociological Association, Social Science History Association



International Editorial Advisory Board: *Housing Studies*

Selected Regular Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Canadian Geographer, Canadian Review of Sociology, Demographic Research, Demography, European Journal of Population, Housing Policy Debate, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, Journal of Family Theory and Review; Journal of Marriage and Family; Journal of Urban Economics; Population Studies; Sociological Focus; Sociological Theory; Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers; Urban Studies*

Selected Expert Advising and Consulting Work: *Canada BC Expert Panel on Housing Supply and Affordability, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, BC Supreme Court (Branch MacMaster LLP), State Court of Indiana (Clark Law Firm, LLC, Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Chickedantz LLP)*

Selected Media Commentary / Appearances: *The Associated Press, Bell Media, Business BC, Business News Network, CBC News, C-FAX Radio, CKNW Radio, Corporate Knights Magazine, CTV News, The Globe and Mail, Global TV, Metro News, News 1130, Roundhouse Radio, Science for the People (syndicated), The Star Newspapers (Toronto and Vancouver), The Tyee, The Vancouver Sun.*

Commentary and analyses are also freely accessible on: homefreesociology.com