

Branson Fox

Senior Statistical Data Analyst

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Education

2020

Saint Louis University

B.A., Sociology

Concentration in Urbanization, Immigration and Demography

Minor in Computational Geospatial Science

Honors Thesis: Gatekeepers of Placemaking:

Mortgage Lending in St. Louis, Missouri

Advisor: Christopher Prener, Ph.D.

Research & Professional Experience

2020 – Present

Senior Statistical Data Analyst

Division of Infectious Disease

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

- Epidemiological Theory & Methods
- Covid-19 Intervention and Evaluation
- Bibliometrics, Network Analysis, High Performance Compute

2020 – Present

Lead Data Engineer

St. Louis Regional Data Alliance

University of Missouri St. Louis

- Full Stack ETL & Infrastructure
- AWS, Docker, Caddy, Airflow, Python, Postgres

2018 – 2020

Data Scientist

Institute for Public Health

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Violence Prevention
- Community Health

2017 – 2020

Research Assistant

Prener Lab

Saint Louis University

- Software Development
- Spatial Econometrics
- Advanced Spatial Methods

- 2019 **GIS Analyst** Community Innovation and Action Center
University of Missouri Saint Louis
- Statewide Needs Assessment
 - Advanced Data Scraping
- 2018 **GIS Intern** Institute for Public Health
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
- Mapping Violence Prevention Efforts in St. Louis
- 2018 **Research Assistant** Heart Rate Variability Lab
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
- Racial Disparities in Heart Health
 - Clinical Analysis of Heart Rate Variability

Refereed Articles

- In Press Prener C. and **Fox B.** “Creating Open Source Composite Geocoders: Pitfalls and Opportunities” *Transactions in GIS*, in press.
- In Press **Fox B.**, Trolard A., Simmons M., Meyers J.E., and Vogel M. “Assessing the differential impact of vacancy on criminal violence in the city of St. Louis, MO.” *Criminal Justice Review*, in press.
- 2020 Mody A., Pfeifauf K., Bradley C., **Fox B.**, Hlatshwayo M., Ross W., Sanders-Thompson V., Joynt K., Reidhead M., Schootman M., Powderly W. and Geng E. “Understanding Drivers of COVID-19 Racial Disparities: A Population-Level Analysis of COVID-19 Testing among Black and White Populations” *Clinical Infectious Diseases*
- 2020 Reno H., **Fox B.**, Highfill C., McKee A., Trolard A., Liang S.Y., Stoner B.P., and Meyerson B.E. “The emerging intersection between injection drug use and early syphilis in non-urban areas of Missouri, 2012-2018.” *Journal of Infectious Diseases*
- 2019 Peters-Bergquist E., Trolard A., **Fox, B.**, Sebert-Kuhlmann A., Loux T., Liang S.Y., Stoner B.P., and Reno H. “Presenting to the Emergency Department for Sexually Transmitted Disease Care; A Spatial Analysis” *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*

Presentations

Fox, B. and C. Prener. “Everyday Civic Participation: Sociospatial Variation in Non-Emergency Requests for Service in St. Louis, MO.” Poster for Geo-Resolution 2019 (April, 2019, St. Louis, MO). Also Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting (April, 2019, Chicago, IL)

Fox, B. “Strength in Late Life: The Influence of Resilient Behavior on Longevity” Poster for the 19th Annual Friedman Lecture & Awards (April, 2019, St. Louis, MO).

Fox, B. “A Spatial Exploration of the Sexual Healthcare Landscape and Utilization in St. Louis” Poster for the 12th Annual Institute for Public Health Conference (October, 2019, St. Louis, MO).

Fox, B. and M. Simmons. “Where Guardianship Wanes: Vacancy and Crime in St. Louis” Presentation for the Patient Research Advisory Board at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis (August, 2020, St. Louis, MO).

Fox, B. “An Open Stack for Open Data” Presentation for the St. Louis Big Data IDEA Meetup (November, 2020, St. Louis, MO).

Fox, B., A. Trolard, J. Myers and M. Vogel “Vacancy and Violence” Presentation for the St. Louis Vacancy Collaborative (February, 2021, St. Louis, MO).

Software **R Packages**

- 2020 **B. Fox** hl7r: *An HL7 Parser for R*, on GitHub.
- 2020 Prener, C., C. Revord and **B. Fox** areal: *Methods for Areal Weighted Interpolation of Geographic Data*, on CRAN and GitHub.
- 2019 Prener, C. and **B. Fox** censusxy: *Geocoding data.frames Using the Census Geocoder*, on CRAN and GitHub.
- 2019 Prener, C. and **B. Fox** gateway: *Working with spatial data from St. Louis*, on GitHub.
- 2019 Prener, C. and **B. Fox** stlcsb: *Tidy Manipulation of Non-Emergency Service Request Data in the City of Saint Louis, MO.*, on CRAN and GitHub.

Teaching

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| 2019 | Teaching Assistant, Introduction to GIS
Tutor, Introduction to Biostatistics | Saint Louis University
Saint Louis University |
| 2018 | Tutor, Introduction to Sociology | Saint Louis University |

Community

- 2019 – Present St. Louis Regional Data Alliance
- 2019 – Present St. Louis Vacancy Collaborative
- 2019 – Present Cardiff/Violence Prevention Committee
- 2019 – Present OpenSTL - A Code for America Brigade