

New Transportation Faculty Hire Announced

We are delighted to announce that Lindsay Maurer Braun will join our department in the Spring 2018 semester, to teach transportation planning, including our popular UP 430/Urban Transportation Planning. Lindsay's research addresses the relationship between the built environment and travel behavior with an emphasis on active transportation and public health. She is interested in the potential for the built environment to facilitate physical activity as part of daily routines, and for active transportation strategies to advance broad livability and sustainability goals in urban areas. Her work recognizes that transportation infrastructure systems—along with the accessibility and health benefits that they can provide—are unevenly distributed across neighborhoods of varying demographic and socioeconomic characteristics. To explore the implications of this distribution for social justice, Lindsay conducted her dissertation research on themes of equity and power in access to walking and cycling infrastructure in U.S. cities.

Lindsay will receive her PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in December 2017. She also holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Development Studies from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. She received the Dwight D. Eisenhower Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Transportation to support her doctoral studies and was recognized as the top-ranked fellow in the nation during the 2016-2017 academic year. Prior to earning her PhD, Lindsay worked for three years as a transportation planning consultant in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she partnered with local, state, and federal agencies to evaluate the community impacts of transportation investments and to develop resources for community health and livability. She continues to translate her research into practice by partnering with planning and public health practitioners, with recent projects including a literature review on the diverse co-benefits of active transportation interventions and an evaluation of the Cincinnati Red Bike bicycle sharing program. Her recent teaching experience includes core courses in transportation planning and policy.

She looks forward to continuing her research and teaching as a DURP faculty member at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign!