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Personal Website

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Appointments

Assistant Professor, Marquette University, August 2025 -

- Department of Political Science
- Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute, Affiliated Faculty
- Vieth Institute for Real Estate Leadership, Affiliated Faculty

Post-Doctoral Associate, Rutgers University, July 2024- June 2025

- Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
- Center for State Health Policy, Rutgers Institute for Health
- Housing and Health Equity Cluster

Education

Princeton University

Ph.D., Population Studies and Social Policy, 2024

Dissertation: Convergence: An Analysis of Residential Integration in the 21st Century, Winner of 2023 Irving Louis Horowitz Award

Committee: Matthew Desmond (chair), Leah Boustan, Douglas Massey, John Robinson III, Patrick Sharkey

M.A., Population Studies, 2021

University of Notre Dame

B.A., Economics and Political Science, 2015

Publications

Mleczko, Matthew, Parker, Emily, and Tach, Laura. "How do LIHTC and Other Federal Place-Based Policies Shape Neighborhood Establishments?" *Housing Policy Debate*. Forthcoming.

Mleczko, Matthew. 2026. "The Cumulative Exposure to Exclusionary Zoning in Impoverished Neighborhoods." *Demography* 63 (1): 213–39. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-12468457>.

Mleczko, Matthew. 2024. "Trends and Characteristics of U.S. Metropolitan Neighborhood Integration, 2000–2020." *Urban Affairs Review*, September, 10780874241278619. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10780874241278619>.

- Urban Affairs Review blog post

Mleczko, Matthew and Matthew Desmond. 2023. "Using Natural Language Processing to Construct a National Zoning and Land Use Database." *Urban Studies*. doi: 10.1177/00420980231156352

- Urban Studies 2023 Best Article Shortlist

Articles Under Review

Invited To Revise and Resubmit

Mleczo, Matthew. "The Role of Housing Navigation in Promoting Housing Stability."

Mleczo, Matthew. "A Virtuous Cycle? Fair Housing and the Promotion of Long-Term Residential Integration."

Works in Progress

Principal Investigator, Milwaukee-Area Neighborhood Engagement Study (MANES)

"Address-Level Analysis of Integration Trends, 2000-2020" with Laura Sullivan.

"Does Welcoming America Programming Promote Refugee Integration?" with Gabby Toborg.

Mleczo, Matthew. "The Role of Residential Integration in Promoting Successful School Integration."

Mleczo, Matthew. "What Explains Variation in County-Level Housing Expenditures in the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program?"

"Does Affordable Housing Development Drive School Integration?" with Tyler Simko.

Policy Reports

Kalra, Vanita, Martina Manicasteri, Tanushree Bansal, Adam Gordon, and Matthew Mleczo. 2023. "Dismantling Exclusionary Zoning: New Jersey's Blueprint for Overcoming Segregation." Cherry Hill, NJ. Fair Share Housing Center.

Ruiz, David, Kristie McNealy, Kristen Corey, Jill Simmerman, Jelena Zurovac, Catherine McLaughlin, Mike Barna, and Matt Mleczo. 2017. "Evaluation of the Community-based Care Transitions Program." Final report submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Bethesda, MD: Econometrica, Inc. and Mathematica Policy Research.

Orzol, Sean, Lindsey Leininger, Lauren Hula, Cara Orfield, Richard Chapman, and Matthew Mleczo. 2016. "The Impact of Transitioning Stairstep Children from Separate CHIP to Medicaid on Use of Health Services: Evidence from Colorado and New York." Final report submitted to the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission. Ann Arbor, MI: Mathematica Policy Research.

Honors and Awards

2026 Regular Research Grant, Marquette University, \$5,824

2023 Irving Louis Horowitz Award, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, \$12,500

2022-2024 Prize Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Princeton University, \$1,000 each year

2021 Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science Grant, Princeton University, \$1,100

2015 Bernoulli Award, University of Notre Dame

2015 John Harold Sheehan Award, University of Notre Dame

2015 Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society

2015 Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

Invited Presentations

“The Cumulative Exposure to Exclusionary Zoning in Impoverished Neighborhoods.” 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin, August 14, 2024.

“National Zoning and Land Use Database.” NICAR 2024, March 7, 2024.

“Using Natural Language Processing to Construct a National Zoning and Land Use Database.” HUD Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R), July 11, 2023.

“What Housing Justice Requires of Us.” Housing Initiatives of Princeton Spring Event. Princeton, NJ. April 30, 2023.

“The Impact of Zoning Regimes on Residential Segregation and Displacement.” Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs Domestic Policy Lunch Speaker Series, Princeton University, February 22, 2023.

“Trends and Characteristics of U.S. Metropolitan Residential Integration, 2000-2020.” Notestein Seminar Series, Princeton University, November 1, 2022.

Butler Tract Community Land Trust Proposal

- Backstory with Joan Goldstein, February 24, 2023.
- Princeton University Service Focus Program, November 15, 2022; November 3, 2023; April 9, 2024.
- Princeton University Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS), Princeton University, November 2, 2022.
- Not In Our Town’s Continuing Conversations on Race, Princeton, NJ, November 7, 2022.
- Princeton Future Community Listening Session, Princeton, NJ, June 4, 2022.
- Princeton Progressive Action Group, Princeton, NJ, April 3, 2022.
- Reparations in Global Perspective Seminar, Princeton University, March 14, 2022.

“Land Use Policy and Zoning: What We Know and How We Can Do Better.” Maine Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions, Maine Legislature, Virtual, September 16, 2021.

“Using Natural Language Processing to Construct a National Zoning and Land Use Database.” Zoning Data Workshop, Urban Institute, Virtual, April 23, 2021.

“Anchor institutions.” Race and Housing in Princeton Wintersession Course, Princeton University, Virtual, January 28, 2021.

Conference Papers

Mleczko, Matthew. “A Virtuous Cycle? Fair Housing and the Promotion of Long-Term Residential Integration.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 24, 2026.

Mleczko, Matthew and Sullivan, Laura. 2025. “Individual-level analysis of neighborhood integration dynamics.” Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, November 15, 2025.

Mleczko, Matthew. “The Temporary Nature of Federal COVID-19 Housing Assistance and Post-2022 Trends in Housing Instability and Homelessness.” International Conference on Urban Affairs, Vancouver, B.C., April 17, 2025.

Mleczko, Matthew. "The Temporary Nature of Federal COVID-19 Housing Assistance and Post-2022 Trends in Housing Instability and Homelessness." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 12, 2025.

Mleczko, Matthew. "The Temporary Nature of Federal COVID-19 Housing Assistance and Post-2022 Trends in Housing Instability and Homelessness." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD, November 23, 2024.

Mleczko, Matthew. "The Role of Residential Integration in Promoting School Integration." RC28 Summer Meeting, Providence, RI, August 7, 2024.

Mleczko, Matthew. "A Virtuous Cycle? Fair Housing and the Promotion of Long-Term Residential Integration." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, April 19, 2024.

Mleczko, Matthew. "A Virtuous Cycle? Fair Housing and the Promotion of Long-Term Residential Integration." Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, April 5, 2024.

Mleczko, Matthew. "A Virtuous Cycle? Fair Housing and the Promotion of Long-Term Residential Integration." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 11, 2023.

Mleczko, Matthew. "The Longitudinal Impacts of Exclusionary Zoning in Impoverished Neighborhoods." RC28 Summer Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI, August 16, 2023.

Mleczko, Matthew. "Using Individual-Level Data to Understand 21st Century U.S. Residential Integration." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 13, 2023.

Mleczko, Matthew and Matthew Desmond. "The Impact of Zoning Regimes on Residential Integration and Displacement." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 17, 2022.

Mleczko, Matthew. "Trends in Residential Integration 2000-2020." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 9, 2022.

Mleczko, Matthew. "The Role of Residential Integration in Promoting Successful School Integration." Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 8, 2022.

Mleczko, Matthew. "Evaluating the State of Ethnoracial School Integration." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting, Virtual, November 12, 2020.

Mleczko, Matthew and Matthew Desmond. "Using Natural Language Processing to Construct a National Zoning and Land Use Database." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting, Virtual, November 13, 2020.

Mleczko, Matthew. "Analyzing the Impact of Solar Lanterns in Rural Haitian Schools." Atlantic Coast Conference Meeting of the Minds Conference, Raleigh, NC, 2015.

Teaching

Marquette University

POSC 3202 Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Science, Fall 2025
Instructor, Department of Political Science

POSC 4299 Topics in American Politics: Housing Politics and Policy, Fall 2025
Instructor, Department of Political Science

Rutgers University

Social Determinants of Health, Spring 2025
Instructor, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Princeton University

Race and Housing in Princeton: Yesterday and Today, Wintersession 2021
Co-Facilitator, School of Public and International Affairs and School of Architecture

SOC 217: Inequality, Health, and Health Care Systems, Spring 2020
Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology
Instructor: Arun Hendi
Average student rating: 4.7/5 (department average: 4.4)

POL 345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science, Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics
Instructor: Marc Ratkovic
Average student rating: 4.2/5 (department average: 4.0)

SPIA 635C: Math camp (Calculus track), Summer 2019
Instructor, School of Public and International Affairs

Public Engagement

Ongoing Efforts

Founder, Princeton GROWS, 2023 - Present
Invited Member, Great Homes and Neighborhoods For All Steering Committee, New Jersey Future, 2023 - Present
Collaborator, Princeton Affordable Housing Map, 2021 - Present

Previous Efforts

Founding Member, SPIA in New Jersey Committee, Princeton University, 2022 - 2024

Editorials

Mleczko, Matthew. 2026. "How Exclusionary Zoning Makes Poor Communities Poorer." *Governing*.
Mleczko, Matt. 2022. "The obligation to act: how Princeton University can promote housing justice." *The Daily Princetonian*.
Mleczko, Matt. 2021. "Let us be the generation that ends exclusionary zoning." *The Daily Princetonian*.
Mleczko, Matt. 2021. "How Princeton students can promote housing equity." *The Daily Princetonian*.
Mleczko, Matt. 2021. "The road to racial justice in Princeton must include housing justice." *The Daily Princetonian*.

Professional Activity

Reviewer

Housing Policy Debate, Urban Affairs Review, Cityscape, City and Community, Population Research and Policy Review, Socius, Cartography and Geographic Information Science

Public Service

Alternate member, Princeton Affordable Housing Board, Princeton, NJ, 2021 - 2023

Professional Service

Discussant, "The Design of Local Democracy: Electoral Systems and Competition", MPSA 2026, Chicago, IL, April 24, 2026.

Discussant, "Mechanisms of Socioeconomic Inequality in Neighborhood Contexts", PAA 2025, Washington, D.C., April 11, 2025.

Discussant, "Mobility, Neighborhoods, and Well-Being", PAA 2024, Columbus, OH, April 18, 2024.

Discussant, "Politics and Migration Policy" APPAM 2023, Atlanta, GA, November 10, 2023.

Invited participant, "The Challenge of Affordable Housing: Shared Equity as a Way Forward." Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Penn Institute for Urban Research Roundtable, University of Pennsylvania, June 29, 2023.

Organizer/Moderator, "Mt. Laurel At 40: The Past and Future of Affordable Housing." SPIA in NJ Launch Event, Princeton University, April 28, 2023.

Discussant, "Local Focus: Demography at the Local, State, and Regional Level." PAA 2023, New Orleans, LA, April 13, 2023.

Presenter, "Three Perspectives on Expanding Princeton's Affordable Housing", Princeton, NJ, January 21, 2023.

Organizer/Moderator, Panel Discussion: "What Can We Do?" Housing Justice Forum, Princeton, NJ, December 10, 2022.

Discussant, CSDP Conference on Housing Politics and Policy, Princeton University, May 5, 2022.

Discussant, Reparations in Global Perspective Seminar Final Presentations, Princeton University, May 3, 2022.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Diversity Council Representative, Mathematica, 2016-2017

Diversity Educator and Interracial Forum Participant, University of Notre Dame, 2012-2014

Professional memberships

Midwest Political Science Association, 2026 - Present

American Sociological Association, 2024 - 2025

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, 2022 - Present

Population Association of America, 2022 - 2026

Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Social Mobility (International Sociological Association), 2023 - 2024

National Alliance to End Homelessness Research Network, 2025 - Present

Media

Ep 120: How Exclusionary Zoning Hurts Poor Neighborhoods with Matthew Mleczko. (UCLA Housing Voice Podcast, July 2026).

In Princeton, a Housing Plan Sparks a Neighborhood War. (*The Nation*, April 2026).

Median age of first-time homebuyers rises to 40, Wisconsin realtors see impacts (*Spectrum News*, November 2025)

Panelists to Explore Past, Present, Future Of Affordable Housing (*Town Topics*, February 2024)

Fact Checking and Myth Busting for the Proposed Princeton Master Plan (*TAPintoPrinceton*, November 2023)

MapLab: The Zoning Data Revolution is Here (*Bloomberg CityLab*, August 2023)

Ph.D. Student Wins Horowitz Foundation's Most Outstanding Project Award (*Princeton University*, July 2023)

Opinion: Why Princeton Needs More Housing, Lots of It, at the Princeton Seminary and Elsewhere (*TAPintoPrinceton*, May 2023)

Ranking Exclusionary Zoning: D.C., New York Metro Areas Top the List (*Planetizen*, March 2023)

To reform exclusionary zoning, we first need to document it. Now we have a tool for that. (*Eviction Lab*, March 2023)

Princeton Residents Support Mt. Laurel Doctrine, Fair Share Housing (*Town Topics*, March 2023)

Princeton Library To Host Forum On Housing On Saturday, December 10 (*Walkable Princeton*, December 2022)

Petition calls for Princeton U. to Donate ‘Butler Tract’ for Affordable Housing (*Walkable Princeton*, April 2022)

What We’re Reading: A Proposal for Affordable Housing – With a Share of Equity (*TapintoPrinceton*, March 2022)

What We Are Reading: Two ‘Must Reads’ on Affordable Housing in Princeton – One from 2022; Another from 1938 (*TAPintoPrinceton*, March 2022)

Segment on errors in implementation of eviction protections in NJ (*WPRB Princeton*, March 2022)

All About Housing with Dean Dafis, Joe Johnson, and Matthew Mleczko (*Fair Share Housing Center*, February 2022)

As pandemic-era eviction moratoria expire, Princeton’s Eviction Lab highlights surprising trends (*The Daily Princetonian*, February 2022)

NJ COVID rent relief is going where it’s most needed. Which ZIP codes received the most? (*NorthJersey.com*, September 2021)

Court and housing officials brace for a wave of evictions now that moratorium is over (*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, July 2021)

‘Everyone is suffering’: Landlords and tenants struggling alike in anticipation of \$25 billion in rental assistance (*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, December 2020)

‘I feel really, really helpless’: NJ renters and landlords face looming eviction crisis (*NorthJersey.com*, November 2020)

Wisconsin eviction rates have slowed during the CDC’s moratorium, but landlords are continuing to toss tenants (*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, September 2020)

‘Nowhere to go’: Wisconsin renters face evictions as emergency aid falls short (*Wisconsin Watch*, August 2020)

Thursday on Lake Effect: Milwaukee DNC, Eviction Crisis, Pandemic Event Planning (*WUWM NPR Lake Effect*, August 2020)

Urging Princeton Residents to Support Remaining Affordable Housing Ordinances (*Town Topics*, July 2020)

Research Positions

The Eviction Lab, Princeton, NJ

Affiliated Researcher, May 2024 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant, February 2019 – May 2024

Mathematica, Health Division, Ann Arbor, MI

Research Assistant/Programmer, June 2015 - June 2018

Wisconsin Policy Forum, Milwaukee, WI

Research Intern, May 2013 - August 2013

Skills

Programming

R, Stata, SAS, Python, ArcGIS, Latex, Visual Basic

Languages

English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Polish (beginner)