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Education

Ph.D. University of Colorado Denver (2015)
Design and Planning program, focus on Sustainable and Healthy Environments

Ph.D. University of Bologna (2012)
Research by design degree, Architecture program

B.Arch. and M.Arch. University of Bologna (2007)
Architecture and Urban Design program

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

- Rigolon, A.**, & Németh, J. (2018). "We're not in the business of housing:" Environmental gentrification and the nonprofitization of green infrastructure projects. *Cities*. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2018.03.016>
- Rigolon, A.** (2017). Parks and young people: An environmental justice study of park proximity, acreage, and quality in Denver, Colorado. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 165, 73-83. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2017.05.007>
- Rigolon, A.** & Németh, J. (2017). Privately owned parks in New Urbanist communities: A study of environmental privilege, equity, and inclusion. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. <http://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2017.1360739>
- Rigolon, A.**, Toker, Z. & Gasparian, N. (2017). Who has more walkable routes to parks? An environmental justice study of Safe Routes to Parks in neighborhoods of Los Angeles. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. <http://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2017.1360740>
- Rigolon, A.** & Németh, J. (2018; published online in 2016). A Quality Index of Parks for Youth (QUINPY): Evaluating urban parks through geographic information systems. *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*, 45(2), 275-294. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0265813516672212>
- Rigolon, A.** (2016). A complex landscape of inequity in access to urban parks: A literature review. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 153, 160-169. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2016.05.017>
- Rigolon, A.** & Flohr, T. (2014). Access to parks for youth as an

environmental justice issue: Access inequalities and possible solutions. *Buildings*, 4(2), 69-94. doi:10.3390/buildings4020069

Rigolon, A. (2013). Greenways as educational opportunities: Lessons from Boulder, Colorado. *Children Youth and Environments*, 23(3), 148–163. doi:10.7721/chilyoutenvi.23.3.0148

Rigolon, A. (2012). A greener future: The active role of place in enhancing ecoliteracy in children. *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*, 29(3), 181–203.

Rigolon, A. (2011). A space with meaning: Children's involvement in participatory design processes. *Design Principles and Practices*, 5(2), 151-163.

Rigolon, A. & Alloway, M. (2011). Children and their development as the starting point: A new way to think about the design of elementary schools. *Educational and Child Psychology*, 28(1), 64-76.

Book chapters

Derr, V. L., & **Rigolon, A.** (2016). Participatory schoolyard design for health and well-being: Policies that support play in urban green spaces. In C. Freeman, P. J. Tranter, & T. Skelton (Eds.), *Geographies of children and young people: Risk, protection, provision, and policy* (pp. 1–22). Singapore: Springer Singapore.

Rigolon, A., Derr, V., & Chawla, L. (2015). Green grounds for play and learning: An intergenerational model for joint design and use of school and park systems. In D. Sinnett, S. Burgess, & N. Smith (Eds.), *Handbook on Green Infrastructure: Planning, design and implementation* (pp. 281–300). Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Rigolon, A. (2009). European housing standards, in L. Gelsomino, O. Marinoni (Eds.), *European housing concepts, 1990-2010* (pp. 47-51). Bologna, Italy: Editrice Compositori.

Other reports and manuscripts

Rigolon, A. (2015). *Inequities in young people's access to urban parks: An environmental justice investigation in Denver*. PhD dissertation, University of Colorado Denver.

Rigolon, A. (2011). People-centered architecture. *In-Bo, ricerche e progetti per il territorio, la città e l'architettura*, 2, 63-72.

Rigolon, A. (2010). European design types for 21st century schools: an overview. *CELE Exchange* 2010/3, 1-8.

Conferences and invited talks

Conference Papers

Stewart, W.P., Gobster, P.H., van Riper, C.J., **Rigolon, A.**, Strauser, J., & Williams, D.A. (2018). Connecting place-making to sense of community through beautification of vacant lots. 24th International Symposium on

Society and Resource Management. Snowbird, UT.

Gobster, P.H., Stewart, W.P., van Riper, C.J., Williams, D.A. & **Rigolon, A.** (2018). Clean and green: Vacant lot stewardship and the creation of new natures in Chicago. 2018 U.S. International Association for Landscape Ecology, Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Rigolon, A. & Németh, J. (2017). Green gentrification in Chicago: Development, displacement, and community activism. 2017 American Collegiate School of Planning Conference. Denver, CO.

Németh, J. & **Rigolon, A.** (2017). Resistant to change: Why do some gentrification-susceptible neighborhoods never actually gentrify? 2017 American Collegiate School of Planning Conference. Denver, CO.

Rigolon, A., Toker, Z. & Gasparian, N. (2016). Who has more walkable routes to parks? An environmental justice study of Safe Routes to Parks in neighborhoods of Los Angeles. 2016 American Collegiate School of Planning Conference. Portland, OR.

Rigolon, A., Toker, Z., & Olwert, C. (2016). Collaborative planning in Northridge South: The making of a Los Angeles Great Street in suburban San Fernando Valley. 2016 American Planning Association, California Conference. Pasadena, CA.

Rigolon, A. (2015). Planning for young people's access to parks: An environmental justice investigation in Denver. 2015 American Collegiate School of Planning Conference. Houston, TX.

Rigolon, A. & Flohr, T. (2014). Methodological trends in planning: Qualitative approaches in transformative mixed research studies. 2014 American Collegiate School of Planning Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Rigolon, A. (2014). Youth engagement in transportation master planning. 2014 Environmental Design Research Association Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Rigolon, A. & Flohr, T. (2013). Exploring children and youth's accessibility to urban green spaces: A GIS study measuring access opportunities. 2013 American Collegiate School of Planning-Association of European Schools of Planning Conference. Dublin, Ireland.

Flohr, T., Gallaher, S. & **Rigolon, A.** (2013). Bike share equity and efficiency: A mixed methods approach. Research and Creative Activity Symposium, University of Colorado Denver. Denver, CO.

Rigolon, A. (2011). Play and learn with space. Transformable and interactive space fostering child development. 2011 ReteVitruvio Conference, Bari, Italy.

Rigolon, A. (2011). A space with meaning: Children's involvement in participatory design processes. 2011 Design Principles and Practices Conference. Rome, February.

Invited Talks

Rigolon, A. (2018). Environmental gentrification: When it happens, why it

happens, and what we can do about it. American Planning Association, Los Angeles. Student Symposium 2018, California State University, Northridge.

Grants and Fellowships

External Grants

Examining the Nexus between Parks and Displacement. 2018. The Trust for Public Land, Community Impact Fund – \$11,800. Robin Mark (PI), Tori Kjer (co-PI), Alessandro Rigolon (co-PI), and Jon Christensen (co-PI).

Assessing the Benefits of Chicago's Large Lot Program. 2015-19. USDA Northern Research Station – \$63,500. William Stewart (PI), Carena van Riper (co-PI), and Alessandro Rigolon (co-PI).

Internal Grants

2017-18 Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Awards. California State University, Northridge – \$5,000. Alessandro Rigolon (PI).

HIRI Nonprofit Research Fellowship. 2016. California State University, Northridge, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Human Interaction Research Institute – \$5,000. Alessandro Rigolon (PI).

Faculty Summer Research Competition 2016. California State University, Northridge, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences – \$10,000. Alessandro Rigolon (PI).

Awards

Landscape and Urban Planning's Editor's Choice, Volume 153, 2016. Awarded article: "A complex landscape of inequity in access to urban parks: A literature review"

Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2016. Finalist

Professional Experience

Teaching

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2017-ongoing)

Assistant Professor, Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism
Courses on recreation management

RST 593. Special Problems

RST 120. Foundations of Recreation

California State University, Northridge (2015-2017)

Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Undergraduate and graduate lecture and seminar courses on sustainable land use planning, research methods, GIS, and visual communication

URBS 206. Introduction to Graphic Communication Tools Used by Urban Studies

and Planning Professionals (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)

URBS 340B. Qualitative Urban Research Methods (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, two sections each)

URBS 400. Planning for the Natural and Built Environment (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)

URBS 670. Visual Communication Skills for Planners (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

University of Colorado Boulder (2011-2015)

Part-time Lecturer and Teaching Assistant, Program in Environmental Design

Undergraduate lecture and studio courses covering planning methods, sustainable site planning, history, and visual tools

ENVD 3122. Research Issues and Methods in Design and Planning - Krizek

ENVD 3114. History and Theory of Environmental Design 1: Small - Lindsay

ENVD 3214. History and Theory of Environmental Design 2: Medium - Kambic

ENVD 3003. Space Planning - Lanterman

ENVD 1052. Design and Communication I - Malinin

ENVD 1102. Design and Communication II - Hutchinson

University of Colorado Denver (2013)

Teaching Assistant, College of Architecture and Planning

Graduate planning studio course, including support about GIS, CAD, SketchUp and the Adobe Creative Suite

URPL 5060.001. Planning Workshop - Puccio

University of Bologna (2007-2011)

Lecturer and Studio Instructor, Department of Architecture

Graduate studio courses focusing on sustainable urban design and architecture, and undergraduate lecture courses focusing on CAD, SketchUp and the Adobe Creative Suite

0940.18. Architecture and Architectural Composition 2, lecture

0940.19. Architecture and Architectural Composition 2, studio

0940.12. Architecture and Architectural Composition 1, studio

0940.09. Foundations of urban design, lecture

Research

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2017-ongoing)

Assistant Professor, Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism

Access to parks in North American cities; analyses of environmental gentrification; studies of the nonprofit sector in parks and recreation; studies on resistance to gentrification

California State University, Northridge (2015-2017)

Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Access to parks in the Denver and Los Angeles metropolitan areas, including GIS analyses, policy analyses, and walkability studies

University of Colorado Denver (2014-2015)

Research Assistant, College of Architecture and Planning
Urban agriculture GIS research in Denver, CO

University of Colorado Boulder (2011-2015)

Managing Journal Editor
Children, Youth and Environments Journal

University of Sheffield (2010-2011)

Research Assistant, Bureau – Design and Research, Sheffield
School design and urban design research in partnership with
international nonprofit organizations

University of Washington (2010)

Intern at the Center for Environment Education and Design Studies
School design and participatory design research in Seattle, WA

University of Bologna (2009-2010)

Research Coordinator, Department of Architecture
Coordinator of funded research projects on sustainable urban design,
affordable housing, and sustainable school buildings

Service to Academic Institutions

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2017-Ongoing)

ORPR Search Committee (2018)
International Relations Committee (2017-ongoing)
Grievance Committee (2017-ongoing)
Web Advancement Committee (2017-ongoing)

California State University, Northridge (2015-2017)

International Liaison for the Department of Urban Studies and Planning
(2016-2017)
Advisor to the Graduate Planners of Northridge Association (2016-2017)
Computer Lab Coordinator (2015-2017)
Student Urban Research Forum (SURF) Coordinator (2016-2017)
Graduate School Event Coordinator (2015- 2016)
Department Equity and Diversity Representative (2015-2016)

Other Service

Journal of Leisure Research (2017-ongoing)

Associate Editor

Other academic journals

Referee for peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of Planning
Education and Research, Landscape and Urban Planning, Urban Forestry
and Urban Greening, Environment and Behavior, GeoJournal, Sustainable
Cities and Societies, Journal of Aging and Physical Activity, and Children,
Youth and Environments

Architecture and Planning Practice

Italian Ministry of Education (2012-2013)

School design consultant

Update of the Italian school building regulation

Studio Eugenio Ansaloni, Modena, Italy (2009-2011)

Part-time urban designer and architect

Urban design (subdivision plans and revitalization of downtown public space), architectural design (residential and school buildings)

Teco+ Partners, Bologna, Italy (2007-2008)

Full-time urban designer and architect

Urban design (subdivision plans), architectural design (residential, school, and sport buildings; green building certifications)

SEMAPA, Paris, France (2007)

Intern in urban planning and design

Paris Rive Gauche project: Community plan and affordable housing policy in Masséna Nord and Masséna-Chevaleret

Nuovostudio, Architettura e Territorio, Ravenna, Italy (2006)

Intern in architecture

Design of residential buildings

Community Engagement

California State University, Northridge (2015-2016)

Revitalizing Reseda Boulevard – Los Angeles Great Street Initiative

Participatory planning and community organizing in Los Angeles, CA

University of Colorado Boulder (2012-2015)

Growing Up Boulder, Participatory Design Assistant

Participatory design and planning with children and teenagers in Boulder, CO

Boulder Civic Area Planning (2014)

City of Boulder's Transportation Master Plan Update (2013)

Columbine Elementary Schoolyard Design (2012)

Burke Park Planning (2012)

University of Sheffield (2010-2011)

Architecture for Everyone

Design charrettes to introduce low-income ethnic minority high school students to planning and design in Sheffield, England

University of Bologna (2009)

Il futuro del costruire (the future of building)

Project on urban design and sustainable building retrofitting with

seniors living in public housing projects in Bologna, Italy

**Professional
Development**

Research and grant-writing

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences - 2018
Research Academy

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Applied Health Sciences - 2017 Faculty Development Series

National Science Foundation

NSF Day at Pasadena City College – Pasadena, CA – January 2016

California State University, Northridge

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences workshops on grant writing and
the Institutional Review Board at CSUN (September 2015-May 2016)

Teaching

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning - Fall 2017 Jr. Faculty
Seminar Series

College of Applied Health Sciences - Teaching Academy, Fall 2017

California State University, Northridge

Faculty Development - Creating syllabi for courses you'll love to teach and
students will love to take – Spring 2016

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences - Teaching reading and writing in
the social sciences: A forum for first & second-year faculty – Spring 2016

Languages

Fluent in English and Italian, proficient in French and Spanish