



Prof. Derek S. Hyra

Community Inclusion and Conflict: Multiracial Gentrification in Washington, DC

Derek S. Hyra is an Associate Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning at Virginia Tech. His research focuses on processes of neighborhood change, with an emphasis on housing, urban politics and race. Dr. Hyra is the author of *The New Urban Renewal: The Economic Transformation of Harlem and Bronzeville* (University of Chicago Press 2008). He is currently working on his second book, which investigates the topics of race, class and politics in Washington, DC's redeveloping Shaw/U Street neighborhood. Dr. Hyra has received grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Social Science Research Council and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and his research has been showcased in both academic journals, such as *City & Community* and *Urban Affairs Review*, and popular media outlets, including the British Broadcasting Corporation, Chicago Public Radio, C-SPAN, The New York Times, and The Washington Post.

Prior to joining Virginia Tech, he worked at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, investigating the predictors and consequences of the subprime lending crisis, and at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he examined the community-level impact of national urban legislation, such as the Community Development Block Grant, the Empowerment Zones and the HOPE VI program.

A former resident fellow of Harvard University's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Dr. Hyra has taught at the University of Chicago, Brown University and the George Washington University. He is also a research affiliate of the National Poverty Center, an affiliated scholar of the Urban Institute, a member of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Council on Underserved Communities, and the chair of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. He received his B.A. from Colgate University and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

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