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Hometown

Denton, Texas

Recent positions include:

Assistant Professor, University of North Texas

About

After graduating, I began my post-graduate career at Chaddick, where I worked as a research assistant and adjunct faculty before serving as Associate Director. After five years at Chaddick, I left Chicago to pursue my doctorate in urban planning at Columbia University. I'm currently in my third year as an assistant professor of

urban planning and policy at the University of North Texas, a tier-one research university located in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. You may know UNT as the team that kicked Purdue out of the NCAA tournament in 2021 (if not, ask Joe for details). At UNT, I conduct research on the spatial equity of land use and transportation planning, an interest I first recognized and developed in the Chaddick Scholars program.

Notable memory

Where to start? The walking tours, planning workshops, weekend study trips, hunting down lost cell phones, Chaddick's cast of characters (Bob Boylan, John Hedrick, Laurie Marston, Susan Aaron, to name a few), Leading Community Change + Future Leaders in Planning, and the many, many late-night discussions at Exchequer. More than anything, Chaddick and the scholar program were most impactful for me because of Joe Schwieterman, who I consider a major influence on my academic and professional development.