Paws T. Husky

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EDUCATION

Northeastern University, Boston, MA   June 2025
PhD in Urban Political Economy and Governance
Dissertation: *Pawlitical Economy: Territorial Marking as Urban Governance in Metropolitan Parks*

Princeton University, Princeton NJ   June 2015
B.S.E., Civil Engineering with Architecture, summa cum laude

EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University, Cambridge, MA   Sep 2021 - Present
Project Manager
- Designed participatory planning workshops for 15 New England communities using Asset-Based Development methodology, fetching over $4.2M in public funding for 8 revitalization projects.
- Developed data visualization toolkit that transformed complex urban indicators into accessible formats, enabling equitable participation in municipal budget allocation.
- Established Northeastern University's Urban Fellowship Program through cross-sector partnerships, placing 75+ students in community-based projects.

Department of Urban Planning, Northeastern University, Cambridge, MA   Jan 2017 - Oct 2021
Teaching Assistant
- Redesigned "Urban Political Economy" course materials using case-based methods, leading to 27% improved student engagement.
- Mentored 45 undergraduates on research methodologies, with 12 students subsequently publishing in peer-reviewed journals.
- Created GIS-mapped digital archive of urban development case studies now used by 4 different departmental courses.

Brookings Institution, Washington, DC   Feb 2020 - Oct 2021
Brookings Research Fellow
- Authored policy brief on infrastructure financing for mid-sized cities, helping lawmakers with federal grant allocations.
- Conducted comparative analysis of municipal governance across 25 U.S. metro regions, identifying key success factors in public-private partnerships.

MIT, Cambridge, MA   Jul 2019 - Jan 2020
Research Assistant
- Analyzed 30+ public-private partnerships using economic and community impact measures, creating an evaluation framework to be adopted by 3 state agencies.
- Led field research on community perceptions, designing surveys that captured 40% higher response rates from underrepresented neighborhoods.

Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Washington, DC   Jan 2017 - Nov 2019
Research Associate II
- Developed economic models of property tax impacts on housing affordability, providing recommendations that informed policy in 5 major metro areas.

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New York City Nonprofits Project, New York, NY   Mar 2015 - Dec 2016
Research Assistant
- Mapped nonprofit service providers across NYC using GIS, marking territories and revealing service gaps that guided strategic funding decisions.
- Conducted interviews with 50+ nonprofit leaders, synthesizing findings into a report that secured $750,000 in capacity-building grants.

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ   Jan 2015 - Mar 2015
Research Assistant
- Developed database of philanthropic institutions across 10 major U.S. cities, reducing data gathering time by 60% for departmental projects.

PROJECTS

Urban Anthropology 701   Sep 2023 - Dec 2023
Territorial Marking & Public Space Allocation Study
- Conducted mixed-methods research on public space use across 6 Boston neighborhoods, employing spatial ethnography to investigate territorial practices on governance structures.
- Developed heat map visualizing contested spaces, leading to adoption by Boston Parks Department for their community engagement initiative to reduce territorial disputes by 22%.

Comparative Urban Governance 805   Jan 2022 – May 2022
Pack Dynamics in Municipal Councils
- Analyzed voting patterns and coalition formations in 12 mid-sized city councils using network analysis, uncovering how alpha leadership styles influence policy outcomes on zoning.
- Created assessment framework for measuring council member influence beyond formal positions, which was incorporated into a legislative leadership training program.

PUBLICATIONS

Paws, H., & Wolpert, J. (2016). Spatial distribution of philanthropic investment in urban environments: A comparative analysis of giving patterns in Chicago and Boston. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 47(3), 213-229.

Paws, H., Martinez, L., & Chen, S. (2019). The impact of property tax reform on rental markets: Evidence from five metropolitan case studies. *Urban Institute Policy Brief Series*, 12(4), 1-16. Washington, DC: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

Paws, H. (2021). Public-private partnerships in post-industrial cities: Measuring community outcomes beyond economic indicators. *Brookings Papers on Urban Affairs*, 2011(2), 87-112.

SKILLS

Research & Analysis. Mixed-methods research design, statistical analysis (STATA, R), GIS mapping and spatial analysis, policy evaluation frameworks, archival research methodologies

Communication & Engagement. Data visualization and storytelling, academic and policy writing, cross-sector stakeholder engagement, community-based research methods