

Chao Wang

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EDUCATION

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE, FL, USA.

Aug 2022-Present

Ph.D. Candidate majoring in Urban and Regional Planning

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, MIAMI, FL, USA.

Aug 2017-Dec 2019

Master of Urban Design

Master of Real Estate Development & Urbanism

SHANGHAI BUSINESS SCHOOL, SHANG, CHINA

Sep 2008-Jul 2012

Bachelor of Management in Marketing

RESEARCH INTEREST

Affordable Housing and Community Development, Housing Segregation, Mixed-Income Housing and Neighborhood, Social Interaction, Master Planned Communities

RESEARCH PROFILE

Chao Wang is a PhD candidate in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida State University, specializing in affordable housing policy and community development. His research examines the influence of affordable housing programs on local residents, including federal-level programs such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and state-level initiatives like Florida's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. As a housing scholar, Chao uses mixed-methods to explore how housing policies may shape opportunities for residents. His research interests include mixed-income housing and neighborhoods, social interaction among neighbors, and poverty concentration, housing inequality, and economic mobilities.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Kim, M., Sachdeva, M., **Wang, C.**, & Yildirim Ozguven, M. (2026). Building Inequality or Inclusion? Demographic Diversity and Housing Affordability in Florida's Planned Communities. *Housing Policy Debate*, 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2026.2665806>

RESEARCH REPORTS

Wang, C. (2025). *How is Homeownership Education and Counseling Integrated into Local Governments' Flexible Efforts to Support Homeownership*. Report to the Florida Housing Coalition.

Kim, M., & Wang, C. (2024). *Literature Review: How neighborhood walkability and accessibility to amenities may influence resident well-being and social capital*, supported by the Initiative on Community Design and Health (ICDAH), College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, Florida State University.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Cao, Q., Taylor, M., Ventimiglia, B., & Wang, C. (submitted). *Neighborhood Physical Activity Spaces, Organized Social Participation, and Life Satisfaction of Midlife and Older Adults, Research on Aging*.

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer, *The Social Science Journal* (Elsevier). Re-reviewed revised manuscript Jan 2026.

PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES

Wang, C. (2026, April, forthcoming). From Policy to Place to People: Does the Location of LIHTC Matter? Presentation at 54th Annual Conference, Urban Affairs Association, Chicago, IL. (National).

Wang, C. (2026, Feb). Does Florida's Geographic Opportunity Map Influence LIHTC Placement? Presentation at 20th Annual Conference, The 2026 Planning, Law, and Property Rights Conference, Atlanta, GA. (International).

Wang, C. (2025, October). Florida's Opportunity Map and the Siting of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects, Presentation at 65th Annual Conference, The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Minneapolis, MN. (National).

Wang, C. (2025, August). How is Homeownership Education and Counseling Integrated into Local Governments' Flexible Efforts to Support Homeownership? Presentation at 38th Annual Statewide Affordable Housing Conference, Florida Housing Coalition, Orlando, FL. (State)

Wang, C. (2024, November). Exploring The Socio-Demographic in Florida's LIHTC Neighborhoods: Inside vs Outside Opportunity Areas, Presentation at 64th Annual Conference, The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Seattle, WA. (National).

Wang, C., & Kim, M. (2024, April). The Role of the Public Sector in Pushing for Diversity and Inclusion in Planned Communities, Presentation at 52nd Annual Conference, Urban Affairs Association, New York, NY. (National).

Wang, C., & Kim, M. (2023, October). Shifting Trends in Planned Community Development: A longitudinal analysis of the vision target consumers and design principles of Florida's planned communities initiated between 1972 to 2015, Presentation at 63rd Annual Conference, The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Chicago, IL. (National).

INVITED LECTURE

Wang, C. (2026, Feb). *An Introduction to Low Income House Tax Credit (LIHTC)*, Guest lecture for URP-5742, Problems and Issues in Housing & Community Development (Grad Level Course), Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University.

Wang, C. (2024, March). *Homeownership and Income Integration*, Guest lecture for URP-5742, Problems and Issues in Housing & Community Development (Grad Level Course), Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University.

Wang, C. (2025, April). *Poverty De-concentration in Affordable Housing Policy*, Guest Lecture for URP-4402 Sustainable Development (Undergrad Level Course), Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University.

Wang, C. (2024, February). *The Practice of New Urbanism in Florida*, Guest Lecture for URP-4402 Sustainable Development (Undergrad Level Course), Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University.

Wang, C. (2023, November). *New Urbanism and Master Planned Communities in Florida*, Guest Lecture for URP-4314 Growth Management (Undergrad Level Course), Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University.

TEACHING & INSTRUCTION

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Issues in Housing and Community Development (URP 4741, undergrad level)

- Fall 2024
- Spring 2025
- Fall 2025
- Spring 2026

Responsibilities:

- Designed syllabus and delivered lectures.
- Developed interactive, discussion-based learning activities.
- Evaluated student work and provided feedback.
- Coordinated guest speakers from housing practice organizations (e.g., Florida Housing Coalition).

Teaching Recognition: Thank-a-Professor Program (student-nominated teaching recognition), Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Florida State University, 2025.

Teaching Assistant

World Cities: Quality of Life (URS1006, undergrad level)

- Spring 2024
- Summer 2024

Responsibilities: Assignment grading, providing support for student inquiries, updating teaching modules, and supporting course instructors.

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

Mentored undergraduate student on LIHTC-related research; student presented findings at the FSU Undergraduate Research Symposium. (Fall 2025 - Spring 2026)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Florida State University

Finalist, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, 2026

Florida State University, Graduate School

Graduate Student Resource Center Travel Grant - for presentation at Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, 2026

Florida State University, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Recognition for Departmental Service - Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2024)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, ArcGis Pro, Esri Business Analysis, Semi-structured Interviews, In-depth Interviewing

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese: Native

English: Proficient (Academic and Professional)