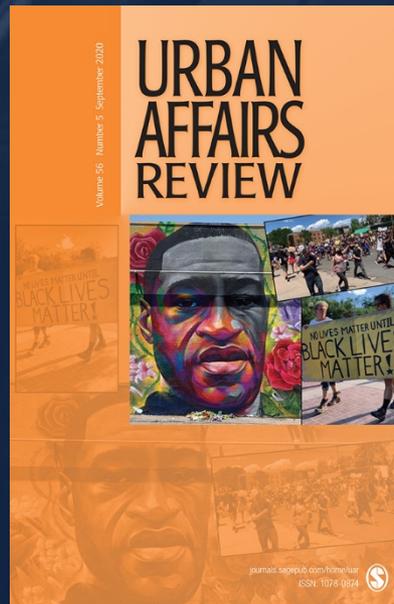


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- Peer-reviewed, bi-monthly journal focused on questions of politics, governance, and public policy affecting cities and/or their regions
- Published by SAGE Publications and 2020 marked UAR's 56<sup>th</sup> year
  - <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/uar>
- Hosted for twenty years by the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago
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- Research must contribute to important questions in major and emerging research literatures of interest to urban scholars
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- Submissions of empirical and comparative research from different scholarly disciplines and methodological perspectives are encouraged



# Article Formats

- Individual Articles

- Articles (12,000 word maximum)
- Research Notes (6,000 word maximum)
- Research Syntheses (12,000 word maximum)
- Book Review Essays (6,000 word maximum)

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## •Article

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- UAR publishes reviews of individual books on the [Urban Affairs Forum](#).

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- Book Colloquies: Exchange among several leading scholars on important book (e.g., [The Fight for America's Schools, Regime Politics, Place Matters](#))
- Urban Colloquies: Exchange among several leading scholars on important urban issue (e.g., [Exclusionary Zoning, Fragmented Regionalism](#))
- Interested authors should contact an editor about proposal prior to submitting.

# Article Formats

- Other Formats

- Virtual Issues: Collections of previously published articles (e.g., Emergency & Disaster Management <https://journals.sagepub.com/page/uar/collections/disasters>)
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# Citations and Downloads in 2019

- Most cited articles published in Volumes 53 (2017) & 54 (2018)
  - [\*Neighborhood Ethnoracial Composition and Gentrification in Chicago and New York, 1980 to 2010\*](#) by Jeffrey M. Timberlake et al.
  - [\*The Politics of Urban Climate Change Policy: Toward a Research Agenda\*](#) by Sara Hughes
  - [\*Co-Initiation of Collaborative Innovation in Urban Spaces\*](#) by Eva Sorensen et al.
- Most downloads in 2019—from all 55 volumes
  - [\*The Politics of Refuge: Sanctuary Cities, Crime, and Undocumented Immigration\*](#) by Benjamin Gonzalez O'Brien et al. (4623 views and downloads)
  - [\*Gentrification, Property Tax Limitation, and Displacement\*](#) by Isaac William Martin et al. (2309 views and downloads)
  - [\*Upzoning Chicago: Impacts of a Zoning Reform on Property Values and Housing Construction\*](#) by Yonah Freemark (2026 views and downloads)

# Selected Statistics

- Manuscript Submission and Review Process
  - 263 original manuscript submissions in 2019 (250 – 300 in typical year)
  - 57% were from outside US in 2019; submissions from 38 different countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, India, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Norway, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, and Zambia
  - Double blind review with assessments from 3-4 reviewers (typically)
  - Goal for decision goal is 60 days; external reviews requested by 30 days
  - 74 days average time to initial decision in 2019, 120 days to final decision
  - In 2019, 13% of original manuscripts submitted were accepted (as of Aug 2020)
- Impact Factor
  - 2019 Impact Factor is 2.192 (2018 Impact Factor was 2.081)
  - 2019 5-year Impact Factor is 2.551
  - Ranking in Urban Studies: 22/42
  - 140,151 article downloads in 2019

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- Urban Affairs Forum ([www.urbanaffairsreview.com](http://www.urbanaffairsreview.com)) publishes blog posts on each article published in UAR
  - Posts written by authors of article in a manner accessible to nonacademic audience to encourage broader dissemination of research
- Bi-weekly Forum newsletter disseminates recent posts and highly cited UAR articles directly to subscribers from around the world
  - Sign up for biweekly digest at <https://urbanaffairsreview.com/digest-signup/>
- The Forum also publishes original content thru several ongoing and past series
  - E.g., Engaged Scholarship, Local Elections, and What Trump Should Know About Cities.
  - Contact Forum Editor, Jered Carr, about article proposals for the Forum

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