

KYLE SHELTON

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EDUCATION

PhD in American History, 2014
University of Texas at Austin

B.A. in History, 2007
Kalamazoo College

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

- Public speaking and writing
- Long-term strategic visioning and planning
- Collaborative leadership
- Development of critical partnerships, including with major donors, elected officials, and community partners
- Program and staff management
- Urban policy research, analysis, and report writing
- Management of quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
- Subject matter expertise: transportation, urban development, and housing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director

August 2021-Present

Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota | Minneapolis, MN

The Center for Transportation Studies coordinates transportation research between stakeholders in Minnesota and research expertise at the University of Minnesota.

Deputy Director

August 2019-June 2021

Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University | Houston, TX

The Kinder Institute is multi-disciplinary think-and-do tank focused on translating academic research into on-the-ground improvements in urban communities. After promotion to Deputy Director role I maintained many of the responsibilities of Director of Strategic Partnerships.

- Collaborate with Institute Management team and Board of Directors to develop, direct and fundraise around the Institute's strategic plan.
- Fundraise and secure grants for research efforts. Secured and oversaw projects totaling more than \$3.5 million in funding over previous 4 years with funding coming from public contracts, private philanthropy, and academic grants.
- Disseminate Institute research across platforms through blogs, reports, scholarly articles, and monographs. Author, co-author on more than 30 reports in past six years.
- Represent the Institute and its research in the media via newspaper, radio, and television interviews.
- Serve on multiple outside committees, taskforces, and boards as a representative of the Institute.
- Oversee Research Manager to develop and direct core research team.
- Solicit and execute research collaborations. Work with partners to develop convenings and research aimed at shifting policy in ways that improve cities. Partnered with the Houston Housing Collaborative, Houston METRO, the Resilient Houston Strategy team, the Greater Houston Community Foundation, the Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Consortium, Air Alliance Houston, Urban Land Institute, Houston LISC and LINK Houston.
- Share research findings and recommendations with elected officials, non-profits, and the public.

Director of Strategic Partnerships and Program Manager

January 2016- August 2019

Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University | Houston, TX

- Managed a team of 4-6 staff researchers.

- Developed strategy for two research programs—the Development, Transportation, and Placemaking program and the Urban and Metropolitan Governance Program.
- Directed the Houston Solutions Lab, a partnership between the City of Houston and Rice University that allows Rice faculty to work with city employees to answer pressing city issues.
- Conducted research and produce reports on major urban challenges including regional transportation, affordable housing, resilience, and government services.

Postdoctoral Fellow

July 2014-January 2016

Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University | Houston, TX

- Conducted research on transportation and urban development issues.
- Collaborated with Institute director and communications staff to develop research agenda and disseminate findings.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Boards, Taskforces, and Membership

- Minnesota Governor’s Advisory Council on Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (2021-Present)
- Minnesota Active Transportation Advisory Committee (2023-Present)
- Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee (January 2025-Present)
- Minnesota Advisory Council on Traffic Safety (2023-Present)
- Avenue Community Development Corporation Board of Directors (February 2019-2021)
- Rice Design Alliance Board of Directors (August 2018-2021)
- Houston Housing Collaborative Member (2016-2021)
- Greater Houston Flood Mitigation Consortium (2017-2019)
- Metropolitan Transit Authority of Houston, Long-range Plan Technical Advisory Committee (Fall 2017)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

Book

Power Moves: Transportation, Politics and Development in Houston. University of Texas Press, 2017.

Select Kinder Institute Professional Reports (Full list available upon request)

The 2020 State of Housing in Harris County and Houston. June 2020.

Where Affordable Housing and Transportation Meet in Houston, with LINK Houston. May 2020.

Community Resilience Initiatives: Building Stronger Neighborhoods in Houston. February 2020.

Affordable Multi-Family Housing: Risks and Opportunities, with The Greater Houston Flood Consortium, March 2019.

Rethinking Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Funding in the Wake of Hurricane Harvey. July 2018.

Public Writing (Full list available upon request)

Writing featured in *The Houston Chronicle, The Los Angeles Times, CityLab, The Avenue* (Brookings Institution), *Eno Transportation Weekly, The Conversation,* and the Kinder Institute’s *The Urban Edge.*

Media Interviews (Full list available upon request)

Interviewed for stories and appearing on air for *Streetsblog USA, The Texas Standard, The Texas Tribune, Bloomberg News, CityLab, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, The Houston Chronicle, Houston Public Media, Television Ontario, Minnesota Public Radio, Next City, The Philadelphia Inquirer.*