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EDUCATION:

University of Southern California

2022 Ph.D., *Urban Planning and Development*
Dissertation: *Spatial and Temporal Expenditure-Pricing Equity of Rail Transit Fare Policies*
Committee: Genevieve Giuliano (Chair), Marlon Boarnet, Brian Taylor (UCLA)

University of California, Berkeley

2012 Master of *City Planning*
Professional Report: *Land-Use and Transportation Policies for Sustainable Affordable Housing*

Stanford University

2009 Bachelor of Arts, *Urban Studies*
Senior Project: *Evaluation of the Incentive and Operational Structure of the California Foster Care System*

West Valley College

2007 Associate of Arts, *Communication Studies*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Alabama A&M University (2024-

2024- Assistant Professor, Community and Regional Planning

Cornell University (2022-24)

2022-24 Strauch Fellow, City and Regional Planning

University of Southern California (2018-22)

2018-22 Research Assistant, Sol Price School of Public Policy

2020 Teaching Assistant (*The Urban Context for Policy and Planning*), Sol Price School of Public Policy

PUBLIC SERVICE:

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (2012-16)

2012-16 Director, District 7 (Elected Position)

PUBLICATIONS:

Refereed Articles

Mallett, Zakhary and Nicholas Wilsey. "Beyond Dispersion: Density, Industry, and Political Fragmentation in the Geography of Regional Job Centers." *Journal of Regional Science* 0 (2026): e70058.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jors.70058>.

Mallett, Zakhary. "Inequitable inefficiency: A case study of rail transit fare policies." *Journal of Transport and Land Use* 18.1 (2025): 319-358. <https://doi.org/10.5198/jtlu.2025.2485>.

Mallett, Zakhary. "Transportation finance equity: A theoretical and empirical review of pricing equity, expenditure equity, and pricing-expenditure equity in US transit provision" *Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives* 31 (2025): 101418. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trip.2025.101418>.

Wei, Dan, Genevieve Giuliano, Kelly-Anne Moffa, and Zakhary Mallett. "Analysis of alternative commercial vehicle road user charges." *Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives* 32 (2025): 101519.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trip.2025.101519>.

Mallett, Zakhary. "Bridging allocative and productive efficiency in US transit policy research: A review." *Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives* 26 (2024): 101149.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trip.2024.101149>.

PUBLICATIONS (cont.):

Refereed Articles (cont.)

Mallett, Zakhary. "Spatial and Temporal Variability of Rail Transit Costs and Cost Effectiveness." *Transportation Research Record* 2677.1 (2022): 1444-1460. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03611981221104807>.

Book Chapters

Mallett, Zakhary, and Marlon G. Boarnet. "Transit Planning and Management." *International Encyclopedia of Transportation*, Elsevier, 2021, pp. 349–359. <https://doi.org/10.1016/b978-0-08-102671-7.10447-6>.

Research Reports

Wei, Dan, Genevieve Giuliano, Kelly-Anne Moffa, and Zakhary Mallett. "Economic Analysis and Review of Commercial Vehicle Road User Charges." *METRANS Transportation Center*, 2023, www.mettrans.org/research/economic-analysis-and-review-of-commercial-vehicle-road-user-charges

Boarnet, Marlon G., Zakhary Mallett, and Clemens A. Pilgram. "Dockless Scooter Travel: A Land Use Model with Implications for California." *METRANS Transportation Center*, 2020, www.mettrans.org/research/dockless-scooter-travel-a-land-use-model-with-implications-for-california

Giuliano, Genevieve, Sang-O Kim, and Zakhary Mallett. "Regional Planning and Climate Change Mitigation in California." *Joint Clean Climate Transport Research Partnership (JCCTRP)*, 2020, https://decarbonisation.uqam.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/12/202005_JCCTRP_Working-Paper-2020-1_California_En.pdf

Popular Press

Mallett, Zakhary. "How Should We Pay for Transportation?" *Vital City*, 2 Oct 2024, <https://www.vitalcitynyc.org/articles/how-should-we-pay-for-transportation-new-york-city>

Mallett, Zakhary. "Vote no on Prop. 22: No free rides for Uber and Lyft." *San Francisco Chronicle*, 7 Oct 2020, www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Vote-no-on-Prop-22-No-free-rides-for-Uber-and-15626605.php

Mallett, Zakhary. "The distorted economics of ride hailing must be fixed by California law." *San Francisco Chronicle*, 19 Jun 2019, www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/The-distorted-economics-of-ride-hailing-must-be-14015889.php

Mallett, Zakhary. "Uber, Lyft driver incentives create more traffic, while not delivering more rides: A firsthand perspective." *SFGate*, 13 Jun 2017, www.sfgate.com/local/article/Uber-Lyft-11214576.php

Mallett, Zakhary. "Capitol Corridor stop in Hercules is not a simple fix at all." *East Bay Times*, 9 Jun 2017, www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/06/09/opinion-capitol-corridor-stop-in-hercules-is-not-a-simple-fix-at-all

Mallett, Zakhary. "BART labor extension should be rejected." *East Bay Times*, 21 Apr 2016, www.eastbaytimes.com/2016/04/21/bart-labor-extension-should-be-rejected-zakhary-mallett-guest-commentary

Mallett, Zakhary. "Support a bond measure to reinvest in BART." *San Francisco Chronicle*, 1 Apr 2016, www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/Support-a-bond-measure-to-reinvest-in-BART-7223479.php

Mallett, Zakhary. "Public art should not be high on the list of BART priorities right now." *East Bay Times*, 12 Aug 2015, www.eastbaytimes.com/2015/08/12/guest-commentary-public-art-should-not-be-high-on-the-list-of-bart-priorities-right-now

Mallett, Zakhary. "OK, we need a second BART transbay tube. Where would it go?" *San Francisco Chronicle*, 6 Feb 2015, www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/OK-we-need-a-second-BART-transbay-tube-Where-6068734.php

Mallett, Zakhary. "VTA should switch BART route to follow highways to North San Jose." *The Mercury News*, 22 Nov 2014, www.mercurynews.com/2014/11/22/zakhary-mallett-vta-should-switch-bart-route-to-follow-highways-to-north-san-jose

Mallett, Zakhary. "2nd Transbay Tube needed to help keep BART on track." *SFGate*, 7 Sep 2014, www.sfgate.com/opinion/article/2nd-Transbay-Tube-needed-to-help-keep-BART-on-5737004.php

Mallett, Zakhary. "BART helps S.F. function, time to share some funding." *San Francisco Chronicle*, 7 Jul 2014, www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/BART-helps-S-F-function-time-to-share-some-5605290.php

PUBLICATIONS (cont.):

Popular Press (cont.)

- Mallett, Zakhary. "BART directors must grow a backbone to protect public." *East Bay Times*, 6 Mar 2014, www.eastbaytimes.com/2014/03/06/guest-commentary-bart-directors-must-grow-a-backbone-to-protect-public
- Mallett, Zakhary. "Public got hurt twice in BART contract." *East Bay Times*, 7 Nov 2013, www.eastbaytimes.com/2013/11/07/zakhary-mallett-public-got-hurt-twice-in-bart-contract
- Mallett, Zakhary. "BART workers not negotiating in good faith." *San Francisco Chronicle*, 16 Jul 2013, www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/BART-workers-not-negotiating-in-good-faith-4669229.php
- Mallett, Zakhary. "Director says his team must hold the line in BART negotiations." *East Bay Times*, 2 Jul 2013, www.eastbaytimes.com/2013/07/02/director-says-his-team-must-hold-the-line-in-bart-negotiations

OTHER WRITTEN WORKS:

Working Papers

- Mallett, Zakhary. "Explaining Variation in Commute Time: The Role of Age, Region, and Travel Mode." *In Review*. <https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5266792>.
- Mallett, Zakhary. "Is Jobs-Housing Imbalance Structured by Metropolitan Scale? Evidence from U.S. Metropolitan Areas." *In Review*
- Mallett, Zakhary and Nicholas Wilsey. "Transit Commute Mode Share: The Role of Employment Geography and Spatial Constraints." *In Review*.

MEDIA MENTIONS:

- 2024 Hu, Winnie. "Congestion Pricing's Billions to Pay for Nuts and Bolts of Subway System." *The New York Times*, 6 May 2024, <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/06/nyregion/congestion-pricing-tolls-mta.html>
- Rivero, Nicolás and Oliver Staley. "NYC had a plan to make it hard for cars to enter the city. Here's why the governor blocked it." *The Washington Post*, 6 June 2024, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2024/06/05/new-york-city-congestion-pricing-kathy-hochul/>
- 2023 King, Jesse. "Congestion pricing faces pushback on all fronts. What might 'exemptions' mean for drivers?" *WAMC Northeast Public Radio*, 21 Dec 2023, <https://www.wamc.org/news/2023-12-21/congestion-pricing-faces-pushback-on-all-fronts-what-might-exemptions-mean-for-drivers>
- 2021 Graber, Henry. "If Rush Hour Dies, Does Mass Transit Die With It?" *Slate*, 11 Feb 2021, <https://slate.com/business/2021/02/mass-transit-subways-after-pandemic.html>

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS:

- 2021 **Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program Graduate Fellowship**, Federal Highway Administration, United States Department of Transportation (\$5,000)
Graduate Scholarship, California Transportation Foundation (\$5,000)
Price/Graduate School Fellowship, University of Southern California (\$30,500)
- 2020 **Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program Graduate Fellowship**, Federal Highway Administration, United States Department of Transportation (\$35,500)
Graduate Scholarship, Railway Association of Southern California (\$3,000)
Nathaniel Ford Scholarship, American Public Transportation Foundation (\$6,000)
Price School Top-Off Fellowship, University of Southern California (\$7,655)
- 2019 **Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program Graduate Fellowship**, Federal Highway Administration, United States Department of Transportation (\$5,000)
Graduate Scholarship, Railway Association of Southern California (\$2,000)
Nathaniel Ford Scholarship, American Public Transportation Foundation (\$7,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS (cont.):

- 2018 **Board Scholarship**, American Public Transportation Foundation (\$7,000)
Price/Graduate School Fellowship, University of Southern California (\$30,000)
- 2011 **University of California Transportation Center Fellowship**, University of California, Berkeley (\$10,000)
- 2010 **Department Fellowship**, University of California, Berkeley (\$3,600)
University of California Transportation Center Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley (\$10,000)
- 2008 **Mr. and Mrs. Lane Undergraduate Advising and Research Major Grant**, Stanford University (\$6,200)
Stanford Fund Scholarship, Stanford University (\$29,760)
- 2007 **Kim and Eddie Poplawski Scholarship**, Stanford University (\$6,270)
Stanford Fund Scholarship, Stanford University (\$24,078)

HONORS & AWARDS:

- 2023 **Inductee**, Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, Cornell University Chapter
Honorable Mention, Ph.D. Dissertation Award, Transportation and Public Utilities Group
- 2022 **Student of the Year**, Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center
Best Student Paper, Transportation Research Forum
- 2021 **Honorable Mention, Dissertation Fellowship**, Ford Foundation
- 2019 **Honorable Mention, Predoctoral Fellowship**, Ford Foundation
- 2017 **Transfer Hall of Fame Awardee**, West Valley College

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2026 *"Explaining Variation in Commute Time: The Role of Age, Region, and Travel Mode"*, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
"Transit Commute Mode Share: The Role of Employment Geography and Spatial Constraints", Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2025 *"Beyond Dispersion: Density, Industry, and Political Fragmentation in the Geography of Regional Job Centers"*, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting (Minneapolis, MN)
"Explaining Variation in Commute Time: The Role of Age, Region, and Travel Mode", Alabama Transportation Planners Association Annual Conference (Florence, AL)
- 2024 *"Socioeconomic, Region, and Travel Mode Variance in Commute Time Expenditure"*, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting (Seattle, WA)
- 2023 *"Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies"*, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
"Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies", Transportation and Public Utilities Group, Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- 2022 *"Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies"*, METTRANS Transportation Center Emerging Scholars Symposium (Los Angeles, CA)
"Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies", Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center Congress (Honolulu, HI)
"Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies", Transportation Research Forum Annual Forum (Saint Louis, MO)
"Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies", Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting (Scottsdale, AZ)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (cont.):

- 2022 (c.) “*Spatial and Temporal Variability of Rail Transit Costs and Cost Effectiveness*”, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2021 “*Equity and Demand Implications of Rail Transit Fare Policies (An Update)*”, Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program, Transportation Research Board (Virtual Conference)
- 2020 “*Equity and Demand Implications of Transit Fare Policies*”, Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
“*Spatial Determinants of Dockless Scooter Use*”, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (Virtual Conference)
“*Spatial Determinants of Dockless Scooter Use*”, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting (Virtual Conference)
- 2016 “*The Challenges of a Legacy System: Investing to Renew Ageing Infrastructure*”, Smart Transit USA (Newark, NJ)
“*Train Control Upgrading at BART*”, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2015 “*The Future of Fare Collection*”, SmartRail USA (Charlotte, NC)

INVITED TALKS:

- 2023 “*Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies*”, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)
- 2022 “*Inequitable Inefficiency: A Case Study of Rail Transit Fare Policies*”, College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Cornell University (Ithaca, NY)
- 2021 “*Competing Principles of Transit Fare Policies*”, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2018 “*BART to San Jose Planning and Politics*”, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)
“*San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART): History, Politics, Planning, and Policy*”, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2011 “*Politics and Planning: BART to San Jose*”, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, San Jose State University (San Jose, CA)

COURSES TAUGHT:

Alabama A&M University

- 2025- *The Community and You* (aka Introduction to Urban Studies) (undergraduate)
Transportation Policy and Planning (graduate)
Urban Economics (graduate)
- 2024- *Statistics for Urban Planning* (undergraduate)
Transportation and Land Use Planning (graduate)

Cornell University

- 2022-23 *Transportation and Land Use Planning* (graduate and undergraduate)
- 2023 *Urban Mass Transit* (graduate and undergraduate)

GRADUATE ADVISING:

Alabama A&M University

- 2026 Boyce, Joshua (MURP)
- 2025 Adams, Meshach (MURP)
Mauldin, Morgan (MURP)

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Alabama A&M University

2025 Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee

Cornell University

2023 Organizer and Moderator, Symposium on *Spatial Structure and Travel Patterns of the Post-Pandemic City*

2022-23 Member, Colloquium Committee
Member, Awards Committee

University of Southern California

2019-20 Student Representative, Ph.D. Committee

West Valley College

2007 Student Representative, Hiring Committee (Philosophy)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

Journal Reviewer

2026 Transport Policy
Transportation Research Record

2025 International Journal of Sustainable Transportation

Research Panelist

2025- Transit Cooperative Research Program A-55 (Travel Behavior and Financial Impacts of Fare Capping), National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
Transit Cooperative Research Program J-11 (Optimizing Work Schedules for Transit Workers), National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (2011)

2011 Research Intern/Consultant

County of Santa Clara (2005-06)

2005-06 Intern, Juvenile Probation Department

2005 Intern, Office of Honorable County Supervisor James T. Beall