

ERIK GARTLAND

Research Analyst

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Federal rental assistance programs; housing affordability and unmet need for rental assistance; eviction risk and homelessness; racial disparities in housing hardship; Census microdata and HUD administrative data analysis

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Master of Public Affairs | Madison, WI

Awarded May 2020

GPA: 3.9

La Follette School Fellowship: Awarded full tuition coverage based on academic merit.

St. Olaf College

Bachelor of Arts | Northfield, MN

Awarded May 2015

Majors: Economics & Political Science | Minor: Statistics | GPA: 3.7, *Cum Laude*

Honors: Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics), Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)

Social Entrepreneurship Scholar Fellowship: Interned at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, researching federal housing policy and homelessness at the state and national levels.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Research Analyst | Washington, DC

Jun. 2022 – Present

Research Associate | Washington, DC

Jun. 2020 – May 2022

Researching unmet need for federal rental assistance, housing hardship and affordability, and homelessness. Analyzing Census microdata and HUD administrative data to support research products across the housing team.

Wisconsin Department of Justice

Data Management Analyst | Madison, WI

Oct. 2019 – May 2020

Developed a Department-wide data inventory framework and researched best practices in data management across state agencies.

Institute for Community Alliances

Graduate Researcher | Madison, WI

Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2019

Researched racial disparities in homelessness using HMIS data; developed a comparative report on Coordinated Entry Systems across Wisconsin Continuums of Care.

Government Accountability Office

Management and Policy Analyst Intern | Washington, DC

Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2018

Conducted interviews with child welfare agencies and foster youth to assess Title IV-E funding utilization; designed a survey sent to states with extended foster care programs.

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Child Welfare Performance Analyst | Madison, WI

Oct. 2017 – May 2018

Developed and analyzed measures assessing child welfare program performance across child protective services, out-of-home care, and youth justice; evaluated punitive detention center use and demonstrated the need for trauma-informed alternatives.

Epic Systems

Project Manager | Madison, WI

Feb. 2016 – Feb. 2017

Managed a team implementing Epic's Laboratory software; served as Testing Lead, developing testing timelines and tracking progress throughout the testing cycle.

PUBLICATIONS

2026

Gartland, Erik. "Nearly 3.7 Million People at Risk of Losing Needed Rental Assistance to Harsh Time Limit and Work Requirement Proposal." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2026.

2025

Gartland, Erik, and Sonya Acosta. "Administration Plan Targeting Immigrants Would Take Away Rental Assistance, Create New Barriers." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2025.

Gartland, Erik, and Will Fischer. "Rental Assistance Time Limits Would Place More Than 3 Million People – Half of Them Children – at Risk of Eviction and Homelessness." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2025.

Gartland, Erik, and Sonya Acosta. "House Bill Would Leave Over 400,000 More People Without Stable, Affordable Housing." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2025.

Gartland, Erik, Alicia Mazzara, Will Fischer, and Nick Kasprak. "Where Households Using Federal Rental Assistance Live: More Can Be Done to Promote Neighborhood Choice." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2025.

Gartland, Erik, Anna Bailey, and Peggy Bailey. "Policymakers Can Solve Homelessness by Scaling Up Proven Solutions: Rental Assistance and Supportive Services." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2025.

2024

Gartland, Erik, and Sonya Acosta. "Senate Appropriations Bill Maintains Critical Housing Investments While House Bill Makes Deep Cuts." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2024.

2022

Gartland, Erik, and Alicia Mazzara. "New HUD "Fair Market Rent" Policy Can Help Local Agencies Reduce Homelessness and Expand Housing Choice." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2022.

Gartland, Erik. “High Hardship Among Black and Latinx LGBTQ Renters Underscores Need for More Housing Vouchers.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2022.

Gartland, Erik. “Hidden Housing Instability: 3.7 Million People Live in Doubled-Up Households.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2022.

Gartland, Erik. “Relief Measures Reduced Hardship for Renters During Pandemic, but Many Still Struggle to Pay Rent in Every State.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2022.

Gartland, Erik. “Funding Limitations Create Widespread Unmet Need for Rental Assistance.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2022.

2021

Gartland, Erik. “Families With Children at Increased Risk of Eviction, With Renters of Color Facing Greatest Hardship.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2021.

Gartland, Erik, and Will Fischer. “Housing Vouchers in Economic Recovery Bill Would Sharply Cut Homelessness, Housing Instability.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2021.

Gartland, Erik. “Millions Still Months Behind on Rent After Eviction Moratorium Ends.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2021.

Gartland, Erik, and Sonya Acosta. “Families Wait Years for Housing Vouchers Due to Inadequate Funding.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2021.

Gartland, Erik, Anna Bailey, and Raquel de la Hueraga. “More Housing Vouchers Needed to Help People With Disabilities Afford Stable Homes in the Community.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2021.

Gartland, Erik, Will Fischer, and Sonya Acosta. “More Housing Vouchers: Most Important Step to Help More People Afford Stable Homes.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2021.

2020

Gartland, Erik. “Wave of Evictions Nears as Moratorium Set to Expire.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2020.

Gartland, Erik. “2019 Income-Rent Gap Underscores Need for Rental Assistance, Census Data Show.” *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*, 2020.

PRESENTATIONS

“New Housing Choice Voucher Research and Implications for Housing Mobility.” *National Conference on Housing Mobility*, Chicago, IL. Oct. 2025

American Community Survey Data Users Conference, Virtual. May 2025

MEDIA COVERAGE

2026

“New Trump Rule Puts Millions at Risk of Losing Rental Assistance,” *The New Republic* Apr. 2026

2025

“Housing Advocates Worry States Can’t Fill Rental Aid Gaps if Jun. 2025

Trump Cuts Go Through,” *Stateline*
“Milwaukee Renters Using Section 8 Housing Vouchers Still Face
Discrimination, Report Finds,” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* Apr. 2025

2022

“These Renters Were Hit Hardest by the Pandemic and They’re
Still Struggling,” *CNN Business* Jun. 2022

“Rental Assistance Is Becoming a Bigger Necessity as Rents
Rapidly Rise,” *Yahoo Finance* Apr. 2022

EXPERTISE & SKILLS

Data Analysis: HUD administrative data, Point-in-Time count data, American Community Survey microdata

Programming: R, Stata

Visualization: Excel, Adobe Illustrator, ggplot2

REFERENCES

Available upon request.