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Katie Fallon joins Policy Matters' research staff

Katie Fallon is joining Policy Matters Ohio as a research analyst.

In both work and studies, Fallon focused on identifying the best policies to provide all people with decent housing, transportation and other essentials. Fallon received her doctorate in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the summer of 2017. Her research focused on how race, class, and place shaped access to resources in a city where the population is becoming more racially and economically diverse. Focusing on Brooklyn, New York, Fallon combined interviews, census data, and geographic information system (GIS) data from participant smartphones to examine how residents access local resources, like banks and grocery stores. Her dissertation argues that class and race keep many residents from accessing shared spaces and their neighborhood's resources.

"Katie brings great research chops to Policy Matters as well as a passion for justice," said Policy Matters Ohio Executive Director Amy Hanauer. "She has already hit the ground running on transit and health care. We can't wait to see what contributions she brings to the fight for a more vibrant, prosperous and equitable Ohio."

Fallon previously worked on housing stability and poverty reduction at Nica HOPE in Managua, Nicaragua. She then moved to the Rockefeller Foundation where she focused on how federal and state policies can promote equitable and sustainable access to transportation and health coverage. Fallon has a bachelor's degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Policy, with a certificate in Urban Studies.

"Before joining Policy Matters, my work focused on finding policies to create opportunities for people to live happy, healthy lives," Fallon said. "I am excited to join an organization whose mission aligns so closely with both my research and my values."

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