



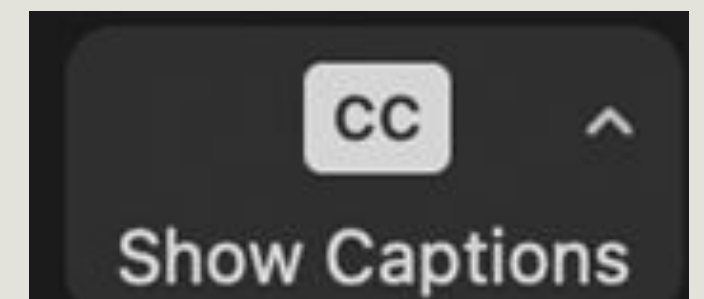
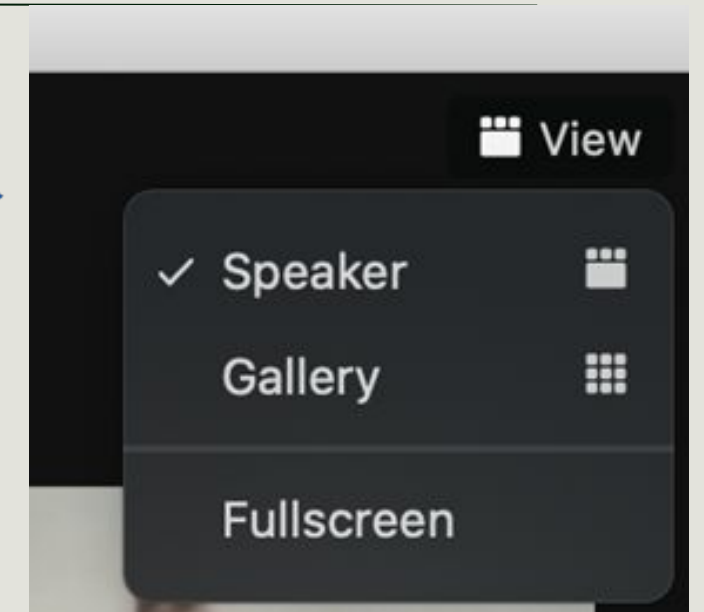
Spatial Futures Fellows

Cohort 2 Info Session



Housekeeping

- Zoom Tip: Keep your “View” on “Speaker”
- Closed Captioning has been enabled - please turn it on in your Zoom interface.
- Drop **questions** into the Q&A throughout the presentation!
- The session recording and slides will be shared with all registrants after the webinar.



Agenda

- Overview of the Spatial Futures Initiative
- Overview of the Fellowship Program
- Review Application Portal
- Questions



Overview: Spatial Futures Initiative

“The origins of property rights in the United States are rooted in racial domination.”

- Cheryl Harris

- Housing and land exclusion are racialized in nature, sewn into the very fabric of our institutions, policies, and value systems.
- In order to transform this reality, we need to address historical and persistent spatial injustices.

What would our futures look like if space were oriented toward justice??



Defining Reparative Spatial Justice

A transformative approach to rectify historical and ongoing injustices in the allocation and use of space, housing, and land. Aimed at reconfiguring spaces where historically marginalized communities can reclaim their connection to land and gain restitution for enduring racist policies and practices.

- Aspirational, world-building
- Transformative rather than reformist
- Community driven and place-based



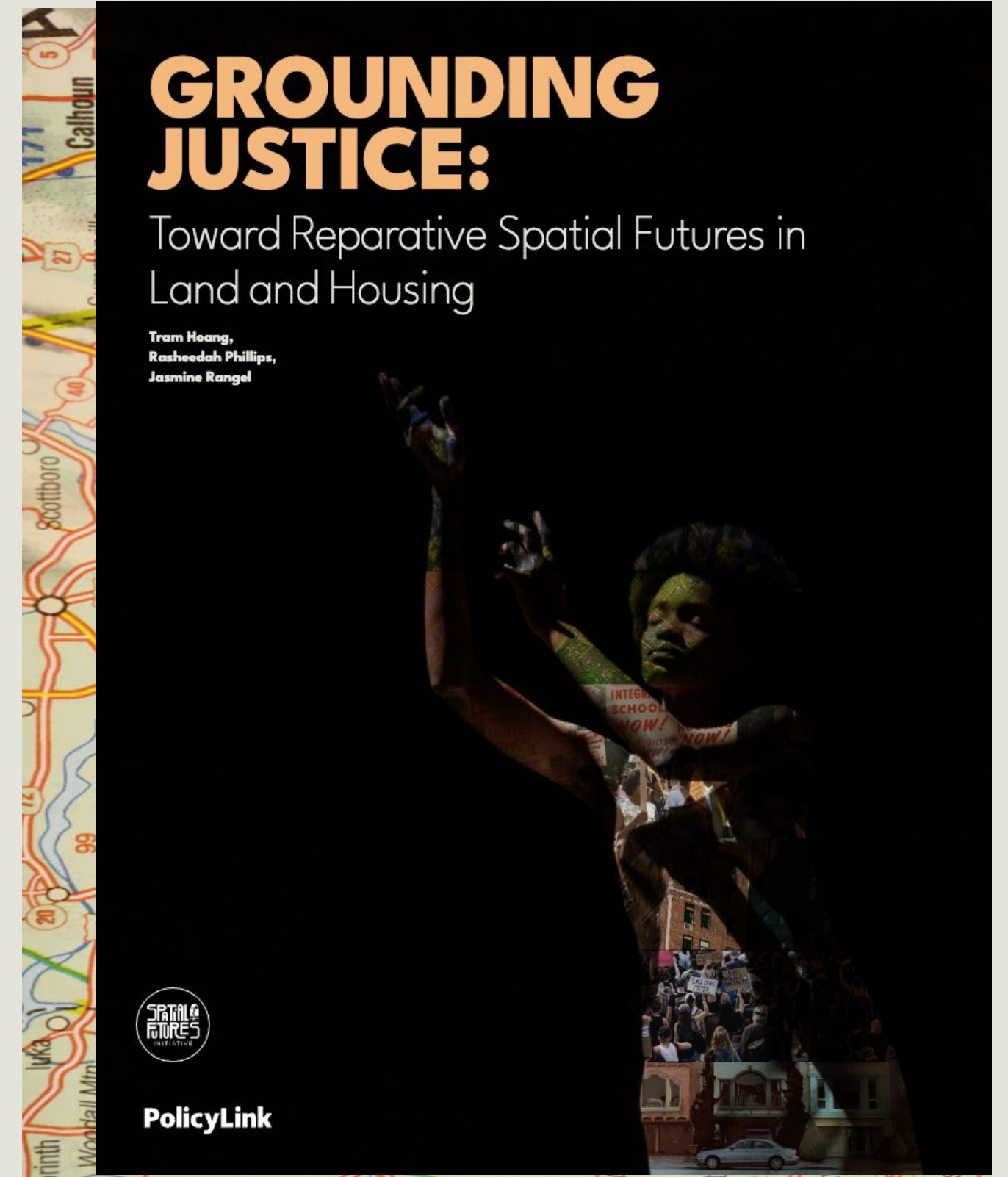
Goals: Spatial Futures Initiative

- Expose the entrenched racial inequities in this country's existing land use and housing policies
- Generate recommendations and resources to support systemic change
- Develop and support research and maintain a comprehensive list of policies and projects for reparative spatial justice
- Craft and implement powerful narratives to reframe and propel the national discourse on reparative spatial justice

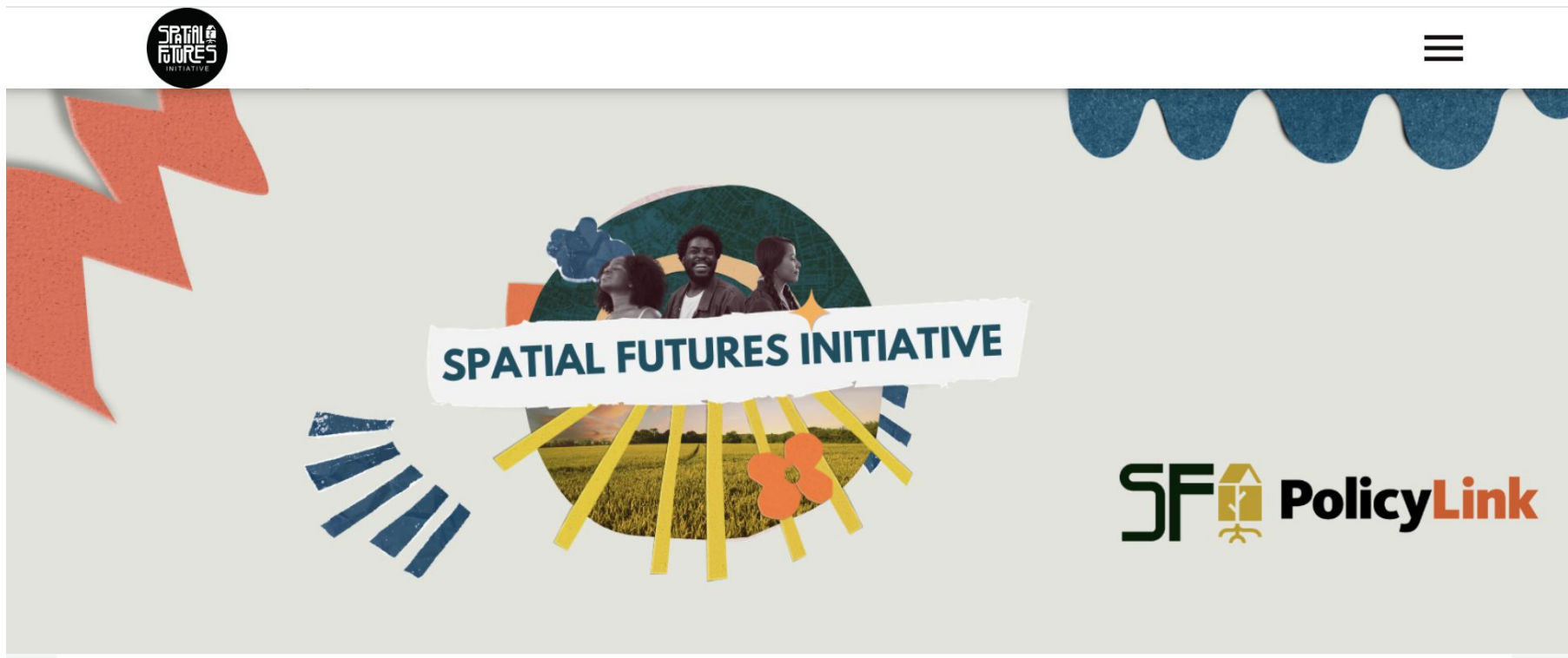


Spatial Futures Initiative Tools

- **Grounding Justice Publication** - on the critical need for a reparative framework in land and housing policy, synthesizing key insights and recommendations for ongoing advocacy and research
- **SpatialFutures.org - Database** of Reparative Spatial Justice policies, programs, practitioners, and orgs
- **Spatial Futures Fellowship**



SpatialFutures.org



The movement for reparative spatial justice reimagines and reshapes spaces for historically marginalized communities to reclaim land and achieve restitution for the enduring impacts of racist policies. Beyond redistributing land and housing, it fosters healing, growth, and well-being. PolicyLink's Spatial Futures Initiative serves as a catalyst and resource hub, dedicated to uprooting racial inequities in land and housing policies and supporting communities in building a more just futures.

Our Work



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for 'About', 'Policy & Program Database', 'Resources', 'Fellowship', and 'Join the Move'. Below the mission statement, there is a filter bar with tabs for 'Policies', 'Programs', 'Initiatives', and 'Organizations'. The database table below lists legislative bills with columns for Year, Title, Level of Government, Legislation Status, Category, and Description.

Year	Title	Level of Government	Legislation Status	Category	Description	State
2023	Covenants Homeowne...	State	Passed	Mortgage Assistance	Provides home buying assistance...	Wa
2021	Unlawful Racial Restric...	State	Passed	Research Study	Relatin	

A 'SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAILS' button is located at the bottom right of the table area.

Fellowship Overview



SFF Cohort 1

- Ten fellows advancing reparative spatial justice projects
- Collective questions:
How can we structure our relationships to land and housing around care and stewardship while still navigating our current system and protecting our claim to space and community?



Spatial Futures Fellows Goals

- **Provide support and resources to fellows** in their efforts to reclaim and repair land that has been stolen, polluted, or otherwise damaged by systems of oppression.
- **Explore models of land stewardship models that draw on the knowledge and practices of Black and Indigenous communities**, emphasizing mutual care, respect for the land, and sustainable practices that honor ancestral knowledge.
- **Elevate reparative spatial justice** in local, state, and national policy conversations.
- **Contribute to the development of model policies, case studies, and campaign pathways** that reflect the principles of reparative spatial justice.
- **Build a body of knowledge and practice around reparative spatial justice** to share with other communities working towards similar goals.

Deliverables

- Create, develop, and socialize a policy and strategy framework for reparative spatial justice, designed to influence policymaking at state, local, and federal levels.
- Contribute to the growth of the Spatial Futures digital platform. This platform will coordinate and disseminate model policies, best practices, readings, blogs, narrative strategies, and stories, serving as a hub for recruiting and mobilizing additional leaders and supporters of the movement.

Learning Arc:

- **Months 1-6:** Relationship Building, Learning, and Framework Understanding
- **Months 7-13:** Policy Framework Development
- **Months 14-18:** Policy Framework Development and Dissemination

Resources

- \$15,000 stipend
 - Can be paid to individual or organization
 - Eligibility: Must have SSN and be located in the U.S.
- Mentorship and thought-partnership from expert advisors
- Learning community of peers working toward reparative justice in land and housing

Commitments

- Fellows will be expected to commit up to 10 hours per month for this fellowship.
 - Meet twice monthly
 - 2-hour monthly cohort learning sessions
 - 1-hour monthly working meetings
- Up to an additional 4-6 hours of required reading or independent research and writing.
- In-person convening in April 2025
- Contribute to the publication of a reparative spatial justice policy framework



Who should apply?

- You are working in your community to reckon with, repair, and transform the legacies of racist land and housing policies.
- You are working in policy, or at the intersections of policy change, to advance reparative spatial justice.
- You are working a broader institution or community organization that supports your full participation in the fellowship, or can demonstrate capacity to participate fully in the program.
- You are committed to building intersectionality and cross-movement solidarity to advance reparative spatial justice.

Important Dates

- **Oct 18, 2024:** Application deadline
- **Dec 2-6, 2024:** Interview period
- **Dec 19, 2024:** Final decisions announced via email
- **Feb 2025:** Cohort begins
 - *Cohort will run from February 2025 to August 2026.*

Application

Explain how your work addresses racial inequities and spatial injustices in land and housing. *

Be specific about the harm your work is trying to repair, and the role that policy, planning, or organizing has played or should play in advancing this work.

Please answer the following questions in your response:

- Where is your work based and why?
- What is the harm your work is trying to repair?
- Who has been impacted by the harm that your work is trying to repair?
- How does your work seek to leverage policy to address past harm and advance reparative spatial justice?
- Why is this work important to you?

500 words maximum, please



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Spatial Futures Fellowship Application

Hello, and thank you for your interest in the Spatial Futures Fellowship (SFF), a critical part of the Spatial Futures Initiative (SFI).

From February 2025 to August 2026, the Spatial Futures Fellowship (SFF) will build a transformative agenda that seeks to fundamentally shift societal norms, policies, and systemic and legal frameworks, to reckon, repair, and transform racial harms and spatial injustices toward our collective liberation. Building on the work of the inaugural cohort, this second cohort of fellows will collaborate to develop and refine a shared

Thank you for submitting an application for the second cohort of the Spatial Futures Fellowship. While you will not receive an email confirmation that your application has been received, please let this page serve as your confirmation that we have received your application.

We look forward to reviewing your responses in November and December. If you are selected to the interview round, in late November, we will email you to invite you to schedule an interview for the week of December 2, 2024.

We will reach out to all applicants about the status of their



Questions?