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EDUCATION:

University:

- Graduate: PhD Urban Planning at Harvard University (2016 – present).
- Graduate: MSc Urban Studies at University College London (Distinction).
- Graduate: University of Cape Town Honours Degree (in the First Class); Environmental and Geographical Science (Human and Urban Geography).
- Undergraduate: University of Cape Town; BSocSci (Environmental and Geographical Science, Media & Writing)

AWARDS:

- Weatherhead Centre Pre-dissertation Fellowship at Harvard University (2018).
- Distinguished African Student Fellowship at Harvard University (2017-2018).
- Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace at Middlebury College (2017).
- Distinguished African Student Fellowship at Harvard University (2016-2017).
- Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship to study MSc Urban Studies at University College London (2015-2016).
- Oppenheimer Scholarship to study MSc Urban Studies at University College London (2015-2016).
- Abe Bailey Scholarship for South African Students (Goodenough College, 2015-2016).
- Winner of the Global Development Network Essay Competition (2014) 'Imagining the future of Africa in 2025'. (essay titled: Urban Africa in 2025).

PUBLICATIONS:

Brandon Finn (under review). Contested Continuums: Civil and Political Society in Contemporary South Africa.

Brandon Finn (2017). Quietly Chasing Kigali: Young Men and the Intolerance of Informality in Rwanda's Capital City. In *Urban Forum* (pp. 1-14). Springer Netherlands.

Brandon Finn, Sophie Oldfield. (2015). Straining: Young Men Working through Waithood in Freetown, Sierra Leone. *Africa Spectrum*, 50 (3): 49-69.

The Department for International Development. Urban Infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa. (2015). Harnessing Land Values, Housing and Transport. Cape Town: African Centre for Cities.
http://www.africancentreforcities.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Full-DFID-Report_Web.1.1.pdf

PRESENTATIONS:

Brandon Finn (2017). American Association of Geographers Quietly Chasing Kigali: Young men and the intolerance of Informality in Rwanda's Capital City.

Brandon Finn. (2015). Assessing ALICS (African Land and Infrastructure City Scan). DfID, Urban Infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa - Harnessing Land Values, Housing and Transport. Cape Town (20 - 21 July, 2015).

Brandon Finn, Sophie Oldfield. (2015). Straining and Innovating; Young Men at Work in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Annual Meeting 2015: Urban Geography Commission. Dublin, Ireland (9 - 15 August).

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Academic researcher employed by the African Centre for Cities – focussing on Urban Infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa (2014 – 2015). This project was a DfID sponsored project that analyses land-based financing and infrastructure development within African Cities.