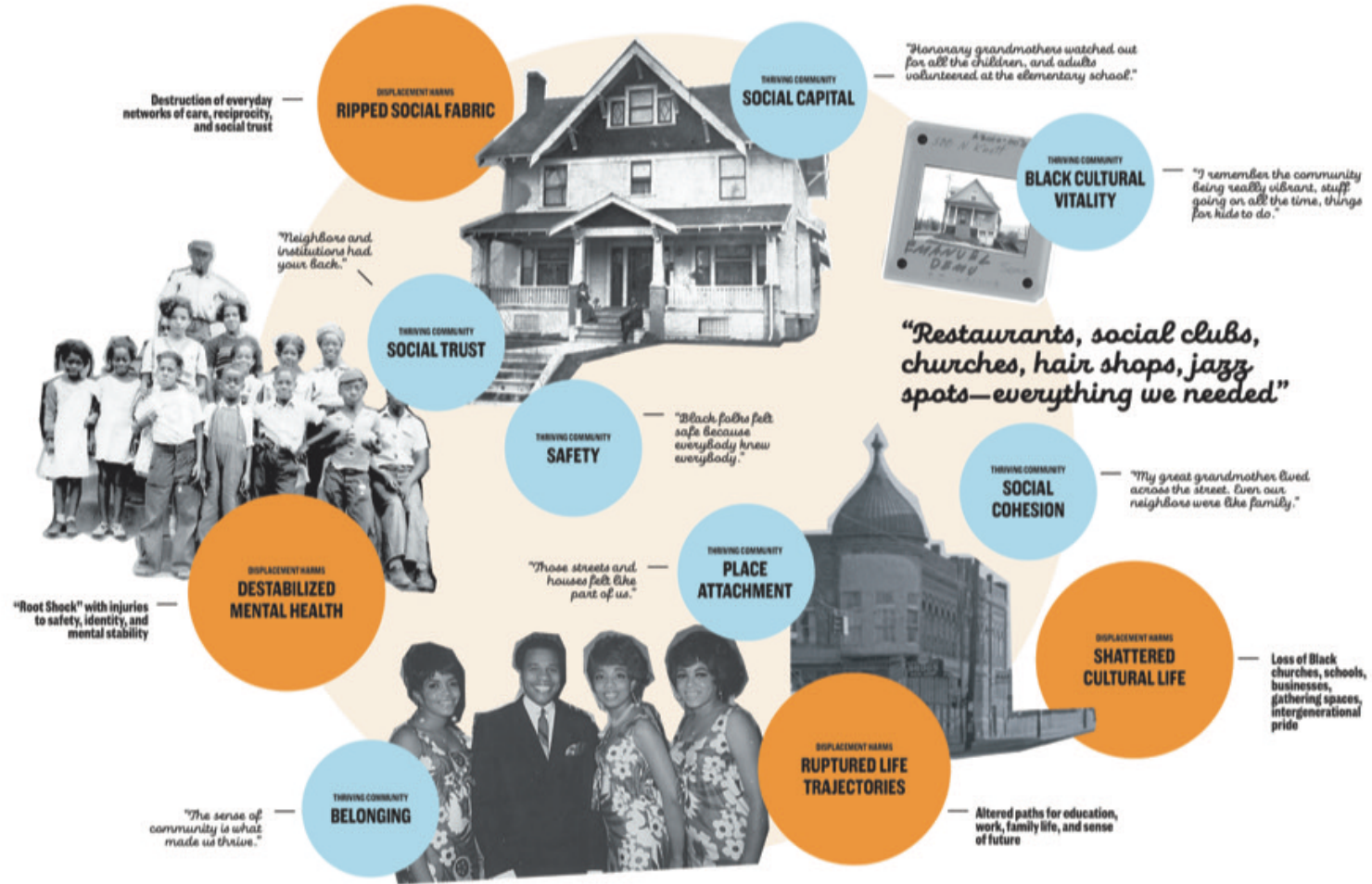


“URBAN RENEWAL IS NEGRO REMOVAL”— JAMES BALDWIN, 1963

DOCUMENTING FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN PORTLAND

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2500 URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS — 993 CITIES — 1 MILLION DISPLACED, 75% PEOPLE OF COLOR

OUR PATH TO A WINNING SETTLEMENT

CONTRIBUTION OF AN ANTHROPOLOGIST

Drew on plaintiff interviews, depositions and archives
 Documented individual and collective impacts of the Slow-Growth Disaster
 Produced a Framework for Identifying Social Harms of Displacement
Note: An economist supplied the numbers to document the lost value of property and intergenerational wealth.

KEY SOCIAL SCIENCE CONCEPTS

Social Capital (Bourdieu 1986)
Dwelling (Ingold 2010)
Black Social Organization as Rhizome (Browne 2015)
Habitus (Bourdieu 1977)
Slow violence/low-onset disaster (World Bank 1993; Nixon 2011; Burton 2014)
Legacies of Housing Segregation (Massey & Denton 1993)
Root Shock (Julliove 2020)
Non-Economic Losses and Damages (Morrissey and Oliver-Smith 2013)
Serial Forced Displacement (Julliove 2018)
Racialization of Space (Spitzer 2007)

THE HISTORIC WIN

Black Plaintiffs were awarded \$0.5M in cash and property.
 The 2025 settlement with the City of Portland, Emanuel Hospital, and Prosper Portland was unprecedented in US cases of forced displacement.
 The settlement acknowledged systemic racial discrimination and the ongoing harms of displacement.

APPLICATION

The work I prepared for this Portland lawsuit includes my Framework for Identifying Social Harms of Displacement. This Framework makes the ongoing harm from an injustice that occurred decades earlier both explicit and compelling. The Framework is a portable document that specifies the vast number of ways that social losses from forced displacement can and do create enduring harms. It provides a template for successful lawsuits and policy change in other communities.

--Kate Browne, Colorado State University.