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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Hunter College of CUNY: New York, New York

Department of Urban Affairs and Planning

Associate Professor of Urban Planning (January 2001 - present)
Assistant Professor of Urban Planning (January 1998- December 2000)

Courses:

URBP 700: Urban Planning History and Theory
URBP 737: Capstone Planning Studio
URBG 787: Urban Poverty and Policy
URBG 731: Housing and Community Development Policy
URBP 723: Introduction to Urban Design
URBP 735 (HONS 241): The Garden City Experience in Europe and New York
URBP 705: The Urban Planning Process

Wayne State University: Detroit, Michigan

Department of Geography and Urban Planning

Assistant Professor of Urban Planning (September 1994 - December 1997)

Courses:

UP 701: Urban Planning Theory
UP 726: Urban Poverty and Policy
UP 770: Capstone Community Planning Practicum
UP 621: Urban Design Elements
UP 501: Technical Communications

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ph.D. in Urban, Technological, and Environmental Planning, 1995

Dissertation: "Race, Space and Skills in Metropolitan Detroit: Explanations for Growing Wage and Employment Gaps between Black and White Workers."

Dissertation Committee: Sheldon Danziger, John Nystuen (Co-chairs), Reynolds Farley and Mary Corcoran

State University of New York at Buffalo

Master of Urban Planning, 1989

Bachelor of Arts with honors, Art History, 1979

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

Concentration in Painting

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2005:** Chancellors Certificate of Recognition in Honor of Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
- 2004:** Russell Sage Foundation Fellowship
- 2001:** 2000 Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning/HUD Award for Excellence in Urban Policy Scholarship
- 2001:** Chancellors Certificate of Recognition in Honor of Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
- 2000:** Visiting Fellow: Public Policy Institute of California. June- December 2000
- 1999:** Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning Ritzdorf Award: "Melrose Commons Co-housing Plan." Director of best student project addressing race, gender, and social justice issues.
- 1997:** Best Paper Award: 1996 Urban Affairs Association Conference for "Barriers to a Better Break: Wages, Race and Space in Metropolitan Detroit"
- 1994:** Horace H. Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship (university-wide competition)
- 1992:** Horace H. Rackham Research Partnership Fellowship (with Dr. Reynolds Farley; university-wide competition)
- 1989:** Horace H. Rackham Non-Traditional Fellowship (university-wide competition)
- 1989:** Program in Urban, Technological and Environmental Planning Fellowship
- 1989:** SUNY Buffalo Department of Urban Planning Award for Academic Achievement
- 1979:** Phi Beta Kappa

AUTHORED BOOKS AND REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2000:** *Wages, Race, Skills and Space: Lessons from Employers in Detroit's Auto Industry.* Franklin and Taylor Press, as part of the "Contemporary Urban Affairs" series edited by Richard Bingham. 220pp.

Monographs

- 2003:** *There's No Place Like Home: Spatial Segregation and Suburban Job Search of Oakland Residents.* Commissioned by the Public Policy Institute of California . September 2003. 250pp.
- 2001:** *Focus-Hope* (with Jeffrey W. Thompson and Maureen Conway). The Aspen Institute: Sectoral Employment Development

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2006:** Sunnyside Gardens Today: "Where Small Children Can Play in Safety" Segregated from One Another." be included in a sequel to the book "Secret Spaces of Childhood," (2003), University of Michigan Press) edited by Elizabeth Goodenough.
- 2002:** "Overqualified Minority Youth in a Sectoral Job Training Program: Implications for the Skills and Spatial Mismatch Debates," *Economic Development Quarterly*, Vol. 15 no. 4 November
- 1999:** "Has Discrimination Disappeared? A Reply to W.J. Wilson on Black Workers and 'Soft' Skills." *Economic Development Quarterly*, Vol. 13, No.4, November
- 1998:** "Zone is Where the Heart Is?: Lessons from Detroit Employers." *Economic Development Quarterly*, Vol. 12 No.4, November
- 1997:** "Barriers to a Better Break: Wages, Race and Space in Metropolitan Detroit." *Journal of Urban Affairs*: Volume 19, No. 2, Special Conference Issue
- 1996:** "On Employment Contacts and Differences in Wages Between Minority and White Youths" (with Sanders Korenman), *Industrial Relations*, 35: January.
- 1991:** "Economic Development in Buffalo: Community, Change and Fragmentation." *Buffalo Law Review*, Vol. 39.

Work In Progress: 2006

- "Creating Community in Sunnyside: Understanding Affiliative Ties between Immigrants and their Neighbors in a Highly Multi-Ethnic Neighborhood.** Qualitative study in Sunnyside, NY. Will ultimately consist of 120 interviews with adolescents and their parents to assess the effects of living in a highly multi-ethnic community on racial tolerance and propensity towards community involvement.
- "Sunnyside Gardens: Intellectual Idealism and the Practical Problems of Creating New Communities in New York City."** Book proposal under consideration by Peter Dimock, Social Science editor, Columbia University Press. This will be an examination of current issues of race and community-building in highly diverse neighborhoods through the examination of the creation and evolution of a Sunnyside Gardens in

Queens, an experimental neighborhood founded in 1924 by members of the Regional Planning Association of America (RPAA).

SELECTED SUPERVISED STUDENT STUDIO PROJECTS

- 2006:** "Creating Community in Sunnyside: a Comprehensive Plan for a Highly Multi-ethnic Neighborhood prepared for Queens Community Board 2 and the NYC Department of Planning. 250pp.
- 2004:** "Making Connections: A Comprehensive Plan for Dutch Kills, New York." Prepared for the Dutch Kills Civic Association, Long Island City, New York. 250 pp.
- 2002:** "At the Table in Hell's Kitchen: Recommendations for a Participatory Planning Process in Hell's Kitchen." Prepared for the Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association, NY, NY. 150 pp.
- 2000:** "The East Tremont Recreational and Arts Collaborative." Comprehensive Program and Design Plan for a collaborative community center (involving five agencies) for job training and the arts. Prepared for Aquinas Housing Inc., Bronx, NY. 100 pp.
- 1999:** "The Melrose Commons Co-Housing Plan." Comprehensive Program and Design Plan for Housing for single mothers; half welfare-recipients, half low-wage workers. Prepared for Nos Quedamos, Bronx, NY. 75 pp.
- 1997:** "The McGraw School Neighborhood Preservation Plan." Comprehensive housing and land-use plan prepared for the Core City Neighborhood Housing Corporation. 50 pp.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2005:** "Sunnyside Gardens: Preservation for Whom?" Annual conference of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Kansas City, Missouri, October
- 2004:** "Sunnyside Gardens, Issues in Planning for a Multi-Ethnic Community: 1924 and 2004." Annual conference of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Portland, Oregon, October.
- 2003:** "Urban Design and Affiliation Needs: What People Want and What People Get." Planning into Practice: A Conference for Community-Based Groups. Municipal Arts Society. November.
- 2002:** "Bridging Theory and Practice through Studio/Workshop/Practicum." Annual conference of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Baltimore, Maryland, November.

- 2002:** "Leaving Home: Subtle Barriers to Job Search of Urban Women Workers." Urban Affairs Association Conference: Boston, Mass. March.
- 2001:** "There's No Place Like Home: Suburban Job Search by Minority Workers in Oakland." Annual conference of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Cleveland, Ohio, November.
- 2000:** "It is Happening Here: Suburban Harassment of Black Residents of Detroit" Annual conference of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Atlanta, Georgia, November.
- 1999:** "Overqualified Minority Youth in a Detroit Job Training Program: Implications for the Work Investment Act" Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning Chicago, Illinois, October.
- 1998:** "Zone is Where the Heart Is? Lessons from Detroit Employers." Annual conference of the Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Pasadena, California, November.
- 1997:** "Employers and Empowerment: Issues to Consider when Creating a Renaissance." Urban Affairs Association Conference: Toronto, Ontario, April.

SPONSORED ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND GRANTS

- 2005-2007: Russell Sage Foundation.** "Creating Community in Sunnyside: Understanding Affiliative Ties between Immigrants and their Neighbors in a Highly Multi-Ethnic Neighborhood." Principal Investigator and sole recipient of a \$99,101 grant to explore the impact of interracial and interethnic integration among adolescents and their effect on political participation and the racial attitudes of parents.
- 2000-2003: Public Policy Institute of California:** (PPIC): Principal Investigator and sole recipient of a \$100,000 grant from PPIC to investigate job search and acquisition barriers among 80 male and female participants in seven job-training programs in for in Oakland, California. Residence in San Francisco,
- 1998-2000 Ford Foundation:** Suburban Job Search Experiences of Urban Workers. Sole recipient of a \$47,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to study perceived barriers to employment (with an emphasis on experienced suburban racial discrimination) of young urban workers. 80 face-to-face interviews with a selected sample of job seekers completed in Detroit, Michigan.
- 2000:** **Youth Opportunity Grant:** \$13,500 grant to create a teaching partnership with FECS: a South Bronx youth employment agency Youth Opportunity Grant.

- 2000:** **Sectoral Development Learning Project, the Aspen Institute:** Case study of a Detroit job training organization using Ford-sponsored participant interview data for publication on sectoral job training strategies for the Aspen Institute's Economic Opportunities Program.
- 1999:** **PSC-CUNY Research Grant** for Suburban Job Search of Urban Workers.
- 1998-1999: Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC):**
Co-principal investigator of this federal Department of Housing and Urban Development program. Designed and taught community planning workshops and completed research pertinent to housing, health and employment issues in the South Bronx, New York.
- 1992 -1995: Multi-City Survey of Urban Inequality (MCSUI):**
Lead field researcher for employer interviews in Detroit, one of four cities selected for this national study funded by the Russell Sage, Ford and Rockefeller foundations, designed to assess the relative influence of changes in skill needs, industrial and residential location, hiring procedures, and racial discrimination as explanations of eroding economic gains of African-Americans.
- 1992-1993: Horace H. Rackham Research Partnership, with Reynolds Farley:**
Interviewed employers at 26 case-matched black and white-owned firms in the auto-supply industry to assess the role of employer racial discrimination on the employment and wages of whites and blacks.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- The Greater Buffalo Development Foundation (GBDF), Senior Associate: 1987 - 1989** Initiated, funded, and managed projects pertinent to the economic and physical revitalization of Buffalo, New York: emphasis on downtown development. Directed task forces and project teams addressing minority economic development issues and the redesign of public spaces and buildings. Reports included analyses of low-income housing, retail, and tourist development. Wrote successful grant applications supporting design and economic development projects.
- Cannon Design, Inc., Senior Planner: 1983 -1987** Ascertained historical and architectural significance of buildings and districts; the proposal of alternative development strategies and implementation and design guidelines for new projects; field surveys and space programming; and research addressing economic, housing, design and transportation needs of municipalities. Wrote successful grant applications on behalf of municipalities and organizations, managed contracts, and wrote and directed production of project promotional materials.
- City of Buffalo Department of Community Development, General Planner: 1981-1983**

Project manager of the downtown Joseph P. Ellicott Historic District Masterplan.
Assistant project manager for Regional Center II: a downtown masterplan.

Center for Community Design Analysis, St. Augustine's Center, Planner: 1979-1981.
Community Planner for this very distressed urban service area. Designed and funded projects addressing housing and youth employment issues.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS AND REPORTS

"Buffalo Place Design Competition": First Place Award (with team from Cannon Design Inc.) for redesign of Lafayette Square in downtown Buffalo: Urban Designer and Site Planner
"Joseph Ellicott District Preservation Plan" for the City of Buffalo, NY: Project Manager
"Regional Center II Downtown Masterplan" for the City of Buffalo, NY: Project Manager
"Elizabeth (New Jersey) Mid-town Station Joint Development Master Plan": Project Planner
"Penn Station, Newark Redesign," Newark, N.J.: Project Manager
Core Cities Neighborhood Housing Development Plan," Detroit, Michigan: Project Director
"Downtown Buffalo Urban Farmer's Market Expansion": Project Director
"Fort Drum Community Facilities Plan": Watertown, NY: Facilities and Site Planner
"Housing in Buffalo: Issues and Needs": Author
"A Tourist Attraction for Buffalo": Author
"Kleinhans Music Hall Rehabilitation Feasibility Study", Buffalo, NY: Project Director
"Langston Hughes Center Renovation Feasibility Study", Buffalo, NY: Project Planner
"Lafayette Square/Library Forecourt Redesign Plan", Buffalo, NY: Project Director
"Niagara Reservation Historic Site and Building Renovation Plan": Project Planner
"Village of Ellicottville Masterplan and Historic District Plan": Project Director
Darwin Martin House Feasibility Study, Buffalo, NY: Project Director

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2005- Present Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Track Chair for Gender and Diversity

2001-2004 Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning: Coordinator for Ritzdorf Award for best student project addressing race and gender issues.

2002: Advisor, the Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association

2002: Municipal Arts Society: "Visioning" for a better planning process for the World Trade Center site

2000: Bronx River Arts Council: Consultant for the design and implementation of a new Urban Planning curriculum in Bronx elementary schools.

2000- 2001: Developed a mentorship program between Hunter College students and youth participating in FEG's-sponsored GED training in the South Bronx.

1998-2001: Agenda for Children Tomorrow (ACT) Collaborative: Bronx, New York

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2004 -2006: Senate Budget Committee

2003- 2006: Elected to Hunter College Senate

2002-2005: Elected to Departmental Promotion and Budget Committee

2002-present: The Center for Urban Systems of City College: Board Member

2002: Hunter College Roosevelt House Policy Center Committee.

2001-2003 Social Science Group Facilitator, Hunter College Curriculum Committee.

2002: "The Safety Net and the City:" Planner and Facilitator of initial forum on Welfare Policy for the Eleanor Roosevelt Urban Policy Institute.

2002: The Language Development Initiative (LDI): A handbook on Pedagogy and Use of Languages other than English: Writer and Editor

1999: Hunter College Department of Urban Planning Accreditation Application: Writing and Editing.

1995-1998: Adjunct Faculty: American Studies Program (guest lecturer and special program participant) Wayne State University.

1995-1998: Guest lecturer: University of Michigan; Eastern Michigan University; Michigan State University; Cranbrook Academy, 1995-1998.

1996: Member and Critique Participant: Columbia University School of Architecture and Design Graduate Student Project on Detroit: Summer 1996.