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**EDUCATION**

Master of Business Administration, Wright State University,  
Dayton, Ohio, 1981.  
Master of City Planning, School of Architecture, The Ohio  
State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1971.  
Master of Arts, Journalism, The Ohio State University,  
1970.  
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, The Ohio State University,  
1969.

**PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION/LICENSES**

Professional Community Planner (PCP), State of Michigan,  
Registration No. 617; Professional Planner (PP), State of  
New Jersey, License No. LI04291; Certified Planner,  
American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP),  
Certification No. 2008; Fellow, AICP (inducted into College  
of Fellows, April 2000).

**EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Research Professor and Director, Center for  
Planning Practice, Edward J. Bloustein School of  
Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, July 2009 to  
present.

Teach full load of graduate courses in urban planning  
and direct planning practice program, including  
general supervision of Professional Development  
Institute and New Jersey Sustainable State Institute  
and provision of consulting and technical assistance.  
Oversee the development of county and municipal energy  
efficiency and conservation strategies for New Jersey  
municipal governments. Conducted a zoning and  
subdivision code assessment for the Department of  
Planning and Natural Resources of the U.S. Virgin  
Islands.

Director, Center for Government Services (CGS) and Faculty Fellow, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, September 2005 to June 2009.

Direct local government service center providing training, technical assistance, and research support to New Jersey governmental units. Supervise staff of 20 with \$3.8 million budget. Completed strategic plan for CGS and developed manual and course for state-mandated training of New Jersey planning and zoning board members on a statewide basis. Instituted professional level on-site training for planners in form-based coding. Undertook comparative empirical evaluation of impact of state smart growth programs on affordable housing for the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, published in book form in 2009. Prepared an evaluation for Hillsborough County, Florida, of mechanisms to expedite permit reviews to encourage affordable housing.

Senior Research Fellow, American Planning Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2002 to July 2005.

Managed or participated in contract research projects, including work for federal agencies, municipalities, foundations, and other nonprofit organizations, and write for APA publications. Contract research projects include preparation of a Planning Advisory Service reports on regional approaches to affordable housing and planning for wildfires; a study for the Czech Republic Ministry of Regional Development in Prague evaluating and recommending changes to the Construction Law, which governs planning and land-use control; a study of planning and zoning laws of the State of Michigan; an economic development manual for Envision Utah; a study of tribal transportation for the Transportation Research Board; preparation of a manual on comprehensive planning in Illinois for the Metropolitan Planning Council; and development of *Planning and Urban Design Standards*, a major planning reference book for John Wiley and Sons.

Served as moderator and coauthor of scripts for APA audio/web conference series and other audio/web-based continuing education efforts. Oversaw librarian and staff of APA library, research associate, and intern, as needed. Provide technical assistance to APA

chapters on planning statute reform. Handled media calls on planning issues. Spoke on planning statute reform and planning-related topics to APA chapters and other groups.

Lectured on land use planning and economic and demographic analysis in Hangzhou and Beijing, P.R.C., for Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, March 2004.

Principal Investigator, Growing Smart<sup>SM</sup> project, American Planning Association (APA), Chicago, Illinois, October 1994 to March 2002.

Headed ongoing research project to draft and implement the next generation of model planning, zoning, and growth management enabling legislation for the U.S. Worked with national advisory directorate of major public interest organizations. Project funded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and five other federal agencies, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Siemens Corporation, and APA. Major outputs of the project consist of a *Legislative Guidebook* containing model planning statutes and supporting commentary (in electronic and hard copy versions) and *User Manual*. Also served as moderator for nationwide series of web/audioconferences aimed at training planning commissioners. Managed contract research projects and wrote for APA publications. Contract research projects included preparation of an assessment of Montana's planning and land use laws, and manual on nonpoint source pollution for Rhode Island. On behalf of APA, taught short course on American city planning and its implementation to Chinese planners in Shanghai, P.R.C., in July 1998. Served as acting editor of *Land Use Law & Zoning Digest*, monthly journal of commentary and case law abstracts, January to September 2001.

#### *Major accomplishments*

° Growing Smart<sup>SM</sup> model legislation was incorporated into bills, or enacted into laws in 15 states. Project established APA as a national leader in planning statute reform.

° Conducted major evaluation of planning and land-use laws in Montana for the Montana Smart Growth

Coalition. Study resulted in the introduction of six bills in the Montana Legislature.

° Trained some 17,000 professional planners and planning commission members through national APA's audioconference series, beginning in 1995.

° Provided testimony or assistance to numerous state land use study commissions, APA Chapters, and U.S. Congress.

Consulting City and Regional Planner, Oxford, Ohio, June 1994 - September 1994.

Provided consulting planning services to public and private clients and participated in joint planning projects with other consulting firms. Completed three-year, \$28.7 million economic development plan for City of Miamisburg, Ohio, for commercializing technologies at Mound Laboratories, a 306-acre nuclear weapons facility operated by the U.S. Department of Energy and undergoing decommissioning. First year of plan was funded by U.S. Department of Energy for \$10.0 million.

Assistant City Manager and Planning Director, City of Oxford, Ohio, July 1982 - June 1994.

Served as assistant city manager in full service community with 80+ employees and service area of 21,000; staffed planning commission, board of zoning appeals, historic and architectural preservation commission, and civil service commission; served as zoning administrator, city personnel director, secretary of local community improvement corporation and city representative on countywide community development corporation; managed Oxford's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and various public works projects; prepared operating and capital budgets and five-year capital improvement program; supervised inspectional services (nine housing, fire, electrical and building code enforcement employees); assisted law director in land use and environmental litigation and served as expert witness; assumed City Manager's responsibilities when Manager was out of town or position was vacant.

### *Major Accomplishments*

- ° As Acting City Manager for 5 months in 1983, guided Oxford through a drought-induced water emergency.
- ° Created Oxford's first revolving loan fund (RLF) economic development program which financed a country inn and restaurant in an historic home and the City's first minority-owned business, an Arby's restaurant. RLF won the "Governor's Award for Excellence" for involvement of women and minority business enterprises in the Small Cities CDBG program.
- ° Oversaw first employee classification and wage study in 14 years which was adopted by City Council.
- ° Served as member of city management team that negotiated collective bargaining agreements with Fraternal Order of Police without strife.
- ° Completed first city comprehensive plan in 22 years, adopted by City Council.
- ° Initiated study that resulted in closure of City landfill and privatization of City refuse collection and disposal. With City Manager, designed citywide volume-based refuse collection and disposal and recycling program, successfully implemented in 1992.
- ° Directed preparation of citywide stormwater management plan and street tree management plan.
- ° Undertook numerous zoning and subdivision code amendments, including those authorizing group and family homes for the mentally and physically disabled as permitted uses throughout City.
- ° Wrote strategic plan for building, housing and zoning code enforcement division to improve customer service orientation and level of inspections.

Program Manager for Regional and Environmental Planning,  
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC),  
Dayton, Ohio, September 1979 - June 1982.

Supervised six planners and university and private research consultants in carrying out environmental and land use planning activities for five-county region; prepared grant applications, budgets and progress reports to federal agencies; directed staff support to MVRPC policy and technical committees; negotiated contracts with local governments for consulting planning services.

*Major Accomplishments*

- ° Established first locally funded groundwater monitoring program to identify potential contaminants from abandoned landfills.
- ° Oversaw development of areawide water quality management plan which provided framework for size and type of wastewater treatment plants.
- ° Served as expert witness for area communities in land use and environmental litigation.
- ° Wrote *Large Scale Development Impact Review Manual* used by area governments in analyzing social, physical, economic and fiscal consequences of major land use decisions.

Regional Planner III and IV, MVRPC, June 1973 - September 1979.

Prepared numerous plans and studies for area governments and regional planning agency; provided staff support to MVRPC policy committees; devised work Programs and budgets; provided consulting planning services to member communities and public agencies.

*Major Accomplishments*

- ° Wrote urban impact analysis of proposed I-675 East bypass cited by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation in justifying decision on approving interstate highway.
- ° Wrote regional plan, *Framework for Change*, which served as policy backdrop for planning in the Miami Valley as well as served on team that developed regional fair-share plan for affordable housing.

Associate and Senior Planner, Memphis and Shelby Planning Commission, Memphis, Tennessee, July 1971 - May 1973. Processed and reviewed zoning applications and subdivisions; prepared rezoning studies, comprehensive plans and reports; assisted principal planner in supervising three associate planners.

#### **EXTERNAL GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**

Adjunct instructor, Urban History, Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, Master of Arts in Historic Preservation program, January 2003 - present. Teach limited residency distance-learning course in American urban history, with emphasis on planning and the built environment.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Planning, College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning, University of Cincinnati, January - June 1993. Taught courses in government finance and budgeting.

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Miami University, January 1986 - 1992. Taught undergraduate courses in public administration and organizational theory, behavior, and decisionmaking.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of City and Regional Planning, School of Architecture, The Ohio State University, January 1985 - April 1985. Taught graduate course in comprehensive plan preparation.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Graduate Program in Public Administration, University of Dayton, January 1981 - May 1990. Designed and taught course in government planning that covered planning theory and implementation, population forecasting, fiscal impact analysis, and strategic and project planning for non-profit organizations.

Adjunct Assistant and Associate Professor of Geography, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, January 1975 - December 1983. Designed and taught courses in planning law and administration.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Member, American Planning Association (APA); American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP); Board of Reporters for *Planning and Environmental Law*; Associate Member, International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

*Professional Offices Held:* National President, APA, 1989-1991 (four-year term from 1988- 1992); Secretary-Treasurer and Member, Board of Directors, APA, and Commissioner, AICP Commission, the professional testing and credentialing institute within APA, 1985-88.

## **SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

President and Member, Board of Trustees, Oxford Crisis and Referral Center, a community mental health and crisis intervention center, 1983-88. As President, wrote three-year strategic plan for organization and initiated creation of \$30,000 building fund; Member and Membership Secretary, Society of Midland Authors, Chicago-based Midwest writers group, 1999-2001.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Distinguished Alumnus, The Ohio State University, College of Engineering, 1989; Ohio Governor's Award for Excellence for involvement of women and minority business enterprises in CDBG program, 1987.

## **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

Co-authored *Ohio Planning and Zoning Law* (14<sup>th</sup> Edition, Thomson West 2009), a legal treatise, with Professor Kenneth Pearlman, published annually in softbound and CD-ROM editions, and cited by the Ohio Supreme Court, Ohio Court of Appeals, Ohio Attorney General, and federal Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Co-authored chapter on zoning and subdivision in International City/County Management Association (ICMA) text, *The Practice of Local Government Planning*, 3d edition (2000). Wrote chapter on planning in ICMA text, *Managing Local Government Services* (2007). Co-edited *A Planner's Guide to Land Use Law* (Planners Press, 1983). Numerous articles in *Planning*, *Practicing Planner*, *The Journal of the American Planning Association*, *The*



*Planner: The Journal of the Royal Town Planning Institute (Great Britain), Land Development, Zoning News, Zoning Practice, PAS Memo, Land Use Law & Zoning Digest, The Management and Control of Growth, Vol. V (1980), Planning Reform in the New Century (2005); Planning and Urban Design Standards (2006), Land Use Law: Issues for the Eighties, Washington University Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law, Washington University Journal of Law and Policy, Journal of Planning History, Planning and Environmental Law, Cityscape, and Housing Policy Debate. List available on request.*

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