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Education

- Ph.D.** **Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, May 2012 (expected)**
Dissertation Title:
Planning for a Sustainable Future: An Analysis of Habitat Protection in Urban America
Texas Southern University, Houston
Committee Members: Laura G. Solitare, Ph.D. (chair), Lalita Sen, Ph.D., Sheri Smith, Ph.D. and, Cary Wintz, Ph.D.
- J.D.** Law, 1988
University of Houston
- M.Ed.** Educational Administration, 1986
Florida Atlantic University
- B.S.** Biology, 1982
Florida State University
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Areas of Specialization

Land Use Planning
Environmental Planning
Citizen Participation

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant
Environmental Planning
Summer 2011
Texas Southern University, Houston
Department of Urban Planning & Environmental Policy

This course was composed of two components: an in-classroom element and an online element. In the classroom, I facilitated the discussion on various environmental issues including environmental justice, locally unwanted land uses, and citizen participation. For the online portion, students posted environmental podcasts which had to be discussed among the students as if it were a blog. I facilitated these discussions. The emphasis of the course was on developing a grounded understanding of the environmental, political, economic and social issues of urban environmental planning.

Teaching Assistant
Planning Methods
Fall 2009
Texas Southern University, Houston
Department of Urban Planning & Environmental Policy

This method's course introduced students to descriptive and inferential statistics. It emphasized their application to urban planning and environmental policy issues. I led all classroom instruction related to using SPSS and Excel to give student's an understanding of how to use statistical software and interpret computerized results to answer planning policy questions. I graded assignments related to this portion.

Adjunct Professor
Introduction to Urban Planning
Fall 2008
Texas Southern University, Houston
Department of Public Administration

Undergraduate course designed to introduce students to the process of urban planning, the role of the professional planner, decision makers, and stakeholders. I had complete responsibility for developing the course syllabus, selecting the text used, classroom lectures and discussions, grading assignments and assigning final course grades.

Planning Experience

Community Development Planner
The Goodman Corporation, Houston
April 2008 – September 2009

Assessed current neighborhood conditions and what improvements would be needed to increase the quality of life once light rail had been extended to East End community of Houston. We were particularly concerned with what changes would be necessary to make the neighborhood feel more walkable friendly and safe so that light rail ridership would increase. Worked collaboratively with the East End Management District to ensure that the decision making process would be open to stakeholders.

Student Graduate Assistant Experience

Summer 2010 – Spring 2011

This is a Health Impact Assessment project designed to determine the health consequences of bringing light rail to a neighborhood. For this project, which just began this summer, I conducted the literature review and compiled an annotated bibliography. It is anticipated that I will write the formal literature review and inventory the Houston area neighborhoods under evaluation in this project for inclusion in an article that might be published.

2008 - 2009 Academic Year

Collected data to determine current use of Texas sites previously on the Superfund list but now cleared for use. The goal was to determine if these sites were being reused or remained undeveloped.

2007-2008, Academic Year

In this project, I wrote the literature review and collected data regarding the creation of a model by which to predict the impact of light rail on commercial property along one corridor of the proposed light rail route; specifically, the Richmond Avenue corridor.

2006-2007, Academic Year

In this project, I wrote a formal literature review and collected data on several variables. I also conducted research on cutting edge methods being used to project emissions. The Texas Department of Transportation funded this project. The purpose was to create a model by which to determine the amount of NOx emission produced by engines from rail trips at Texas ports.

Professional Experience

2003-2006	Robert Half International, Houston, Texas
1996-2002	State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida Attorney at various state departments including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Public Defender's Office➤ Florida Legislature➤ Freshwater Fish & Game Commission➤ Dept. of Juvenile
1995-1996	U.S. Virgin Islands, Assistant Attorney General, St. Thomas, USVI
1988-1995	State Attorney's Office, Prosecuting Attorney, Jacksonville, Florida
1987-1988	Intern, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas
1982-1987	High School Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science Teacher, San Antonio, Texas and West Palm Beach, Florida

Academic Presentations

"Towards Environmental Sustainability through Habitat Protection Planning," 52nd Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2011.

"A Geopolitical Analysis of Habitat Protection Planning in the United States," (Abstract Submitted), Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, New York, February 2012.

"Urban Residents and Wildlife Habitat Protection: Why care?" (Abstract submitted) Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, April 2012.

"A Typology of Urban Communities with Habitat Protection Planning." 50th Anniversary Conference, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Crystal City, Virginia, October 2009.

"An Initial Typology of Urban Communities with Habitat Protection Planning." 50th Anniversary Conference, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Crystal City, Virginia, October 2009.

"Collaborative Planning: The Case of Light Rail Expansion in Houston, Texas." 38th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Baltimore, Maryland, April 23-27, 2008

Affiliations

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2007-Present
 - American Planning Association, 2006-Present
 - Planners of Color Interest Group, ACSP, 2008-Present
 - Association of American Geographers, 2009-Present
 - Urban Affairs Association, 2008-Present
 - Planner's Network, 2007-Present
 - Departmental Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, 2008
 - Student Planning Organization, Texas Southern University, 2006-Present
 - Served two terms as First Vice President, 2007-08, 2008-09
 - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 1980-Present
 - Served as Keeper of the Exchequer, Theta Eta Chapter, 1981-82
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Foreign Language

Spanish reading, writing and speaking fluency