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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Planning, Policy, and Design). University of California, Irvine, August 2010
Dissertation Title: “Loft Living in Skid Row: Policies, Plans, and Everyday Practices in a Distressed Neighborhood”
M.U.R.P. (Master's in Urban and Regional Planning). University of California, Irvine. June 2006
B.S. (Psychology). Texas A&M University. Graduated Cum Laude, May 2004

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Policy and planning to foster social inclusion in urban settings
- Housing, community development and urban revitalization
- Everyday urbanism and planning the everyday city
- The provision of public toilets
- Community engagement and public scholarship

EMPLOYMENT

2011 to Present – *Postdoctoral Research Associate*, University of California, Irvine, Metropolitan Futures Initiative
2010 - 2011 – *John E. Sawyer Postdoctoral Fellow*, University of Washington, Now Urbanism: City Making in the 21st Century and Beyond
2009 – 2010 – *Graduate Instructor*, University of California, Irvine, Urban Studies Program
2007 – 2009 – *COPC Research Fellow*, University of California, Irvine, Community Outreach Partnership Center

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Day, K., Powe, M., Vidales, G. Under siege: The spatial impacts of local anti-immigrant laws for Latino residents and communities. Under review.
Powe, M. The challenges of public toilet provision: The role of planning. Under review.
Vidales, G., Day, K.M., & Powe, M. (2009). Police and immigration enforcement: Impacts on Latino(a) residents' perceptions of police. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 32, 631-653.
Day, K., Anderson, C. L., Powe, M., McMillan, T., & Winn, D. (2007). Remaking Minnie Street: The impacts of urban revitalization on crime and pedestrian safety. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 26, 315-331.

Book Manuscript

Powe, M. Loft living in Skid Row: The social life of a contested community. In preparation.

Book Chapters

Day, K., Becerra, V., Ruiz, V.L., & Powe, M. (forthcoming). New ways of learning, knowing, and working: Diversifying graduate student career options through community engagement. In C. Cramer, C. Martin, A. Gilvin, & G. Roberts (Eds.), *Engaged Scholarship*. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Graduate School Press and Imagining America's PAGE Program.

Book Reviews

Powe, M. [Review of the book *Urban tomographies*, by M.H. Krieger]. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. In press.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Grants and Fellowships

Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2009-2010
Public Impact Fellowship (one of four winners for campus). UCI Graduate Division, 2009
UC California Studies Graduate Travel Grant. University of California, California Studies Initiative, 2008
"Contested 'community': Loft conversions in Los Angeles's Skid Row." Departmental Summer Research Support Grant, 2007
"Spatial inequality in Southern California." Departmental Summer Research Support Grant, 2006
Newkirk Fellowship, UCI School of Social Ecology, 2004

Honors

Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award, Urban Affairs Association, 2008
2nd Place, National Urban Policy Initiative Competition, 2008 (Served as team member alongside Dr. Victoria Basolo, Victor Becerra, Arlene Granadosin, and numerous local housing advocates)
Graduate Student Mentor Award, UCI School of Social Ecology, 2007
Ph.D. Student of the Year, UCI Department of Planning, Policy, and Design, 2006
Department Service Award, UCI Department of Planning, Policy, and Design, 2006

Other Distinctions

Certification, Course Design Program, UCI Teaching, Learning and Technology Center, 2009

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations at Professional Meetings

"After loft redevelopment: Analyzing Skid Row's cartographies of community, territory, and identity." Urban Affairs Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2011
"Human rights and the right to the city in the context of anti-immigrant policies." (w/ K. Day) Affairs Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2011
"(Re)Claiming Skid Row: Critically analyzing the language of redevelopment." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2010

- “Loft living in Skid Row: Competing visions of an (in)famous neighborhood.” Urban Affairs Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 2010
- “Loft living in Skid Row: Planning, politics, and everyday practices in an economically-polarized neighborhood.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Crystal City, Virginia, October 2009
- “Loft living in Skid Row: The new landscapes of inequality and their implications for socially just urban development.” Environmental Design Researcher Association, Kansas City, Missouri, May 2009
- “Loft redevelopment, neighborhood polarization, and ... social inclusivity? Stories from L.A.'s Skid Row and what they tell us about the future of cities.” Urban Affairs Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 2009
- “Loft conversions as exclusionary urban revitalization: Contestations surrounding the redevelopment of Los Angeles's Skid Row.” Urban Affairs Association, Baltimore, Maryland, April 2008
- “Police enforcement of immigration policy: Impacts on community relations and sense of community.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2007
- “Anti-immigrant agendas and fear in city planning: The case of Costa Mesa, California.” (w/ K. Day). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Ft. Worth, Texas, November 2006
- “Minnie Street reborn: Towards a model for revitalization.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Ft. Worth, Texas, November 2006
- “Active living in low income communities: Lessons from Minnie Street.” (w/ K. Day) Environment Design Research Association, Atlanta, GA, May 2006
- “Income inequality in Orange County.” Inequality: Southern California's Major Fault Line, Irvine, California, May 2006 (poster presentation)
- “The limits of urban design: Evaluation of Minnie Street revitalization.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Kansas City, Missouri, October 2005

Selected Invited Presentations

- “The provision of public toilets: The role of planning.” Research colloquium, Portland State University, Portland, OR, May 2011
- “Loft living in Skid Row: Policies, plans, and everyday practices in an economically polarized neighborhood.” Urban and Regional Planning course, University of California, Irvine, CA, April 2010
- “Loft living in Skid Row: Methodological and ethical challenges encountered in the field.” Community Research course, University of California, Irvine, CA, November 2009
- “Resisting irrelevance and promoting positive change: Perspectives on engaged scholarship in graduate studies.” Public Impact through Graduate Education (graduate student reception), University of California, Irvine, CA, October 2009
- “Social determinants of public health: Lessons from Los Angeles's Skid Row.” Intro to Public Health course, University of California, Irvine, CA, June 2009

“Loft living in Skid Row: Stories from L.A.'s Skid Row and what they tell us about the future of cities.” Urban Sociology course, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA, March 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- *Now Urbanism* (graduate seminar; 3 quarters; 6 students in Fall 2010, 13 in Winter 2011, 6 in Spring 2011)
- *Introduction to Urban Studies* (2 quarters; 23 students in Summer 2009, 150 in Spring 2010)

Teaching Assistant

- *Theories of Planning*
- *Quantitative Analysis for Planners*
- *Design and Behavior*
- *Naturalistic Field Research*
- *Urbanization and Social Change*

Other Instruction Positions

- *Coordinator, Community-Based Research Training Program* (3 quarters)
- *Co-leader, Student-directed course in Critical Urbanism* (2 quarters)

SERVICE

Academic Service

Public Impact Fellowship Review Committee, UCI Graduate Division, 2010

Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award Selection Committee, Urban Affairs Association, 2009

Symposium Coordinator, Engaging Community: Re-Imagining the Research University, A Southern California Regional Symposium, 2008-2009

Volunteer Participant, UCI Poetry Academy, (Assisted graduate students teaching poetry composition to elementary school students in Santa Ana, CA), January 2008 – March 2008

Symposium Coordinator, Connecting Communities: The University and Multi-Ethnic Civic Engagement, A Southern California Regional Symposium, 2007 – 2008

Co-founder, Critical Planners for Social Justice, UCI student organization, October 2006 – June 2010

Co-founder, Design-Behavior Research at UCI, student organization, September 2006 – June 2010

Organizer, Urban planning practitioner speaker series, 2005 – 2006

Ph.D. student representative, UCI Department of Planning, Policy, and Design faculty meetings, 2005 – 2006

Co-founder, UCI Planning Student Organization, 2004 – 2010

Professional Service

Editor, Ersoylu Consulting. Edited and assisted in drafting public policy documents. July 2009 – July 2010

Facilitator, Ersoylu Consulting. Led community meetings as part of larger “Healthy Communities Initiative,” funded by The California Endowment, August 2009 – July 2010

The Depot, PrimeUrban, LLC. Consulted with PrimeUrban principals on adaptive reuse development in Santa Ana, California, 2009