

Curriculum Vitae
David Ryan Mason

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Education:

Doctor of Philosophy, Urban Planning, University of California, Los Angeles, 2011
Topic: “Cooperation as Collateral? Social Capital and Joint Liability Microfinance Group Lending in Nicaragua”

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, University of California, Irvine, 2006

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México (UNAM), México City, México. Spanish-language coursework in political science, Spanish grammar and research methodology, Fall, 2005

Bachelor of Science, *Cum Laude*, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA., double major in Anthropology, Communication, 2003

Professional Experience:

FINCA Fellow, FINCA International Washington, DC (2009)
Created sampling plan, interviewed 200 microfinance clients (of a total sample of 600) analyzed and presented data to measure impact of microcredit on poverty alleviation and economic development in Nicaragua.

Assistant Planner, City of Irvine, CA (2006-7)
Consulted for the City of Irvine Redevelopment Agency, reviewed plans, zoning language, CEQA reports, design proposals for the initial phases of the Orange County Great Park – the largest metropolitan park in the United States, a \$1.4 billion project.

Current Planner: City of Santa Ana, CA. (2005)
Public/customer service, application and plan and design checks, authored public correspondence letters, provided input for policy decisions, Spanish/English translations

Consulting Experience: The Asia Foundation, North American Integration and Development Center (NAID)

Published Papers:

Mukhija, Vinit and David R. Mason (Submitted). “Colonias, Reluctant Cities and Municipal Underbounding: How can planners convince cities to annex poor enclaves?” *Journal of the American Planning Association*

Mason, David R. 2009. Review of “*Planning and Decentralization: Contested Spaces for Public Action in the Global South*” by Beard, V.A., Mirafteb, F. and Christopher Silver (eds) in *Critical Planning* Vol. 16, pp. 212-217.

Mason, David R and Victoria A. Beard. “Community-Based Planning, Remittances and Poverty in Oaxaca, Mexico” *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. Vol 27, No. 3, pp 245-260. *Recently selected by the journal editors as one of the best recent papers for inclusion in a Chinese language edited volume (forthcoming)

Invited Presentations:

“Three traditions of poverty alleviation: Theory and Practice” *Programas Innovadores Contra La Pobreza* Institute of the Americas, UC San Diego, August 18, 2008.

Papers Presented:

Mason, David R. “Street-level Microfinance: The role of social capital and tacit skills among Nicaraguan loan officers.” Paper presented at the 52 annual conference of the American Schools of Collegiate Planning, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 16, 2011.

Mason, David R. “Collective Action, Remittances and Poverty Alleviation in Oaxaca, Mexico” Annual Conference of the American Schools of Collegiate Planning, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 18 October, 2007.

Mason, David R “Collective Remittances and Community Development in Three Oaxacan Villages: An Analysis of the 3 for 1 for Migrants Program” UC Irvine, Department of Planning, Policy and Design Professional Report Presentations, 16 March, 2006

Mason, David R. “Behaviors of Cohesion and Discord amongst Off-Campus College Students.” 30th Annual Western Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference, Santa Clara University, 24 April 2003.

Research Experience:

Independent doctoral dissertation research, collected survey and interview data of 310 microcredit clients and lending staff in Nicaragua. Designed sampling plan, survey instruments and analysis frames based on literature review and accepted field survey tools. Expected products: doctoral Dissertation, three peer-reviewed articles. 2009-11.

Research Assistant and coauthor (with Vinit Mukhija), examining municipal annexation, housing policy and poverty in rural California agricultural communities. Expected products: two refereed journal articles. 2008-10.

Research Assistant and author, White paper “The Continuing Home Foreclosure Tsunami: Disproportionate Impacts on Black and Latino Communities” for William C. Velasquez Institute, October 2009.

Master’s Professional Report Research, Organized investigation of the impact of community development from collective remittances of recipient communities in Oaxaca, Mexico from their migrant organizations abroad. Product: coauthored peer-reviewed journal article. 2005.

Areas of Expertise:

International:

Poverty alleviation and measurement, housing and microfinance, decentralized planning, community-based planning, international migration

Domestic:

U.S. housing policy, California planning practice, local government redevelopment practice

Relevant Coursework:

Poverty Alleviation and Measurement, Housing Policy, Housing in the Developing World, Decentralized Planning, Immigration and Transnationalism, Statistics, Formal Methods, Regional Development Theory.

Teaching/Reader Experience:

Department of Urban Planning, University of California, Los Angeles:

Land Use Planning: Processes, Critiques and Innovations, Graduate, Spring 2010, 2011

Transportation, Land Use and Urban Form, Graduate, Winter 2010

Urban Planning Theory, Graduate. Fall 2009

Urban Planning for Minority Communities, Undergraduate, Fall 2008

Software Aptitude:

ArcGIS, STATA, SPSS, Excel, QuarkXpress

Scholarships and Awards

Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship - 2010 (of 52 awarded UC-wide)

Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship - 2009

Torang Jahan Globalization Fellowship - 2008

UCLA University Fellowship – 2007, 2008

Ray Watson Fellowship Award, 2005.

UC Irvine Department of Planning, Policy and Design Merit Fellowship, 2004.

Languages:

Native tongue: English **Proficient:** Spanish-oral and written.

Memberships:

Member, American Planning Association, 2004-Present

Member, Association of American Geographers, 2010-Present

Volunteer Experience:

Editorial Board Member, *Critical Planning* UCLA Graduate Student-reviewed journal
Served as reviewer and member of editorial staff for UCLA Urban Planning's peer-reviewed student journal.

Volunteer, Marathon, Greece, sponsored by Conservation Volunteers Greece (Π.Ε.Ε.Π.),
2003 Conservation of Shiniias forest and beach, assessment of forest encroachment for
preservation efforts.

Immersion in Tijuana, Mexico, sponsored by Arrupe Center for Community-Based
Learning, 2003. Led and coordinated a group of 15 students in the construction of homes
for families in outskirts of Tijuana.

Travel:

Lived and worked in Mexico (2003, 2005), Nicaragua (2009) Turkey (2002) and Greece
(2003), Solitary travel experience in Italy and Tunisia (2003) Mexico, Belize and
Guatemala (2006).