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Education

- **PhD in City and Regional Planning (Expected June 2012)**
The Ohio State University: Columbus, Ohio; 3.99 GPA, Graduate Fellow
 - **Specializations and Interests:** Community Development, Shrinking Cities, Land Use, Environmental-Behavior Studies, Urban Design, Quantitative & Spatial Analysis, Geographic Information Systems
- **M.C.R.P. (Master's in City and Regional Planning), 2011**
The Ohio State University: Columbus, Ohio; 3.99 GPA
- **Bachelor of Science in Education, 2008**
Youngstown State University: Youngstown, Ohio; 4.0 GPA
Summa Cum Laude & Scholars Recognition
Major: Secondary Integrated Social Studies Education (7-12)
Minor: Mathematics Education

Research

Dissertation: Predicting Abandoned Housing: A Multi-Method Approach.

Adviser: Jack L. Nasar (FAICP, PhD)

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Terzano, K., & **Morckel, V.C.** (2011). Walk or bike to a healthier life: Commuting behavior and recreational physical activity. *Environment and Behavior*, 43(4), 488-500.

Morckel, V.C. (2010). [Commentary] A call for stakeholder participation in evaluating the implementation of plans. *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design*, 37(5), 769-774.

Nasar, J., **Morckel, V.**, & Cowley, J. (in review) Save that house! An examination of demolition ordinances.

Morckel, V. (in review) Future directions in gentrification research.

Morckel, V.C. (in review). Promoting community gardens: What do garden groups need and what can local governments do?

Morckel, V.C. (in review). Fear of crime: A literature review from a planning perspective.

Morckel, V. & Terzano, K. (in review). Changing the physical environment isn't enough: The influence of travel attitudes, commute mode choice, and perceived neighborhood characteristics on physical activity.

Morckel, V.C. (working paper). Community garden aesthetics: The seasonal benefits—or lack thereof—of community gardens.

Morckel, V.C. & Terzano, K. (working paper). A Structural Equations Modeling Approach to Factors Influencing Reported Exercise

Peer Reviewed Presentations:

Nasar, J., **Morckel, V.**, & Cowley, J. (forthcoming 2011) Save that house! An examination of demolition ordinances. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (52nd Anniversary ACSP Conference), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Morckel, V. (2011). Selecting the Perfect Community Garden Site: A Case Study of Columbus, Ohio. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA 42), Chicago, Illinois.

Morckel, V. (2010). Smart Revitalization: A Framework for Bringing Places Back. Conference: Reclaiming Vacant Properties: the Intersection of Sustainability, Revitalization, and Policy Reform, Cleveland, Ohio.

Morckel, V. & Terzano, K. (2010). Travel Attitudes and Neighborhood Characteristics: Their Association with Commuting Mode Choice and Exercise. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA 41), Washington DC.

Terzano, K. & **Morckel, V.** (2009). The relationship between transit options, commuting mode and recreational physical activity: Washington, DC, and elsewhere. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (50th Anniversary ACSP Conference), Crystal City, Virginia.

Terzano, K. & **Chaney, V.** (2009). Walk or bike to a healthier life: Commuting behavior and recreational physical activity. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA 40), Kansas City, Missouri.

Other Publications:

Morckel, V. (2011). Patterns of housing vacancy. In J. Leonard (Ed.), *ReVisioning Weinland Park [Volumn 2] Design for Local Food in the Public Realm* (pp. 10-11). Columbus, Ohio: Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture, Ohio State University.

Professional Workshops:

Spatial Analysis Workshop, June 2011: One of 24 Ph.D. students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty members invited to participate in the NIH-supported Advanced Spatial Analysis workshop offered by The Pennsylvania State University Population Research Institute.

Teaching Experience

- Co-Instructor:** CRP 350—Legal and Institutional Framework for Planning (Land Use Law)
- An introduction to the administrative, institutional and legal framework for planners with emphasis on land use controls and municipal administration
 - Winter Quarter 2011, 45 Students [Teaching Practicum]
 - Fall Quarter 2011, 55 Students
 - Winter Quarter 2012, 50 Students (anticipated)

Instructor: CRP 394—Special Topics

- An introduction to urban revitalization strategies, with an emphasis on vacant property reutilization.
 - Spring Quarter 2012, 15 Students (anticipated)

Teaching Assistant: CRP 610—Planning Communications

- Surveys the basic techniques planners utilize to communicate with the public and other professionals and provides practice opportunities.
 - Winter Quarter 2012, 50 Students (anticipated)

Bachelor of Science in Education Degree, 2008

- **Student Teaching Internship, 2007**
Taught 11th grade government at Liberty High School in Youngstown, Ohio.

Professional Experience & Employment

City of Columbus: Graduate Student Intern

Department of Development, Land Redevelopment Office (Land Bank), 2009-2011

Prioritized the use of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP1 and NSP2) funds in areas of greatest need. Marketed land bank properties; facilitated tax-foreclosures on vacant, delinquent properties; assessed community garden sites; and conducted multiple neighborhood-level studies of vacant housing and lots.

Neighborhood Revitalization Studio, Ohio State University, Fall Quarter 2009

Member of a student team that proposed creative ways to revitalize neighborhoods and cities; developed “smart revitalization” and applied the philosophy in two Columbus neighborhoods—the 161 corridor and Franklinton.

Rebuilding the Mississippi Gulf Coast (Studio), Ohio State University,

Summer Quarter 2008-Winter Quarter 2009

Member of a student team that conducted a comprehensive rewrite of Harrison County, Mississippi’s Zoning Ordinance in light of Hurricane Katrina. Conducted fieldwork along the Gulf Coast; assisted with stakeholder meetings and public outreach.

Youngstown City Planning Department Intern, Fall Semester 2007

Contributed to implementing Youngstown’s Master Plan, *Youngstown 2010*. Conducted property assessments and data analysis. Promoted the “Faces of 2010” public art exhibit. Attended community planning meetings, assisted in neighborhood clean-ups, and designed websites outlining housing programs offered by the Community Development Agency and HUD. Completed and submitted extensive application materials necessary for Youngstown to receive national designation as a “Tree City USA” community.

Lien Forward Ohio—A Regional Council of Governments

Summer Internship, 2007

Employee (Tax Lien Associate), 2007-2008

Interned with and was later hired by this organization which returns vacant land to productive use. I facilitated ownership transfers, priced tax liens, and assisted clients in using tax liens as a tool to acquire property; developed data processing means and prepared information for both the Lien Transfer & Grant Committee and the Board of Directors. Assisted with a study by the Brookings Institution and represented the organization at the Cleveland-Youngstown-Pittsburgh Regional Learning Network.

Lesson Plan Writer (Grant Supported), 2006-2007

Wrote lesson plans for the physics and astronomy department as part of a grant given to Youngstown State University by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA.) The lesson plans correlate to a planetarium show that will be distributed nationally.

Accounts Payable Office Assistant, Youngstown State University, 2005-2007

Processed purchase orders, mail, and accounting documentation; filed records; created spreadsheets using Microsoft Office software; assisted in myriad office tasks.

Dean's Dozen, Youngstown State University, 2006-2008

Served on the advisory board to the Dean of the College of Education; provided the Dean with information about the implementation of programs; worked on community service projects within the college.

Member of the Cleveland + Youngstown + Pittsburg Regional Learning Network

2008-Present

Member of the American Planning Association, 2007-Present

Member of the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA), 2008-Present

Leadership

- **Planner's Day in School, Coordinator**, Ohio State University, 2009-2010
Coordinated a program to teach school children about the planning profession.
- **City and Regional Planning Student Association**, Ohio State University, 2008-2010
Attended student meetings, networking sessions, and social events. Participated in community service events such as the Columbus Jingle Bell Run (Arthritis Foundation).
- **University Scholars Board of Trustees**, Youngstown State University, 2004-2008
Elected to four terms on the governing board of the Scholars program at Youngstown State University. Served as president in 2006-2007 and communications officer in 2005-2006 and 2007-2008; Longest standing member.
- **Student Government Association**, Youngstown State University, 2005-2008
Three time elected representative. Served on the Tuition and Fees Committee, the University Affairs Committee, and the Finance & Facilities Subcommittee.
- **Honors Society of Sigma Alpha Lambda**, Youngstown State University, 2005-2008
Elected secretary for two consecutive terms. Served on the Community Service Committee.

Selected Honors & Fellowships

- **Knowlton School of Architecture Alumni Society Scholarship Recipient**, 2010
Scholarship given by the Knowlton School of Architecture Alumni Society to a student in architecture, city and regional planning, or landscape architecture. Based on financial need, demonstrated leadership skills, and future promise to be an alumni leader.

- **The Ohio State University—University Fellowship, 2008-2009**
Awarded to incoming students based on GPA, GRE scores, and academic department nomination.
- **Ohio Planning Conference Cleveland Section Scholarship, 2009-2010**
Awarded to a student who demonstrates academic achievement and commitment to the planning profession.
- **University Finalist for the McGrath Engagement Award**
(As a class for the Mississippi Project), Ohio State University, 2009
In recognition of outstanding community outreach and engagement.
- **Leslie H. Cochran University Scholar, Youngstown State University, 2004-2008**
Recognition takes the form of an award of full tuition and room and board for four years. Requirements include community service and completion of the university's honors program.
- **YSU Pin Award for Outstanding Graduating Student Leaders**
Youngstown State University, 2008
Awarded since 1948, the YSU Pin Award recognizes up to five graduating seniors annually who have achieved academic success and demonstrated outstanding leadership, motivation, and creativity in university and community activities.
- **Emerging Leaders Post Graduate Scholarship, Sigma Alpha Lambda, 2008**
Awarded to five students nationally who have maintained high academic performance, have made significant contributions to their chapter and their community, and have been accepted to an accredited graduate program of study.
- **Mavrigian-Grim Scholar Award, 2008**
Awarded to a graduating senior in recognition of outstanding scholarship.
Given by the Youngstown State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society.
- **ETS Recognition of Excellence, 2006**
Honor for scoring in the top 15% nationally on the *Principles of Teaching and Learning* examination. (Praxis II teaching examination required for teacher licensure in the State of Ohio.)
- **B'Nai B'Rith Undergraduate History Award, Youngstown State University, 2005**
Awarded to one outstanding history student annually.
- **Local Prudential Spirit of Community Award Honoree, 2004**
Based on volunteer community service, the program's goals are to recognize young people who are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities.
- **Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society, Inducted 2007**
- **Golden Key International Honour Society, Inducted 2006**

- **Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership & Honors Organization**, Inducted 2005

Selected Community Service

Planner's Day in School, 2008-Present

Participate in a biannual program in which planning graduate students visit a local elementary or middle school in order to teach children what planning is and why it is important.

Trumbull County Historical Society Member, 2002-Present

Docent for the Society's John Stark Edwards House & Museum, 2002-2007

Gave tours of the museum to the general public.

University Scholars' Fall Festival Program, 2004-2007

Coordinated an annual program at the Boys & Girls' Club of Youngstown in which college students provide children with a safe alternative to trick-or-treating.

Give Back Tutoring Program, 2004-2006

Tutored Youngstown City students in grades K-9 in all major subjects.

(Current as of September 15, 2011)