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## EXPERIENCE

### TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY: COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

*Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning Program Coordinator* August 2022 – Present

- Coordinates curriculum issues and changes; the implementation of the program's learning outcomes; program marketing, recruitment and retention. Working towards future program accreditation through the Planning Accreditation Board.
- Served as Co-Coordinator for the Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning Program from August 2022 – July 2023.

### TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY: COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

*Associate Professor of the Practice*

January 2020 – Present

- Teaches urban planning courses and advises students. Courses taught include:
  - **Plan Implementation (PLAN 658)** (*Spring 2020 – Present*)- A graduate course where students learn how planning documents are implemented and completed covering performance measurement, capital improvement projects, budgeting, and development regulations.
  - **Studio in Regional & Urban Sciences (URPN 483)** (*Spring 2020-Present*) - An undergraduate design studio where students learn how to design plats, site plans, and master plans for infill residential, commercial retail, and a mixed use developments.
  - **The Evolving City (URPN 201)** (*Fall 2022 – Present*): Undergraduate course that covers the important social, economic, political and technological forces that shape city form and function and its ramification for urban and regional planning.
  - **Building Better Cities (URPN 202)** (*Summer 2020 – Fall 2023*) – An undergraduate course provides an overview of the history and practice of urban planning. The course covers land use, transportation, economic development, community development, housing, hazards/disaster, environmental, and regional planning. Has taught in writing intensive and large lecture formats.
  - **Communications in Planning (PLAN 661)** (*Fall 2020 – Fall 2022*) - A graduate course that teaches students how to effectively communicate planning information and formulate alternative solutions to community development projects. Class conducted the community and stakeholder input processes for under-resourced communities working with Texas Target Communities to develop their comprehensive plan.
  - **Urban and Regional Economic Development (PLAN 627/URPN 440)** (*Fall 2021*) – A graduate and undergraduate stacked course that examined economic development processes, ethics and location factors.
- Course-related teaching awards include:
  - **2024 Distinguished Achievement Award – College Level from the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University** – An honor of outstanding faculty members for their dedication to teaching and consistently demonstrate dedication, leadership, and distinguished service to Texas A&M, exemplifying the highest standards of excellence.
  - **2023 Student Project Award from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association** for the community and stakeholder engagement work and report for the City of Jefferson completed by students in my Fall 2022 PLAN 661 Communications course through Texas Target Communities.

- **2022 Student Project Award from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association** for student work on the City of Caldwell Comprehensive Plan done through Texas Target Communities by students in the Masters of Urban Planning Program, to include my Fall 2022 PLAN 661 Communications course.
- **2022 Outstanding Instructor Award from the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning.** The Outstanding Instructor Award recognizes a faculty member that excels in the classroom and/or studio, such as lecturing in an engaging and participatory way, finding real-world projects for students, inspiring students in creating excellent work, or the application of other advanced pedagogical techniques.
- **Affiliated faculty with the Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center** working through a Department Homeland Security grant on bringing the Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard into professional practice and incorporated into the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. Exploring artificial intelligence applications (June 2022-Present).
- **Affiliated faculty with Texas Target Communities** that works to develop Comprehensive Plans for under-resourced communities in the State of Texas (January 2020-Present).

## **COMMON HOME PLANNING & DESIGN**

*Founding Principal*

March 2020 – August 2023

- Provided planning, design, project management, and land development consulting services to developers and property owners wanting to build enduring places of character. Clients and projects included: St. Mary's Catholic Church (College Station, TX); Camino de la Paz Retreat Center (Bryan, TX); Lakeside Cove (Sommerville, TX); Hull Street Subdivision (Caldwell, TX).

## **CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

*Planning Administrator / Long Range Planning Administrator*

October 2016 – January 2020

- As Planning Administrator, managed a team of city planners responsible for the review and permitting of new land development and long range planning. The team served as the lead project managers for comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, platting, and site plans. In September 2019, title change to Long Range Planning Administrator with a reorganization of the Planning Division into the Land Development and Long Range Planning Divisions.
- Project manager of the 10-year update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. This entails managing the consultant contract to engage community stakeholders, city staff, and community partners in evaluation of the City's present and future growth patterns and implement changes to the City's land use and transportation plans.
- Led the production of the City of College Station's [2018 Existing Conditions Report](#), including authoring the chapters on Economic Development and Land Development.
- Planning Division was recognized by the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association for Planning Excellence in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

## **CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

*Neighborhood Partnering Program Manager*

May 2013 – October 2016

- Managed the City of Austin's [Neighborhood Partnering Program](#). The program assists community and neighborhood organizations to plan, resource, and implement small to medium-sized sustainability projects on City property or right-of-way. Examples of projects include green streets, trails, community gardens, pocket parks, sidewalks, separated bicycle facilities, landscaping/beautification, park improvements, and murals.
- Responsible for managing the complete lifecycle of projects to include community outreach, planning and project scoping, the selection and awarding of funding, project management from concept to construction, and monitoring on-going maintenance efforts.
- Developed strategic partnerships with community groups, professional organizations, non-profits and universities. Partnered with the University of Texas at Austin to facilitate service learning partnerships in subjects as diverse as civil engineering, business, liberal arts, and communications classes.
- As manager, led the Neighborhood Partnering Program to the following awards:
  - Alliance for Innovation's 2016 Outstanding Achievement in Innovation Award (National)
  - American Planning Association's 2015 Leadership in Sustainability Award of Excellence (National)
  - American Public Works Association's 2015 Management Innovation Award (National)
  - American Public Works Association – Texas Chapter's 2015 Management Innovation Award (State)
  - American Public Works Association – Texas Chapter's 2015 Sustainable Practices Award (State)
- Public Works Department's core team representative to the rewriting of the City of Austin's Land Development Code.
- Founded and led the Public Works Department's Innovation Forum, a forum of Public Works employees that explores and brings innovative practice recommendations to executive management in a "shark tank" pitch competition.

## **CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT**

*Senior Planner*

March 2011 – May 2013

- City planner specializing in the implementation of neighborhood and small area development plans. Collaborated with key stakeholders in Austin's central city neighborhoods to address planning related issues such as pedestrian/ bicycle connectivity, traffic calming, economic development, and public safety.
- Community outreach, presenter and public participation facilitator during the development of the City of Austin's Comprehensive Plan and the South Austin Neighborhood Plan.
- Case manager in the land use and zoning development review process.

## **CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

*Acting Executive Assistant to the Assistant City Manager*

November 2010 – March 2011

- Liaison between the Assistant City Manager and the City's transportation and infrastructure departments.
- Responsible for special projects, preparing City Council agenda items, and responding to constituent and public information requests.

## **CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS: FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

*Senior Budget Analyst*

February 2007 – November 2010

- Responsible for the budget preparation, financial monitoring and performance measure analysis for department budgets ranging from \$0.7 million to \$438 million. Departmental responsibilities included the Planning and Development Review Department, Code Compliance, Austin Water Utility, Police Department, Fire Department, Solid Waste Services, Law Department, Office of the City Clerk, and Mayor and City Council.
- Corporate lead for business planning, performance measurement analysis and benchmarking.

- Part of the team to cut \$31.7 million from the General Fund budget during the 2009 financial crisis.
- Career development subcommittee chair for the City Manager's Employee Committee on Workforce Issues.

## **CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

*Post-Graduate Management Fellow*

June 2005 – August 2006

- Rotational internship in the Public Development Bureau, Budget Department, Human Resources Department, and Assistant City Manager's Office.
- Projects included a performance audit and business process improvements for the Property Maintenance Division, coordinating a 12-department hurricane-preparedness tabletop exercise, creating a standard methodology for applying economic development incentives, and writing a Boating Infrastructure Grant proposal.

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**

Lawrence, Kansas

*Masters of Public Administration*

- Graduated with a 4.0 GPA from the top ranked graduate program in Local Government and City Management.
- Management internships with the City of Savannah, Georgia and City of Overland Park, Kansas.

### **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**

South Bend, Indiana

*Bachelor of Arts*

- Graduated *summa cum laude* with a double major in Economics and Sociology.
- Recipient of the Margaret Eisch Award as the most outstanding senior majoring in Sociology.
- Notre Dame London Program: Research Assistant for a Member of British Parliament.

## **ACCREDITATIONS**

### **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PLANNERS (AICP)**

January 2016 – Present

- AICP Certified planners are members of American Planning Association's professional institute. They have demonstrated a commitment to high standards of professional practice and a mastery of theories and tools of planning.

### **CONGRESS FOR THE NEW URBANISM ACCREDITED (CNU-A)**

July 2015– Present

- This accreditation recognizes the talent within the New Urbanist movement for creating walkable, urban places.

### **CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER (CFM)**

January 2019– Present

- This accreditation by the Association of State Floodplain Managers recognizes continuing education and professional development that enhances the knowledge and performance of local, state, federal and private-sector floodplain management professionals.

## CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- *National* - American Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Planners, Congress for the New Urbanism, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
- *State* - Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association, Texas Association of Floodplain Manager

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **American Planning Association Texas Chapter Conference**
  - **2024 (*upcoming*)**: “Planning for Fiscal Responsibility; *“Planning & Community Engagement for Memory”*.”
  - **2023**: “Preparing the Next Generation of Urban Planners”; “Planning for Encounter and Dialogue”; and “Streamline Hazard Mitigation Investments: Integrating Plans for Resilience and Equity in Rockport and Houston.”
  - **2022**: Presentation: The Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard™: From Theory to Practice
- **Alliance for Innovation Transforming Local Government Conference (2016)**:
  - Presented a workshop entitled: “Partnering to Empower Neighborhoods and Build Community”
- **National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Designing Cities Conference (2015)**:
  - Mobile Tour of City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program projects entitled “Partnering with Neighborhoods: Better Streets, Better Places.”
- **SXSW Eco: Place By Design Competition (2015)**:
  - Competitive pitch presentation on the City of Austin’s Neighborhood Partnering Program in the Place by Design Urban Strategy category.
- **Texas Public Works Association’s Annual Conference (2015)**:
  - Presentation featuring the City’s Neighborhood Partnering Program entitled “How Public Workers Can Become Community Heroes.”
- **San Antonio’s Metropolitan Health District’s Public Health & The Build Environment Conference: Healthy Communities by Design (2014)**:
  - Presentation on the City of Austin’s Neighborhood Partnering Program in a panel session called “Scratchmade.”

## VOLUNTEER & OTHER EXPERIENCE

- **Home Visitor with St. Vincent de Paul of Bryan/College Station (2023-Present)**: Visits the homes of neighbors in need of financial assistance (such as rent or utilities) with the purpose of connecting them with resources that can help their situation.
- **Youth Sports Coach (2022-Present)**: Coaches youth flag football, basketball, and soccer through Victory Sports.
- **Regional Director of Brazos Valley Foodshed Investors (2019-2020)** sought to connect sustainable food businesses to advisors and investors looking to further efforts to protect the environment, pay a living wage, and increase profitability.
- **Graduate member of the Bryan/College Station Leadership Brazos Class of 2019.**
- **Led the Austin, Texas Catholic20Somethings Young Adult Ministry (2008-2010)**
- **Full-time volunteer for the Houston Catholic Worker (Casa Juan Diego) (2006-2007)**. Oversaw the daily operations of a men’s shelter and day labor center. Directed staff and volunteers and coordinated a regular food and clothing distributions.
- **Winner of the 2010 “Punniest of Show” Competition at the O. Henry Pun-Off World Championships.** Placed second in the same competition in 2011.