

# Obinna Amobi

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**EMPLOYER** / Mercy Housing Northwest

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Real Estate/Housing

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /

Building 9, Historic Renovation of a vacated former military barracks into 148 units of affordable housing – I worked on the pre-development and construction budgeting for this project

**EDUCATION** /

University of Washington (2011 – 2013) MUP Candidate

UCLA (2005 – 2009) Geography/Urban Studies, BA

**YEARS PLANNING** / 5

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / My

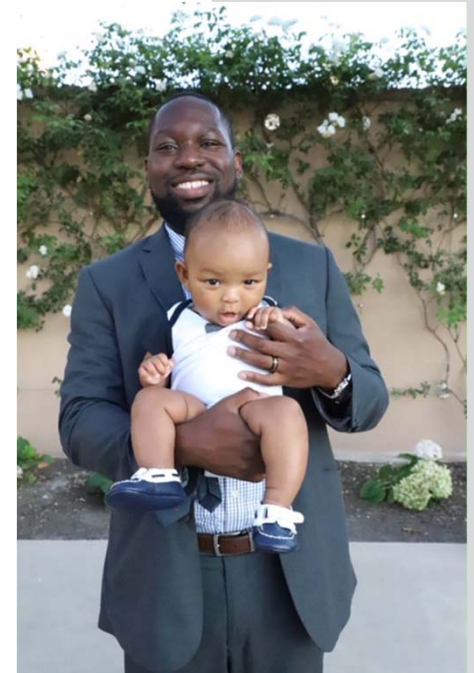
focus since undergrad has been on affordable housing. Planning and real estate seemed like a well-rounded path to be industry adjacent since most schools lack a directed educational focus on affordable housing.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** /

Mercy Housing Northwest (2015 – present)

Heartland LLC, Research Analyst (2013 – 2015)

Previously Interned at: SKIDPDA, Seattle Housing Authority, Goodman Real Estate.



# David Blum, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Montgomery Gulf Corporation

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Transit Oriented Development, Real Estate Development

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Northgate Transit Oriented Development Project

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP ('76); The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, BS in Economics ('74)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 39

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / As a person interested in the built environment and land use, I found planning to be a good place to work in a variety of interesting settings.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Nonprofit sector in affordable housing; Native American tribe in economic development



# Shelley Bolser

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI)

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Urban design and current planning

**MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER** /

Highrise apartment building in Seattle's Denny Triangle, with the ground floor designed as a 'third space' for both residents and the public; buildings in the Pike Pine corridor of Seattle's Capitol Hill that incorporated historic buildings into the new development

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP and Urban Design Certificate ('03);  
UW, BA ('02)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 13

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A CAREER/**

Passionate about the potential for urban design to shape how we live together in cities. We need to create different spaces and buildings that encourage community, inspire people, allow for quiet reflection, and provide ecological function.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Planner work in City of Seattle, Mercer Island, Kirkland, and some private sector consulting. Sewer and water maintenance in Kent and Kirkland



# Steve Butler, FAICP

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**EMPLOYER** / MRSC(Municipal Research & Services Center)

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Comprehensive and subarea planning, innovative implementation techniques (both regulatory and non-regulatory), urban design, and public engagement

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Station area planning for two LRT stations in SeaTac; City of SeaTac/Sea-Tac Airport Interlocal Agreement; Cape Elizabeth (ME) Greenbelt Plan

**EDUCATION** / University of Wisconsin (Madison), MS in Urban & Regional Planning; St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY), BA in Sociology

**YEARS PLANNING** / 30+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Combines a lot of my interests – improving the built environment, urban design, and public engagement; Had a great undergraduate professor who got me interested in the field.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / City of Milwaukie, OR; City of Mill Creek; City of SeaTac; plus public and private sector planning in Maine and Wisconsin



# Richard Conlin

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**EMPLOYER / Conlin Columbia**

**PLANNING FOCUS / Affordable Housing; Sustainable Development; Food Policy; Resilience/Emergency Management; Community/Neighborhood Planning; Local Government; Policy Development/Implementation**

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Stewarding 37 Neighborhood Plans to adoption and implementation; writing Food Policy Plans for Tacoma, Auburn, Seattle, and Riverside, CA**

**EDUCATION / MA Poli Sci; BA History**

**YEARS PLANNING / Depends on how broadly you define planning... up to 46**

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / My passion and profession is community/sustainable development**

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Seattle City Council; Publisher, YES! Magazine; Director, Community and Environment Department, Metrocenter YMCA; developer, consultant, and adjunct faculty; Ingham County, MI, Board of Commissioners**



# Marty Curry, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / UW, Urban Design & Planning Affiliate Faculty; Curry Consulting

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Community planning, civic engagement, infrastructure planning, sustainability

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Community visioning projects (e.g. Lake City); achieving community- city (and often student) partnerships

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP; Indiana University, BA in Spanish and Political Science

**YEARS PLANNING** / 30+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / I strongly believe that planning, politics, and people are integral to creating a more balanced, sustainable community (The 3 P's of planning).

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / City of Seattle, Planning Commission Director; consulting with non-profits, foundations and local government; and of course teaching





# Nicole Faghin, MCP, JD, LEED AP

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**EMPLOYER** / Washington Sea Grant

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Shoreline and Coastal Management

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Currently developing LEEDstyle program for Shoreline Certification

**EDUCATION** / MIT, MCP ('86); Northeastern School of Law – JD ('87); UW, BA in Political Science ('81)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 25+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /  
I was interested in human interface with the environment and over the years that became human/built interface with the marine/shoreline environment.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Reid Middleton (18 years); AECOM (1.5 years); 3 years in law (way back at the beginning...)



# Ted Gage, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Eldred & Associates

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Land use planning, site location services, permitting, interagency coordination

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Trained elected and appointed officials statewide during the years in which I managed the state's Short Course on Local Planning for DOC.

**EDUCATION** / UW, PhD ('83); UW, MUP ('81); Middlebury College, BA ('69)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 30+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Always interested in community development.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Washington State DOC; Clallam County EDC; Samish Indian Nation; Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe.





# Brandon Gonzalez, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Alta Planning + Design

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Long-range urban planning (e.g., comprehensive and small area planning), placemaking, and active transportation.

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Planning context lead for the Downtown Dallas station as part of the Dallas to Houston high speed rail project.

**Education** / Master of City and Regional Planning, University of Texas; Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Texas Tech University

**YEARS PLANNING** / 10

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / I've always been attracted to and fascinated with cities and our urban environment. Our space and urban framework builds creativity, facilitates innovation and helps us lead healthier, more sustainable lives!

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Project Manager in the Dallas office of Freese and Nichols, Inc., a large engineering and planning consulting firm based in Texas.



# Amy Gore

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**EMPLOYER** / Seattle City Council

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Public policy, transportation, land use

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Implementing Inclusionary Zoning in Seattle and working on Sound Transit light rail expansion

**EDUCATION** / Georgia Tech, MUP ('03); Emory University, BA in Business Administration

**YEARS PLANNING** / 15

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /

I grew up in the suburbs and always loved the excitement and diversity that cities offer. As a professional, I enjoy the wide range of critical issues that Planning grapples with, including sustainability, equity and affordability.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Futurewise; Bleakly Advisory Group



# Lisa Grueter, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / BERK Consulting, Inc.

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Comprehensive Planning, Environmental Planning, Capital & System Planning

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / I like them all! If I had to choose ... county-city planning efforts and plan implementation strategies.

**EDUCATION** / Master of City Planning, Berkeley; BA Social Ecology, UC Irvine

**YEARS PLANNING** / 30

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Interest in affordable housing and environmental conservation. Started as a kid with summer school class called "the City".

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / ICF Jones & Stokes, City of Renton, City of Sumner, Private Practice in California



# Nancy Eklund, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** /The Boeing Company (Land Use Planner for central Puget Sound)

**PLANNING FOCUS** /Liaison between Boeing and local governments' projects and planning documents, and real estate items (easements, use agreements, etc.); (past) Comprehensive planning, health and the built environment.

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /Too many to say – the ones that are the most fun are the thorny ones that generate strong opinions

**EDUCATION** /UW Masters Program (near-MUP), Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, BA in Geography

**YEARS PLANNING** /25+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /I was a geography major and always loved knowing why people live where they do – what was special about those places. I wanted to be part of shaping those decisions.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** /The City of Puyallup; private consulting; Washington and Montana local government



# Steve Hamai

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**EMPLOYER** / Seattle Public Utilities

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Comprehensive Utility Planning, Resiliency, Affordability, Community Engagement, Service Equity

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Led an effort to build a new operational model to embed race, social justice, and service equity into the fabric of Seattle Public Utilities.

**EDUCATION** / San Francisco State University, BA Urban Studies

**YEARS PLANNING** / 20+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Having spent many years in non profit direct services and community organizing, decided that I needed to apply my learning and skills within government to address systemic disparities with a racial equity lens.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Founder and Executive Director, SafeFutures Youth Center; Program Director, Seattle Youth Employment Program; Senior Planner, Human Services Department; Program Director, East Bay Asian Youth Center



# Ben Han

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**EMPLOYER** / King County Metro

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Urban Design, Transportation Planning, Community Development

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Community Liaison Program

**EDUCATION** / Masters City Planning, UC Berkeley '13. BA Community Environment and Planning UW '09

**YEARS PLANNING** / 4

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / The mutual impact people and place have on each other

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / City of Seattle, King County Metro, Pierce Transit





# Jae Hill, AICP, CFM

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Redmond

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Long-Range Planning

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /

Wrote the Multi-Jurisdiction Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Fairbanks North Star Borough in Alaska.

**EDUCATION** / Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Cal Poly Pomona; Master of Business Administration, University of Nevada Reno; Bachelor of Science in Geography, University of Utah

**YEARS PLANNING** / 40

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /

I wanted to know how cities came about

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Planning Director - Sun Valley ID; Deputy Planning Director – Fairbanks AK; Private water engineering consultant



# Sandy Howard, AICP, LEED AP

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**EMPLOYER /** Retired from City of Seattle,  
Construction and Inspections

**PLANNING FOCUS /** Green building sustainability, & preservation,  
new urbanism, equity in planning, and community resilience

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER /**  
Old Poway Specific Plan

**EDUCATION /** Masters in City Planning

**YEARS PLANNING /** 25+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION /** After  
living 3 years in Germany, wanted to learn how cities work successfully  
and apply that knowledge to US urban centers.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE /** Sustainable Strategist; Land Use  
Manager; Land Use Planner; Historic Preservation Planning; Biomedical  
Research



# Philip Harris, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) – Regional Transit Coordination Division

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Pedestrian and Bicycle Access to high capacity transit, station area planning, transit oriented development, urban design

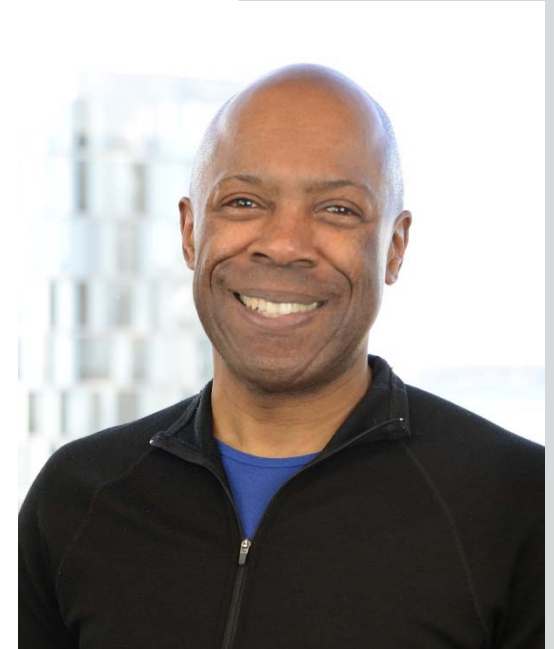
**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Interstate Avenue MAX Light Rail (Portland) – Station area planning, Charlotte transit planning

**EDUCATION** / BA – Geography/Regional Development – Bulmershe College/Reading University UK); Masters City & Regional Planning – Georgia Institute of Technology

**YEARS PLANNING** / 20

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Interest in how communities are designed and work

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / TriMet (Portland), City of Portland, City of Charlotte, City of Atlanta, City of Bellevue



# Paul Inghram, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Puget Sound Regional Council

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Regional planning

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
BelRed TOD subarea plan; Skykomish restoration plan

**EDUCATION** / UW, BA in Design and Planning ('93); Seattle U,  
MBA ('04); UVA ('12)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 20+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /  
Initially, loved the design problem, then was turned on community  
engagement.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / PSRC since 2016, City of  
Bellevue; previously consultant to various Puget Sound communities;  
some private development



# Arun Jain

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**EMPLOYER / Consultant**

**PLANNING FOCUS /** Decision support tools, methods and means to cope with complexity, uncertainty and urgency.

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER /**

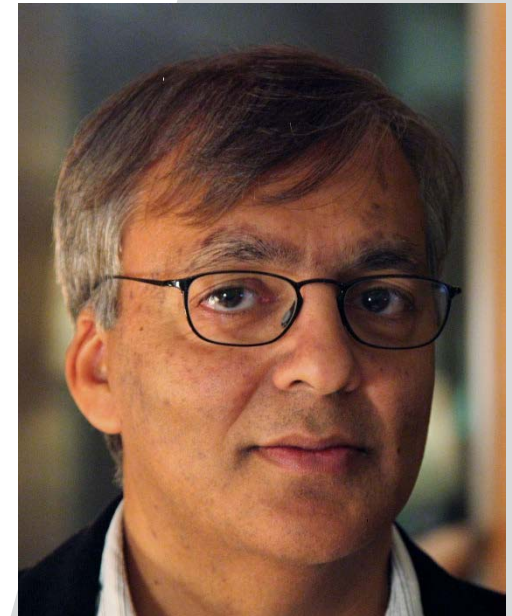
**EDUCATION /** Urban Design Joint Degree Program 1985 (MCP, MArch) University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Architecture 1981 (BArch) School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, India

**YEARS PLANNING / 32**

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION /**

To improve the quality of urban life for all, find beauty in chaos, and understand complexity in the natural and man-made environment from the lens of cognition and behavior.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE /** International consultant, advisor, city executive, professor, researcher and mentor



# Mike Kattermann, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Bothell

**PLANNING FOCUS** / community development, growth management, regional policy

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Creating neighborhood enhancement program; light rail best practices

**EDUCATION** / MS Community & Regional Planning, University of Texas at Austin; BS Urban Planning, Michigan State University

**YEARS PLANNING** / 30+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /  
Interest in cities as organic systems and how to influence that to improve peoples' lives; variety of issues and challenges

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Public and private sector, mostly municipal and long range, entry-level to director; MI, TX, AZ, WA





# Lyn Keenan

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**EMPLOYER** / Semi-retired (formerly GeoEngineers)

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Infrastructure, climate change, energy, Environmental (SEPA/NEPA) Review

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Changes every few years

**EDUCATION** / UW, BA in Urban Planning ('70)

**YEARS PLANNING** / My entire career – always something new to learn!

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Enjoy multi-disciplinary decision making.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Local government; consulting



# Rick Krochalis, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Seattle Design Commission

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Environmental planning; transit systems development; capital project management; planning agency leadership

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Navy Base Master Plans; implementation of GMA; Columbia River Crossing

**EDUCATION** / Cornell University, BS in Environmental System Engineering; Harvard University, Masters, City & Regional Planning

**YEARS PLANNING** / Too many to count; three career changes

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Collaborating with people to have a direct influence on tangible urban design outcomes for many communities—one program and project at a time.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Regional Administrator (FTA); US DOT; City of Seattle, Director of Design, Construction, and Land Use (DCLU); Navy Civil Engineer Corps Officer



# Al Levine

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**EMPLOYER** / Affiliate Faculty, Department of Urban Design and Planning, UW; Formerly – Deputy Executive Director, Seattle Housing Authority (1998-2013)

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Affordable housing, mixed income communities, transit oriented development

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Yesler Terrace  
Redevelopment Project – Planning and Entitlements Process

**EDUCATION** / Hunter College; City University of NY, BA; UW, MUP

**YEARS PLANNING** / 40+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /  
Wanted to be the one who decided where things went.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / My career has included opportunities in both the public and private sectors.



# Patrick Lynch, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Transpo Group

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Multimodal and non-motorized transportation, connectivity

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Statewide Human Services Transportation Plan; Pedestrian Connectivity  
Analyses for Small Communities

**EDUCATION** / Western Washington University, BS in  
Environmental Policy and Assessment

**YEARS PLANNING** / 17

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /  
Combining my passions for non-motorized transportation, public policy,  
and GIS in a way that positively impacts the local community.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Transportation Planner, City of  
Woodinville



# Melanie Mayock

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**EMPLOYER** / Sound Transit

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Community engagement, public transportation

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Improving access to Sounder Commuter Rail

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP ('14); UW, Sustainable Transportation Certificate ('10); Western Washington University, BA in Political Science ('98)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 8

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /  
I love cities and I love bringing people together to solve community problems.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / BERK Consulting, UW Transportation Services, Zipcar, Sierra Club



# Cynthia McCoy, GISP

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**EMPLOYER** / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Hazard Mitigation and Risk Analysis

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Urban design, GIS, hazard mapping and impact assessment, community engagement.

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Establishing a community center for a marginalized Roma Community in Karlovo, Bulgaria

**EDUCATION** / Master of City and Regional Planning – University of Pennsylvania; Bachelor of Urban Planning – University of Cincinnati, OH

**YEARS PLANNING** / 15

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / To be an instrumental leader in developing healthy, resilient and equitable communities.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Wharton Real Estate Department – University of Pennsylvania, City of Covington KY – Community and Economic Development Dept., US Peace Corps Bulgaria (07-10), Bialosky + Partners Architects (Cleveland, OH), Walt Disney Imagineering





# Rachel Miller

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**EMPLOYER** / Senior Associate - Planner/Urban Designer, MAKERS  
Architecture and Urban Design

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Urban design

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Benson Hill Community Plan in Renton

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP/MLA; Ohio State University, BSin  
Architecture

**YEARS PLANNING** / 8

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / To  
improve spaces between buildings and empower communities to effect  
desired change.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Peace Corps – Mali Volunteer;  
Downtown Association of Fairbanks and City of North Pole, AK Urban  
Design Coordinator; City of Columbus, OH Planning Intern



# Ellen R. Miller-Wolfe

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Kirkland

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Economic development, tourism, cultural affairs

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Riverfront Recapture, Inc., Hartford, CT(Directed the redevelopment of 7- miles reach of Connecticut Riverfront through four cities)

**EDUCATION** / Skidmore College, BA; Cornell University, MRP

**YEARS PLANNING** / 28

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / I was drawn to adaptive reuse and revitalization projects that engage community and incorporate community history and assets into efforts to address current issues.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Public and private planning work; staff Seattle Landmarks Board, National Register of Historic Places; Riverfront Recapture, Inc., Economic Development staff; cities of Bellevue and Kirkland



# Ike Nwankwo

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**EMPLOYER** / WA State Department of Commerce

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Growth Management Planning

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Development of the Housing Guidebook

**EDUCATION** / M.U.P Kansas, Ph.D. Candidate Univ. of Penn

**YEARS PLANNING** / 28

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / I have a Bachelor's in Architecture and thought planning would be a good complement

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Worked for the Delaware RiverPort Authority, NJ



# Kevin O'Neil, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Seattle Department of Transportation

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Transportation Planning and policy, growth management, planning management

**EDUCATION** / BA University of Vermont; Masters degrees in City Planning and Public Administration, The Ohio State University

**YEARS PLANNING** / 33

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION**

/Interest in cities and urban politics

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Cities of St. Louis(MO), Port Townsend, Kent, Bellevue, Seattle



# John Owen

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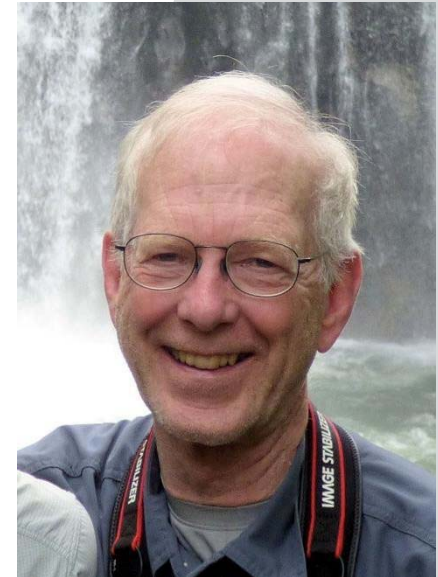
**EMPLOYER / MAKERS** Architecture and Urban Design

**PLANNING FOCUS /** Urban design, community and regional planning, shoreline management

**EDUCATION /** UW, MUP ('75)

**YEARS PLANNING /** Too many

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE /** Logging road surveyor, soils engineer, construction worker



# Stephen Padua, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Issaquah

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Sustainable transportation planning, smart growth, public policy, equitable access and intuitive design.

**EDUCATION** / UW, BA in Geography ('08); UW, MUP ('13)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 9

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /

Planning allows me to engage diverse communities and guide sustainable transport options in order to preserve our natural environment.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / City of Kirkland; City of Redmond Public Works; Seattle Department of Transportation; Kitsap County Public Works





# Jack Peters

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**EMPLOYER** / Director/Community Planning & Development, HUD–WA Office

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Community Development, Housing and Environmental Planning

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / International District Village Square 1 and 2, Seattle, WA

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP ('69)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 46

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / To revitalize communities and neighborhoods through encouraging comprehensive planning and by providing federal assistance.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / City of Seattle Planning Department, City of Chicago, Ill Planning Department, City of Rockford Ill Planning Department, Bi-State Metropolitan Planning Commission Rock Island Ill.



# Mandi Roberts, AICP, RLA

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**EMPLOYER** / Principal with Otak, Inc.

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Urban planning and design – including smart growth solutions, station area and subarea plans, corridor and streetscape planning, design guidelines and standards, and public space planning/urban design

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Abu Dhabi Urban Street Design Manual; Hawaii Pedestrian Toolbox

**EDUCATION** / University of Idaho, Bachelors of Landscape Architecture; Portland State University, Graduate Coursework; Washington State University, Low Impact Development Certificate

**YEARS PLANNING** / 28

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / To help shape a more sustainable future and to improve the public realm by strengthening connections between people and places.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / The Ferris Company; David Evans and Associates; City of Boise, Idaho



# Gwen Rousseau

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Bellevue

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Demographics, Land Use, GIS Open Data

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Launching Bellevue's Open Data portal

**EDUCATION** / University of Washington, MUP('05); Western  
Washington University, BSin Environment Science ('03), Principia College,  
BAin English ('89)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 15

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / To  
reinstate participatory democracy, save our planet and help make vibrant,  
caring communities.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / AHBL, City of Buckley, WA,  
Whatcom Transportation Authority



# Katie Sheehy

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**EMPLOYER** / Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Equitable Development, Race and Social Justice

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Seattle Transit Communities, Equitable Development Initiative

**EDUCATION** / UW, MPA& MUP (2005); University of Portland BA in Philosophy

**YEARS PLANNING** / 10+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Help improve government policy to better serve our communities and create a more equitable and sustainable society

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Seattle Planning Commission, Seattle, WA; Hewitt Architects, Seattle, WA; Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage, AK



# Janet Shull, AICP CUD

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Seattle

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Urban design, community planning, sustainability, economic development and master planning

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** / Cities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant-funded planning for active and healthy communities including development of city's first Bike/Ped master plan and regulations supporting urban agriculture

**EDUCATION** /University of Washington BA in Architecture; University of Washington graduate studies in Architecture and Urban Planning

**YEARS PLANNING** /29

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / I was most interested in how design of the built environment can help make places people love

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** /Senior Planner, City of Federal Way; Principal, Janet Shull Design; Project Manager, BWR; Planner, City of Kent.



# Talia Tittelfitz, AICP

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**EMPLOYER** / BHCConsultants, LLC

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Comprehensive Plans, sub area plans, current planning, code updates

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /

Assisting the Tulalip Tribes in a full scale re-organization of their zoning code

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP ('07)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 10+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /

I like working in small to mid-sized communities where resources are focused and everyone knows a little bit about everything.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Puget Sound Regional Council, Seattle; Wabash River Enhancement Corporation, Lafayette Indiana



# Lisa Verner, FAICP



**EMPLOYER** / Retired and loving it (retired 6/18)

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Working with developers and local governments; policy development

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /

Development agreement between large landowner and City of Tukwila (Segale project)

**EDUCATION** / MSRED, MIT; MUP, Cal State San Jose; BA– Gov't and Journalism, University of Redlands

**YEARS PLANNING** / 42

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /

After working in a Congressman's office reviewing a national land use bill, I wanted to know how cities were developed

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / King County; My own consulting firm; Digital Equipment Corporation; Quadrant Corporation; City of Bothell; Triad Associates



# Roger Wagoner, FAICP

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**EMPLOYER** / Part-time at BHCConsultants, LLC

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Comprehensive plans, economic development, implementation

**MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER** / Statewide study of housing needs for Alaskan Native peoples

**WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / Coming from Architecture, I was interested in the “pre-design” decisions about site location & planning, public information, etc.

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP ('70), University of Nebraska, BArch ('66)

**YEARS PLANNING** / 50

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / NBBJ, DEA, LeoA. Daly Co.



# Julie West

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**EMPLOYER** / Public Health – Seattle & King County

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Healthy community planning; integrating health and equity into local and regional planning projects and policies

**MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER** / Yesler Terrace Community Redevelopment (Seattle Housing Authority)

**WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** / An opportunity to influence how our environments can support a healthy quality of life that our residents want for themselves, their families, and their communities

**EDUCATION** / BS; MPH

**YEARS PLANNING** / I've been with PHSKC for 15 years and began to focus on healthy planning approximately 10 years ago

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / Registered Dietitian (Presbyterian Hospital, Albuquerque, NM); Peace Corps (Cote D'Ivoire, Africa); Program Manager (PHSKC, Seattle, WA)

# Karen Wolf, FAICP

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**EMPLOYER** / King County, Senior Policy Analyst

**PLANNING FOCUS** / Regional and long-range planning;  
annexations

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /  
Reducing  
growth rates in the rural area to less than 2% of total county growth

**EDUCATION** / UW, MUP; UW, BA in Economics

**YEARS PLANNING** / 25+

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION** /  
To shape and improve my surroundings.

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** / King County since 1989 – including  
service as the land use advisor to King County Executive Ron Sims for  
seven years.



# Boling (Bo) Zhang

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**EMPLOYER** / City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

**PLANNING FOCUS** /Socially responsive development

**MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER** /As affordable housing developer - Plaza Roberto Maestas. As writer / artist – Between Americans and Bramble Project.

**EDUCATION** /MLA + real estate studies, UW; Comp Sci & Elec Eng, Yale

**YEARS PLANNING** / 7

**WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION**  
/Resolving the conflict between economic development and maintaining a common sense of place and identity seemed like a safe lifelong career goal

**PAST WORK EXPERIENCE** /Design Review Board; Beacon Development Group (affordable housing); writing & art

