



Al Levine

EMPLOYER / Affiliate Faculty, CBE, 2008-2021, Courses in RE, Planning, & Affordable Housing. 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

EDUCATION / MUP UW: BA Hunter College, CUNY

YEARS PLANNING / 40

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION /
I was always more interested in deciding where things went than what they looked like.

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



Amy Gore

EMPLOYER / Seattle City Council, Legislative Analyst

PLANNING FOCUS / Land Use, Transportation, Housing

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Implementing inclusionary zoning in Seattle

EDUCATION / MCRP from Georgia Tech, BBA from Emory University

YEARS PLANNING / 15+

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Opportunity to create places that better support people.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Advisory consulting; advocacy for environmental non-profit



Andy Micklow

EMPLOYER / King County Council

PLANNING FOCUS / Regional Planning, Policy Analysis, Gender

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Pinklining and the Need to Plan for Women Dissertation and Research Project

EDUCATION / PhD City and Regional Planning - Cornell University, Master of Urban and Regional Planning – Virginia Tech, BA Political Science – Virginia Tech

YEARS PLANNING / 13

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / To interrupt the status quo

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / City of Tacoma – Links to Opportunity Streetscape Project, Cornell University, Roanoke County, Virginia



Anne Fritzel

EMPLOYER / Washington State Department of Commerce, Growth Management Services

PLANNING FOCUS / Housing planning, education, Short Course on Local Planning, Smart Growth

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / developing guidance for communities of electric vehicle infrastructure, and bicycle pedestrian planning

EDUCATION / School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, Canada

YEARS PLANNING / 25

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I was interested in how to reduce our environmental impact, and urban planning was the tool that had the potential to bring it all together.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Consulting, non-profit (Climate Solutions), and 20 years with Growth Management Services taking on a variety of tasks over the years



Arun Jain, FAICP

EMPLOYER/ City of Bellevue (Chief Urban Designer), various international advisory roles

FOCUS/ Urban design & strategies for urban environments. Urban development & community building through adaptive design & planning innovation. Decision support tools, methods & means to cope with complexity & uncertainty. Currently authoring a book on such concerns.

MOST INTERESTING PROJECTS/ Advisory role to create 70,000 new homes (12 new neighborhoods) in Amsterdam, Strategic Planning Advisor for the Indian State of Karnataka (pop. 64 mil.), Advisor for SDG 11, Expert Policy Advisor for UN Habitat III (New Urban Agenda adopted Quito, 2016), & UNODC. National Resource Management & Development Plan for the Republic of Palau, Micronesia. Speaking in South Africa. Board ARUS (Advanced Research in Urban Systems), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.

EDUCATION/ MCP, MArch, (Urban Design Joint Degree Program) 1985, University of Pennsylvania. Urban Studies & Transportation Engineering 1983, University of Delaware. BArch (Honors), Architecture 1981, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, India.

YEARS IN PRACTICE/ 35

WHY I PURSUED THIS PROFESSION/ To improve the quality of urban life for all, find beauty in chaos, and to understand complexity in the natural and man-made environment from the lens of cognition & behavior.

WORK EXPERIENCE/ International consultant, Lead UN Expert, city executive (Chief Urban Designer, Portland), advisor, researcher & mentor. Academic positions at six universities (most recent: Guest Professor, Technical University of Berlin). Past Board Director IFHP (International Federation of Housing & Planning). Professional activities in over 43 countries & 100 + cities. International speaker with published works in print and digital media.



Brandon Cummings

EMPLOYER / City of Seattle Dept. of Construction & Inspections

PLANNING FOCUS / Urban Design + Current Planning

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER /
Northgate Mall Redevelopment
Grand Street Commons

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION /
To influence the built environment on a large scale and improve the lives of the people that make up our communities through sound planning and urban design.

EDUCATION /
Auburn University- MCP ('14)
Georgia Institute of Technology- BS in Architecture ('10)

YEARS PLANNING / 8

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE /
Long Range Planning, *San Bernardino County (2014-2016)*
Strategy and Implementation, *Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission (2013)*



Cynthia McCoy, GISP

EMPLOYER / City of Seattle – Parks and Recreation, Public Utilities

PLANNING FOCUS / urban design, GIS, natural hazard mapping and risk assessments, equitable development and community engagement.

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER /

Developing flood hazard mapping, climate change impact analyses, and tribal relocation plan for the Village of Kotlik, AK and Kotlik Tribe.

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

YEARS PLANNING / 18

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

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / FEMA, Wharton Real Estate Department – University of Pennsylvania, City of Covington KY – Community and Economic Development Dept., US Peace Corps Bulgaria, Bialosky + Partners Architects, Walt Disney Imagineering.



David Blum, AICP

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 / 40

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



Elise Rasmussen

EMPLOYER / Washington State Board of Health

PLANNING FOCUS / Racial, social, environmental, and climate justice; working in the intersection of planning and public health; working with youth to plan for a better future.

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / Project manager for the Washington State Environmental Justice Task Force

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION /I chose to get concurrent Master's degrees in Public Health and Urban Planning because the environment is a leading determinant of health. As a teacher, I saw how a neighborhood can determine access to quality education, healthy food, a sense of security, sufficient economic opportunity, and adequate and affordable housing. I am committed to tackling the root causes that perpetuate disparities in the United States by working towards racial, social, and environmental justice.

EDUCATION /University of Washington, Master of Urban Planning ('19); University of Washington Master of Public Health ('19); Carleton College BA in Sociology and Anthropology ('12)

YEARS PLANNING / 4

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Kindergarten, 5th grade, and 6th grade school teacher; Seattle Department of Transportation, Racial Equity Analysis for the Safe Routes to School Program.



Ellen R. Miller-Wolfe

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



Emil King, AICP

EMPLOYER / City of Bellevue, Community Development Department

PLANNING FOCUS / Comprehensive Planning; Transit-Oriented Development; Regional Planning

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / BelRed Subarea Plan; Downtown Bellevue Livability Initiative

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Desire to put economics degree and strong interest in housing and community-building into practice. Planning seemed like a perfect fit.

EDUCATION / University of Washington, Master of Urban Planning; University of Hawaii, Bachelor's in Economics

YEARS PLANNING / 25+

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / City of Bellevue since 2000; prior experience as consultant to Washington cities and counties developing growth management plans and implementation codes



Ike Nwankwo

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 River Port Authority, NJ



Jack Peters

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.



Jae Hill, AICP CFM

EMPLOYERS / King County Utilities Technical Review Committee & Evermost LLC

PLANNING FOCUS / Strategic Planning

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / Planning Director in Sun Valley, Idaho

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I'm passionate about climate change and affordable housing

EDUCATION / Master of Urban & Regional Planning, Cal Poly Pomona; Master of Business Administration, University of Nevada-Reno

YEARS PLANNING / 16

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Deputy Planning Director, Fairbanks AK; Long-Range Planning Manager, Redmond WA, Associate Planner, Sierra Madre CA; Hydrogeologic Engineer, Pasadena CA



Janet Shull, AICP CUD

EMPLOYER / City of Bellevue, Community Development

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

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Planning for active and healthy communities in Federal Way, WA - including development of the city's first Bike/Ped master plan and urban agriculture policies

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 / Strategic Advisor, City of Seattle; Senior Planner, City of Federal Way; Principal, Janet Shull Design; Project Manager, BWR; Planner, City of Kent.



Jessa Timmer

EMPLOYER / Alliance for Pioneer Square, Deputy Director

PLANNING FOCUS / Community and Economic Development, Business Districts, Policy

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Crafted city policy on Business Improvement Areas for Grand Rapids, MI, and created first BIA within city

EDUCATION / Master's of Public Administration, Urban and Regional Policy and Planning, Grand Valley State University (2012); BA in Public and Nonprofit Administration, Community Development, Grand Valley State University (2009)

YEARS PLANNING / 10+ years

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I chose this profession because I appreciate how diverse the work can be and I love working directly with community members to create the change they want to see for their community.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Real Estate Senior Project Manager, Forterra; Executive Director, Chinatown-ID BIA; Analyst, Michigan Main Street Center; Economic Development Specialist, Neighborhood Ventures



John Owen, AIA

EMPLOYER / MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design

PLANNING FOCUS / Urban design, community and regional planning

EDUCATION / UW, March ('75)

YEARS PLANNING / Too many

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



Kadie Bell Sata, AICP

EMPLOYER / Seattle Department of Transportation

PLANNING FOCUS / Equitable Green Communities

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / Planning Grant Manager at Public Health – Seattle & King County

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I wanted a career that enabled me to work on the ground to advance climate justice.

EDUCATION / University of Washington MUP, MPA '08

YEARS PLANNING / 15

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Public Sector – City of Seattle, King County, City of New York. Private Sector – EnviroIssues, EcoNorthwest. Non-Profit Sector – Low Income Housing Institute, Brooklyn Greenway Initiative



Karen Wolf, FAICP

EMPLOYER (former) / 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.



Katie Sheehy

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



Katy Haima

EMPLOYER / City of Seattle Office of Planning & Community Development

PLANNING FOCUS / Community planning, urban design

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / What I'm currently working on!

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / To help shape sustainable urban development that fosters healthy, resilient communities

EDUCATION / University of Washington – MUP
University of Wisconsin-Madison – BS Landscape Architecture & Certificate in Environmental Studies

YEARS PLANNING / 6

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE /

Staff Analyst, Seattle Planning Commission; Design Review Planner, City of Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections; Community planner, City of Langley, WA; Various landscape design/build firms; Small business owner/operator



Kevin O'Neill

EMPLOYER / Retired (as of 2021)

PLANNING FOCUS / Transportation planning, Growth Management, land use planning, community development

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Bel-Red Corridor Project, City of Bellevue; project combined land use planning, transit planning, transit-oriented development, and environmental enhancements

EDUCATION / Masters in City and Regional Planning and Public Administration, The Ohio State University, 1985

YEARS PLANNING / 36

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Interest in cities and how they develop over time, and urban politics. Desire to make cities better places to live

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Senior Planning Manager, WSP; Deputy Director, Street Use Director, Planning Manager, Seattle Department of Transportation; Transportation Planning Director and Strategic Planning Manager, City of Bellevue; Senior Planner, City of Kent; Planner, City of Port Townsend; Community Development Planner, City of St. Louis



Kizz Prusia

EMPLOYER / BERK Consulting, Inc.

PLANNING FOCUS / Conflict Resolution and Facilitation, Process Design, Community Engagement, Policy and Planning, Parks Planning

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council – Countywide Planning Policy Update

EDUCATION / University of Washington - Master of Urban Planning (MUP) & Master of Public Administration (MPA) '18
University of Redlands – BA in Race and Ethnic Studies '14

YEARS PLANNING / 5 years in public service including 3 in planning

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Planning combines many of my interests in one. From parks to superfund sites, planning touches aspects everyday life and has a direct impact on communities.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Triangle Associates (2018 – 2021), Woodland Park Zoo (2017-2018), City of Seattle (2015-2017)



Kristina Gallant

EMPLOYER / City of Bellevue

PLANNING FOCUS / Code Implementation, Housing, Economics, Data Analysis

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Supporting facilitation of King County's Regional Affordable Housing Task Force

EDUCATION / Master of Urban Planning, UW; BA, Economics & Political Science, Western Washington University

YEARS PLANNING / 10

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Planning sits at the intersection of many disciplines that interest me (economics, politics, design), while also offering the challenge of thinking in the short and long term to serve the public good. (I also played a lot of SimCity growing up)

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Community Attributes Inc, Housing Authority of Snohomish County, Forterra



Lauren Flemister

EMPLOYER / City of Seattle

PLANNING FOCUS / Spatial Planning-Urban Design, Housing, Transit-Oriented Development

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / UN Global Report on Human Settlements, ST3 Station Area Planning

EDUCATION / Masters of Architecture, Masters of Urban Planning, and Masters of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin, Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from Princeton University.

YEARS PLANNING / 10+

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Impacting outcomes for individuals and community through housing and other development

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / HO+K, United Nations-Habitat, City of Austin, the Environmental Defense Fund, City of Auburn, City of Tacoma



Lisa Grueter, AICP

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



Liz Underwood-Bultmann, AICP

EMPLOYER / Puget Sound Regional Council

PLANNING FOCUS / Regional planning, growth management

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / Developing VISION 2050, the region's long-range plan

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Interest in how cities function, navigating competing values and priorities. Also, I love the bus! [=o=o]

EDUCATION / University of Washington – Geography (MA), University of Minnesota – Geography and English (BA)

YEARS PLANNING / 10+

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / City of Saint Paul, MN



Lizzie Moll

EMPLOYER / Seattle Department of Transportation

PLANNING FOCUS / Transportation Planning

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Working on a multi-agency coordinated vision and near-term action plan for downtown Seattle

EDUCATION / University of Washington, MUP ('16) + Design Certificate, UMASS ('12) Environmental Design, BS

YEARS PLANNING / 5

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I'm interested in how cities and the urban form reflect the values of the folks with the most power. I see planning as a pathway to raise up community voices, empower others, and explore the intricacies of decision making.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE /

Seattle Department of Transportation (2016 – present)

Seattle Public Utilities (2015 – 2016)

Center for Educational Software Development (2012-2014)



Mandi Roberts, AICP, RLA

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



Marty Curry, AICP

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



McCaela Daffern

EMPLOYER / King County, Dept of Community and Human Services

PLANNING FOCUS / Housing and Community Development

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / As a member of the Community Package Coalition, I helped secure more than \$80 million in public benefits from the Washington State Convention Center Addition to build a well-connected, accessible, people-centered city with opportunity and benefits for all.

EDUCATION / B.A. in Environmental Policy and Planning from Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University and a M.C.R.P from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University

YEARS PLANNING / 17 years

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / To advance just solutions to big hairy problems

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Public, private, and nonprofit sectors in Washington and New Jersey and worn many hats ranging from land use and environmental planning, consulting, community development finance, community organizing, and affordable housing policy and planning



Michael Chen

EMPLOYER / Mackenzie

PLANNING FOCUS / Current Planning, Development and Entitlement

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER /

Reviewing and permitting the Redmond Ridge and Trilogy at Redmond Ridge UPD's. Being able to travel to different states along the west coast to entitle projects.

EDUCATION / Western Washington University, BA Environmental Planning & Policy (1998), University of Washington, Certificate in Commercial Real Estate (2013-2014)

YEARS PLANNING / 20+

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION /

To help shape communities and be involved in a wide variety of development.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / City of Mercer Island, King County DPER (DDES), Core Design Inc., Centre Pointe Consultants.



Mike Kattermann, AICP

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



Nancy Eklund, AICP

EMPLOYER / City of Tukwila, Community Development Department

PLANNING FOCUS / Comprehensive and current 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 Boeing Company; the City of Puyallup; Community Attributes; and several private consulting gigs; Washington and Montana local government



Nick Chen, AICP

EMPLOYER / Kimley-Horn

PLANNING FOCUS / Urban Design/Entitlement Strategy

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Planning Assistant at San Diego Zoo Global

EDUCATION / Cal Poly Pomona, BSLA '11; UC Irvine, MURP '15

YEARS PLANNING / 9

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I enjoy being able to combine policy planning and physical design of the built environment to help create projects that contribute to well-rounded, equitable communities with a diversity of land uses.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Planning Assistant – San Diego Zoo Global; Project Planner – The Galloway Group; Planning Analyst – Michael Baker International; Urban Designer/Project Manager – Kimley-Horn



Nicole Faghin, MCP, JD, LEED AP

EMPLOYER / Washington Sea Grant

PLANNING FOCUS / Shoreline and Coastal Management

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER /

How do we address sea level rise as planners? What is the intersection between erosion and sea level rise and actions to take?

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...)



Patrick Lynch, AICP

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



Paul Inghram, FAICP

EMPLOYER / Puget Sound Regional Council

PLANNING FOCUS / Regional planning, growth management, housing, transit-oriented development, open space conservation

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER /
Skykomish restoration plan, BelRed TOD plan, VISION 2050

EDUCATION / UVA ('12); Seattle U, MBA ('06); UW, BA in Design and Planning ('93)

YEARS PLANNING / 25+

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

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / City of Bellevue; previously consultant to various Puget Sound communities; some private development



Rebecca Maskin

EMPLOYER / King County

PLANNING FOCUS / Regional planning, Long-range planning, data analysis and GIS

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / It's an ongoing one: telling the story of growth, development, and change; past, present, and future

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I love cities and thinking about all of the physical and social infrastructure that makes them run

EDUCATION / MS Urban and Regional Planning ('07), University of Wisconsin-Madison; BA Geography, McGill University ('04)

YEARS PLANNING / 13

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Puget Sound Regional Council



Richard Conlin

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



Rick Krochalis, AICP

EMPLOYER (former) / 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



Sandy Howard, AICP, LEED AP

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



Sara Cubillos

EMPLOYER / Seattle Public Utilities – Strategic Advisor in the Drainage & Wastewater Division; Emerging Leader – Capitol Hill Housing PDA Board
Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

PLANNING FOCUS / Environmental Justice, Movement building, equitable engagement, creative facilitation, infrastructure investments

MOST INTERESTING PROJECT AS A PLANNER / Equity & Environment Initiative

EDUCATION / UW MUP – Real Estate specialization & Historic Preservation Certificate, Seattle U BA in Public Administration

YEARS PLANNING / 5+ years

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / Creating visibility of invisible systems like infrastructure

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Office of Sustainability & Environment – Equity & Environment Program Coordinator, SPU – Environmental Justice & Service Equity Intern



Stephanie Velasco

EMPLOYER / City of Seattle Office of Housing

PLANNING FOCUS / Affordable housing, equitable development, engaging young people and BIPOC communities in planning

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / Teaching planning summer camps for middle school and high school students

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / I came to planning by way of community organizing, and I see planning as a very concrete way to address and correct the institutionally racist policies that have shaped our cities.

EDUCATION / MUP '16 – University of Washington, BA '10 – Columbia College Chicago

YEARS PLANNING / 3 years

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Communications & Outreach for Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County, Community Organizer for Amnesty International USA



Steve Butler, FAICP

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



Steve Hamai

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



Ted Gage, AICP

EMPLOYER / Planning consultant
Community comprehensive planning, tourism

PLANNING FOCUS / Development, tribal planning, interagency coordination.

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

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

YEARS PLANNING / 35+

WHY I PURSUED PLANNING AS A PROFESSION /
Always interested in the dynamics of community development.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / Washington State Department of Commerce; Clallam County EDC; Samish Indian Nation; Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe; Eldred & Associates.



Valerie Tran

EMPLOYER / Friends of Little Saigon

PLANNING FOCUS / Community & Economic Development

MOST INTERESTING JOB AS A PLANNER / Neighborhood planning in the International District.

WHY I CHOSE PLANNING AS A PROFESSION / The history of places fascinates me, and I am interested in the ways that cities and the environment affect our health.

EDUCATION / UC Berkeley, BA Public Health (2010)
University of Michigan, MPH Health Management & Policy; MUP
Environmental Planning & Land Use (2015)

YEARS PLANNING / 10 yrs in public health & environmental health, including 5 yrs focused on city planning

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE / BDS Planning & Urban Design; InterIm Community Development Association; HealthxDesign; Centers for Disease Control & Prevention