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Certified planner and parks advocate with exceptional GIS, land use, technical writing, and research experience to revitalize communities, conserve resources, and preserve environments.

EDUCATION

Master of Community Planning

University of Cincinnati, DAAP, Cincinnati, Ohio

- Specialization in environmental planning, GIS, land use, and urban history
- Thesis: *Bond Hill: Origin and Transformation of a 19th Century Cincinnati Railroad Suburb* (available from: lulu.com/cdi)

Bachelor of Arts, History

SUNY Binghamton, Harper College, Binghamton, New York

- Minor studies in Geology and Judaic Studies
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Golden Key and Phi Alpha Theta membership

EXPERIENCE

Urban and Regional Planner

2006–2008

The Shaw Group, Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Helped author an annexation plan for the City of Port Allen, creating an existing conditions report, future land use study, a website for the [Port Allen CDC](#) and over 30 maps describing past, present, and future development
- Organized public outreach for the [Coastal Plan of Louisiana](#) including writing press releases, articles, and designing PowerPoint presentations, as well as creating and maintaining the plan website, newsletter, and listserve

Technical Writer/Community Planner

2005–2006

URS Corporation, FEMA ESF-14, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

- Prepared the Community Baseline study for the Vermilion Parish Long Term Community Recovery Plan, a plan to aid the parishes affected by hurricanes Rita and Katrina in 2005 (see: louisianaspeaks-parishplans.org)

Researcher and Program Assistant

2004–2005

Trust for Public Land, Center for City Park Excellence, Washington, DC

- Researched city park systems and urban park policies
- Published article "[Learning Virtually Everything About Your Park](#)" (*Parks & Recreation*, NRPA 9/2005)
- Co-authored report on TPL experience managing and developing city park sites
- Prepared PowerPoint presentations and made website recommendations for Center

COMPUTER SKILLS

Writing/Editing	Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Acrobat Pro, HTML
Data Analysis	MS Excel, MS Access
Graphics	Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator
GIS Analysis/Modeling	ESRI ArcGIS
Programming/Scripting	PERL, Standards based HTML, MySQL

Urban Planning**Project Assistant**

Fall 2005

Urban Institute, International Activities Center, Washington, DC

- Analyzed expense reports and processed purchase orders, invoices, visa requests, etc.
- Supported overseas field offices

Graduate Assistant

2002-2004

School of Planning, DAAP, Cincinnati, Ohio

- Prepared statistical profiles and census reports for Cincinnati Planning Department
- Surveyed and documented brownfield sites for urban land use initiative

Urban History Researcher

Summer 1995

Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, Johnstown, Pennsylvania

- Helped develop a heritage tourism project for Minersville, a historic working neighborhood
- Constructed a history through archival research and primary source analysis
- Analyzed demographic data from historic census, tax assessments, and other primary sources

Information Technology**Open Source Programmer, System Administrator**

2000-2002

Datarealm Internet Services, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Administered GNU/Linux and Windows servers
- Authored programs and scripts using open source languages and databases
- Implemented and designed new enterprise web services and client support interfaces

Computer Support Specialist

1997-2000

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Provided second tier computer network and desktop support to IT personnel
- Wrote technical support documentation for end-users and IT support services
- Administered and designed department website, scripted web forms, and managed file servers

Community Work**Program Director**

Spring 2008

Hillel at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Organized weekly cultural events, wrote grant applications, and mentored students

Community Arts Director

1998-2002

The Philadelphia Ambient Consortium, Philadelphia, PA

- Founded an organization for promoting Ambient and other new music in Philadelphia
- Developed funding for community performances and managed volunteer staff
- Curated monthly performances in partnership with artists and non-profit organizations

Radio Programmer (FCC Licensed)

1994-2002

WHRW Binghamton, NY (90.FM) and WKDU Philadelphia, PA (91.7FM)

- Prepared weekly radio program, "Amplified Harmonic Resonance"
- Programmed shows in accordance with FCC regulations and station policies