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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Urban and Regional Science May, 2002
Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
Areas of Specialization: housing and community development, physical planning, planning and urban history
Dissertation Topic: Testing the influence of social, political and technical factors on the selection of capital improvement projects.

Master of Urban and Regional Planning August 1988
Department of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts May 1986
George Washington University, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional and City Planning at Kansas State University
Assistant Professor July 2002 – present

Teaching responsibilities: Introduction to Planning, Community Development, Community Research Methods, Infrastructure Planning and Development Review and Planning Theory & Ethics

Current research project: completing book on sustainable infrastructure for sustainable communities: focus on the historical relationship between planning and infrastructure, defines infrastructure and its various elements and discusses how and why sustainable infrastructure is essential if we, as planners want to achieve a sustainable community.

Summer Enhancement Program for Teachers. Special program within the School of Engineering at Texas A&M University.
Consultant Summer 1999, 2000, 2001

Organized and prepared materials for incoming elementary and high school teachers participating in summer learning program. Arranged and hosted tours and presentations. Conducted post program evaluations and submitted end of project summary reports. Program sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Indian Nation Council of Governments (INCOG), Tulsa, Oklahoma. INCOG is the principal regional planning organization for northeast Oklahoma.

Community Development Planner April 1994 - December 1996
Community Planner April 1993 - March 1994

Administered new construction, homebuyer and housing rehabilitation programs for the Metropolitan Tulsa HOME Consortium. Prepared and updated the Consolidated Plan, related annual plans and performance reports. Provided technical assistance to non-profit organizations in applying for conventional financing, tax credits and Federal Home Loan Bank funds. Drafted and enforced zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations,

comprehensive land use plans and development related ordinances. Applied for and administered transportation and recreation state grants. Provided technical services to cities and developers as well as serving as primary support to Board of Adjustments, Planning commission and Technical Advisory Committee.

Project Get Together/PGT Housing, Tulsa, Oklahoma. PGT is a non-profit housing and development organization.

Consultant April 1994 - December 1996
Housing Development Coordinator August 1993 - March 1994

Assisted with the modification and upgrade of homebuyer and home ownership educational programs.

Developed a comprehensive home ownership program for low to moderate income Tulsans. Developed course curriculum, taught home ownership pre-purchase courses, provided individualized post purchase counseling and annually monitored participant progress.

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), Chicago, Illinois. NHS is a national non-profit housing and development organization.

Special Project Coordinator July 1992 - January 1993
Neighborhood Director July 1990 - June 1992
Neighborhood Manager August 1988 - June 1990

Promoted to Special Projects Coordinator. Evaluated neighborhood programs to determine effectiveness and efficiency. Coordinated the delivery of housing services programs.

Promoted to Director of the local East Garfield Park NHS office. Staffed local boards and related committees. Designed and implemented neighborhood development plans. Reviewed housing and economic development proposals and managed single-family rehabilitation loan and construction projects. Successfully raised and administered over 1.5 million dollars in funding.

Prepared land use plans in conjunction with Chicago's comprehensive planning process. Served as agency liaison in all interagency and community forums. Solicited and packaged city, conventional and revolving loan projects for housing rehabilitation. Provided training for board and committee members.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Mutual Musicians Musical Foundation Building, Kansas City Mo.

Co-Investigator May 2005 to present

The preparation of a Historic Structure Report for a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The report to include documentation of the history of the site and of existing structural and architectural features, analysis of related urban planning issues, development of adaptive reuse alternative(s) and to provide financial analysis of adaptive reuse alternatives.

Exploring the interface of urban decision dynamics and infrastructure knowledge in the City of Houston

Research Assistant August 1999 – May 2002

Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M University. Project Funded by the National Science Foundation. Principle Investigators: Dr. Tim Lomax, Dr. Roger Smith, Dr. Arnold Vedlitz and Dr. Scott Poole. Analyzed condition and socio-economic data related to Houston's water, wastewater and transportation systems. Utilized GIS and SAS software to interpret the effects of current decision making practices and suggest possible improvements.

The effects of climate variability on urban areas

Graduate Research Assistant

January 1999 - July 1999

The Sustainable Enterprise Institute, Texas A&M University. Principle Investigator: Dr. Robert Harris
Studied the effects of heat on population, housing stock and energy use in the cities of Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth.

Establishing the knowledge base for the practice of architecture

Research Assistant

December 1998 - Present

Department of Landscape and Urban Planning, Texas A&M University. Principle Investigator: Dr. Andrew Seidel.

Conducted nation wide survey of principal architects and identified future trends within the profession. Results presented by Dr. Andrew Seidel and Sheri Smith at the 1999 and 2000 Conferences for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

Texas Community Long Range Plan 1999-2003

Research Assistant

January 1998 - December 1998

Department of Extension Education

Texas Agriculture Experiment Station, Texas A&M University

Prepared background information and marketing tools for the 1999-2003 Texas Community Long Range Plan. Materials used by extension agents in preparing their long-range plans.

Establishing an effective committee structure for the Texas 1890 Extension Program

Associate Researcher

Summer 1997

Department of Extension Education, Prairie View A&M University

Evaluated and compared the committee structures of extension programs throughout the US in an effort to improve committee participation and effectiveness in the Prairie View Extension Program. Final manual distributed to committee members and other 1890 extension programs

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

Smith, Sheri L. (2006). *Making Subject Matter Relevant: The Importance of Research in Instructional Delivery Methods*. Annual Conference of the Research Association of Minority Professors. Kansas City, Missouri.

Smith, Sheri L. (2006). *The Dynamics of Citizen Input on Capital Improvement Projects*. Annual Conference of the Research Association of Minority Professors. Kansas City, Missouri.

Johnston, Kellie; McKay, Ryan; Smith, Sheri & Zeier, Steven (October, 2005) *Planning educational needs from the student's point of view: a move from pedagogy to andragogy*. Annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Kansas City, Missouri.

Seidel, Andrew and Smith, Sheri (2005). *Urban Designers and Architects need the knowledge of Urban Planners*. Annual meeting of the Association of European Schools of Planning. Vienna, Austria.

Smith, Sheri (2004) *Swaying the Masses: Application of problem based method to undergraduate planning education*. Annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Portland, Oregon.

Smith, Sheri (2003) *Citizen Initiated Contacts: Are they influencing the selection of capital improvement projects?* 33rd Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Cleveland, Ohio

Smith, Sheri (2001). *The complexities of getting a capital improvement project in Houston neighborhoods.* Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Cleveland, Ohio.

Smith, Sheri (2001). *Understanding the effects of citizen input on capital improvement plans.* World Planning Schools Congress. Shanghai, China.

Smith, Sheri and Seidel, Andrew. (2000). *How urban designers view the future of their profession.* Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Atlanta, Georgia

Seidel, Andrew and Smith, Sheri. (1999). *Why architects need planners.* Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Chicago, Illinois.

Conference Panels

Preparing Student Planners for Effective Planning Practice (March 2005). Conference of the American Planning Association. San Francisco, California.

Infrastructure Education for Planners. (2003) ACSP-AESOP Third Joint Congress. Leuven, Belgium

Journal Articles/Book Reviews

Smith, Sheri . Making Planning Relevant at the Undergraduate Level. *Journal of Planning Education and Research.* Submitted for review July, 2005.

Smith, Sheri (December 2005). Book Review of *Designing America's Waste Landscapes* by By Mira Engler. *Journal of Urban Technology.*

RECENT GRANTS AND AWARDS

Distance Education Masters Curriculum Development Grant	2004
Graduate School Recruitment Grant	2004
Service Learning Mini-Grant	2004
Faculty Development Grant Award	2003

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS/COMMITTEES

American Institute of Certified Planners, Member
American Planning Association, Member
Black Faculty/Staff Alliance, Treasurer
Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional and City Planning Strategic Planning Committee Member
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Member