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Curriculum Vitae  
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### Education

Ph.D., 2007	University of California, Irvine	<i>Social Ecology</i>
M.G.A., 2000	University of Pennsylvania	<i>Government Administration</i>
B.A., 1995	University of Virginia	<i>English and French Literature</i>

**Dissertation: Constructing Watershed Parks: Actor-Networks and Collaborative Governance in Four United States Metropolitan Areas**

Committee: Dr. Helen Ingram, Chair; Dr. Martha Feldman, Dr. Scott Bollens, Dr. David S. Meyer, Dr. Joseph DiMento via [ProQuest](#) Global, no. 304871582.

### Areas of Specialization

urban sustainability, inclusive planning, and equitable governance  
actor-network theory, spatial development networks, and urban socio-natures  
urban waterfront development and waterway planning  
university-community engagement and pedagogies of practice  
interpretive policy analysis, narrative analysis, discourse analysis

### Academic Appointments and Faculty Positions

Professor, School of Urban Studies, UW Tacoma	2023-present
Associate Professor, School of Urban Studies, UW Tacoma	2015-2023
Governance Faculty, UN-ESCAP Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy	2019-present
Graduate Program Coordinator, Community Planning, UW Tacoma	2017-2022
Faculty Co-Director, Livable City Year, UW Seattle	2017-2018
Assistant Professor, School of Urban Studies, UW Tacoma	2008-2015

## Books and Book Chapters

- Rees, Anwen, Jennifer Lawrence, **Anne Taufen**, Tera Williams, Phil Bradshaw, and John Dunn (forthcoming, 2026). Interconnected Flows of Urban Water Equity: Exploring the Moral Ecologies of the Cleveland Dam. In A. Doyon, C. Cheng, & A. Zafar (Eds.), *Living with Water*. Springer.
- Kjaersgaard, Sara Padgett, **Anne Taufen**, Catherine Evans, and Yizhao Yang. (2023). Urban-rural linkages and their port city waterfronts: Asia Pacific Region. Book chapter for *SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) World Sustainability Series*. Springer.
- Yang, Yizhao and **Anne Taufen**, eds. (2022). [Routledge Handbook of Sustainable Cities and Landscapes in the Pacific Rim](#). Routledge Environment and Sustainability series, March 2022.
- Taufen, Anne** and Yizhao Yang. (2022). Sustainable cities and landscapes: [cultivating infrastructures of health](#). Chapter 1 in *Handbook of Sustainable Cities and Landscapes in the Pacific Rim* (1-13). Routledge.
- Yang, Yizhao, **Anne Taufen**, and Rachel Tochen. (2022). Learning Spaces of Policy Mobility for Sustainable Cities and Landscapes: The Role of researchers and educators. Chapter 3 in *Handbook of Sustainable Cities and Landscapes in the Pacific Rim* (22-35). Routledge.
- Taufen, Anne**. (2022). "[Co-production](#) and Sustainable Development." Chapter 56 and Introduction to Section 9, Co-production and Sustainable Development, ed. Anne Taufen, *Handbook of Sustainable Cities and Landscapes in the Pacific Rim*, eds. Yizhao Yang and Anne Taufen. London and New York: Routledge.
- Taufen, Anne**. (2019). "Politicization of Community Development: Universities as Boundary Objects." Chapter 11 in *Politics and Conflict in Governance and Planning*, eds Klaus Frey and Ayda Eraydin. London and New York: Routledge.
- Taufen Wessells, Anne**. (2014). "Ways of Knowing the Los Angeles River Watershed: Getting from Engaged Participation to Inclusive Deliberation," chapter in *Varieties of Civic Innovation: Deliberative, Collaborative, Network, and Narrative Approaches*, eds. Carmen Sirianni and Jennifer Girouard. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.

**Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2011). "The 'ultimate team sport'?: Urban waterways and youth rowing in Seattle," chapter in *The Paradox of Urban Space: Inequity and Transformation in Marginalized Communities*, eds. Sharon E. Sutton and Susan P. Kemp, London: Palgrave Macmillan Press.

## Journal Articles

**Taufen, Anne** and Jennifer Lawrence. (draft for review). Bridge to Innovation and Recreative Economic Regionalism: moral ecologies of infrastructure development. Submitted to *Regional Studies*, February 2026; over word count, with request for additional data, May 2026; resubmitting elsewhere.

Lawrence, Jennifer and **Anne Taufen.** (in process). Infrastructure and Erasure: Moral Ecologies of Company Towns. Draft manuscript; presented at ICUA/UAA, May 2026; planned submission to IJURR.

Evans, Catherine, Mike S. Harris, **Anne Taufen**, Stephen J. Livesley & Laura Crommelin. (2023). What does it mean for a transitioning urban waterfront to "work" from a sustainability perspective?, *Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability*, DOI: [10.1080/17549175.2022.2142648](https://doi.org/10.1080/17549175.2022.2142648)

**Taufen, Anne**, Lisa Hoffman, and Ken Yocom. (2022). Assemblage as Heuristic: Unveiling Infrastructures of Port City Waterfronts. *Territory, Politics, Governance*. Special Issue, Regional Infrastructures. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/21622671.2022.2055631>

**Taufen, Anne** and Ken Yocom. (2021). Transitions in Urban Waterfronts: Imagining, Contesting, and Sustaining the Aquatic/Terrestrial Interface. *Sustainability* 13(1): 366-377. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13010366>

**Taufen, Anne** and Anneka Olson. (2020). Practice-Based Politicization: Planning Reports as Actants in a University–Community Partnership. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. August 6, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X20945378>

Barry, Janice, Megan Horst, Andy Inch, Crystal Legacy, Susmita Rishi, Juan J. Rivero, **Anne Taufen**, Juliana Zanutto, and Andrew Zitcer. (2018). Unsettling Planning Theory. *Planning Theory*. 17(3): 418-438.

**Taufen Wessells, Anne** and Raul Lejano. (2017). Urban waterways and waterfront spaces: Social construction of a common good. *Journal of the Southwest*. 59(1-2): 106-132.

- Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2017). Public Reason and the Planning Academic. *Planning Theory and Practice*. 18(1): 163-167.
- Goldstein, Bruce, **Anne Taufen Wessells**, Raul Lejano, and William Butler. (2015; Online First, 2013). Narrating Resilience: Transforming Cities Through Collaborative Storytelling. *Urban Studies*. 52(7): 1285-1303.
- Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2014). Urban blue space and the “project of the century”: Doing justice on the Seattle waterfront and for local residents. *Buildings*. 4(4): 764-784.
- Dierwechter, Yonn and **Anne Taufen Wessells**. (2013). The Uneven Localisation of Climate Action in Metropolitan Seattle. *Urban Studies*. 50(7):1368-1385. selected for inclusion in 2017 [Virtual Special Issue](#), "Urban debates for climate change after the Kyoto Protocol" ed. Yong Tu.
- Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2010). Place-based conservation and urban waterways: watershed activism in the bottom of the basin. *Natural Resources Journal*, 50(2), Summer 2010.
- Lejano, Raul and **Anne Taufen Wessells**. (2006). Community and Economic Development: Seeking Common Ground in Discourse and Practice. *Urban Studies*. 43(9): 1469-1489, August.

### **Sustainable Development Network Development and Training**

- 2024 *Asia Pacific Mayors Academy for Sustainable Development*, APRU/UN- ESCAP partnership, Module 5, Smart and Inclusive Cities, Co-Lead, Summer 2024.
- 2022-2023 *Asia Pacific Mayors Academy for Sustainable Development*, APRU/UN- ESCAP partnership, Module 5, Smart and Inclusive Cities, Co-Lead (with Dr. Jennifer Amparo, University of Philippines-Los Banos; Dr Mohsen Mohammedzadeh, University of Auckland), July 31 and August 1, 2023. Participant in Module 1, April 4, 2023; Module 2, COVID-19 Recovery, April 18, 2023; Module 3, May 1, 2023.
- 2021-2022 *Asia Pacific Mayors Academy for Sustainable Development*, Module 5, Smart and Inclusive Cities, Co-Lead (with Dr. Jennifer Amparo, University of Philippines-Los Banos), April 5 and April 19, 2022 (Bangkok; April 4 and April 18, U.S.) UN-ESCAP, UN-Habitat, UCLG (United Cities

and Local Governments), and APRU - partners.

*Regional Partners Forum @Quito+5, 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Urbanizing Asia and the Pacific, 28 -29 October 2021, Bangkok, Thailand (online). Regional and National Updates; Local Actions for SDGs. Adjusted based on new COVID surges; focus on Future Solutions and Partnerships.*

*Knowledge Infrastructure for Sustainable Cities and Landscapes, 2021 SCL Live Webinar Series, Session 4, September 27, 2021 (with Dr. Yizhao Yang). Presents research framework for the goals (*why*: health) and means (*what*: infrastructure and *how*: cultivation and co-production) of sustainable development to address global crises (the COVID pandemic, climate change) and mobilization (SDGs and policy mobility).*

*Expert Feedback and Commitment Session, Asia Pacific Mayors Academy for Sustainable Development, Co-facilitator, May 18, 2021. (Bangkok date; May 17, U.S.) UN-ESCAP, UN-Habitat, UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), and APRU - partners.*

*Asia Pacific Mayors Academy for Sustainable Development, 2020-2021, Module 5, Smart and Inclusive Cities, Co-Lead (with Dr. Jennifer Amparo, University of Philippines-Los Banos and Dr. Mohsen Mohammadzadeh, University of Auckland), March 2021. UN-ESCAP, UN-Habitat, UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), and APRU - partners.*

*Asia Pacific Mayors Academy for Sustainable Development, 2019-2020, Module 3, Smart and Inclusive Cities, Co-Lead (with Dr. Jennifer Amparo, University of Philippines-Los Banos and Dr. Mohsen Mohammadzadeh, University of Auckland), December 2019, Penang, Malaysia (content development; did not attend). UN-ESCAP, UN-Habitat, UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), and APRU - partners.*

### **Digital work - open peer review**

Ortiz-Moya, Fernando, Marco Reggiani, Yizhao Yang, **Anne Taufen**, and Yatsuka Kataoka. Linking Climate Action and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs): Moving towards Sustainable Cities and Communities. *SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) Knowledge Hub*, International Institute for Sustainable

Development (IISD). <https://sdg.iisd.org/commentary/guest-articles/moving-towards-sustainable-cities-linking-climate-action-and-vlrs/>

**Taufen, Anne.** (2018). Dear Prudence: power, public universities, and the elusive space between constructive disruption and neoliberal subcontract. *Conflux*, 12 <https://digitalcommons.tacoma.uw.edu/conflux/12/>

## Recent Webinars and Recorded Talks

[Regionalists on Film](#): ports, assemblage, and regional development

[The Green Monster](#): co-producing governance of climate justice

[Blue-Green-Grey Infrastructure](#): Co-Production, SDGs, and COVID-19

[Knowledge Infrastructure](#) for Sustainable Cities and Landscapes [Spaces](#)

[that Work](#): Sustainability, Affordability, and Jobs that Pay

## Reports

(2022). UW Tacoma/MA in Community Planning, Program Report, AY 2016-2017 to AY 2020-2021. Five Year Review, February 2022.

**Taufen, Anne** and Mark Pendras, Instructors. (2019). *Urban Waterfronts and Planning for Industry*. MACP Studio Report, School of Urban Studies, UW Tacoma. <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/urban-studies/master-arts-community-planning>

**Taufen, Anne** and Jennifer Arnold, Instructors. (2018). *A Roadmap to Civic Engagement*. University of Washington, Seattle, WA Livable City Year. Prepared for City of Tacoma. <https://www.washington.edu/livable-city-year/2017-2018-projects/a-roadmap-to-civic-engagement/>

**Taufen Wessells, Anne**, Chair (2015). *FAC Annual Report* to UW Tacoma Faculty Assembly (Nita McKinley, Chair; Marcie Lazzari, Vice Chair); Faculty Affairs Committee (Tyler Budge, Katie Haerling, David Schuessler, Gim Seow, Matthew Weinstein). <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/faculty-assembly/faculty-affairs-committee-0#Reports%20&%20Resources>

(2015). Degree Program Proposal. Curriculum Design, Draft Proposal, and First Revisions, MA in Community Planning, UW Tacoma Urban Studies Program, July 2015.

## Book Reviews

**Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2018). Planning Matter: Acting with Things, by Robert Beauregard (book review). *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.

**Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2008). Rivertown: Rethinking Urban Rivers, edited by Paul Stanton Kibel (book review). *Ecological Restoration*. 26(3):271-273.

**Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2007). Reassembling the Social: An Introduction to Actor-Network Theory by Bruno Latour (book review). *International Public Management Journal*. 10(3):351-356.

**Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2005). Natural Los Angeles, Past, Present and Future - Land of Sunshine: an Environmental History of Metropolitan Los Angeles, edited William Deverell and Greg Hise (book review). H-Urban, H-Net.

**Taufen Wessells, Anne.** (2004). Natural States: The Environmental Imagination in Maine, Oregon and the Nation by Richard W. Judd and Christopher S. Beach (book review). *Environment*. 46(7), September.

## Invited Talks

*Invited Keynote, "Ecological Warrants and Cultivating Infrastructures of Health,"* Opening Session of Evolutionary Cities and Landscapes conference, APRU Sustainable Cities and Landscapes hub, Shanghai, China, May 22, 2026.

*Regionalists on Film, Research Today, Policy Tomorrow,*  
<https://www.regionalstudies.org/news/rsa-regionalists-on-film-series-1/>;  
Series of the Regional Studies Association, <https://youtu.be/tMbH1fCCJ58>

*Invited Speaker, "What is co-production?"* Project implementation conference, 'Examining Co-production of Gender and Sustainability Dynamics with Indigenous Peoples for Sustainable Nature-based Livelihoods of selected priority commodities in the Philippines (CP4SL)' funded by DOST-PCAARRD.

*Blue-Green-Grey Infrastructure: Co-Production, SDGs, and COVID-19.* Invited talk for sessions on COVID-19 recovery, led by Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, UCLG-ASPAC, Asia-Pacific Mayors' Academy for Sustainable Development, February 2022.

*Co-Production and Innovation.* Accelerating Sustainable Transitions through Voluntary

Local Reviews (VLRs). With Fernando Ortiz-Moya (IGES (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies)), Yatsuka Kataoka (IGES), Yizhao Yang (University of Oregon), Marco Reggiani (University of Strathclyde), Innovation for Cities - IC4, UN-Habitat and GCOM, October 11-15, 2021 (online).

*Co-producing inclusion.* Joint presentation with Andrew Strobel, Director of Planning and Land Use, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, to the Asia-Pacific Mayors' Academy for Sustainable Development, APRU in coordination with UNESCAP, UN-Habitat, IGES, and partners, March 11, 2021.

*APRU-SCL 2020, Handbook of Sustainable Cities and Landscapes.* Joint presentation with Y Yang, Closing Plenary, Auckland virtual conference APRU-SCL hub, December 2020.

*Urban-Rural Linkages, Equitable Governance, and Sustainable Communities.* Presentation to the Healthy Communities Interest Group, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD), October 22, 2020.

*Affordable Tacoma.* Conversations Re: Tacoma, Fall 10x10 community lecture series, RAIN Incubator, November 7, 2019.

*Urban Waterfronts and Planning for Industry.* Tacoma Port Commission Study Session, Fabulich Center, August 16, 2019.

*Rethinking syllabi and classroom practices to include different perspectives and encouraging multiple expressions of voices.* With Leonie Sandercock, Danielle Rivera, Shannon Tyman, Mark Purcell (moderator), Annual Symposium, Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington, Seattle, May 4, 2018.

*Roadmap to Civic Engagement.* Update to Directors, City of Tacoma, April 9, 2018.

*Livable City Year and Community Engaged Research.* Overview for UW Board of Regents, UW Tacoma, November 9, 2017.

*Power and the Built Environment in Seattle.* With Charles Mudede, Thaisa Way, Anaid Yerena, 2017 Seattle Design Festival, September 11, 2017.

*Teaching and Service Strategies,* Colloquy for Junior Faculty, Urban Affairs Association (UAA) annual conference, 2015.

*'Storying' Tacoma: who gets to be a protagonist? Beyond Urban Branding,* UW Tacoma Urban Studies forum, February 20, 2014.

*On the working waterfront: integrating multiple uses and creating public access in urban industrial shoreline areas.* Fall Lecture Series on Sustainability, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Tacoma, November 2, 2011.

*Narrative and Urban Policy: How causal stories affect planning outcomes.* Re:Tacoma community lecture series, September 23, 2010.

*Urban blue space as an environmental good: expanding the EJ (Environmental Justice) frame (again).* Social Justice and Social Movements working group, Irvine, CA, May 24, 2010.

*Actor-Networks and Watershed Park Planning.* Seminar Series of the Department of Planning, Policy and Design, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, November 29, 2007.

*Reflections on Organizational Research: Working in Progress.* Capstone Seminar, Center for Public Administration and Policy, School for Public and International Affairs, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, NCR, Alexandria, VA, October 17, 2007.

*Policy as Text.* University of California, Irvine, Environmental Politics and Policy lecture, May 2, 2006.

## **Sessions and Workshops Convened**

*Moral Ecologies of Infrastructure.* Working Group leader and convener, Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Hub of the Asia Pacific Research Universities (APRU) network, Shanghai, China, May 2026.

*Regional Water Infrastructure.* Working Group leader and convener, Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Hub of the Asia Pacific Research Universities (APRU) network, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 2025.

*Data Sovereignty and Co-Production: Port Spaces of health, safety, and food security.* Working Group leader and convener, Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Hub of the APRU network, Manila, Philippines, August 6-8, 2024.

*Urban-Rural Linkages and Sustainable Co-Development.* Co-led series of three workshops, with preparation and follow-up outcomes, for the working group meetings of the Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Hub of the Asia Pacific

Research Universities network, Honolulu, Hawaii, September 2022.

*Assembling Spatial Data for Health Equity in Smaller and Medium-Sized City-Regions.* Sessions organized and led with Yizhao Yang (U of Oregon) and Amy Pow (Tacoma Pierce County Health Department); with presentations and participation from Metro Parks Tacoma, City of Tacoma, MACP students, City of Eugene, and Willamette Valley. WA-OR chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) annual conference, October 15, 2021 (online).

*Relationality: The Inner Life of Policy.* Sessions co-convened with Raul Lejano (NYU) and Koen Bartels (U of Birmingham), IPPA (International Public Policy Association), International Public Policy Association, Barcelona and online, July 5-9, 2021.

*Urban-rural port city infrastructures.* Joint working groups convened with Yizhao Yang, Sara Padgett Kjaersgaard, Catherine Evans (Transitions in Urban Waterfronts and Urban-Rural Linkages), with three staged workshops on infrastructures-in-practice. Sustainable Cities and Landscapes hub, APRU 2020 (virtual), Auckland, December 2020.

*Transitions in Urban Waterfronts.* Working Group convened with Catherine Evans, Ken Yocom, Sustainable Cities and Landscapes (SCL) hub, Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), Sydney, Australia, August 28-September 1, 2019.

*Transitions in Port City Waterfronts.* Working Group convened with Ken Yocom, Sustainable Cities and Landscapes (SCL) hub, Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), Hong Kong, China, September 6-9, 2018.

*Transitions in Urban Waterfront Operations and Development.* Working Group convened with Ken Yocom, Nicole Faghin as part of the inaugural Sustainable Cities and Landscapes conference, Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), Portland, Oregon, September 15-17, 2017.

*Climate Science and Environmental Justice.* Moderator and Panel Host, Urban Environmental Justice in a time of Climate Change conference, Seattle, WA, November 7-8, 2016.

*Unsettling Planning Theory.* Roundtable Organizer and Participant, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Portland, OR, November 2-5, 2016.

*Brown Bag Lunch Series,* Organizer, faculty working research conversations, Urban Studies Program, UW Tacoma, 2011-2012, 2013-2014.

*Urban Studies Forum: Waterfront Tacoma*, Founder and Faculty Organizer, annual community-campus professional practice and applied research event, featuring UW Tacoma scholars, students, and local professionals, January 28, 2010.

## Conference Presentations and Participation

### International

*Infrastructure and Erasure: Moral Ecologies of Company Towns*. Co-presenter, with Jennifer Lawrence, Cultural Perspectives, Rhetoric, and the Built Environment session, Urban Affairs Association and International Conference of Urban Affairs combined conference, Chicago, IL, April 29-May 2, 2026.

*Operationalizing Equity through a Moral Ecology Framework: serving sustainable regional innovation through an anthropology of infrastructure*. Invited Presenter, *Clusters, Innovation, and Connective Infrastructure* of the Network on Infrastructure Regionalism (NOIR), Regional Futures conference of the Regional Studies Association, London, UK, November 13-14, 2025.

*Data Sovereignty and Co-Production: Port Spaces of health, safety, and food security*. Working Group leader and convener, Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Hub of the APRU network, Manila, Philippines, August 6-8, 2024.

*Cities in Global Context*. Moderator, Cities in Global Networks (e.g. finance, trade, investment, communications), International Conference on Urban Affairs bi-annual conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, April 16-19, 2025.

*People Who Play Together, Stay Together: Constructive Sensemaking, Community Health, and Collective Efficacy*. Transformations Conference 2023, Inner Transformation and Wellbeing track; online speaker. Sydney, Australia; Prague, Czech Republic; and Portland, Maine, USA (online/hybrid); July 11-15, 2023.

*Urban-Rural Linkages and Operationalizing the UN-Habitat Policy Framework for Action*. Concluding Presentation to the Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Hub of the APRU network, Honolulu, Hawaii, September 2022.

*The Green Monster: co-producing governance of climate justice through inter-regional assemblage*. IPPA, International Public Policy Association annual meeting, Politics and Policy track, Budapest, June 2022.

*The Green Monster: co-producing governance of climate justice through inter-regional*

*assemblage*. Regional Studies Association, Regions in Recovery Second Edition: Re-imagining Regions, 21 March to 1 April 2022 (online).

*Indicators as Relational Tools: Foregrounding Equity in Urban-Rural Spatial Development*. With Yizhao Yang, Fernando Ortiz-Moya. IPPA, International Public Policy Association, Barcelona and online, July 5-9, 2021.

*Aligning local indicators, national priorities, and global goals: evaluating Chengdu's "Park City" as sustainable urban development*. With Y Yang; IACP, International Association for China Planning, December 5-13, 2020.

*Unveiling Infrastructures: Alliances, Indicators, and the Relational Assemblage of Port City Waterfronts*. Paper (with Ken Yocom, Lisa Hoffman) presented to the RSA- Network on Infrastructural Regionalism (NOIR), September 29-October 2, 2020.

*Forget the 3R's (Reclaiming, Revitalizing, Restoring): Enacting Hybridity as Urban Waterfront Assemblage*. (with K Yocom, L Hoffman) Paper presented at Regional Studies North America conference, The Call of the New: Unpacking Innovation, Montreal, Canada, September 25-27, 2019.

*Politicization of Community Development: the UW Livable City Year Partnership and Universities as Boundary Objects (1, with A Olson) and Indigenous Rights and Urban Development: Property and Land Title in the Tacoma-Seattle Hierarchy (2, with M Pendras)*. Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP), Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2018.

*Universities as Boundary Objects (1) and Indigenous Rights and Urban Development (2)*. World Planning Schools Congress (WPSC) 2016, gathering of the Global Planning Education Network (GPEAN), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 3-8, 2016.

*Carbon Routines: Examining GHG (greenhouse gas) inventories and Climate Action Plans (CAPs) as actors in municipal governance*. City Futures 2014, European Urban Research Association, Urban Affairs Association, Paris, France, June 18-20, 2014.

*The Strategic Agency of Plans: Actor-Networks and Watershed Parks in Three U.S. Metropolitan Areas*. Interpretive Policy Analysis conference, Tilburg, Netherlands, July 3-5, 2012.

## National

*From Associate to Full*, invited presenter and panelist, professional development session of the Urban Affairs Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, May 2026.

*Water Utility Governance*, Moderator, Discussant, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning annual conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 22-25, 2025.

*Cities in Global Context*. Moderator, Cities in Global Networks (e.g. finance, trade, investment, communications), Urban Affairs Association annual conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, April 16-19, 2025.

*Framing Effects and Public Reason: Examining Storylines and Policy Outcomes*. Panelist, Moderator, Urban Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues in Urban Affairs, Urban Affairs Association annual conference, Nashville TN, April 26-29, 2023.

*Aligning local indicators, national priorities, and global goals: evaluating Chengdu's "Park City" as sustainable urban development*. With Y Yang; Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, International Planning track, November 5-8, 2020.

*Engaging Disparities: Race, Class, Trust in an Age of Civic Peril*. Pandemic Urbanism, UW-CBE, Seattle, Washington, May 29, 2020.

*Constructing Grounded Practice: Roadmap to Civic Engagement, UW Livable City Year, and the Community Planning studio*. Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Sacramento, CA, March 6-9, 2019.

*The Ecology of Urban Space: Cyborg, Communicative Action, Crucible*. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Denver, CO, October 12-15, 2017.

*Democratic Public or Populist Rabble: Reconsidering an Equitable Path from Process to Outcomes in the Age of Trump*. Roundtable Participant, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Denver, CO, October 12-15, 2017.

*Universities as Boundary Objects: Urban Resilience as Discursive Encounter*. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Houston, TX, October 22-25, 2015.

*Campus-community partnerships: power, public universities, and the challenge of enacting a constructively critical urban policy space*. Urban Affairs Association conference, Miami, FL, April 8-11, 2015.

*The Ethics of Partnership: power, public universities, and the elusive space between constructive disruption and neoliberal subcontract*. Pre-organized session on Planning Ethics, Planning Theory track, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 28-30, 2014.

*The Working Waterfront as Enacted Assemblage: Urban Blue Space in Tacoma, WA*. Pre-organized sessions on Port Cityscapes, Association of American Geographers

conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 10-13, 2013.

*Urban Blue Space as Resource, Place, Actant.* Cascadia Critical Geographies Mini-Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, November 18-19, 2011.

*On the working waterfront: integrating multiple uses and creating public access in urban industrial shoreline areas.* Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Salt Lake City, UT, October 13-16, 2011.

*From networked spaces to transformed places: localizing global climate action in Seattle-Tacoma, WA.* (with Y Dierwechter), Association of American Geographers conference, Seattle, WA, April 12-16, 2011.

*Place-based conservation and urban waterways: watershed activism in the bottom of the basin.* As If Equity Mattered, invited conference, Berkeley, CA, September 30- October 2, 2009.

*Policy Design for Ecological Targets: Constructing the Urban Environment as Worth It.* Western Political Science Association conference, Vancouver, BC, March 18-21, 2009.

*Urban recreation, place attachment, and political voice: sport as liberation ecology?* Individual Presentation, Cascadia Critical Geographies mini-conference, University of Washington Tacoma, October 25, 2008.

*Getting the Foundations Right: Empowering Collaboration in Urban Governance.* Urban Affairs Association conference, Baltimore, MD, April 23-26, 2008.

*Plans as Organizing Actants in the Network-Building of Urban Landscapes.* Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 18-21, 2007.

*The Creative Work of Collaborative Governance: Actor-Networks and Watershed Park Planning.* American Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007.

*Coalitions, Cooperation, and Institutional Change: The Urban Watershed Park.* Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture conference, Pennsylvania State University, August 14-19, 2007.

*Bridging Possibility and Plausibility in Watershed Park Planning.* Theorizing Ways of Knowing: Beyond Interest invited conference, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, National Capital Region, Alexandria, VA, May 18-19, 2007.

*The Urban Watershed Park: Coalitions, Cooperation, and Institutional Change.* Greening XV Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, January 28, 2006.

*Social Ecology Hybrid: Urban Waterfront Park Coalitions.* Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Kansas City, MO, October 27-30, 2005.

## **Grants and Proposals**

*Swimming Pools as Regional Infrastructure: Moral Ecologies, Urban Blue Space, and Water Safety.* Research proposal to UW Tacoma Founders' Endowment, (\$9433.33, May 2026; pending)

*Scoping UWT in Galapagos: Global Flows, Local Impacts.* Curriculum proposal for summer scoping trip to Quito and San Cristobal, Ecuador to UW Civic Health Initiative (\$1500, February 2026; funded)

*UWT in Galapagos: Global Flows, Local Impacts.* Study Abroad program development proposal to UW Global Innovation Fund (\$4772, January 2026; funded)

*Sheltering in Place: Covid-19, Climate, and Sustainable Development* (with Jinlan Ni, Bara Safarova, Davon Woodard) Full proposal to US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Policy Development and Research (PD&R), in partnership with UN-ESCAP (\$143,046, June 28, 2022; declined, August 22, 2022)

*Co-Production for Climate Justice: Space and Place in a Policy Model of Inclusion* (with Michelle Montgomery, Bara Safarova, Huatong Sun, Davon Woodard) LOI (Letter of Intent), project overview, to UW Earth Lab (\$73,000; declined, February 2022)

*Co-Production for Climate Justice: Space and Place in the Commencement Bay tideflats* (with Zoe Barsness) Proposal for a Community of Practice, to UW Tacoma Office of Community Partnerships Faculty Fellows program (\$10,073; offer of partial support of \$3,000)

*Infrastructures of Health – Engaging Disparities.* Global Innovation Fund Teaching and Curriculum program (\$2,000, Summer 2021)

*Making it Real: Operationalizing SDGs on the Port City Waterfront,* (w K Yocom, CBE, UW Seattle), one-year proposal to the UW Royalty Research Fund for collaborative port city project, Tacoma-Seattle, on UN Sustainable Development Goals, including a Cascadia regional port city working group,

March 2019 (\$33,452; unfunded)

*Assembling the Urban Waterfront: Technologies of Negotiation*, three-year grant proposal to the Science and Technology Studies program of the National Science Foundation, February 2013 (\$375,147; unfunded)

Community Engagement Grant, Center for Leadership and Social Responsibility, University of Washington, Tacoma, 2012 (\$1250)

*Collaborative Governance for Shoreline Management: Engaging urban regimes in productive dialogue and meaningful policy action*. Grant pre-proposal to the Puget Sound Marine and Nearshore Protection and Restoration Grant Program, September 2011 (\$143,058; unfunded)

Course Development Grant, Center for Leadership and Social Responsibility, University of Washington, Tacoma, 2008 (\$1000)

### **Awards, Honors, and Fellowships**

UW Sabbatical Research Leave, 2015-2016.

Nominee for Outstanding Faculty Member, Student Awards Ceremony, University of Washington, Tacoma, 2008-2009; 2012-2013; 2013-2014

UW Tacoma Junior Faculty Research Fellowship (support to produce an NSF proposal), Summer 2012 (\$6777)

Third Year Research Quarter, Fall 2011

Chancellor's Award for Conference Travel, 2011 (\$1150)

Don Owen Water Science and Policy Fellowship, Urban Water Research Center, University of California, Irvine, 2007

Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2007 Social

Ecology Summer Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2007 Warmington

Public Policy Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2003-2004 University of

California Chancellor's Fellowship, 2002

## **Professional Development**

Conflict Resolution Skills Workshop, May 2026

De-Escalation Skills for the Workplace, Professional and Organizational Development, University of Washington, Winter 2024

Supervisors' Community of Practice, UW Tacoma, 2024-2025

SEED Training in Inclusive Pedagogies, UW Tacoma, Summer 2023

DEI Professional Development, Building Beloved Communities through Mindful Communication, UW Tacoma, March 10, 2023

Online Teaching 101, Spring 2023

Writing Fellows Workshop, UW Tacoma, Summer 2022

Equity in Graduate Education Summit, April 26, 2022

Bias Incident Reporting Training, UW Tacoma, April 14, 2022

New York Chapter SSN and AWPAA Op-Ed Writing Workshop, April 8, 2022

RAINN Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Training, UW Tacoma, April 1, 2022

Title IX Training Modules, University of Washington, March 2022

Undoing Racism Workshop Series, Peoples' Institute, three weekly all-day sessions, January 28, February 4, February 11, 2022

Racial Equity Training, UW Tacoma, January 25, 2022

Quarterly faculty learning communities, UW Tacoma OEL, Winter-Spring 2021

iTech Fellows, online pedagogy training, UW Tacoma, Summer 2017

Human Dimensions of Puget Sound and Washington Coast Ecosystem-based Management, Puget Sound Institute, June 2011

Writing Fellows Institute, University of Washington, Tacoma, 2009-2010

University of Washington Faculty Fellows Program, 2008

## **Teaching**

*Undergraduate, UW Tacoma School of Urban Studies*

TURB 103 - Urban Studies in Practice

TURB 220 - Introduction to Urban Planning

TURB 201 - Urban Change and Development (redesigned 200-level in 2012)

TURB 225 - Statistics for Urban Analysis (*online*)

TURB 345 - Urban Governance (formerly Urban Government and Organizations)

TURB 401 - Urban Change and Development

TURB 490 - Special Topics: Urban Environmental Planning & Tribal Sovereignty

TURB 492 - Senior Seminar on Urban Waterfronts

TSUD 222 - Introduction to Sustainability (*online*)

TSUD 323 - Sustainable Urban Development Policies

TSUD 333 - Assessment and Evaluation of Urban Sustainability (*hybrid*)

TSUD 445 - Urban Ecology

T GH 203 - Themes in Global Honors

*Graduate, UW Tacoma School of Urban Studies*

TCMP 546 - Strategic Influence

TCMP 572 - Planning for Equity

TCMP 573 - Power and Decentralization

TCMP 590 - Community Planning Studio Practicum I

TCMP 591 - Community Planning Studio Practicum II

TCMP 595 - Special Topics: Data, Indicators, and Urban Livability

TCMP 595 - Special Topics: Community-Engaged Research Methods

*University of California, Irvine, School of Social Ecology*

U102 - Social Justice and Planning (T.A.)

P142 - Environmental and Public Health Policy (T.A.)

U203 - Theoretical Foundations of Planning (T.A.; Masters course)

## Student Advising

PhD Committee member, College of Built Environments, UW Seattle

Student: Tera Williams  
Title: *Interpreting the Tacoma Tideflats (in process)*  
(Chair: Lynne Manzo)

Capstone Advisor, Global Honors

Student: Malaya Jove  
Title: *Environmental Justice and Nature-Based Solutions (2025)*

Capstone Advisor, Global Honors

Student: Rebecca Leong  
Title: *Value of Art Therapy in Post-Trauma Recovery (2025)*

MUrb committee member, External Examiner, Urban Studies Department, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada

Student: Rebecca Gunderson, M. Urb.  
Title: *Resilience in Planning Response (2023)*  
(Chair: Annika Airas)

PhD committee member, GSR, Urban Design and Planning, College of Built Environments, UW Seattle

Student: Peter Dunn, PhD  
Title: *Participatory GIS and Transit Apps (2022)*  
(Chair: Mark Purcell)

winner of the Outstanding Dissertation in Digital Geographies award,  
DGSG specialty group, AAG, 2023

Undergraduate Research Advisor, SUS/SIAS

Student: Samantha Smith  
Title: *Creative Arts Districts in Washington State (2022)*  
*Spatial Analysis of WA Creative Arts Districts (2023)*  
(2023 co-advisor, with Matthew Kelley)

winner of the President's Medal, UW Tacoma Commencement, 2023

MS Second Reader, UW Tacoma GeoSpatial Science

Student: Ryan Ulsberger  
Title: *Monotheistic Religions: Mapped and at Our Fingertips (2015)*

Capstone Advisor, Global Honors

Student: Alexa Brockamp  
Title: *Global Economic Impacts of Shoreline Degradation: A Socioeconomic Analysis (2014)*

MA Committee Member, UW Tacoma Interdisciplinary Studies

Student: Jessica Dvorak  
Title: *Growing a Greener Tacoma: The historical roots of Tacoma's urban gardening movement (2012)*

Support for Student Research:

MACP applied student project presentations, Collective Efficacy and the Performing Arts, South Sound Innovation Expo and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Network (BEE Project), Milgard Hall, May 12, 2023.

Student participation in SCL urban-rural workshops, September 2022 and abstract submission to *Frontiers* journal special issue, Sustainable Urbanization Through Urban-Rural Co-Development (LaKecia Farmer, Mo Nyang, Sophia Hoffacker, MA in Community Planning)

Student participation in UW Research Symposium (Samantha Smith, 2023)

Student participation in IIGE Global Conference (Angelina Akinshev, Matthew Chastain, Briana Kilmer, Spring 2023)

Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC), MA in Community Planning, 2017-2022. Coordinate with staff and faculty to support two simultaneous graduate student full-time cohorts, as well as various part-time pathways.

Community Planning graduate studio practicum, co-instructor (2018, 2019)

Independent Research Advisor (8 students, 2010, 2012, 2017, 2022)

Community Service Project Advisor (4 students, 2010, 2014)

Internship Advisor (18 students, 2009-2017)

Faculty Advisor, *NAIOP Real Estate Challenge*, site development proposal for Point Ruston, Tacoma, WA (4 students, Winter 2012)

## Prior Research and Professional Experience

Research Associate and Project Manager, 2004-2007.

*Institutional Re-arrangements: forging 'smart use' water policy coalitions at the intersection of geo-technical engineering with urban open space.* Three-year, \$70,767 grant; Dr. Helen Ingram, P.I. Competitive Grant Program of the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Institutes for Water Resources.

Planning Coordinator, 2001.

Schuylkill River Development Corporation, Philadelphia, PA.

Project Manager, 1999-2000.

Office of Economic Development, U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Planning and Marketing Coordinator, 1997-1999.

Atkin, Olshin, Lawson-Bell and Associates Architects, Philadelphia, PA.

Teaching Fellow, 1995-1996.

Bryanston School, Dorset, UK.

## Academic Service

### Service to the profession

Manuscript Review, 2011-2025: *Planning Theory, Urban Studies, Critical Policy Studies, Environmental Science and Policy, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Projections MIT Journal of Law and Planning, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development*

Member, Nominating Committee, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Governing Board, 2026

Advisory Board, Working Group, Asia-Pacific Mayors' Academy, UNESCAP and APRU, 2020-present.

Member, Organizing Committee, annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), 2017-2018

Chair (w M Gough, 2015; B Sletto, 2016), *Planning Theory Track*, annual conference, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), 2015- 2017

Core Planning Group (with Thaisa Way, Amy Snover, Hedwig Lee, Jared Baeton, Christian Anderson, Susan Kemp), *Urban Environmental Justice in a Time of Climate Change*. Tri-campus University of Washington hosted, 2-day conference, Urban@UW and Climate Impacts Group. November 7-8, 2016.

Organizer, *Unsettling Planning Theory*, pre-conference workshop for emerging and early-career scholars of planning theory convened with Janice Barry, Andy Inch, Crystal Legacy, Portland, OR November 1, 2016.

Founding Participant, Academic Women in Public Administration (AWPA), UW Evans School, Seattle, WA 2016

Member, *Best Book Award* (UAA) Committee, 2015

Member, *Marsha Ritzdorf Award* (ACSP) Committee for the Best Student Work on Diversity, Social Justice, and the Role of Women in Planning, 2014, 2015, 2019

### Service to the campus and university system

Steering Committee, Sustainable Cities and Landscapes hub, Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), 2019-present.

Past Chair, Chair, Vice Chair, UW Tacoma Executive Council, Faculty Assembly, 2024-2026

Member, UWT Student Success Council, representing Faculty Assembly, 2025-2026

Member, Selection Committee, University Faculty Lecture Award, 2026

Member, abstract submission review committee, UW Tacoma Global Engagement Conference, 2026

Member, UW Tacoma Global Honors program application review and admissions committee, 2026

Member, UW Faculty Senate, Senate Executive Committee, Faculty Senate Chair's Cabinet, 2024-2025

Member, Chancellor's Cabinet, UW Tacoma, 2023-2025

Member, UW Tacoma Budget Advisory Committee (as Faculty Assembly Chair), 2024-2025

Member, Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy (as Faculty Assembly Vice Chair), 2023-2024

Member, UW Tacoma Executive Council and Faculty Assembly; Academic Planning Task Force, 2022-2023

Member, Search Committee, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration (VCFA), University of Washington, Tacoma, July 2022-January 2023.

Member, Student Affairs Strategic Planning Committee, UW Tacoma, 2022

Member, Executive Council, UW Tacoma Faculty Assembly, 2021-present.

Member, Pre-tenure/ 3<sup>rd</sup> year Review Committee, R Casas (IAS, UW Tacoma), April 2020.

Faculty Co-Director, Livable City Year, UW/Tacoma partnership, 2017-2018

Member, University of Washington Faculty Senate, 2017-2019; 2012-2013

Member, Steering Committee, Urban@UW, 2016-2018

Critic, LA504 *Surging Seas//Future City* studio, UW Seattle, March 2015

Chair, Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2012-2015 (Chair, 2014-2015)

Reviewer, UW Royalty Research Fund, 2014, 2016

Member, Campus Sustainability Committee, UW Tacoma, 2010-2012. Member, Distinguished Teaching Award committee, UW Tacoma, 2010-2011 Critic, envisioning *form-process-relationship* studio, UW Seattle, May 2009 Member, Sustainable Cities Working Group, UW Seattle, Spring 2009

### Service to the School/ Program

Member, SUS representative, UW Tacoma Faculty on Digital Accessibility, 2025-2026

Member, Faculty Council, Honors Executive Committee, Institute for Innovation and Global Engagement (IIGE), UW Tacoma, 2020-present.

Curriculum Committee, 2022-2025; Chair, 2022-2023.

Chair, Pre-tenure/ 3<sup>rd</sup> year Review Committee, D Woodard, Spring 2023.

Chair, MACP Committee, 2017-2022.

Member, Pre-tenure/ 3<sup>rd</sup> year Review Committee, B Safarova, Spring 2022. Member,  
Urban Design Search Committee, 2018-2019.

Member, Pre-tenure/ 3<sup>rd</sup> year Review Committee, A Yerena, April 2017. Chair,  
Steering Committee, MA in Community Planning, 2016-2017.

Member, Community Planning Search Committee, 2014-2015.

Member, Futures Committee, 2014-2015.

Member, GIS (Geographical Information Systems) Search Committee, Fall 2013.

Revisions and Final HEC Board Proposal, new BA in Sustainable Urban  
Development, UW Tacoma Urban Studies Program, Fall 2009-Spring 2010.

### **Community Service**

Track Team parent mini-boosters co-chair, Stadium High School, Tacoma Public  
Schools, 2026

Outreach Volunteer, Trail Advocacy Volunteer, The Mountaineers, Tacoma  
Branch, 2025-present

Volunteer Auxiliary Instructor, Scrambling Training Course, The Mountaineers,  
Tacoma Branch, Spring 2026

Parent Volunteer Co-Chair, Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center (TUPAC),  
Tacoma, WA, 2019-2024.

Auction Planning Committee, Annie Wright Schools, Tacoma, 2021-2024

Board Member, Governance Committee, DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion)  
Committee (Chair), Communities for a Healthy Bay, Tacoma, WA, 2019-2021.

Rain Garden Advisor, Student *Green Team*, Montlake Elementary School, Seattle,  
WA, 2015-2016.

Oversight Committee, Steering Committee, Founding Member, *Rainier Valley Rowing and Row to the Future*, George Pocock Rowing Foundation youth access initiative, Seattle, WA, 2008-2014.

Board member, *The Grain Project*, community farmers' market non-profit, Santa Ana, CA, 2005-2006.

### **Academic Affiliations**

Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Sustainable Cities and Landscapes hub  
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning  
International Public Policy Association  
Urban Affairs Association  
Regional Studies Association





