

DAWN EVE JOURDAN, ESQ. , PH.D. , AICP
Curriculum Vita

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Dr. Dawn Jourdan is a distinguished leader in the fields of urban planning and law, currently serving as the Dean of the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at the University of Maryland (UMD). Appointed on August 1, 2021, she brings a wealth of experience as a land use attorney, city planner, and academic to this role.

Dr. Jourdan's academic journey includes a Bachelor of Science from Bradley University, a joint degree in law and urban planning from the University of Kansas, and a Ph.D. in urban and regional planning from Florida State University.

Prior to her tenure at UMD, Dr. Jourdan was the Executive Associate Dean and Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. She also directed the Division of Regional and City Planning at the University of Oklahoma and held academic positions at the University of Florida.

Specializing in the legal aspects of planning and the built environment, Dr. Jourdan has extensively published on topics such as land use law, growth management, affordable housing, and planning history and theory. Her co-authored book, "Planning for Wicked Problems: A Planner's Guide to Land Use Law," is widely used in urban planning education.

Dr. Jourdan founded the Academic Advisory Council for Signage Research and Education and edited the Interdisciplinary Journal of Signage and Wayfinding. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association, and Lambda Alpha International, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Urban and Regional Planning, 2004
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Juris Doctor / Master of Urban Planning, 2000
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Bachelor of Science, 1996
Social Services and Theatre Arts
Bradley University
Peoria, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Dean, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Professor, Urban Studies and Planning
College Park, Maryland
Fall 2021-present*

*Executive Associate Dean, College of Architecture
Professor, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
College Station, Texas
Fall 2016-Summer 2021*

*Associate Professor and Director of Regional and City Planning, University of
Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma, July 2012-July 2016*

*Assistant Professor with a Joint Appointment in Planning and Law,
University of Florida, January 2008–June 2012
Taught: land use law, growth management law, and housing law.*

*Director of the Center for Building Better Communities,
University of Florida May 2011-June 2012*

*Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning
Texas A&M University January 2005-December 2007
Lecturer January 2004-December 2005
Taught: Planning History and Theory, Land Use Law, Real Estate Law, Historic
Preservation Law, and Introduction to Planning.*

*Associate
State and Local Government Division
Holland & Knight LLP May 2000-August 2001*

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

University of Maryland-College Park (August 2021-present)
Dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Notable Highlights:

- Studied salary inequities at the faculty and staff level and utilized the merit review

processes to correct these issues.

- Recruited 9 new tenured and tenure track faculty of the School.
- Worked with the provost to secure base funding, including new faculty lines, to support a new program in real estate development.
- Co-created a research seed grant program with the Dean of Public Health to grow interdisciplinary research between the Schools.
- Conducted a facilities planning exercise, including the creation of a program of requirement, to serve as the basis for the School's next capital campaign.
- Successfully advocated for the inclusion of this project on the University's top 10 capital priorities.
- Partnered with the Provost's office to renovate classrooms and to expand the School's physical footprint into the University's Discovery District.
- Created a one million dollar endowment for the School's first interdisciplinary graduate fellowship, among other fundraising milestones.
- Advocated for legislative support for two of the School's research centers.
- Co-chaired a university working group to create the campus' first public art policy.
- Partnered to secure base funding to support two research center initiatives.
- Created a University-wide PlaceHack to introduce students to the power of placemaking.

Texas A&M University-College Station (August 2016-July 2021)
Executive Associate Dean of the College of Architecture

Notable Highlights:

- Created a new faculty mentoring program, including an annual awards program honoring outstanding mentorship
- Facilitated the development of a strategic plan
- Expanded the College's research profile to embrace all forms of discovery engaged in by faculty, staff and students
- Planned and hosted the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Planned and hosted an annual interdisciplinary competition for students in the College.
- Hosted an international conference in Planning Law and Property Rights.
- Partnered to launch an urban design center in Bryan, Texas.

University of Oklahoma (August 2012-July 2016)
Director of the Regional and City Planning Program

Notable Highlights:

- Successfully challenged a decision to de-accredit a master's program.
- Created meaningful partnerships with tribes in the State, leading to the hire of a professor of practice in tribal planning.
- Doubled student enrollment and support.
- Hosted a national conference in Wayfinding.
- Partnered to launch an urban design center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

- Teamed with industry leaders to conduct the State's Affordable Housing Study.

NOTABLE AWARDS

SEED Award, Keya Walkpala Master Plan with Blue Star Architects, Spring, 2015.

Student Planning Award for the Pinellas County Post Disaster Ordinance Drafting Project from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Fall, 2011.

Award for Service as the University Liaison to the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Fall, 2010.

Teacher of the year award by the UF Student Planning Association, April 2010.

Best paper in the real estate valuation category by the Appraisal Institute with Kimberly Geideman and Shan Gao, Fall, 2009.

Student Planning Award by the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association, Fall, 2007.

Excellence in Teaching Award by the College of Architecture of Texas A & M University, September 2005.

Early Dissertation Research Grant to Study the Effects of Intergenerational Planning on Relocation Grief from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, November 2003.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Jourdan, D. and E. Strauss, Planning for Wicked Problems: A Planner's Guide to Land Use Law, Routledge: NYC, NY, 2016.

Refereed Journal Articles

Jourdan, D. (2022). The Genesis of a University-Based Interdisciplinary Signage Research Organization. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Signage and Wayfinding*, 6(1), 17--19.

Jourdan, D., Wertin, J. (2021). Intergenerational rights to a sustainable future: Insights for climate justice and tourism (vol 28, pg 1245, 2020). *JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM*, 29(2-3), 550--550.

Saseendran, A., Bigelow, B. F., Rybkowski, Z. K., Jourdan, D. E. (2020). Disputes in construction: Evaluation of contractual effects of ConsensusDOCS. *Journal of legal affairs and dispute resolution in engineering and construction*, 12(2), 04520008.

Jourdan, D., E. Strauss, and M. Hunter. Sign Code Development Process: Best Practices in the *Interdisciplinary Journal of Signage and Wayfinding*, 2:1, 2017, 32-58.

Jourdan, D., Berger, C. (2016). A Review of Pathways to Better Community Way-Finding. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Signage and Wayfinding*, 1(1).

Jourdan, D. and S. Pilat, Preserving Public Housing: Federal, State and Local Efforts to Preserve the Social and Architectural Forms Associated with Housing for the Poor in the *Journal of Preservation Education and Research*, 7, 2014, 19-30.

Jourdan, D., A. Ray,* and L. Thompson, Relocating from Subsidized Housing in Florida: Are Residents Moving to Opportunity in *Journal of Housing and Community Development Law*, 22, 2014, 155-190.

Jourdan, D., K. Hurd,* W. Gene Hawkins, and K. Winson Geideman, Evidence Based Sign Regulation: Regulating Signage on the Basis of Empirical Wisdom in *The Urban Lawyer*, 45:2, Spring 2014, 327-348.

Jourdan, D., S. Van Zandt, and E. Tarleton,* Coming home: Resident satisfaction regarding return to a revitalized HOPE VI community in *Cities* available at; <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264275113000322>, 2013.

Jourdan, D., A Response to Mandelker's Free Speech Law for On-Premise Signs in *Planning and Environmental Law*, 65:4, 2013, 4-10.

Jourdan, D., Planning: The Long View, in *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 7:27, December 2012, pp. 482-483.

Winson-Geideman, K. and D. Jourdan, Historic Facade Easements and Single-Family Home Value: a Case Study of Savannah, GA, in the *International Journal of Housing Markets and Analysis*, Vol. 4, Issue 1, 2011, pp. 6-17.

Winson-Geideman, K., D. Jourdan, and S. Gao,* The Impact of Age on the Value of Historic Homes in a nationally Recognized Historic District, in *Journal of Real Estate Research*, Vol. 2, Issue 1, Jan-March 2011, p. 235.

Jourdan, D., Standing on their Own: The parallel rights of young people to participate in planning processes and defend those rights, in *Sustainable Development Law & Policy*, XI:1, Fall 2010, pp.41-46.

Tassinary, L., D. Jourdan, and T. Li,* Stone Walls, Cities and the Law: A Preliminary Inquiry, in the *Journal of Preservation Education and Research*, Vol. 3, 2010, pp. 53-65.

Jourdan, D. & R.* Feinberg, Valuing Grief: A Proposal to Compensate Relocated Public Housing Residents for Intangibles, in the *University of Florida Journal of Public Policy*, 21 U. Fla. J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 181 2010.

Tassinari, L., R. Parsons, D. Jourdan, and T. Li,* Equal Protection and Aesthetic Zoning: A possible chink and a preemptive repair, in the *Urban Lawyer*, 42 URB. LAW. 375, Spring, 2010.

Winson-Geideman, K. & D. Jourdan, "The Impact of Historic Preservation Easements on Condominium Value, in *The Appraisal Journal*, Vol. LXXVII: No.4, 2009, pp. 329-336.

Jourdan, D., Van Zandt, S., and N. Adair,* Meeting Their Fair Share: A Proposal for the Creation of Regional Land Banks to Meet the Affordable Housing Needs in the Rural Areas of Texas, in *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*, Summer, 2010.

Jourdan, D. and K. Gifford,* Wal-Mart in the Garden District- Does the Arbitrary and Capricious Standard of Review Lessen the Right of Citizens to Participate, in *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*, Vol 18: No. 3, Spring, 2009, pp. 269-287.

Van Zandt, S., C. Giusti, D. Jourdan, and J. Martin, Small Town Housing Needs: Resource Inefficiencies and Urban Bias in the United States, in *Journal of the Community Development Society*, Vol. 39; No.3, 2008, pp. 75-92.

Garvin, E. and D. Jourdan, Through the Looking Glass: Analyzing the Potential Legal Challenges to Form-Based Codes, in *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law*, Vol. 23, Spring 2008, pp. 395-415.

Jourdan, D., Enhancing HOPE VI Revitalization Processes with Participation, in *Journal of the Community Development Society*, Vol. 39: No. 2, 2008, pp. 75-90.

Jourdan, D., Reducing Pre-Relocation Grief with Participation in a HOPE VI Grant Application Process, in *International Journal of Public Participation*, Vol. 2: No. 2, 2008, pp. 75-92.

Jourdan, D., Mending Fences: Resolving Neighbor Disputes With Squatters Settlements in Belize, in *PACE Institute for Environmental and Regional Studies Proceedings*, Vol. 4, 2004, pp. 135-149.

White, S. M. and D. Jourdan, Neotraditional Development: A Legal Analysis, in *Land Use Law and Zoning Digest* (1999).

Book Chapters and Entries

Jamal, T. and D. Jourdan. Interdisciplinary Tourism Education in Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: theory and practice. *Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching in Higher Education: theory and practice*. Dr. Balasubramanyam Chandramohan and Dr. Stephen Fallows (eds.), London: Routledge Falmer. (2008).

D. Jourdan. Grounding Theory: Developing New Theory on Intergenerational Participation in Qualitative Methods for Housing Research. *Qualitative Housing Research Methods*. Paul Maquin (ed.), London: Elsevier. (2008).

Book Review

Jourdan, D. (2024). Social (in)equality, community well-being and quality of life, by Patsy Kraeger, M. Rezaul Islam, and Rhonda Phillips: Northampton, MA, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 1–2. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2024.2388985>
[10.1080/07352166.2024.2388985](http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2024.2388985)

Jourdan, D. How civic action works: Fighting for housing in Los Angeles, Paul Lichterman. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 44:3, 451–452, (2022). DOI: 10.1080/07352166.2021.1968739

Jourdan, D. A New Weave of Power, People & Politics—The Action Guide for Advocacy and Citizen Participation. Lisa VeneKlasen with Valerie Miller (Co-editors: Debbie Budlender and Cindy Clark). Practical Action Publishing: Warwickshire CV23 9QZ, UK (2002 and 2007).

Non-Refereed Publications

Jourdan, D., Lee, C., Newman, G., VanZandt, S., Ye, X. (2023). *Contemplating Reparations of Indigenous Peoples* (4th ed., vol. 43, pp. 746–747).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85164341327
[10.1177/0739456X231180452](https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85164341327)

Chalana, M., Guy, T., Jourdan, D., Rongerude, J., Šafářová, B., Turesky, M. (2023). *Special Editorial: The Inclusive Academy* (3rd ed., vol. 43, pp. 454).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85159093129
[10.1177/0739456X231172717](https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85159093129)

Ye, X., Newman, G., Lee, C., Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D. (2023). *Toward Urban Artificial Intelligence for Developing Justice-Oriented Smart Cities* (1st ed., vol. 43, pp. 6–7).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85148082437
[10.1177/0739456X231154002](https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85148082437)

Van Zandt, S., Newman, G., Lee, C., Jourdan, D., Ye, X. (2022). *Engaged Research: Inviting Residents into the Scientific Process* (3rd ed., vol. 42, pp. 258–259). SAGE Publications Sage CA: Los Angeles, CA.

Newman, G., Lee, C., Van Zandt, S., Ye, X., Jourdan, D. (2022). *Toward a Unifying Definition and Approach for Quantifying Urban Policy Performance* (4th ed., vol. 42, pp. 510–511).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85141662751
[10.1177/0739456X221120414](https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85141662751)

Jourdan, D., Lee, C., Newman, G., Van Zandt, S., Ye, X. (2022). *Expanding the Right to the City Through Regulatory and Financial Planning Tools* (2nd ed., vol. 42, pp. 134–135).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85130248959
[10.1177/0739456X221085492](https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/85130248959)

Lee, C., Newman, G., Jourdan, D., Ye, X., Zandt, S. V. (2022). *Natural Experiments in Planning Research* (1st ed., vol. 42, pp. 6–8).

https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/8512465597710.1177/0739456X211061763

Newman, G., Lee, C., Jourdan, D., Li, W., Van Zandt, S. (2021). *Planning the Allocation and Reallocation of Urban Space* (3rd ed., vol. 41, pp. 258--258). SAGE Publications Sage CA: Los Angeles, CA.

Ye, X., Jourdan, D., Lee, C., Newman, G., Van Zandt, S. (2021). *Citizens as Sensors for Small Communities* (4th ed., vol. 41, pp. 374).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/8511792112010.1177/0739456X211050932

Newman, G., Lee, C., Jourdan, D., Li, W., Van Zandt, S. (2021). *Planning the Allocation and Reallocation of Urban Space* (3rd ed., vol. 41, pp. 258).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/8511099505410.1177/0739456X211022680

Jourdan, D., Lee, C., Li, W., Newman, G., Zandt, S. V. (2021). *The Necessary Role of Planning Practice and Scholarship in the Age of Uncertainty* (2nd ed., vol. 41, pp. 134).
https://api.elsevier.com/content/abstract/scopus_id/8510453101510.1177/0739456X211008510

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Lee, C., Li, W., Newman, G. (2020). *Publishing in the Time of COVID-19* (4th ed., vol. 40, pp. 370--371). SAGE Publications Sage CA: Los Angeles, CA.

Steiner, R. L., Jourdan, D., Blanco, A. G., Mackey, J. L., Hanley, G. R., Sucar, V. A., Rachmat, S. Y., Perch, S. R., Whiteford, W. C., others (2012). *Impact of parking supply and demand management on central business district (CBD) traffic congestion, transit performance measures and sustainable land use: a study of the impact of parking supply and demand management.*. University of Florida. Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning.

Jourdan, D. E. (2004). *Planning to reduce worry: Designing an intergenerational planning process to lessen relocation-related anxieties experienced by those displaced in the pursuit of a HOPE VI Revitalization Grant*. The Florida State University.

D. Jourdan, The State of Homelessness in Oklahoma. Oklahoma Housing Finance Administration (December 2015).

Jourdan, D., Hawkins, G., Winson-Geideman, K., and R. Abrams. The Model Sign Code. International Sign Association (December 2008).

Winson-Geideman, K., D. Jourdan, and S. Gao.* The Effects of Adaptive Reuse by the Savannah College of Art & Design on Property Value and Community Change in Savannah, Georgia. *Lincoln Land Institute Working Papers* (December 2006).

Jourdan, D. Bomb Proof Schools. *Plan Canada*. (Fall 2006).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Final Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI

Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2012)

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Interim Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2011).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Interim Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2009).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Interim Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2008).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Baseline Report for Beaumont's HOPE VI Project. Prepared for the Beaumont Housing Authority (December 2007).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., Martin, J., and C. Giusti. Need and Demand for Affordable Housing in the Brazos Valley. Report to Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation. (June 2006).

Articles Featuring My Work

Future Plans, Planning Magazine, April 2016, Pg. 28-31, William Atkinson.

Summit details state's housing needs, The Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City, OK), April 15, 2016, Friday, BUSINESS; Pg. 23, Richard Mize Real Estate Editor.

Oklahoma Housing Summit details state's housing needs, The Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City, OK), April 14, 2016, Thursday, Richard Mize.

Wants and needs: Little housing available for Section 8 vouchers, The Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK), April 14, 2016, Thursday, NEWS, Molly M. Fleming.

Affordable housing study result surprises researchers, The Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK), November 16, 2015 Monday, NEWS, Kirby Lee Davis.

Beyond the interstate: Midwest City has numbers to attract business, but not frontage, The Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK), September 28, 2015 Monday, NEWS, Molly M. Fleming.

Bigger picture: Downtown design studio helps architecture students plan communities, The Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK), September 16, 2015 Wednesday, NEWS, Molly M. Fleming.

Running out of room in Chickasha: Study shows growing need for housing, The Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK), October 2, 2013 Wednesday, NEWS, Molly M. Fleming.

Sink or Swim, Landscape Architecture Magazine, November 2013, Jonathan Lerner.

Planners wary of coastal sea rise; Several inches expected along Matanzas Basin, Army Corps

projects, Florida Times-Union (Jacksonville), December 26, 2012 Wednesday, Pg. A-1, Peter Guinta.

HOMETOWN'S FLAWS, St. Petersburg Times (Florida), June 1, 2010 Tuesday, NATIONAL; Pg. 13A, Dawn Jourdan.

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Sign Code Development Process, Signage Foundation, Inc., July 2016-December 2017, Role, Co Principal Investigator.

Tribal Planning for Drought Vulnerability Assessments, Bureau of Indian Affairs, January 2016-January 2017, Role, Principal Investigator.

State Affordable Housing Assessment for the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Housing Finance Corporation, December 2014-December 2015, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Vulnerability Assessments for Oklahoma Tribes, Bureau of Indian Affairs, January 2015-December 2015, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Tribal Climate Change and Extreme Event Response Studies to Identify Vulnerabilities, South Central Climate Science Center, 2014-2015, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Oklahoma City Sustainability Audit, City of Oklahoma City, May 2013-present, Role, Principal Investigator.

Chickasha Housing Demand Study, Chickasha Economic Development Corporation, January 2013, Role, Principal Investigator.

The Lost Properties and Moving To Opportunity, Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, October 2010- 2012, Role, Principal Investigator.

Planning for Sea Level Rise: A Pilot Study to Evaluate and Improve the Development and Delivery of Habitat Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptive Conservation Designs to Coastal Decision Makers, National Estuarine Research Reserve System Science Collaborative, 2011-2014, Role, Investigator and Collaboration Lead. See examples of work at: planningmatanzas.org.

Rural Coastal Region Adaptation Planning for Sea Level Rise, Florida Sea Grant, 2012-14, Role, Co-Principal Investigator. See examples of work at: changinglevycoast.org.

Using NOAA Sea Level Rise Impacts Viewer, Gulf of Mexico Regional Research Competition, 2012-14, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Impact of Parking Supply and Demand Management on Central Business District (CBD) Traffic Congestion, Transit Performance and Sustainable Land Use, Florida Department of

Transportation, January 2010- October 2011, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

A Parameterized Climate Change Projection Model for Hurricane Flooding, Wave Action, Economic Damages, and Population Dynamics, sponsored by NOAA, September 2009-September 2011, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

HOPE VI Community Services Study for the Redevelopment of Magnolia Gardens in Beaumont, Texas, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Beaumont Public Housing Authority, January 2007-December 2011, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Preserve America Grant for an Intergenerational Oral History for Hearne, Texas, sponsored by the National Parks Service, January 2007-December 2007, Role, Investigator.

A Hedonic Model of the Effects of Adaptive Reuse on Community Change in Savannah, Georgia, sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Role, Investigator.

Legal Analysis and Policy Formulation Regarding the Use of Regional Rural Landbanking to Enhance the Development of Affordable Housing Opportunities in Brazos Valley Texas, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, January 2007-August 2007, Role, Co- Principal Investigator.

Market Study of the Barriers to the Provision of Affordable Housing in Brazos Valley Texas, sponsored by the Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, January 2006-August 2006, Role, Co-Principal Investigator.

Comparative Analysis of the Effects of the Location of Big Box Retail on Housing Prices in Urban and Suburban Areas, sponsored by Texas A&M College of Architecture, December 2005- December 2006, Role, Principal Investigator.

SERVICE

National:

Working Group Member for the Council on Competitiveness considering the Future of Place Based Innovation 2023-present

Member, 120 Initiative to End Gun Violence in the DMV, 2022-present

Host, International Planning Law and Property Rights Conference, 2018-2019

Chair, Past Chair, Executive Committee Member, Academic Advisory Council for Signage Research and Education, 2017-present

Co-Chair, Legal Track for the World Planning Schools Congress in Brazil, 2016-present

Midwestern Representative, Association of Collegiate Planning Schools, Elected Spring 2015-2016

Chair, Planner Outreach Subcommittee for the International Sign Association, January 2014-2021

Host, 2015 National Sign Education and Research Conference in Norman, OK, Fall 2015

State or Local:

Commissioner, City of Norman, Oklahoma Planning Commission, 2015-present

Host, 2014 State Conference of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association October 2014

Member, Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Board, April 2010-2011

University Liaison, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, September 2007-September 2010

Editorial Boards:

Co-Editor, Journal of Planning Education and Research, 2021-2023

Co-Host, JPER Writing Workshop for Pre-Tenure Scholars, 2021-2023

Editor, Interdisciplinary Journal of Signage and Wayfinding, 2016-2019

University:

Member, ALRB, 2021-present

Member, Naming Committee, 2021-present

Co-Chair, Public Art Committee, 2023-2024

Non-voting Member, Board of Trustees, 2021-present

Non-voting Member, University Senate, 2021-present.

Member, Design Committee for Yaheminitzi Dining Hall, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Lambda Alpha International

Academic Advisory Council for Signage Research and Education

American Institute of Certified Planners

American Planning Association

Planning Accreditation Board

- Site Visitor, 2015-present

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, 2002-present

- Chair, Committee on the Academy for the Association of Collegiate Planners, 2017-2022

Member of the Illinois Bar (inactive)

Special Administrative Assignment Service

(2022 - Present). Terrapin Development Company. Member.

University Liaison, Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association, July 2012-present

Chair, College of Architecture Collaboration Committee, August 2014-present

Chair, University of Oklahoma Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2015-2016

Member, University of Oklahoma Tenure and Promotion Committee, August 2013- May 2015

Fellow, Center for Children and Families at the Levin College of Law, May 2007-2012

Member, University of Florida Law School Honor Code Committee, 2009-2010

Chair, University of Florida Design Construction and Planning Faculty Council, 2011-2012

Member, University of Florida Historic Buildings and Structures Committee, 2009-2010

Fellow, Center for Heritage Conservation at Texas A&M University 2005-2007

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences-Refereed Presentations

Jourdan, D. and E. Strauss. The Dark Side of Planning with Youth: An Exploration of the

Potential for Cooptation. Presented at the International Association of Planning Law and Property Rights in Haifa, Israel, February, 2014.

Jourdan, D., K. Hurd, H. G. Hawkins, and K. Winson-Geideman. Evidence-based Sign Regulation: Regulating Signage on the Basis of Empirical Wisdom. Presented at the AESOP-ACSP Conference in Dublin, Ireland, July 2013.

Nolan, J., Call, C., Murraza, A, and Jourdan, D. Property Rights, Political Drama, and Smart Growth: The Challenges of Sustainable Development in 2011. Presented at the National Conference of the American Bar Association in Toronto, August 2011.

Jourdan, D., Wal-Mart in the Garden District- Does the Arbitrary and Capricious Standard of Review Lessen the Right of Citizens to Participate. Presented at the International Association of Planning Law and Property Rights, Aalborg, Denmark, February, 2008.

Jourdan, D. and Van Zandt, S, Creating Regional Landbanks to Meet Rural Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the Joint International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP), Chicago, IL, July 2008.

Jourdan, D., Should Children Have the Right to Speak for Themselves: The legal rights of youth to participate in national level policymaking. Presented at the International Conference on the Rights of Children, Ghent, Belgium 2006.

Jourdan, D., Grounding Theory: Developing New Theory on Intergenerational Participation. Presented at the Joint International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP), Mexico City, Mexico (2006).

Jourdan, D., Planning to Reduce Worry. Presented at the Making Cities Livable Conference, Venice, Italy (2005).

National Conferences

Jourdan, D. and E. Strauss. Public Participation in the Sign Code Development Process. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Planning Schools Conference in Denver, CO, October 2017.

Jourdan, D. and E. Strauss. Public Participation in the Sign Code Development Process. Presented at the National Signage Research and Education conference in Las Vegas, NV, March 2017.

Jourdan, D. Planning Together: a socio-ecological approach to planning for climate change. Presented at the EPSCOR Conference in Norman, OK, December 2015.

Jourdan, D. Regulatory Wayfinding- Flexible Approaches to Creating Navigable Places.

Presented at the National Conference of the Association of Collegiate Planning Schools in Houston, TX, October 2015.

Strauss, E., A. Weinstein, and D. Jourdan. From Case Law to Applied Learning: Approaches for teaching aesthetics to students in the planning law course. Presented at the National Conference of the Association of Collegiate Planning Schools in Houston, TX, October, 2015.

Strauss, E., A. Weinstein, and D. Jourdan. Reassessing the Importance of Sign Law in the Planning Law Classroom, Presented at the National Signage Research and Education Conference in Cincinnati, OH, October, 2014.

Jourdan, D. and S. Pilat. Preserving Public Housing: Federal, State, and Local Efforts to Preserve the Social and Architectural Forms Associated with Housing for the Poor. Presented at the Urban Affairs Association in San Antonio, TX, March, 2014.

Jourdan, D. and K. Frank, Participatory Methodologies in Climate Change Research. Presented at the American Association of Geographers in Tampa, FL, April, 2014.

Jourdan, D. Community Aesthetics and Sign Regulations: How far can a city go to prescribe aesthetics? Presented at the National Signage Research and Education Conference in Cincinnati, OH, October, 2013.

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Jourdan, D., Ray, A., and Thompson, L. Relocating from Subsidized Housing in Florida: Are Residents Moving to Opportunity? Urban Affairs Association, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2012.

Frank, K., Jourdan, D., Easley, G., and F. Eddleton. Leveraging community historical identity for climate change adaptation planning. Society for American City and Regional Planning History Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 17-20, 2011.

Frank, K., Jourdan, D., and Obonyo, E. Sea level rise adaptation planning for rural coastal areas in Florida. Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences: Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation (ICARUS II). May 5-8, Ann Arbor, MI, 2011.

Steiner, R., Jourdan, D., Blanco, A., Mackey, J., Hanley, G., Sucar, V., and Shmaltsuyev, M., Understanding the Connection between Parking Management and Transit Usage: A Case Study of Miami and Fort Lauderdale Central Business Districts. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference. Minneapolis, MN. Oct. 13- 16, 2011.

Steiner, R., Blanco, A. and Jourdan, D., Impact of Parking Supply And Demand Management on Central Business District (CBD) Traffic Congestion. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference. MN. Oct. 5 - 10, 2010.

Jourdan, D. Coming Home: The Relocation Effects of Expedited HOPE VI Revitalization Processes. Presented at the Urban Affairs Association, New Orleans, LA, 2011.

Zhao, J. and Jourdan, D. Zoning Variance Administration in Practice: Influencing Factors and Trends. Presented at the ACSP Conference in Minneapolis, MN, November, 2010.

Jourdan, D., Valuing Grief: A Proposal to Compensate Relocated Public Housing Residents for Intangibles. Presented at the ACSP Conference, Washington, D.C., October, 2009.

Jourdan, D., Garvin, E. and Stroud, N. Potential Legal Challenges to Form Based Codes: the Miami 21 Test Case. Presented at the IMLA Conference, Miami, FL, October, 2009.

Jourdan, D., Creating Regional Landbanks to Meet Rural Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the Joint ACSP/AESOP Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2008.

Van Zandt, S. and Jourdan, D. Landbanking to Meet Affordable Housing Needs. Presented at the National Conference of the American Planning Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April, 2008.

Jourdan, D. and Wieters, K. M. Serious Play: Constructing Learning to Promote Meaningful Dialogue in the Planning Classroom. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Fort Worth, TX, 2006.

Geideman, K. and Jourdan, D. Preserving Who's Neighborhood: The Effects of Adaptive Reuse by the Savannah College of Art & Design on Property Value and Community Change in Savannah, Georgia. Presented at the Lincoln Land Institute, Cambridge, MA, 2006.

Jourdan, D., Sentencing Goldilocks. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Kansas City, MO, 2005.

Jourdan, D., Public Housing: Is it Worth Preserving?" Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Kansas City, MO, 2005.

Jourdan, D., Grieving for a Lost Home?: A Case Study of How Participation in an Intergenerational Planning Process Lessened the Pre-Relocation Grief Effects of Experienced by the Youth and Adult Residents of the McDaniel Glenn Public Housing Community in Atlanta. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National, Portland, OR, 2004.

Jourdan, D., Mending Fences: Resolving Neighbor Disputes With Squatter Settlements in Belize. Presented at Pace University, NYC, NY, April 2004.

Jourdan, D., Increasing Youth Participation in the Planning Process. Presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning National Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2002.

National Conferences- Invited Discussant and/or Moderator

Jourdan, D. South Central Climate Science Center's Annual Workshop in Fort Worth, Texas (2015) on the topic of "Rural Issues and Climate Change."

Jourdan, D. Institute for Quality Communities Placemaking Conference in Norman, OK (2015) on the topic of "Anchoring and Branding Quality Communities."

Jourdan, D. Lessons from Home: Policies and Practices for a Rapidly Urbanizing World, Creating Making Forum in Norman, OK (2014).

Jourdan, D. Historic Preservation Across Space and Place, National Conference of the Urban Affairs Association in San Antonio, TX, (2014).

Jourdan, D. The Role of ACSP in the Accreditation/Reaccreditation Process, National Conference of the American Schools of Collegiate Planning in Philadelphia, PA, (2014).

Jourdan, D. Institute for Quality Communities Placemaking Conference in Norman, OK (2013) on the topic of "Healthy, Walkable Communities."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Washington D.C. (2009) on the topic of "Comparative Jurisprudence Relating to Takings and Due Process Law."

Jourdan, D. Joint ACSP/AESOP Conference, Chicago, IL, (2008) on the topic of "Comparative Legal Jurisprudence on Property Rights."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Fort Worth, TX (2006) on the topic of "Researching Wal-Mart."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Kansas City, MO (2005) on the topic of "Research Wal-Mart."

Jourdan, D. Annual Conference of the ACSP in Portland, OR (2004) on the topic of "What Planners Should Know About the Law."

Jourdan, D. Sustainable Campus Planning, Annual Conference of the ACSP in Baltimore, MD (2002)

State Conferences -Presentations by Invitation

Jourdan, D. Smart Cities, Smart Signage: Regulating Data-Driven Technologies Presented at Makeover Montgomery, Wheaton, MD, September 2022.

Jourdan, D. "Smart Cities - Smarter Signage," Presented at Baltimore Avenue Connected Communities Roundtable, Virtual, October, 2022.

Jourdan, D. Why Artists Should Lead Research Collaborations, Presented at the Faculty Research and Creative Works Symposium at Texas A&M University, October, 2024.

Jourdan, D. Preliminary Findings from the Broad-scale Tribal Climate Change Program Reviews, Presented at the Climate and Water Training Workshop for the BIA Eastern Oklahoma Region Tribes in Muskogee, OK, May, 2016.

Jourdan, D. Statewide Housing Assessment Needs, Presented at the Oklahoma Housing Summit in Oklahoma City, OK, April, 2016.

Jourdan, D. The Connection Between Climate Change and Economic Development, Presented at the Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City, OK, July, 2015.

Jourdan, D. The New Urbanism: Optimizing Imagination, Creativity, Innovation, and Human Flourishing, Presented at the State Creativity Forum in Oklahoma City, OK, November, 2013.

Jourdan, D. So You Want to Take on Your Sign Code, Presented at the State Conference of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association in Tahlequah, OK, October, 2013.

Steiner, R., Blanco, A., and Jourdan, D. Parking as a Smart Growth Strategy, Presented at the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference September 2011.

Silver, C. and Jourdan, D. Legal Aspects of Sustainable Development, Presented at the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference, September, 2011.

Jourdan, D. The Land Use Revolution: The Tea Party's Influence on the Planning Process. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Utah Land Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2011.

Jourdan, D., Measuring the Winds of Change: the Introduction of Qualitative Research Methods in Planning Processes. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association, Corpus Christi, TX, 2006.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

C. Berger, Budev, S., Jourdan, D., and Bell, A., "Introduction to Wayfinding Systems," for the International Sign Association (2014).

D. Hickey, Jourdan, D., Weinstein, A., Connolly, B. and Hurd, K., "Three Approaches to the Regulation of On-Premise Signage," for the American Bar Association (2014).

D. Jourdan, "So You Want to Take on Your Sign Code, " for the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association (2013).

D. Jourdan, Hawkins, H. G., and Winson-Geideman, K., "Evidence Based Sign Regulations: The UDA Mode Sign Code," for the Signage Foundation, Inc. (2012).

C. Silver and Jourdan, D., "Greening Planning Education," for the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (2011).

E. Garvin, Jourdan, D. and Stroud, N., "Form Based Codes and Land Use Law: Thoughts from the Field, for the International Municipal Lawyers Association (2009).

Van Zandt, S., Jourdan, D., and Marshall, M., "Meeting Affordable Housing Needs: Municipal Land Banking, for the American Planning Association National Conference (2008).

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Research, Service, and Teaching Statement
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Research

Trained as both a lawyer and a planner, my research agenda has developed as a reflection of my interdisciplinary education through two primary trajectories. The first line of my scholarship examines the role of citizen participation in reducing the grief effects experienced by those displaced from public housing as a result of redevelopment activities. My secondary area of research focuses on the legal aspects of zoning with an emphasis on demonstrating how planning and legal principles may be utilized to solve “wicked problems.”

My primary research agenda centers on the relationship between federal housing policy and changing role of resident participation in decision making, with a special emphasis on the effects of relocation on resident stability. More specifically, I examine the factors and practices which contribute to or decrease the effects of relocation grief (Kleinhaus, 2003; Rubenstein, 1988; Fullilove, 2001; Rohe and Mouw, 1991). This work began with an intensive two-year study of the HOPE VI motivated relocation process for the public housing residents at McDaniel Glenn in Atlanta, Georgia. Funded in part by an Early Dissertation Research Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, my findings were published in the *International Journal of Public Participation* (Jourdan 2008) and the *Journal of the Community Development Society* (Jourdan 2008). My research demonstrates that involvement of residents of public housing, including children, in the decision-making process reduced relocation grief. With colleagues Van Zandt and Tarleton (2013), we showed that relocation grief can also be lessened by promises for return to the community upon reconstruction. Later work, funded as a part of a MacArthur Foundation Grant to the University of Florida’s Shimberg Center and published in the *Journal of Housing and Community Development Law* (Jourdan, Ray, and Thompson 2014), showed the impacts of relocation on residents of subsidized housing in Florida that were being displaced as a result of the conversion of units to market rate. Working with a team of lawyers, I examined the value a court might ascribe to damages suffered as a result of relocation-related grief, as published in the University of Florida’s *Journal of Public Policy* (Jourdan and Feinberg 2010). No longer funded, the HOPE VI program modified the lives and landscapes of cities across the nation. In both the *Journal of Planning Research and Education* (Jourdan 2014) and the *Journal of Historic Preservation Education and Research* (Jourdan and Pilat 2014), I have published studies of the importance of the loss, from the perspective of historic preservation, of these archetypes of housing. This subject has become increasingly important to the national dialogue related to housing the poor due to federal policies which seek to eradicate traditional public housing structures, erasing this physical reminder of housing for the poor from the urban landscape.

Over the past ten years, I have built on my expertise related to participation and relocation grief in other contexts involving planning for climate change. Concerns about the ways in which sea level rise will lead to the displacement of coastal populations led me to join forces with Dr. Kathryn Frank, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at the University of

Florida, to engage in two large scale action research projects related to sea level rise in northern Florida. Funded through grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Florida Sea Grant, I devised and implemented a participatory process that brought together local stakeholders over the course of three years to begin planning for local adaptation to sea level rise. This project involved a true integration of science and planning, engaging staff at the Guana Tolomato Matanzas Reserve and a steering committee of local citizen experts in the design and implementation of a planning process that resulted in the creation and empowerment of a group of citizen experts to champion on-going planning activities. This process involved the use of traditional and non-traditional participatory techniques that have garnered significant attention in the planning and climate change realms and was prominently featured in the 2015 issue of *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, specifically the use of role playing activities and land use games to allow citizens to actively understand and engage in planning for adaptation. The first in a long line of articles from this project is now under review by the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* (2016).

The opportunity to work with Indigenous people in Oklahoma on issues related to climate change has provided an opportunity to use my expertise to serve another displaced population. There is a very small community of planning scholars studying or planning with these communities. This work is critical to climate scholarship as indigenous knowledge embraces many of the principles necessary for long term sustainability and resiliency. In three short years, I have participated in two tribal master planning processes: Rosebud Reservation and Pawhuska Indian Village. The Rosebud Master Plan received a national SEED award from Design Corps in 2015. In addition, I received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to complete five vulnerability assessments for tribes in the region: Kaw Nation, Otoe Missouri Tribe, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Fort Sill Apache Nation, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I simultaneously received funding from the Chickasaw Nation to host a drought planning workshop to engage stakeholders in helping to envision strategies they would support regarding water use. With my team, a game was devised to help participants make decisions about the most important strategies given constrained resources. I continued the work with indigenous persons at Texas A&M University. As a member of the Indigenous People's Working Group, I have been involved in programming events to bring attention to issues important to indigenous people. With an interdisciplinary team, I have received a small seed grant to envision the utilization of the land grant mission as a form of reparations for descendants of Native peoples who were displaced from the region where Texas A&M sits by the Morrill Act.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to return to the roots of my scholarship. When I began my doctoral studies, I was interested in the rights of young people in local decisionmaking. My early publications contemplated the abilities of young people to engage with adults as intergenerational partners in decisionmaking. Over the years, I worked to connect my scholarship to the principles included in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child. In response to the global outcry for climate action by youth, this work has taken on new meaning. I recently published an article on the role of protests and litigation by young people in shaping future climate policy. This article, published in the *International Journal of Sustainable Tourism*, has resulted in a request by

a publisher for a book on the same topic. I am in the final stages of completing the proposal for a book. This book seeks to chronicle the impact of youth activism across globe as a means of urging legislators to take action to reduce carbon emissions through lawsuits against governments by youth groups and also youth protests of government inaction.

Legal Aspects of Zoning

Urban planners are enabled to do the work of land use planning as a result of State and Federal rules that govern the development of the built and natural environments and their inhabitants. I have been teaching planners about the principles of land use law since I began my academic career. Over the years, I have developed a pedagogy that teaches both principles and application, providing students real world opportunities to practice applying the law to planning issues. For more than a decade, I struggled to find a textbook that matched my pedagogical style. To address this gap, I co-authored a textbook. *Planning for Wicked Problems: a Planner's Guide to Land Use Law*, published last November (Jourdan and Strauss 2015), is now finding its way into planning classrooms across the country. This academic textbook provides a meaningful opportunity for planning students to fully appreciate the nature of land use law issues and the solutions—both good and bad—emanating from the complexities of the relationship between law and the environment. This approach is a reflection of my pedagogical style and a true reflection on the power and limitations of the law to assist in crafting local policies, plans, and ordinances that promote planning which balances the public interest with private property rights.

Teaching

During my years in legal practice I became acutely aware of the high level of conflict existing between planning staff and city attorneys. A desire to better understand the roots of this conflict and work to address inspired me to undertake doctoral studies in planning and ultimately to use my expertise in planning and law in the classroom. As an educator I seek to train the next generation of planners and lawyers to be better aware of the important overlaps between these two fields and understand how the tools of each discipline can be activated to make positive change. Utilizing a project based approach, I seek to utilize my classroom as a place to engage interdisciplinary students in understanding and practicing the ways in which their academic experiences are useful in developing policy.

Over the past 12 years, I have developed eleven new classes, offered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. These include: Planning History and Theory, Introduction to Planning, Land Use Law, Historic Preservation Law, Historic Preservation Seminar, Research Methods for Sustainability, the Sociology of Housing, Growth Management Law, Growth Management Seminar, Housing Law, and Global Cities. In every course, I have received teaching evaluations, which exceed college and divisional norms. I have received teaching awards from Texas A & M's College of Architecture and the University of Florida's Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

In the majority of my courses, I seek to engage students in the application of principles learned to planning practice. This work has twice been honored with awards from the Texas and Florida chapters of the American Planning Association. Texas APA issued an outstanding student project award to an interdisciplinary project between students in planning and tourism for their historic and cultural inventory of Hearne, Texas. Florida APA gave a similar award to students in both planning and law at the University of Florida who worked with planning staff from Pinellas County, Florida to create a series of post-disaster planning ordinances. These ordinances, while selectively referred to as post-disaster planning activities, were some of the first sea level rise planning activities in the State of Florida. These projects are a testament to a pedagogical process that seeks to cross-train an interdisciplinary array of students to understand the value of voices and perspectives in the planning and development process.

I have served as the chair or a member of more than 100 thesis committees and doctoral committees during this period.

Service

Between 2016-2021, I served as Executive Associate Dean for the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University. In that capacity, I manage a team of Associate and Assistant Deans, Department Heads, Center Directors and Staff who serve the more than 3,000 students enrolled in our College. I also hold the titles of Dean of Research and Faculty. As Dean of Research, I serve as a matchmaker for faculty seeking research partners and resources. I also manage the College's faculty development and tenure and promotion processes as Dean of Faculty. I've also had the unique opportunity to serve as Executive Associate Dean. This title has provided me with an opportunity to begin my own initiatives for the good of the College and the professions, including the creation of a diversity initiative that will create a climate and incentives for the recruitment and retention of BIPOC students, faculty, and staff.

From 2012 to 2016, I served as Director of the Division of Regional and City Planning (RCPL) at the University of Oklahoma under the leadership of Dean Charles Graham. One of the first challenges to greet me was a decision by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) not to reaccredit the Master's program in Regional and City Planning. Seeing a very different program than the one characterized by the Site Visit Team, I appealed the decision rendered by the Site Visit Team. The Appeals Board found that during my first year as Director of the Division many of the issues identified by the Site Visit Team been resolved. In 2015, our appeal was successful and the program was fully reaccredited. This effort required a significant effort on my part to identify deficiencies, empower stakeholders, and to build the resources necessary to shore up the program and to set it on the course for growth and expansion. In just four short years, my leadership efforts paid off and the program is on an upward trajectory today. The following is a listing of some of the fruits of my leadership of the RCPL program from 2012-2016. As a result, two new tenure track faculty members were hired to support the Division's mission. A second professor of practice was procured to support the Division's desire to engage in research and teaching related to tribal and water planning. An all alumni reunion engaged the program's 700 graduates in 2015. As a result of this capacity building effort, two student

scholarships were endowed. A third endowment was given to support international travel and pro bono work through the Community Planning Studio. A new initiative was started that provided students in the RCPL program the opportunity to study abroad in Africa.

Simultaneously, I worked with a team of interdisciplinary academics across the United States to found a non-profit organization entitled the Academic Advisory Council for Signage Education and Research. I began researching the legal and planning issues related to on-premise signs in 2005. Funded by both the International Sign Association and the Signage Foundation Inc., my work with Robin Abrams, Gene Hawkins and Kimberly Geideman attracted considerable attention in the sign industry. In response to my research, I became a featured speaker at the National Signage Research and Education Conferences hosted by the University of Cincinnati and the Sign Expo. Seeking to truly engage academics who engage in sign related research, a benefactor approached me about creating an organization that could help build and disseminate peer reviewed scholarship in this field independent of strong ties to the industry. A group of scholars met at 3M in the spring of 2014 and developed a charter and a work plan. Upon creation, the benefactor issued a \$2 million endowment to support the group's first five years of activities. This includes the creation of: a peer reviewed journal, an emerging scholars development program; and an online education program. These programs will be ready for launch by January, 2017. *The Journal of Signage and Visual Communications*, of which I am the managing editor, has been launched and is receiving submissions for its inaugural edition.

I am and have always been an active member of the American Planning Association. I have served as the University liaison to the Florida and Oklahoma Chapters of this organization, receiving an award for service from APA-Florida in 2011. I am also an active member of the Association of Collegiate Planning Schools, elected as one of the two representatives for the Midwestern planning schools in 2016. I have presented at both national and state planning conferences, and hosted the 2014 conference of the APA-Oklahoma.