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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington, 2008 (expected)
Dissertation: The Effectiveness of Regional Growth Centers at Increasing Transit Usage in the Puget Sound Area, Washington
- M.U.P. Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington, 2004
Master thesis: Spatial mismatch and transit accessibility in King County, Washington
- B.A. Economics, University of Washington, 1999.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Bae, C. Sandlin, G. Bassok, A. and Kim, S. (2007), "The Exposure of Disadvantaged Populations in Freeway Air-Pollution Sheds: a Case Study of the Seattle and Portland Regions." *Environment and Planning B*, 34:1, 154-170.

SUBMITTED ARTICLES

(submitted) Bassok, A., Hurvitz, P., Bae, C., & Larson, T. "Measuring Neighborhood Air Pollution: The Case of Seattle's International District."

(submitted) Bassok, A., Born, B. "Beyond Bodegas: Innovative Solutions for Providing Groceries to Low-Income Neighborhoods."

BOOK CHAPTERS

Bae, C., Bassok, A. and Kitchen, M. (2007), "A Pilot Study of Congestion Pricing in Seattle," Chapter in *Congestion, Road Pricing: Lessons from Europe and Implications to the United States*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar. (forthcoming)

Bassok, A. (2007), "Anti-Sprawl, Open Space and Natural Resource Lands Conservation Policies in the Central Puget Sound Region," Chapter in *Greenbelts for the 21st Century*. UK: Ashgate. (forthcoming)

Bae, C. Blain, L. and Bassok, A. (2006) “The Transportation Implications of a Terrorist Attack on Seattle’s Highway Network” in *The Economic Impacts Of Terrorist Attacks*. Richardson, H. ed. Edward Elgar, London. Ch. 15: 287-302

REPORTS

Bassok, A. (2007), Implementing a Density Bonus Ordinance in the Howard Street Overlay District (41p.). Report prepared for the City of Port Townsend.

WORKING PAPERS

Bae, C. and Bassok, A. “UGA’s and Regional Centers and Their Impacts on Travel Behavior in the Puget Sound, Washington.”

Born, B. and Bassok, A. “Housing Density and Spatial Mismatch: The Effects of Washington State’s UGA’s on Residential Choice and Price”

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Urban Planning (UDP 300) ~ Summer 2006, 2007 & 2008

Principles and theories of urban structure and institutions. Concepts and logic of planning as a community process and a professional activity. Evolution of planning ideas in response to changing social, economic, and environmental conditions within the American political framework. Complementary nature of public and private responsibilities. Major procedures used by planners.

Land Use, Transportation and Air Quality (UDP 598) ~ Summer 2006

Student teams engaged in community-based planning through partnership with the International District Housing Alliance (IDHA) youth / elderly summer programs to provide the IDHA a community report on transportation systems and sensitive land uses within the International District. This studio course also integrated seminar style lectures to provide students theoretical grounding in the relationship of the built environment to localized air quality and its impacts on population health. The final studio product can be found at: http://students.washington.edu/abassok/Breathing_Room.pdf

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Survey of Urban Planning (UDP 500) ~ Fall 2005, 2006 & 2007

Concepts and logic of planning as a professional activity. Evolution of guiding ideas in relation to changing social, economic, and environmental conditions within the American political framework. Major procedures used by planners. Critical appraisal.

General Urban Planning Laboratory (UDP 506/7) ~ Winter/Spring 2008

A planning studio of 36 students working to inform the City of Seattle’s neighborhood planning update process. The studio focused on creating a linkage between the older plans by identifying weaknesses and strengths, defining future public participation events, examining the roles of sustainability and considering the data needs of neighborhoods as they engage in the process.

General Urban Planning Laboratory (UDP 506/7) ~ Winter/Spring 2007

Planning studio of 30 students working collaboratively and in conjunction with White

Center Community Development Association to develop a neighborhood plan ahead of possible annexation by Seattle or Burien. The final plan won the 2007 APA/PAW student category award and may be found at: <http://courses.washington.edu/wcstudio/>

General Urban Planning Laboratory (UDP 507) ~ Spring 2006

Studio/field project in applied professional planning of a comprehensive nature, utilizing a local study area to examine the realities of problem solving in situations of functional and normative conflict. Integration of analysis, programming, implementation, and presentation phases of the planning process. The final studio product for the Delridge neighborhood can be found at:

http://students.washington.edu/abassok/Visualize_Delridge/Visualize_Delridge.htm

Quantitative Methods of Planning (UDP 510) ~ Winter 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008

Survey of the philosophy, methods, and analytical techniques used in planning public actions and policies, with emphasis on the logic and assumptions upon which these are based. Various planning surveys and methods.

Research Methods (UDP 512) ~ Fall 2005, 2006 & 2007

Planning, designing, and undertaking applied research in an urban setting. Framing, critically assessing, managing, and presenting research used in urban planning and design. Conceptual modeling of causal relationships, choice among experimental and quasi-experimental designs, and ethical and political implications of research undertakings. Exercises leading to a complete research design.

Legal and Administrative Framework for Planning (UDP 580) ~ Spring 2007

Political, legal, and administrative institutions closely related to the planning process. Issues of devolution of authority and public representation and participation. Legal basis for planning and associated regulation.

Urban Transportation Planning (CEE 580) ~ Fall 2005 & 2006

Introduction to transportation planning, including trends and issues, land use and transportation interaction, surveys, public involvement, demand management, technology, forecasting, impacts, and policy strategies.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

William D. Ruckelshaus Center ~ 2007

Research assistant for the substitute senate bill 5248 project regarding environmental protection and agricultural business prosperity. Specific duties include collecting, creating and analyzing statewide datasets regarding critical area ordinances, stream buffers, conservation reserve enhancement program and conservation easements.

Northwest Center for Livable Communities ~ 2007

Project title: Housing density and spatial mismatch and Washington's growth management act. This study evaluates the effects of Washington's Growth Management Act on urban density as defined by housing density, an implied outcome of the first two goals of the GMA. By pairing Washington cities with similar cities from the western US, we observe changes in density over time while controlling for the numerous other factors that might impact urban growth/densification

Transportation Equity & Environment Group ~ Spring 2003 to present

Performed data gathering and analysis on freeway air pollution sheds (FAPS) in King

County. Developed a GIS for the FAPS.

SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

PhD Program in Urban Design & Planning: Website development ~ Spring 2006
<http://depts.washington.edu/urbdp PhD/>

PhD Program in Urban Design & Planning: Annual Report ~ Spring 2007

AWARDS

2004 TransNow conference presentation, second place.

ACTIVITIES

Graduate and Professional Student Senator, 2005-2006 term.

Student representative to Interdisciplinary PhD program steering committee 2006-2007

CONFERENCES

“UGA’s and Regional Centers and Their Impacts on Travel Behavior in the Puget Sound, Washington.” Presented at the Western Regional Science Association, February, 2008.

“UGA’s and Regional Centers and Their Impacts on Travel Behavior in the Puget Sound, Washington.” presented at ACSP Conference, November 2007.

“Measuring Neighborhood Air Pollution: The Case of Seattle’s International District,” presented at ACSP Conference, November 2006.

“Settlement Patterns in FAPS (Freeway Air Pollution Sheds): Case of Central Seattle and Portland Region,” (with Gail Sandlin), presented at TransNow Conference, October 2004.