

Curriculum Vitae

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Boston University Faculty Profile:

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Education

Bates College, Lewiston, ME - B.A.

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL - M.A., Ph.D., American Urban History

Dissertation: "Technology and Pollution: Chicago's Water Policy, 1833-1930"

Teaching Experience

Boston University, City Planning & Urban Affairs Department, Adjunct Professor, 2015-present

Courses:

Global Cities: Through Boston's Experience

The Planning and Development of Metropolitan Boston

Boston University, Evergreen Lecture Series, 2019

Booming Boston: How the Metropolitan Area Has Developed

Boston Architectural College, Sustainable Design Institute, Lecturer, 2006-2009

Course: Sustainable Communities: Land Use, Transportation, and Planning

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning, Lecturer, 1989-1990

Course: Urban Economic Development

Professional Experience

National Park Service, Northeast Region – Boston Office, Community Planner, 2001-2017

Cape Cod Commission, Economic Development Officer, 1990-2001

Springfield, MA Redevelopment Authority, Deputy Executive Director, 1987-1989

Springfield, MA Community Development Department, Deputy Commissioner for
Neighborhoods, 1984-1987
Hampden County, MA Energy Office, Director, 1981-1984

Urban Planning Tours

Brookline Adult & Community Education; Airbnb Experiences—Guide for Urban Planning
Tours of Boston's Seaport District, North Station Area, Downtown, Fenway-Longwood,
Financial District-Downtown, Charles River, 2017-present

Selected Publications

Dining Out in Boston: A Culinary History, University Press of New England, 2016—35 presentations
about book at libraries, historical societies, civic organizations, bookstores, and educational
institutions

“Relocation to the Suburbs, 1940-1970” Plate, *Atlas of Boston History*, University of Chicago
Press, 2019.

“The Other Emerald Necklace: Exploring Cleveland by Bike,” *Emerald Network Newsletter*,
Livable Streets Alliance, July, 2018, [https://www.emeraldnetwork.info/
the_other_emerald_necklace_exploring_cleveland_by_bike](https://www.emeraldnetwork.info/the_other_emerald_necklace_exploring_cleveland_by_bike).

“Biking in Chicago, America's Leading Bicycling City,” *Emerald Network Newsletter*, Livable
Streets Alliance, January, 2018, http://www.emeraldnetwork.info/greenway_stories.

“The Legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace in Contemporary Boston,” Fifth Fábos
Conference on Landscape and Greenway Planning, Budapest, Hungary, June 30, 2016

“Using Urban Renewal to Create Historical National Parks: Providence, Rhode Island and Rome, New
York,” Reclaiming Urban Renewal Conference, Lawrence, MA, May 7, 2016

The Hub's Metropolis: Greater Boston's Development from Railroad Suburbs to Smart Growth,
The MIT Press, 2013—45 presentations about book at libraries, historical societies, civic
organizations, bookstores, and educational institutions

Lambda Alpha International, International Journalist/Author Award, 2015

“The Development of the Hub's Metropolis,” Massachusetts Historical Society, January 22,
2014.

“Smart Growth in Massachusetts,” paper presented at Environmental History Seminar,

Massachusetts Historical Society, 2011.

“The Evolution of Twentieth-Century Boston’s Metropolitan Landscape,” in *A Landscape History of New England*, The MIT Press, 2011.

“The Prospects for 21st-Century New England Parks,” keynote presentation, Connecticut Urban Forest Council Annual Conference, November, 2010.

“‘Walkable Urbanism’ Has Strong Market Potential,” *New England Planning*, January, 2009.

“How Metropolitan Parks Shaped Greater Boston, 1893-1945,” in *Remaking Boston: An Environmental History of the City and Its Surroundings*, University of Pittsburgh Press with Massachusetts Historical Society, 2009; paper originally presented at Massachusetts Historical Society “Remaking Boston” Conference, May, 2006.

“Buildout: Why Boston and Hopkinton Need Each Other,” *Architecture Boston*, March/April, 2008.

“Reviving Boston’s Metropolitan Park-and-Parkway System in the Late 20th Century,” paper presented at “Designing the Parks Conference,” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 2008.

“Developing Metropolitan Boston, 1889-1945,” paper presented at Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2004.

“A Place of Resort: Cape Cod,” *Architecture Boston*, May/June, 2004.

“Ahead or Behind the Curve?: Compact Mixed-Use Development in Suburban Boston,” paper presented at Boston Society of Architects National Conference on Density, 2003; First Edition published on Lincoln Institute of Land Policy website www.lincolinst.edu, 2003; Second Edition, Massachusetts Chapter American Planning Association website www.massapa.org, 2004.

“Connecting the Region and Its People: Civic Leadership in Greater Boston,” *Governing Greater Boston: The Politics and Policy of Place*, Rappaport Institute of Greater Boston, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2003.

Becoming Cape Cod: Creating a Summer Resort, University Press of New England, 2002.

“Thinking Like a Region: Greater Boston,” *Governing Greater Boston: The Politics and Policy*

of Place, Rappaport Institute of Greater Boston, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2002.

"Cape Cod's Sustainable Economic Development Strategy," American Planning Association National Conference, 2000.

"Economic Development through Conservation and Recreation--Will It Work?" presentation delivered at National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, Annual Training Conference, Provincetown, MA, 1996.

Editor, *The Pioneer Valley Reader: Prose and Poetry from New England's Heartland*, 1995.

"Cape Cod Heritage: New Ideas for an Old Resort," *National Trust for Historic Preservation, Journal*, July-August, 1994.

Shaping an Urban Image: The History of Downtown Planning in Springfield, Mass. (1990)--originally presented as twelve-panel exhibit, funded by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, at City Library, 1987.

Inside Guide to Springfield and the Pioneer Valley, 1986.

Scholarly Book Manuscript and Book Reviewer

University of Massachusetts Press – scholar peer reviewer for book manuscripts, 2012-

MIT Press— scholar peer reviewer for book manuscripts, 2016-

New England Quarterly, 2018

Professional Accreditation

American Institute of Certified Planners

LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Green Associate

Memberships

Massachusetts Zoning Reform Working Group (Chair)

American Planning Association

American Institute of Certified Planners

City of Newton, MA Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee

World Affairs Council of Boston

Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society

Lambda Alpha International Land Economics Society

Livable Streets Alliance

Culinary Historians of Boston