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**1. Education**

Ph.D., American History, Brandeis University, 1993-1999

Title: "Suburban Alchemy: 1960s New Towns and the Transformation of the American Dream"

Dissertation Committee: James T. Kloppenberg, Morton Keller, Casey Blake

B.A., History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Honors Program, 1987-1991

Graduated with Honors and Distinction, Senior Thesis Prize

Title: "Lost in Baltimore: The Back-to-the-City Movement Takes a Wrong Turn"; Advisor: Paul S. Boyer

**2. Research Areas**

Affordable Housing Policy and History

Sustainable Development/Environmental History

History of Urban Planning, Cities, and Suburbs

**3. Full-Time Academic Experience**

2003-Present

Director, NYIT Discovery Core Curriculum (2009-Present)

Associate Professor, Social Sciences, Old Westbury (2008-Present)

Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies, Manhattan (2004-Present)

Assistant Professor (2003-2008)

*New York Institute of Technology*

2002-2003

Senior Program Coordinator

Adjunct Lecturer in History

Director, Cities and the Urban Environment *TIDE*

*Tulane University Interdisciplinary Experiences (TIDES)*

2001-2002

Senior Program Coordinator

Adjunct Lecturer in History and Architecture

*Tulane University Urban Village*

2000-2001

Visiting Assistant Professor

*Tulane University Department of History*

**4. Work in Progress**

***Regional Turbulence: An Urban Environmental History of New York's JFK International***

Advance Contract, University of Pennsylvania Press

Co-Editor with J. Mark Souther, ***Tourist Nation: Great Destinations That Shape the Trade***

Advance Contract, Center for American Places Press, George Thompson, Editor

Manuscript Under Revision (36 essays), Projected Publication, Fall 2012

## **5. Completed Activities in Field Of Expertise**

### **A. Publications**

#### **i. Books**

##### ***Public Housing That Worked: New York in the Twentieth Century***

University of Pennsylvania Press

Published in Cloth, May 2008 (Sold Out); Paper, March 2009, 368 Pages

HD72288.78.U52 N726 2008

Reviewed/Featured in *The New York Times* (2X), *Choice* (Highly Recommended), *Journal of American History*, *H-Net Reviews*, *Planning*, *Reference and Research Book News*, *Rorotoko*, *Brian Lehrer Show* (WNYC), *Housing Studies*

##### **Editor, *Adventures into Mexico: American Tourism Beyond the Border***

Jaguar Series on Latin America: Colin MacLachan and William Beezley, Series Editors

Scholarly Resources Books Division (Rowman and Littlefield)

Published in Cloth and Paper, March 2006, 230 Pages

G155.M6A38 2006

Reviewed/Featured in the *Heraldo de Mexico* (Mexico edition of the *Miami Herald*), *Social and Cultural Geography*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Reference and Research Book News*, *Journal of Latin American Anthropology*, *H-Travel*

##### ***Merchant of Illusion: James Rouse, America's Salesman of the Businessman's Utopia***

Urban Life and Urban Landscape Series (Ohio State University Press)

Dr. Zane Miller, Series Editor

Published in Cloth, February 2004, 223 Pages

HT 175.B54 2004

Reviewed/Featured in *The Journal of American History*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Baltimore City Paper*, *Columbia Business Weekly*, *YPB Library Services Core 1000 List for Academic Libraries*, *Choice* (Recommended), *Journal of Planning Literature*, *Professional Geographer*, *Journal of Utopian Studies*, *Kentucky Regional History*, *Journal of Planning History*, *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, *Planning Perspectives*, *Journal of Urban History*

##### ***Suburban Alchemy: 1960s New Towns and the Transformation of the American Dream***

Urban Life and Urban Landscape Series (Ohio State University Press)

Dr. Zane Miller, Series Editor

Published in Cloth and Paper, July 2001, 333 Pages

HT 352 .U6 B56 2001

Reviewed/Featured in *Reason*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, *The Journal of American History*, *H-Urban*, *H-DC*, *The American Historical Review*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Design History*, *Harvard Design Magazine*, *Journal of Urban History*

## ii. Papers in Professional Journals

"Cities in the Garden: American New Towns and Landscape Planning," in Michel Conan and Chen Wangheng, eds. *Gardens, City Life and Culture: A World Tour*. (Washington D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks and Harvard University Press, 2007) and co-published by Wuhan University Press, China, 6000 words, (Translated, Chinese)

"Public Life as Consumerism: American Businessmen Revolutionize Suburban Commerce," *Yearbook of Economic History*, 2005, Alexander Siedlemier, Editor, (Akademie Verlag Press, Berlin), Published 2006, 9345 words

"New Towns are Not Suburbs: The Obstacles to American Garden City Planning," *Annales De la Recherche Urbaine*, Volume Number 98, "Actualité des Villes Nouvelles," (French Government, Paris), Published 2006, 3000 words, (Translated, French)

"To Be Served and Loved: The American Sense of Place in San Miguel de Allende," *Adventures into Mexico: American Tourism Beyond the Border*, SR Books Division, Jaguar Series on Latin America (Rowman and Littlefield), Published 2006, 10,728 words

Commissioned Encyclopedia Essay, "Suburbanization of Leisure," *The Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America* (Scribner's), Gary Cross, Editor, Published 2004, 3000 words

"The Federal Icarus: The Public Rejection of 1970s National Suburban Planning," *The Journal of Urban History* (Sage Publications) Volume 28 No. 1, November 2001, 16 Pages

## iii. Book Reviews

Review of Michael Allan Wolf, *The Zoning of America: Euclid v. Ambler* (University Press of Kansas), *Business History Review* (Harvard Business School), Review Accepted, To be published Summer 2010

Review Essay of Eric Mumford, *The CIAM Discourse on Urbanism, 1928-1960* (Cambridge: MIT, 2002); Anthony Alofsin, *The Struggle for Modernism: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and City Planning at Harvard* (New York: Norton, 2002); Christiane Crasemann Collins, *Werner Hegemann and the Search for Universal Urbanism* (New York: Norton, 2005); Alice Sparberg Alexiou, *Jane Jacobs: Urban Visionary* (New Brunswick: Rutgers, 2006); and Kenneth Kolson, *Big Plans: The Allure and Folly of Urban Design* (Baltimore: Hopkins, 2001) for the *Journal of Planning History*, Volume 7, Number 1, February 2008, 3000 words

Review of *The New Suburban History*, Editors Kevin Kruse and Thomas Sugrue (University of Chicago Press), *Journal of American History*, March 2007, Vol. 93, No. 4, 500 words

Review of *Housing Segregation in Suburban America since 1960: Presidential and Judicial Politics* (Cambridge University Press), *Business History Review* (Harvard Business School), Winter 2005, 750 words

Review of Andrew Wiese, *Places of Their Own: African American Suburbanization in the Twentieth Century* (University of Chicago Press), *Journal of American History*, January 2005, 500 words

Review of Richard Hogan, *The Failure of Planning* (Ohio State University Press), *Planning Perspectives: An International Journal of History, Planning and the Environment* (Routledge), April 2005, 750 words

Review of Becky Nicolaides, *My Blue Heaven: Life and Politics in the Working-Class Suburbs of Los Angeles, 1920-1965* (University of Chicago Press), *American Historical Review*, Volume 108, No. 1, February 2003, 750 words

## **B. Presented Papers**

### **i. Conference Papers**

"James Rouse and the Hartford Process: Race, Privatization, and the Limits of Metropolitan Reform," 13<sup>th</sup> *International Planning History Conference*, Chicago, Illinois, July 2008

"Reassessing Robert Moses' Influence on New York City's Public Housing," presented at the conference entitled *Robert Moses: New Perspectives on the Master Builder*, Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History, Columbia University, New York, March 2007

Panel Convener, "Revisiting the Superblock: Was Design Destiny?" and Presenter, "Intensive Care for Superblocks: The NYCHA Story," *Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 11<sup>th</sup> National Planning History Conference*, Coral Gables, Florida, October 2005

"Issues in Design and Long-Term Management in Public Housing: Lessons from the Massive and Successful New York City Housing Authority," *Conference on Social Policy as if People Matter: A Cross-National Dialogue*, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York, November 2004

Presenter, "A Silk Purse from a Sow's Ear: How the New York City Authority (NYCHA) Saved Public Housing," *Social Science History Association*, Chicago, Illinois, November 2004

Panel Convener, "The Post-War New Deal: Reengineering New York's Neighborhoods" and Presenter, "The Benefits of Big Government: How the New York City Housing Authority Managed Tower Public Housing," *Urban History Association Conference*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2004

"Planned to Fail: Federal Intervention in 1960s and 1970s Suburban Development," Presented at the *American Historical Association Conference*, Chicago, Illinois, January 2000

"Suburban Alchemy: New Towns and the Cultural Transformation of Suburbia," Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> *International Planning History Society Conference*, Sydney, Australia, July 1998

### **ii. Invited Presentations**

Panel Commentator, "The Ambiguities of the American Planned Community: Lessons from Levittown, Sun City, and Irvine," *The Diverse Suburb Conference*, Hofstra University, October 2009

Keynote, "The History of Social Services at the New York City Housing Authority," *New York City Housing Authority Social Services Department, Henry Street Settlement*, September 2009

Panelist (with Kenneth T. Jackson and Lisa Keller), "The Resilient City," *Museum of the City of New York*, April 2009

Invited Speaker, "Public Housing That Worked: New York in the Twentieth Century," *Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History, Columbia University*, January 2009

Panel Commentator, "In a New York State of Mind: Planners and Politicians Get Down to Business," *American Historical Association Conference*, January 2009

Panelist, NYCHA and Educational Outcomes, *Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Furman Center, New York University*, November 2008

Panelist, Columbia University, *Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Columbia University, Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of Architecture*, November 2008

Invited Speaker, "Public Housing That Worked: New York in the Twentieth Century," *Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Columbia University*, September 2008

Invited Speaker, "Public Housing That Worked: New York in the Twentieth Century," *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2008

Panelist, "A Roof Over Our Heads: How Will New York Save Its Public Housing?" *Center for New York City Affairs, New School University*, New York, October 2007

Invited Speaker, "Public Housing That Worked: New York in the Twentieth Century," *Milano Graduate School, New School University*, New York, October 2007

Panel Commentator, "The Law, Politics, and Planning in American Cities and Suburbs," *12th National Conference on Planning History*, Portland, Maine, October 2007

"Defining Moments in NYCHA History," Annual Meeting of the New York City Housing Authority Directors, *Museum of the City of New York*, New York, April 2006

Panelist, "Housing in New York City," New York City Teacher's Sabbatical History Class, Dr. Richard Lieberman, *CUNY Graduate Center*, New York, May 2005, December 2005, December 2006, December 2007, December 2008

Invited Speaker, "Merchant of Illusion: James Rouse, America's Salesman of the Businessman's Utopia," *Milano Graduate School, New School University*, New York, May 2005

Invited Speaker, "A Formula for Authenticity: The Strange Transformation of the Festival Marketplaces," *American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) Forum 2004*, New Orleans, December 2004

Featured Guest, "The Life and Legacy of James Rouse," *University of Baltimore*, sponsored by The Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities and The Society for Urban and Regional Planning History, Baltimore, December 2004

Invited Presentation, "1960s New Towns," American Planning History Seminar, *University of New Orleans School of Urban and Public Affairs*, New Orleans, October 2002

Moderator, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Conference, *Tulane University Law School*, Panel on "Sustainable Cities: Rebuilding the Urban Environment," New Orleans, April 2001

Panel Commentator and Chair, "New Orleans," *Gulf South History and Humanities Conference*, Pensacola, October 2000

## **6. Manuscript Review**

*Journal of Urban History* (2 Articles, 2009)

Cornell University Press (Book, 2009)

University of Pennsylvania Press (Book, 2008)

Oxford University Press (Book, 2008)

University of Texas Press (Book, 2008)

Center for American Places Press (Book, 2007)

*Journal of American History* (Article, 2006)

University of Pennsylvania Press (Book, 2004)

*Planning Perspectives* (Article, 2003)

Ohio State University Press (Book, 2003)

## **7. Other Publications or Reports**

Editorial, "Why Sonia Sotomayor Shouldn't Have to Apologize . . ." *History News Network*, August 2009  
"Taking Questions: Ask About the City Housing Authority," *The New York Times City Room Blog*, January 2009  
Editorial, "Can Private Methods Save Public Housing?" *Gotham Gazette*, December 2008  
Editorial, "Public Housing Has a Future," *History News Network*, September 2008  
Editorial, "Preserving Public Housing That Works," *Gotham Gazette*, June 2008  
Guest Critic, 5<sup>th</sup> Year Projects, Tulane University School of Architecture, 2002, 2003  
"Collins Diboll," Biography for the Collins C. Diboll Private Foundation, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2003  
Review of Douglas Brinkley's *Wheels for the World* in the New Orleans *Times Picayune*, April 2003  
Editorial, "Let's not jump on the light rail fad," *Times Picayune*, October 2002  
Editorial, "Violence shreds our social fabric," *Times Picayune*, June 2002  
Editorial, "Reflecting on a missed opportunity in 2002," *Times Picayune*, December 2002  
Interviewed by *The Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *New York Times*.

## **8. Part-Time Academic Experience**

1996-1997 Research Assistant and Administrator, Rabb School of Continuing Studies, *Brandeis University*  
1994-1996 Writing Tutor, Writing Center, *Brandeis University*  
1994-1995 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, *Brandeis University*

## **9. Professional Honors, Prizes, and Fellowships**

2000-2001 Newcomb College Mortar Board Award for Outstanding Teaching, Tulane University  
1997-1998 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Brandeis University Graduate School  
1993-1997 Crown Fellow, Brandeis University Department of History  
1991 Wingra Fellow, University of Wisconsin Arboretum  
1991 Senior Thesis Prize, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History  
1990 Knapp Brittingham Summer Honors Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **10. Grants, Fellowships, and Contracts**

2008: ISRC Grant, \$6037, for *The Finest Airport in the World*  
2007: ISRC Grant, \$1800, for Social Analysis in Twentieth Century Design  
2006: ISRC Grant, \$4758, for *Public Housing That Worked*  
2004: ISRC Grant, \$5210, for *Public Housing That Worked*  
2003: ISRC Grant, \$2810, for *Public Housing That Worked*

## **11. University Service**

*2008-2009*

Director, NYIT Discovery Core  
Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies and Urban Studies, NYIT-Manhattan  
Senator, NYIT Academic Senate  
Member, Curriculum and Executive Committees, NYIT Academic Senate  
Member, 2030 Core Curriculum Committee, CAS  
Member, Committee on the Graduate Center for Metropolitan Sustainability (Provost)  
Member, Interdisciplinary Conference, "Urban Childhoods"

*2007-2008*

Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies, NYIT-Manhattan  
Senator, NYIT Academic Senate  
Member, Curriculum and Budget Committees, NYIT Academic Senate  
Member, 2030 Core Curriculum Committee, CAS  
Member, SOURCE Committee, CAS  
Member, Committee on the Graduate Center for Metropolitan Sustainability (Provost)  
Honorary Member, Golden Key National Honor Society  
Urban Studies Minor Approved, NYIT Academic Senate  
Chair, Interdisciplinary Conference, "New York: Divided Metropolis"; Keynote: David Harvey (CUNY)

*2006-2007*

Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies, NYIT-Manhattan  
Associate Dean, CAS, Manhattan (Spring 2007)  
Member, 2030 Core Curriculum Committee, CAS  
Member, SOURCE Committee, CAS  
Member, Committee on the Graduate Center for Metropolitan Sustainability (Provost)  
Member, Curriculum Committee, CAS  
Guest Talk, Architecture 362 (City Planning), NYIT School of Architecture  
Chair, Interdisciplinary Conference, "New York City: Global Village"; Keynote; Saskia Sassen (University of Chicago)

*2005 -2006*

Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies, NYIT-Manhattan  
Member, 2030 Committee, CAS  
Member, SOURCE Committee and Panel Chair, CAS  
Member, Curriculum Committee, CAS  
Organizer, Faculty Lecture Series, CAS  
Guest Talk, Arch 161 (Survey of Architecture), NYIT School of Architecture  
Co-Chair, Interdisciplinary Conference, "New York: City in Motion"; Keynote: Kenneth T. Jackson (Columbia)

**12. Courses Taught Regularly at NYIT, 2003-2009**

American History I and II  
Contemporary World  
New York State History  
Interdisciplinary Studies: Capstone Seminar 410: The City as an Interdisciplinary Subject  
Interdisciplinary Studies: Foundations 310: Tourism Studies as an Interdisciplinary Subject

**13. Courses Taught at Tulane University**

American Urbanism  
The Suburban Environment  
Cities and the Urban Environment  
The Twentieth Century City  
American Utopias  
American Tourism

**14. Consulting**

New York City Housing Authority  
City of New York, Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Affairs  
Museum of the City of New York  
Architectural League of New York City  
CORO Program, NYC  
LaGuardia Wagner Archive, NYC  
Community Board 7, NYC  
Industrial Areas Foundation, NYC  
Collins Diboll Foundation, New Orleans