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Employment

7/2017 – Present

Associate Professor and Program Director, Urban Planning and Development Program, School of Social Work, Saint Louis University

8/2013 – 6/2017

Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Development Program, Center for Sustainability, Saint Louis University

7/2012 – 7/2013

Associate Professor and Program Director, Urban Planning and Development Program, Center for Sustainability, Saint Louis University

7/2009 – 2012

Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy Studies, Saint Louis University
Program Advisor, Urban Planning and Real Estate Development program

8/2003 – 6/2009

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy Studies, Saint Louis University
Program Advisor, Urban Planning and Real Estate Development program

8/2001 to 7/2003

Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Center for Environmental Policy and Management, School of Urban and Public Affairs at University of Louisville. Research Director – Dr. Peter B. Meyer.

Education

Ph.D. – Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA (2002)

Dissertation – The Brownfields Reality Check: A Study of Land Value and the Effects of Brownfield Redevelopment on the Availability of Affordable Housing; Dissertation Advisor – Nancey Green Leigh

Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development – Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH (1996)

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Lake Erie College, Painesville, OH (1992)

Internal research funding

(2017) Alberici Innovation Fund, Center for Sustainability (\$8,301) – Funding to support travel to University of Sydney, Sydney, AU to participate in Urban Housing Lab Fellows program. Research focused on comparative analyses of structural inequalities in the US and Australia, examining the ways that planning does or does not influence outcomes.

(2017) Alberici Innovation Fund, Center for Sustainability (\$8,639) – Funding to support initial research on the State of Urban Manufacturing in St Louis.

(2013) Sandoval, J. O. (Principal), Ong, K. H. (Co

(2014) National Science Foundation. Hall, D.M. (Principal), Coffin, S. L. (Co-Investigator), Knopf, J (Co-Investigator). “Sustainable Urban River Systems for Human Well-Being: An Interdisciplinary Research Network” \$835,213 (Subaward to University of Georgia).

Publications

Refereed articles

(2015) Yang, Shu; Xuan Liu; Yao-Jan Wu a; John Woolschlager; Sarah L. Coffin. Can freeway traffic volume information facilitate urban accessibility assessment? Case study of the city of St. Louis. *Journal of Transport Geography*. 44 pp 65–75.

(2015) Ganning, Joanna P.; Sarah L. Coffin; Benjamin. McCall; Kathleen Carson. The State of Practice and Web Development for Regional Data Portals. *Journal of Urban Technology*. 21:4 pp 125-139.

(2014) Coffin, Sarah L. The Promises and Pitfalls of TIF in the St Louis Metropolitan Region: A Look at Neighborhood Disparities. *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*. 33 pp 55-78.

(2009) Coffin, Sarah L. and Colleen Bradford Barbero. Making Connections in the Brownfield Marketplace. *Journal of Environmental Practice*. 11:3 pp 170-178.

(2005) Leigh, Nancey Green and Sarah L. Coffin Modeling the Brownfield Relationship to Property Values and Community Revitalization. *Housing Policy Debate*. 16:2.

(2003) Coffin, Sarah L. Closing the Brownfield Information Gap: Some Practical Methods for Identifying Brownfields. *Journal of Environmental Practice*. 5:1 pp 34-39.

(2000) Leigh, Nancey Green and Sarah L. Coffin Industrial Era’s Brownfield Legacy: Characterizing the Redevelopment Challenge. *Journal of Urban Technology*. 7:3 pp 1-18.

(1998) Coffin, Sarah L. and Anne Shepherd Overcoming Barriers to Brownfield Redevelopment: Lessons Learned from Two Great Lakes States. *Journal of Public Works Management and Policy*. 2:3 pp 258-266.

Book chapters and encyclopedia entries

(2009) Kelly, P.V., R.W. Ryan, P. Salsich, J. Amann, and S.L. Coffin. RegionWise Center in the Department of Public Policy and the Law Clinic of Saint Louis University. *An Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in St. Louis County Unincorporated areas of St. Louis* April.

(1999) Coffin, Sarah L., B. D. Fath, M. B. Beck, B. G. Norton, and A. Steinemann. Designing Environmental Planning Strategies that Integrate Stakeholder Beliefs with Scientific Models (presented final conclusions from research) 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Chicago, IL. (October 1999).

(1999) Coffin, Sarah L., B. D. Fath, M. B. Beck, B. G. Norton, and A. Steinemann. Designing Environmental Planning Strategies that Integrate Science with Stakeholder Concerns (presented preliminary findings from research) 13th Congress of the Association of European Schools of Planning. Bergen, Norway. July.

Invited

(2017) Invited to give a talk titled, Planning and Inequality After Ferguson: A Reflection on Policy and Practice. University of Sydney, Australia. June.

(2016) Invited to give a talk about the state of economic development and its relationship to housing in the St Louis Region for the Civil Rights Enforcement Agency. February.

(2015) Invited to give a talk about vacant land policy for SLACO (St Louis Association of Community Organizations) at their annual conference. November.

(2015)

(2008) Coffin, Sarah L., M. Tranel and R. Sergenian. Learning to Walk the Walk AND Talk the Talk: Using Technology to Increase CDC Brownfield Redevelopment Capacity. EPA Brownfields Conference. Detroit, MI May.

(2006) Coffin, Sarah. Matters of Trust. EPA Brownfields Conference. Boston, MA. November.

(2006) Invited to comment on urban form and physical environment report for the East West Gateway Council of Government's regional indicators project. November.

(2004) Invited to speak on the State of the Art in University Research at the US EPA's Brownfields Conference in St. Louis, MO. September.

(2004) Invited to participate on a panel titled "Building Local Capacity for Brownfield Redevelopment" the Livable Cities Symposium the University of Missouri, St. Louis, April.

(2003) Invited to speak on behalf of Peter B. Meyer at the 1st annual international conference on Brownfields as Opportunities for Sustainable Development at the International University of Architecture. Title of Talk: Looking Backwards, Looking Forwards: Economic Rationales for – and Implications of – the 2001 Changes in the US Law Governing Brownfield Reclamation. Venice, Italy. January.

(2002) Invited to speak at the City of Louisville Downtown Housing Forum. The Role of Brownfields in Downtown Housing Development. November.

(2002) Invited with Peter Meyer to speak at the Community Affairs Workshop for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Title of talk: Developing New Uses for Low-to-No Market Brownfields: The Affordable Housing Solution. East St. Louis, IL. October.

(2001) Invited to speak to the Indiana Development Finance Authority Brownfields Taskforce in Indianapolis. Title of talk: `RiaRrETQq0.0 TETQq036-3(e)4(de)40 atq0.0599(R)-2(e)4(c)4(lama)4(`

University

Faculty Senate representative – 2015 to 2017
Faculty Senate Professional Relations Committee – 2006 to 2016
Graduate Academic Advisory Council – 2010 to 2015
University Conflict of Interest Research Committee – 2009 to 2014
University Graduate Council – 2003 to 2010.
Advisory Board – Center for Teaching Excellence – 2005 to 2010
Faculty Fellow – Center for Teaching Excellence Executive Board – 2008 to 2009
Center for Teaching Excellence faculty mentoring sub-committee – 2005 to 2008
Mentor – McNair Scholars program – 2004 to 2008

College

Stupp GIS Lab Advisory Board – Chair – 2010 to present

Department/School

Member – programs committee – School of Social Work – 2017 to present
Faculty Advisor – Saint Louis University Urban Planning Association – 2006 to present
Chair – Faculty Assembly – Center for Sustainability – 2015 to 2017
Program advisor/director – Urban Planning and Development program – 2003 to 2014
Curriculum Review Committee – Center for Sustainability – 2010 to 2013

Community

Board Member – Union Communion Ministries – 2015 to present
Gateway Greening
Advisory committee – Form based plan for Forest or. 321.29 Tm0 g0 G(F)-3(orm)-78(ba)4(se)3(d)-9()-79(pla

2016 Nominated for the Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award

2008 Recognized by St. Louis magazine as a 'St. Louis Green Giant' for environmental work in the region.

2002 Directed a planning studio project that won the Kentucky state chapter of the American Planning Association best student project award.

2002 5th Symposium of the International Urban Planning and the Environment Association. Award for best paper from the Land Use and the Environment Track.