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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

- Bachelor of Science (Systems Engineering). University of Pennsylvania. May 1989
- Master of Science (Systems Engineering). University of Virginia. May 1993
- Master of Planning (Environmental Planning). University of Virginia. May 1994
- Ph.D. (City & Regional Planning). University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
September 1994 - December 2000
 - Dissertation: Planning for Sustainable Development: A Comparative Analysis of the Preparation Process and Content of Community Comprehensive Plans

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Environmental Science Graduate Program. Interdisciplinary Program Appointment. The Ohio State University. May 2004-present
- Assistant Professor of City & Regional Planning. Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University. January 2000-present
- Executive Director. 1000 Friends of Central Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. March 2002-December 2002

RECENT REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Jennifer Evans-Cowley. 2005. Informing and Interacting: The Use of E-government for Citizen Participation in Planning. *Journal of E-Government* 1(3): 73-92.
- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Philip R. Berke. 2004. What Makes a Good Sustainable Development Plan? An Analysis of Factors that Influence Principles of Sustainable Development. *Environment and Planning A* 36:1381-1396.
- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Steven I. Gordon. 2004. Utility of Interactive Computer Based Materials for Enhancing Public Participation. *Environmental Planning and Management* 47(1): 19-33
- Conroy, Maria Manta. 2004. EcoCity Columbus: Using an Ohio State University Planning Class to Bring Sustainability Concepts to Columbus, Ohio. *International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education* 5(2): 199-212.
- Conroy, Maria Manta. 2003. The Process of Planning for Sustainable Development: Dimensions, Comparisons, and Insights. *International Journal of Sustainable Development* 6(4):460-477.
- Berke, Philip R.; and Maria Manta Conroy. 2000. Are We Planning for Sustainable Development? An Evaluation of 30 Comprehensive Plans. *Journal of the American Planning Association* 66(1): 21-33.
 - Recipient of American Planning Association's *Journal of the American Planning Association* 2001 Award for Best Article.

EDITOR REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Conroy, Maria Manta. Forthcoming, 2005. Book Review of Barlett, P. F. and Chase, G. W. (Eds.) (2004) *Sustainability on campus: Stories and strategies for change*. Cambridge MA: MIT Press. 327 pp. *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*.
- Conroy, Maria Manta. 2004. Book Review of Portney, K (2003) *Taking sustainable cities seriously: Economic development, the environment, and quality of life in American cities*. Cambridge MA: MIT Press. 284pp. *Journal of the American Planning Association* 70(2):238.
- Evans-Cowley, Jennifer; and Maria Manta Conroy. 2004. *E-governance: On-line Citizen Participation Tools for Planners*. American Planning Association PAS Report Number 525.
- Conroy, Maria Manta. 2002. Book Review of Chiras, Daniel D., John P. Reganold, and Oliver S. Owen. 2002. *Natural Resource Conservation, Management for a Sustainable Future*, Eighth Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. *Journal of Planning Literature* 17(1):68.
- Berke, Philip R.; and Maria Manta. 1999. *Planning for Sustainable Development: Measuring Progress in Plans*. Working Paper for the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Evans-Cowley, Jennifer; and Maria Manta Conroy (editors). 2005. *E-Government and Planning: Key Citizen Participation Issues and Applications*. John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy, <http://hdl.handle.net/1811/519>.
- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Jennifer Evans-Cowley. 2005. Introduction in *E-Government and Planning: Key Citizen Participation Issues and Applications*. John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy, <http://hdl.handle.net/1811/519>.
- Evans-Cowley, Jennifer; and Maria Manta Conroy. 2005. Incorporating Development Services in *E-Government and Planning: Key Citizen Participation Issues and Applications*. John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy, <http://hdl.handle.net/1811/519>.
- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Jennifer Evans-Cowley. 2005. Conclusion in *E-Government and Planning: Key Citizen Participation Issues and Applications*. John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy, <http://hdl.handle.net/1811/519>.
- Evans-Cowley, Jennifer S.; and Maria Manta Conroy. 2004. Bringing Planning to your Fingertips. *The Ohio Planner's News* 54(5):1, 3
- Evans-Cowley, Jennifer S.; and Maria Manta Conroy. 2004. Online Citizen Information Tools for Planners. *InfoText* 80:8-10.

PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND IN PROGRESS

- Evans-Cowley, Jennifer; and Maria Manta Conroy. Under Review. The Growth of E-government in Municipal Government. *Journal of Urban Technology*.
- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Jennifer Evans-Cowley. Under Review. E_rparticipation in Planning: An Analysis of Cities Adopting On-line Citizen Participation Tools. *Environment and Planning C*.
- Conroy, Maria Manta. Under Revision. Moving the Middle Ahead: Challenges and Opportunities of Sustainability in the Midwest. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.

- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Timothy Beatley. Under Revision. Getting it done: An exploration of sustainability efforts in practice. *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*.
- Simpson, David; Evans-Cowley, Jennifer; and Maria Manta Conroy. In Progress. *Environment and Planning B*
- Conroy, Maria Manta. In Progress. Leading the Way to Smart Growth – The role of leadership in smart growth efforts across the U.S. *Journal of Planning Literature*.
- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Jack L Nasar. In Progress. Running in Place: Exercise and its Relationship to the Built Environment. *Journal of the American Planning Association*.
- Conroy, Maria Manta; and Al-Izad Iqbal. In Progress. Factors influencing adopting sustainability efforts in the Midwest.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Moving the Middle Ahead: Challenges and Opportunities of Sustainability in the Midwest paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, October 21-24, 2004, Portland, Oregon.
- Who Uses What Tools and Why: Planners, Participation, and E-Governance (with Dr. Jennifer Evans-Cowley) paper presented to the Ohio State University City and Regional Planning Program's Conference on E-governance: Developing on-line citizen participation tools, March 3-5, 2004, Columbus, Ohio.
- Sustainability and the "Average" City: An Exploration of Bringing Sustainability Concepts to Columbus, Ohio (with Dr. Timothy Beatley) paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, November 21 – 24, 2002, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Planning for Sustainable Development: An Analysis of Factors that Influence Principles of Sustainable Development, paper presented to the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, October 11, 2002, The Ohio State University.
- What Makes a Good Sustainable Development Plan? An Analysis of Factors that Influence Principles of Sustainable Development, paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. November 8-11, 2001. Cleveland, Ohio.
- Planning for Sustainable Development: A Comparative Analysis of Community Planning Processes, paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. November 2-5, 2000. Atlanta, Georgia.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- "Planning and Sustainable Development" Ohio EPA Sustainable Redevelopment Training (June, 2004).
- "Stakeholder Analysis and Watersheds" Ohio Watershed Academy (February, 2003).
- "Sustainability and the "Average" City: An Exploration of Bringing Sustainability Concepts to Columbus, Ohio" City & Regional Planning Brown Bag Series (November, 2002).
- "Smart Growth and Ohio" Jennifer M. McSweeney Ohio Land Use Program (November, 2002).
- "Planning for Sustainable Development: A Comparative Analysis of the Preparation and Content of Community Comprehensive Plans" City & Regional Planning Brown

- Bag Series (February, 2001).
- “Public Participation and the Environment” Simply Living Annual Conference, The Ohio State University (October, 2001).

RECENT FUNDED RESEARCH

- Maria Manta Conroy, with Dan Boron, Jessica Garrow, and Paul Harris. Planners Day in School. Funded by The Ohio State University Office of Outreach and Engagement (\$4,211).
- Peter M. Shane, Stephen R. Acker, Maria Manta Conroy, Jennifer Evans-Cowley, Steven I. Gordon, and Gerald M. Kosicki. Building Democracy through Online Citizen Deliberation. Funded by the Battelle Endowment for Technology and Human Affairs (\$59,741).
- Maria Manta Conroy and Steven I. Gordon. “Technology Enhanced Participation for Watershed Planning,” 2005-2006. Funded by the US Geological Society (\$17,844).
- Maria Manta Conroy and Jennifer Evans-Cowley. "E-Government: Citizen Engagement in Public Planning," 2003-2004. Funded by the Battelle Endowment for Technology & Human Affairs (\$46,011).
- Maria Manta Conroy and Jennifer Evans-Cowley. "E-Government: Citizen Engagement in Public Planning," 2003-2004. Office of Continuing Education (\$2,000).
- Maria Manta Conroy. “Sustainability and the ‘Average’ City: An Exploration of the Pervasiveness of Sustainability Concepts in Communities in Central Ohio,” 2002-2003. Funded by the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at the Ohio State University (\$31,141).
- Steven I. Gordon and Maria Manta Conroy. “Linking Measures of Watershed Quality to Citizen Participation to Facilitate Watershed Protection,” 2000-2001. Funded by The Ohio State University Environmental Policy Initiative (\$10,300).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

- CRP 643: American City Planning Since 1900 (class size: 55)
Spring 2001, 2003, 2004, Fall 2004, 2005
- CRP 722: Introduction to Analysis & Use of Environmental Factors in City and Regional Planning (class size: 15)
Winter 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
- CRP 724: Introduction to Planning for Sustainable Development (class size: 15)
Winter 2001, Fall 2001 (team taught), Spring 2002, Spring 2004, Fall 2004
- CRP 750: Resolving Social Conflict (team taught) (class size: 30)
Fall 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
- CRP 780: Workshop in Urban and Regional Planning Techniques (class size: 20)
Fall 2000 (team taught), 2001
- CRP 794: Development Dispute Resolution (class size: 10)
Winter 2004
- CRP 815/816: Case Studies in Urban Planning for Housing/ Seminar in Housing (international exchange class with the Technical University of Dresden (TUD), Germany) (class size: 12) Spring 2002
- CRP 821: Regional Planning Studio, Watershed Planning (team taught) (class size: 6)
Spring 2001

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Professional

- Peer reviewer for: *Journal of the American Planning Association*, *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, *Journal of Planning Literature*, *Landscape and Urban Planning*, *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, and *Environment and Planning C*.
- Special Issue reviewer for: *Environmental Practice* “Framing Intractable Environmental Disputes.”
- Abstract reviewer: 2004 conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (Environmental Track).
- Discussant and moderator: 2004 conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (Sustainability: International Examples and Issues).
- Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant program reviewer (June 2003)
- EPA STAR grant fellowship reviewer (February 2001)

University and Department

- Knowlton School of Architecture Digital Library Committee (2000-present)
- Graduate faculty representative (2001-present; approximately annually)
- Rural-Urban Task Force member (2001-present)
- Center for Urban and Regional Analysis member (2001-present)
- C&RP Award Committee (2000)
- C&RP Faculty Search Committee (2000)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Planning Association
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
- Society for American City and Regional Planning History
- Affiliate, Ohio Center for Wetland and River Restoration