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EDUCATION:

 1993 – MASTERS DEGREE, CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING The Ohio State University
1991 – BACHELOR OF ARTS, GEOGRAPHY The Ohio State University

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS:

Columbus Neighborhood Design Center, Board Columbus Landmarks Foundation, Board United Neighborhood Centers of America, Board Council of Historic Neighborhoods, Board Franklin County Community Development Board Columbus Transportation & Pedestrian Commission Community Properties of Ohio, Circles Volunteer Project Mentor Volunteer 2012 Bicentennial Commissioner 1000 Friends of Central Ohio, Member

EXPERIENCE (Past 13 years):

SENIOR IMPACT DIRECTOR; United Way of Central Ohio; 11-4 - present

Manage the allocation of resources to United Way agencies and community partners; Administer the Neighborhood Training Academy, a program that offers over 50 courses annually on such topics as organizational development, financial literacy, fundraising, and neighborhood development; Represent United Way interests through many public speaking events and serving on numerous boards; Administer and evaluate a grant program for neighborhood and community groups (42 grants awarded in 2007); provide technical assistance and training to recipients as needed; Recruit and manage 5 volunteer councils of executives, community leaders, content experts and community representatives charged with implementing neighborhood development strategies; Create and direct new initiatives in alignment with United Way's Community Impact model.

PROJECT DIRECTOR; The Danter Company, Real Estate Market Research; 12-02 - 11-04

Consultant for a national real estate consulting firm completing market feasibility studies for a variety of projects including office, retail, town center, conference center, hotel, and sport facilities; Completed studies for residential projects including historic renovation, conversion, condominiums, and market-rate and tax-credit apartments; Analyzed various demographic, lifestyle, population, consumer behavior, and psychographic trends.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH: Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corp.; 4-99 - 12-02

Directed research and data collection for the Downtown Business Plan and presented recommendations to the public; Completed the comprehensive Downtown Housing Survey (July 2002) in order to establish the Columbus Downtown Residential Community Reinvestment Area; Assisted in the creation of a Special Improvement District (SID) for a 25-square block area that generates \$1.6 million annually; Educated property owners on available grants and services offered by the SID.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST: City of Columbus, Neighborhood Services; 8-95 - 4-99

Coordinated the Community Reinvestment Area program in Greater Linden, a multi-million dollar initiative between the City of Columbus and neighborhood residents; Organized efforts of numerous stakeholders, including non-profit organizations, development corporations, the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), and social services through implementation of the Greater Linden Action Plan; Identified neighborhood issues and needs working with residents and stakeholders to develop action steps related to reconstruction of a 442-unit public housing community.