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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006-present** **San Jose State University, Department of Urban and Regional Planning**
Lecturer/Studio Instructor, Urban Design
- 2002-present** **Consulting Practice in City Planning and Urban Design** (sole practitioner)
Urban design, policy development, and stakeholder communications for a range of public and private clients. Projects include Specific Plans, Design Guidelines, Development Strategies, Transportation and Land Use Integration.
- 2002-present** **CITY|SPACE** Co-founder/Project Director
Exploring the built environment through exhibitions and programs in art, design, film and cultural landscape research (www.city-space.org).
- 2000-2002** **Simon Martin-Vegue Winkelstein & Moris (SMWM)**
Planner/Urban Designer
- 1994-1997** **Brooklyn Botanic Garden/NYC Department of Sanitation**
Urban Composting Project instructor

SELECTED PROJECTS

Weisz+Yoes/New York City Economic Development Corporation

- Fordham Plaza Conceptual Design

SMWM/EBL&S Property Management Co.

- StationParkGreen TOD, San Mateo, Specific Plan and Design Guidelines

San Jose State University/San Jose Redevelopment Agency

- Alum Rock BART Station Area Concept Plan, Public Outreach Advisor

SMWM/Treasure Island Community Development

- Treasure Island Development Strategy/Transportation Plan

Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill, LLP/Beijing Finance Street Holding Company

- Greater Beijing Finance Street Area Vision Plan

Metropolitan Transportation Commission/ICF Consulting

- Transportation for Livable Communities Program Evaluation/Project Catalog Graphic Design

Alameda County Community Development Agency

- On-call Planning Services

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

- Manual of Best Practices for Integrating Transportation and Land Use

San Jose Redevelopment Agency

- Greater Downtown San Jose Strategy for Development
- Downtown San Jose Streetscape Master Plan
- Downtown San Jose Signage Program Master Plan and Program Development
- San Jose Civic Plaza Urban Design Plan

EDUCATION

1999 Master of City Planning (Urban Design)

University of California, Berkeley
Department of City and Regional Planning

1995 Bachelor of Arts (Environmental Studies)

Columbia University, New York City

PUBLICATIONS, EXHIBITIONS and AWARDS

"An Eye on the Street: What's Ailing our Public Realm?" *SPUR Urbanist*, no. 472, June 2008.

CITY|SPACE programs:

"*Wish You Were Here: The Souvenir and Urban Memory*" (exhibition) Brava Theater Center, 2008.

"*Get on the Bus*" (exhibition) Levin Brothers Warehouse, 2006.

"*Urban Legends: The City in Maps*" (exhibition) Oaklandish Gallery, 2004.

"*Asphalt Shorts*" annual outdoor urbanism film festival Downtown, ongoing since 2003.

CITY|SPACE foundation support:

Capital grant, San Francisco Voluntary Arts Contribution Fund, 2008.

Program grant, LEF Foundation, 2006.

"*Designing The High Line*" design competition for 1.5-mile rail viaduct in Manhattan, 2003. Honorable Mention (top 15 of 720).

"*Momentary City: Planning Lessons from Burning Man*" American Planning Association National Conference, March 2005. APA California Chapter Conference, 2004.

"*Gentrification: A Primer.*" POV Interactive, PBS documentary series companion site, 2003. Reprinted 2008, by Berkeley Repertory Theater.

"On the Waterfront: Urban Anglers Enrich Local Culture, Face Environmental and Health Problems." *Urban Ecology*. 1999, #3.

"There is Trouble in Eden: City Policy Threatens New York City Garden Movement." *Urban Ecology*. 1998, #3.

CIVIC/CULTURAL

Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza Conceptual Design, Technical Advisory Committee, 2005.

Founding Boardmember, Livable Berkeley. Smart-growth advocacy in Berkeley, California. (www.livableberkeley.org)

Chair, Design Committee, Downtown Berkeley Association, 2002-2004.