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Leadership Institute
The Mission of ULI Washington's Regional Land Use Leadership Institute is to provide a powerful local resource to raise awareness and strengthen collaboration among real estate industry and business leaders from all sectors to tackle the National Capital Area's complex land use issues. The Regional Land Use Leadership Institute helps develop tomorrow’s leaders who share the ULI’s mission. Throughout the nine-month program, the 30 participants enjoy a mix of lectures and experiences in which they collaborate with real estate, business, and public sector professionals in learning about the region and the complex issues confronting it.

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Regional challenges and successes identified by participants.
Debbie is a Principal Planner with the Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development, where she has been a member of the comprehensive planning team since beginning her work with the County in 2007. She works on long range planning studies and coordinates the Zoning Ordinance amendment program, developing policy, implementing plans and conducting public outreach. She recently completed a four-year process to comprehensively rewrite the County's Zoning Ordinance.

Prior to her work as an urban planner, she worked in conservation planning for twelve years as a GIS analyst and data manager for The Nature Conservancy and NatureServe. In her spare time, she enjoys playing clarinet with the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia, and bicycling throughout the region.

Allison Anolik is an Environmental Planner and Geographic Information Systems Specialist in the Planning and Economics Practice of Louis Berger, Inc. Allison has 10 years of experience with both public and private sector clients encompassing a broad range of disciplines, including environmental planning, transportation planning, spatial analysis, land use analyses, and urban planning. During her 5 year tenure at Louis Berger, Allison has been integral to several transmission line planning and permitting projects in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio; two high speed rail projects in the continental US; and a variety of NEPA and planning projects for the General Services Administration (GSA), Department of Defense (DoD) and National Park Service (NPS) throughout the United States. Most recently, Allison has served as a project manager for a complex and high profile GSA project incorporating site evaluation and selection, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 compliance, traffic and transit modeling, and urban design. She is also advising the NPS on a property acquisition strategy for three new land units to be added to the Vicksburg National Military Park, authorized in the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act.

Prior to joining Louis Berger, Allison worked for Atkins (formerly PBS&J) in support of DoD Real Property Master Plans; and as a flood hazard analyst for Dewberry and Davis. She holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia and is working towards a Masters of Geographic and Cartographic Science at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.
Melissa Bird joined the DC Office of Planning in 2005 as the Ward 3 Planner and now has served as the Ward 6 Planner in the Neighborhood Planning division for 7 years. In this capacity, she has served as a project manager for multiple projects including the recently completed Southwest Small Area Plan. She was the project manager for the Streetcar Master Land Use Study which assessed the development impacts of a fully built out streetcar line. She also managed the Glover Park Commercial Corridor Study, the Southwest Zoning Assessment, Florida Avenue Market Transportation Study, Neighborhood Investment Fund for H Street among others. She is currently working on the DC Comprehensive Plan amendment.

Prior to joining the DC Office of Planning, Melissa worked in environmental consulting for five years at the Louis Berger Group and also at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County. Her previous experience includes land use planning, environmental planning and community needs and infrastructure assessments. Ms. Bird has an undergraduate degree in psychology from UNC Charlotte and a Master’s in Community Planning from the University of Maryland College Park.

Martha Elena Coello is a Senior Transportation Planner at the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT). She began her career with FCDOT as a Transportation Planner with a focus on transit-oriented development planning and implementation. Mrs. Coello’s career has continued to grow serving in various roles promoting and implementing transit use, transit-oriented development, and multimodal transportation projects in Fairfax County.

She conducted transportation site impact analysis for land development applications concentrating on the Tysons Urban Core in Fairfax County and reviewed over 13 million square feet of transit-oriented development. In her current capacity, she is responsible for all planning and design coordination for Phase 2 of the Silver Line on behalf of FCDOT. She was recently selected by Mass Transit Magazine as one of the “Top 40 under 40” professionals for her efforts in advancing transit-oriented land use planning in the Capital Region.

Mrs. Coello holds a Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor’s degree in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia. She is also a certified planner with the American Planning Association and a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.
Allison Davis is Metro's Regional Planning Manager in the Office of Planning. In this role, she leads the Regional Planning team that advocates for Metro’s needs across the region. She also continues to press the case that Metro and the region need to look beyond the challenges of today and plan for the region’s future, built around an affordable, flexible, connective transit system. At Metro, she helped author Momentum, the Authority’s first strategic plan in a decade. Additionally, she has led the development of ConnectGreaterWashington, the regional transit plan for 2040, which outlines the need for transit expansion to meet expected demand. Prior to Metro, she worked for Arup, a multinational engineering, design, and planning firm in New York and PADECO, an international development consultancy in Tokyo, Japan.

She served on the boards of the New York and Washington DC chapters of WTS for five years, ran the mentoring program for both chapters and is currently a mentor in the WTS-DC program. Allison is on the Board of the US Capitol Page Alumni Association, the organization of former House, Senate, and Supreme Court Pages. She received her Master degrees in Transportation and Urban Planning from MIT and her Bachelor of Science in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering from Cornell. Allison lives in the District with her husband Joe and enjoys traveling, riding transit, and triathlons.

Mike has been working in construction since 2004 and excels in his work with refined analytical, business, and leadership capabilities. He applies knowledge from one task to another, and quickly translates the results to the completion of a task. As a Director of Operations for Scott-Long, Mike’s primary responsibility is to ensure quality control, overall project administration, detailed estimates, and competitive bidding. His experience with complex construction and interaction with clients, vendors and labor supervision on a daily basis makes him a valuable member of the project team.

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Sonja M. Ewing, AICP began earlier this summer as a Supervisor of the Park Planning Section of the Prince George's County Parks Department of the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Sonja has a rich background and extensive experience as an urban planner, urban designer, college professor, and urban planning consultant in both urban and suburban settings. Ms. Ewing's work focuses on community engagement, placemaking, participatory design and sustainable development. Sonja's most recent position was with the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization, where she served as the Revitalization Program Manager and Urban Designer for the Silver Line Transit stations in Reston, VA.

She holds dual masters’ degrees in Urban Design from the Washington University School of Architecture in St. Louis, Missouri, and in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati School of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Washington University in Architecture and African American Studies. Ms. Ewing has instructed courses in urban planning and urban design at Catholic University, the University Detroit Mercy and the University of Cincinnati.

Bill Eger serves as the Energy Manager for the City of Alexandria (Alexandria, VA). As Energy Manager, Bill leads planning, engineering, programming, technical evaluation, policy development, education and outreach, and implementation of Alexandria's energy efficiency, clean energy, green building, climate change mitigation/adaptation, resilience, and related sustainability initiatives. In addition, Bill leads Alexandria's energy, utility, and fuel resource acquisition; building energy and vehicular fuel use analytics, modeling, simulation, benchmarking, and reporting among other responsibilities. He serves as the City’s public utilities regulatory and policy expert and consumer advocate in public utility regulatory affairs. Finally, Bill leads various "smart cities" strategic planning initiatives on behalf of the City of Alexandria. Bill formerly served as Energy Manager for the City of Cleveland (Ohio) in the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability and as Lead Engineer for the US Department of Energy’s Industrial Assessment Center at the University of Dayton.

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Mr. Dalal has over five years of experience in the real estate private equity industry, concentrating in acquisitions, dispositions, financing, and joint venture structuring. Prior to joining The JBG Companies in 2015, Mr. Dalal worked at the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) and was based in the United Arab Emirates. As a member of ADIA’s Americas Investment team, Mr. Dalal primarily focused on real estate acquisitions and asset management across various sectors throughout the United States, Canada, and Latin America. Previously, Mr. Dalal worked within Goldman Sachs’ Investment Building and Investment Management Divisions in New York and Philadelphia.

Mr. Dalal graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Finance and Biology, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

As Vice President, Hilary manages the development process for Bozzuto’s multifamily and mixed-use projects throughout the Baltimore-Washington region, from acquisitions, preliminary financing and entitlements through construction and lease-up. Previously, Hilary was Development Director at ProMark Real Estate, where she directed development services for the Gaithersburg, Marland-based company’s commercial portfolio including negotiating entitlements, securing public approvals, and performing due diligence on acquisitions in Washington, DC and Montgomery County, Maryland. Hilary also spent five years at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC during a capital campaign to build a Frank Gehry-designed expansion and worked on economic development initiative for municipalities including the City of Somerville, Massachusetts. Hilary has served on the board of the Maryland National Capital Building Industry Association and the Urban Land Institute’s TOD Product Council.

She has a master’s degree in urban planning from Harvard’s Graduate School of Design and a bachelor’s degree in art and archaeology from Princeton University.
Sarah Goss O’Rielly is a senior policy analyst in the Office of Economic Development Finance (EDF) within the D.C. Government’s Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Ms. O’Rielly initially joined EDF in March 2005. In her role, Ms. O’Rielly advises the CFO on tax increment financing (TIF) and payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) financing deals entered into by the District, in addition to a variety of other real-estate and debt transactions to ensure the least financial risk to the District. She has been involved in analyzing District supported financing of many of the major economic development projects in the city, including the Washington Nationals Ballpark, the Yards, the Wharf, and the Shakespeare Theatre Company’s Sidney Harman Hall among others. Ms. O’Rielly currently represents the Office of the Chief Financial Officer on the board of Destination DC.

Ms. O’Rielly was previously employed by Booz Allen Hamilton as a management consultant, supporting federal agencies such as the Department of Commerce and the Department of Treasury. She also conducted fiscal and economic impact analysis for ARD Government Finance Group.

Ms. O’Rielly holds a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and a BS degree from Georgetown University.

Jill has worked in Arlington County Government since 2001. Currently, she is a Commercial Development Specialist for Arlington Economic Development. Don’t let the title fool you – it’s more like a catch-all position which has allowed Jill to work on a variety of projects ranging from the update to the Arlington County Retail Plan to small business assistance through the permitting process to working on large interdepartmental projects.

Prior to joining Arlington Economic Development, Jill worked as a senior planner for the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development facilitating large site plan projects and coordinating use permit reviews. Before joining Arlington County Government, Jill worked for the Town of Ashland, VA (with a stint as the Planning Director) and the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission.

She has a Masters in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Virginia.
Carlton Hart has nearly 20 years of public sector experience working for local planning agencies in Massachusetts and Virginia as well as the federal government. Over the past 10 years he has been with the federal government where he is currently an urban planner working in the Urban Design and Plan Review Division with National Capital Planning Commission. During this time Carlton’s focus has been reviewing projects at the Kennedy Center, the Pentagon Reservation, and the redevelopment of the former St. Elizabeths West Campus into the headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security.

He is a member of the American Planning Association and has a master’s degree in regional planning from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Mei Li is a Housing Acquisitions Manager at Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (“HOC”). Joining HOC in 2015, she is part of the real estate development team tasked with reviewing HOC’s 7,000-unit multi-family portfolio for redevelopment opportunities. Prior to joining HOC, Mei worked for Seattle based developer Vulcan Real Estate on the South Lake Union project, an urban redevelopment encompassing over 60 acres and 10 million SF of redevelopment capacity. While at Vulcan, she managed six development projects including 1.3 million SF of office space, 250,000 SF of bio-tech space, and 460 apartment units with total development costs of $900 million.

Mei started her career over fifteen years ago in acquisitions at Oxford Properties Group in Toronto, Canada. Since then she has completed $4 billion acquisitions and structured finance transactions throughout US and Canada.

Mei graduated from Schulich School of Business with an MBA in real estate development and finance.
Rick Liu, Economic & Development Specialist at the Montgomery County Planning Department, serves as the primary person responsible for integrating market feasibility and economic considerations into long-range Master Plans. He strives to promote a balance between stimulating redevelopment in aging communities, while ensuring a commensurate level of impact payments and public benefits from these developments. He currently serves as the in-house specialist providing market studies, financial feasibility evaluations, and fiscal & economic impact studies across a range of plans in the County, from rural/suburban environments such as Sandy Spring and Aspen Hill, to urban activity centers such as Downtown Bethesda and White Flint. Prior to joining Montgomery County, Rick worked as a consultant to various Federal agencies on issues related to real estate finance, project management, and sustainability, with a proven track record of creating economically and politically implementable solutions.

Rick is an active member of the Urban Land Institute, where he participates on the Case Study and Regional Initiatives Committee, and also sits on the US Green Building Council's National Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for Location and Planning.

He holds a Bachelor of Economics degree from Tufts University and a Masters in City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He resides in Garrett Park, Maryland with his wife Rebecca and his 8-month old son, Asher.

Robert Mandle, Economic Development Specialist at Crystal City BID, has worked together with the President/CEO to build a new organization from the ground up, craft a cohesive vision, and create innovative programming and marketing strategies that have made Crystal City a model for downtown urban management.

Outside of Crystal City, Rob has repeatedly demonstrated a knack for quickly learning what makes neighborhoods tick and developing a vision for community action that embraces creativity, efficiency, and partnership building in order to proactively make change, not just advocate for it. As a resident of Petworth in the District of Columbia, Rob launched and led a farmers market, led numerous community enhancement efforts, co-founded a community-based volunteer non-profit, and was elected to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. As an engaged citizen and ANC Commissioner, Rob laid the groundwork for a new community partnership with an adjacent federally-owned property, moved forward a long languishing traffic calming project, and earned the respect and trust of then Ward 4 Council Member and current Mayor of the District of Columbia, Muriel Bowser, as evidenced by his being nominated into several public charges.

Rob earned a graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Virginia Tech's regional campus in Old Town Alexandria. Rob is also a graduate of Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Maine having earned a degree in Economics and Environmental Studies.
Daniel Park is a Senior Planner/Associate at Rodgers Consulting, a long-established land planning and engineering firm in Germantown, Maryland. Daniel is a key member of the engineering team that specializes in urban infill and redevelopment projects, and as a planner, brings tremendous technical design skills and the ability to share his knowledge in a collaborative environment.

Prior to joining Rodgers, Daniel practiced as a Landscape Architect for over 10 years, working with many prominent developers, shareholders, and municipalities in the Washington Metropolitan area. His efforts led to many successful built projects and industry recognition. He continues to be an active member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Maryland Building Industry Association.

He earned a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Maryland, and is an International Baccalaureate Program graduate. Mr. Park is a registered Landscape Architect in Maryland and Delaware.

Walter J. Ploskon is a Principal with Niles Bolton Associates, a national multi-disciplinary design firm continually recognized by Architectural Record and Building Design and Construction magazines. He is the Managing Director of the firm’s regional office located in Alexandria, VA. With nearly 20 years’ of experience designing complex project types, Walter’s strength of strategic problem solving, with an emphasis on urban planning and design, has produced national and international projects of all sizes and budgets including multiple award-winning mixed-use multi-family and commercial projects. Walter is currently leading the design on a number of mixed-use multi-family projects including senior housing, student housing and transit-oriented development projects throughout the mid-Atlantic and Northeast. His pursuit of quality design while fostering a culture of mentorship and professional development at all levels reflects his genuine interest in realizing the potential in quality community development.

A registered architect in eight states including the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, Walter has served as a committee member with AIA|DC and NCARB and has participated in public speaking engagements on successful project management practices. He is currently a full member of ULI and the Maryland Building Industry Association and is LEED AP BD+C accredited. Walter earned both his Bachelor and Master’s degree of Architecture from the University of Maryland.
Shannon Roberts is a leader for Jacobs’ urban design practice in the DC region. She has extensive experience working on interdisciplinary teams specializing in sustainable design, physical planning, urban design and infrastructure. With over 10 years of experience, Shannon’s portfolio includes local, national, and international projects ranging from urban infill projects to large regional and campus master plans. Combining creative thinking and analytical skills to capitalize on opportunities and mitigate challenges, Shannon routinely influences the design process, resulting in projects that bring added benefits to both her clients and the greater community.

As a director of the Northern Virginia Section of the American Planning Association’s Virginia Chapter, Shannon is responsible for setting the agenda and organizing educational and networking opportunities for the Section’s 500+ members. She is an active member of CREW DC’s Program Committee which is responsible for providing six to eight cutting edge real estate programs annually. Recently, Shannon was awarded The President’s Volunteer Service Award for her work on the Host Committee for Greenbuild 2015.

Shannon is an AICP certified planner, Project Management Professional (PMP) and LEED AP BD+C. She earned a Master of Science in Urban Planning from Columbia University’s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation and a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of Michigan. Shannon is an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

Harry Ross is a licensed architect and currently a Senior Project Architect at CORE Architecture and Design in Washington, DC. He is also principal of his own firm fieldCRAFTstudio where he works at a variety of scales from interiors to urban design. At both CORE and fieldCRAFTstudio he embraces opportunities as a designer, detailer, and project manager to lead projects from concept to construction administration which has allowed him to hone his personal approach to the building process.

A majority of Harry’s professional career has been spent in New York City where he had the opportunity to work for three firms recognized internationally for design excellence: He has worked at RMJM Hillier, Grimshaw Architects and Ennead (formerly the Polshek Partnership) where he worked on a variety of award winning urban design and architectural projects. Recently, his firm fieldCRAFTstudio (FCS) has been recognized by AIA Atlanta for the National Pavilion Design Competition and by Curb’d Covington in association with US Bank and the Haile Foundation for an interactive parklet in downtown Covington, Kentucky. With a focus on urban projects and sustainability, FCS takes a multidisciplinary approach to design where sustainability and utility are paired with narrative and novel uses of materials to achieve site specific designs.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in French International Business from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Masters of Architecture at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.
Andrew is with the B.F. Saul Company where he works in the acquisitions and development department. To date the majority of his projects have been developing retail shopping centers and mixed use developments in Loudoun County, VA.

Andrew Saul is a DC native and went to Georgetown Prep in Maryland for high school. He attended Loyola University New Orleans for an undergraduate degree in Economics. Then he spent two years at the B.F. Saul Company in a management rotation program that gave exposure to many different facets of the company including hotel operations, office and retail leasing, property management, and acquisitions and development. He then enrolled in American University’s MBA program for two years.

Anna Shapiro is a Project Manager in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. In this role she manages a portfolio of projects that involve the disposition and redevelopment of large scale publically owned properties, including the West End Parcels, Hine School, Parcel 42 and Stevens School. Prior to joining DMPED, Ms. Shapiro was a Housing Regulations Specialist at the DC Department of Housing and Community Development. Ms. Shapiro managed the day to day administration of the Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) program and the Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) program.

Ms. Shapiro received her Master’s in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, with a focus on Urban Redevelopment and Real Estate. While in Philadelphia, she worked for an affordable housing development consultant and an economic development non-profit. She began her career in architecture and construction after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from Washington University in St. Louis.”
Joyce Tsepas, AICP oversees a team of 16 transportation planners in her role as the Urban Transportation Planning Group Lead at AECOM. The group supports transit providers as well as local, state, regional, and federal government agencies in the DC region. Joyce has led transit corridor studies, engineering feasibility studies, long range transportation plans, transit oriented development efforts, and environmental plans.

Prior to her time at AECOM, Joyce worked as a Neighborhood Planner at the DC Office of Planning (OP) where she managed neighborhood revitalization plans collaborating with the community, developers, and businesses.

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Zach is a land use and zoning attorney at the firm Bean, Kinney & Korman P.C. in Arlington, Virginia. Zach’s practice includes assisting clients with land use, zoning, and real estate development projects in Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Maryland. In addition to his work with development applications, Zach also handles land use and property-related litigation matters for his clients. Beyond ULI, Zach is also an active member of NAIOP in Northern Virginia and participates with the Historic Mount Pleasant Board in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood of D.C, where he currently lives.

Zach has been a resident of the D.C. area since 2005, when he first came to the city to attend law school at The George Washington University Law School. Zach graduated from law school in 2008 and has been practicing in the Washington, D.C. region ever since. Prior to law school, Zach attended Davidson College for his undergraduate studies.
Susse Yuan is a Customer Service Manager in the Portfolio Division of General Services Administration (GSA) Public Buildings Service National Capital Region. She leads a team that is in charge of customer service, billing, and needs assessment for Department of Justice, Department of Treasury and over 35 other client commissions.

She has been in the federal government for 15 years. Her previous job was a National Account Manager at GSA’s Central Office for Health & Human Services, Department of Interior, Department of Labor, and Department of Education where she worked on national and executive level issues and managed several cross-functional teams across the country. Prior to GSA, she worked at the Department of Justice for the US Trustees as a Facilities Management Specialist with a portfolio that encompassed 35 states and billing agreements with GSA across the country.

Susse began her federal career in GSA’s Great Lakes Regional office in Chicago as a Co-op. She became a Realty Specialist. Then she received her leasing Contracting Officer Warrant with a $10M limit. Her next job was as a GSA Regional Account Manager for the Department of Justice before moving to DC.

Susse earned her MBA from Loyola University Chicago Graduate School of Business. She received her undergraduate degree from The University of Chicago.