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WESTERN PLACES/WESTERN SPACES: CREATING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Across the Rocky Mountain region, creating spaces that work for diverse populations—rich and poor, young and old, newcomers and natives—is a central challenge of our times. While the West is home to many thriving communities with robust economies and enviable amenities, there are also numerous communities that are struggling to keep pace economically and to manage the challenges of rapid growth. As our region continues to grow and change, increasing in density and diversity, questions about how to maintain affordability and livability, while promoting equity and inclusiveness, are top of mind in many of our fast-growing Western cities and towns.

The theme for the 2017 Western Places/Western Spaces conference, Creating Inclusive Communities, focuses on the challenges and strategies available to cities—large and small—to plan for and build communities in which everyone can thrive. We will address a range of topics, including:

- providing tools for developing more affordable communities to accommodate a rapidly increasing and diverse population;
- planning for mobility that includes not only traditional modes, but also innovative solutions like car sharing and driverless vehicles while providing for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- promoting economic growth while protecting existing businesses and residents from gentrification; and
- preparing to use big data to build “smart cities” in ways that enhance the lives of westerners without increasing the economic and cultural divides.

CUTTING EDGE ISSUES

An annual feature of the conference, this track covers new programs and emerging topics. This year, sessions include the autonomous vehicles, climate change, adapting to a new administration, and others.
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SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Tucson, AZ

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Julian Juergensmeyer
Ben F. Johnson Professor, Georgia State University School of Law
Atlanta, GA

Professor Julian Juergensmeyer has been teaching law for over fifty. He taught both civil and common law at Tulane University and then had a 30-year stint at the University of Florida before joining the Georgia State Law faculty as its first endowed chair-holder. He also serves as adjunct professor of City and Regional Planning at Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Juergensmeyer is also professor of law emeritus of the University of Florida College of Law where—in addition to teaching—he served as director of the Growth Management Studies Program, the Center for Agricultural Law, the LL.M. in
Comparative Law Program, and the Cambridge Warsaw International Trade Summer Law Program. He has authored and co-authored more than 100 articles and books, including a treatise on Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Law that is widely used by law and planning practitioners and frequently cited by courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. Dr. Juergensmeyer is considered a pioneer in the development of infrastructure finance oriented regulations such as impact fees and has participated in developing growth management and capital improvement programs and litigation in regard to them in over 25 states. In recent years, he has also focused on smart growth regulations designed to encourage use of renewable energy and resource conservation.

John Marshall
Assistant Professor, Georgia State University College of Law
Atlanta, GA
John Marshall is an Assistant Professor of Law at Georgia State University, where he teaches Environmental Law and Land Use Law. He joined GSU from Yale Law School where he was the Ludwig Community Development Fellow. From 2007 to 2011, he was a counsel and project manager with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA). In that role, Mr. Marshall advised NORA on post-Hurricane Katrina implementation of the Authority's urban revitalization efforts, including land acquisition, development, and disposition programs. Prior to his work in New Orleans, he was a partner with Holland & Knight LLP. Mr. Marshall is especially interested in cities, focusing on private and government interventions to promote urban revitalization.

James Nicholas
Professor Emeritus, University of Florida
Gainesville, FL
Professor James Nicholas is an international leader in devising public finance theories relating to public facilities, and then crafting policies executing them in ways that improve economic efficiency and equity.
TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL

When it comes to climate change in the United States, cities are leading the way. This panel-based discussion will include four Colorado communities that vary in geography and in size to engage participants with concrete steps for how to make a difference on the local scale on one of the most pressing global issues of our time. Topics will include a discussion of how each community is engaging in the work, the business case for addressing climate change efforts, and the metrics and tools these communities are using to track their success. Key similarities and differences among the communities’ approaches will be highlighted.

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MODERATOR:

Tom Herrod
Climate & Green House Gas Program Advisor, City & County of Denver
Denver, CO
Tom Herrod has managed Denver’s community greenhouse gas inventory and climate strategy development since 2012. Prior to that, he managed Denver’s Energy Efficiency and Community Block Grant Program from Federal ARRA funds. Mr. Herrod developed Denver’s most recent Climate Action Plan and contributed to Denver’s Climate Adaptation Plan while successfully advocating for long term climate planning. He also serves on various interagency teams to promote climate mitigation and adaptation in city and community planning. Over the last 20 years, Mr. Herrod has served at the federal, state, and local government level to improve environmental action and programs. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources from the University of Nebraska, a Master’s Degree in Environmental Policy & Management from the University of Denver, and a PhD-ABD from Texas State in Aquatic Resources.

SPEAKERS:

Laurie Kadrich
Director of Planning, Development, and Transportation, City of Fort Collins
Fort Collins, CO
Laurie Kadrich has served as Director of Planning, Development & Transportation for the City of Fort Collins since June, 2015. Prior to that, she served as Director of Community Development & Neighborhood Services for the City of Fort Collins. As a leader in Fort Collins, Ms. Kadrich has contributed to many City leadership activities and project teams to include Executive Leadership Team, Budgeting for Outcomes Team, Climate Action Planning Team, City Supervisors Training Committee, Class & Compensation, and more. She has over 30 years of accomplished local government service. Previously, Ms. Kadrich served as City Manager in Grand Junction, CO and has held city government positions in Cody and Gillette, Wyoming. She holds a Bachelor in Arts and Sciences Degree in Criminal Justice from University of Northern Michigan, a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from University of Wyoming.

Jonathan Koehn
Regional Sustainability Coordinator, City of Boulder
Boulder, CO
Jonathan Koehn is the Regional Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Boulder, where he works to implement the city's sustainability agenda, specifically in relation to climate action and waste reduction, but more broadly across the complete spectrum of the city’s sustainability goals. He has worked on energy and environmental policy with states and local governments for over 15 years. In
close consultation with regional and local governments and their constituencies, Mr. Koehn has worked to develop strategic and tactical solutions to their energy planning, climate mitigation, and adaptation challenges. Since 2009, he has been focused on the various aspects of Boulders energy efforts, primarily, the city’s municipalization exploration project.

Ashley Perl  
Climate Action Manager, City of Aspen  
Aspen, CO  
Ashley Perl has served the Aspen community for over a decade with leading edge environmental sustainability programs including a Climate Action Plan, a single-use bag fee, and aggressive federal and state policy work. Originally from the community, Ms. Perl is committed to making Aspen a place where future generations can experience a connection with the land that is unique in today's urban environment.
THE BIG PICTURE: MACRO-TRENDS IN THE ECONOMY, PLANNING, & ZONING

Sometimes you’re so deep in the trenches of your latest project that you lost track of the big picture. In this session three national practitioners in economics, planning, and zoning will discuss uber-trends in national economics, spending, housing, planning practice, and zoning tools that should inform your latest planning and zoning efforts.

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**MODERATOR:**

Don Elliott  
Director, Clarion Associates  
Denver, CO

Don Elliott, FAICP, is a Director of Clarion Associates, a land use consulting firm with offices in Denver, Chapel Hill, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia. Mr. Elliott’s practice focuses on domestic and international land planning and zoning. He teaches graduate level course on Land Use Regulation at the University of Colorado at Denver and is a member of the Denver Planning Board. Mr. Elliott is the author of *A Better Way to Zone* (Island Press 2008) and the editor of *Colorado Land Planning and Development Law* for over 20 years. He has a bachelor’s degree in Urban Planning and Policy Analysis from Yale University, a law degree from Harvard Law School, and a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Bill Anderson**  
Principal and Vice President, AECOM  
San Diego, CA

William (Bill) Anderson is Director of City & Regional Planning at AECOM. His focus is comprehensive planning, urban economics, and implementation. Before AECOM, Mr. Anderson was Director of City Planning & Community Investment for San Diego; and Deputy ED of the Redevelopment Agency. He directed San Diego’s “City of Villages” General Plan, which received APA’s prestigious Daniel Burnham Award. Previously, Mr. Anderson was a Senior VP with Economics Research Associates (ERA), working nationally & internationally. He was APA President (2013–15), is on the California Planning Roundtable, a Full Member of ULI, and a Board member of the San Diego Regional EDC and City Heights CDC. From 1995–2003, he was a member and chair of San Diego’s Planning Commission. Mr. Anderson has a B.A from Claremont McKenna College and MCRP from Harvard.

**Andrew Nelson**  
Chief Economist, Colliers International  
San Francisco, CO

Andrew Nelson is Chief U.S. Economist for Colliers International where he develops the firm’s economic and market perspectives and provides strategic advice to the firm’s clients. As head of the U.S. research team, Mr. Nelson also oversees all of the firm’s research reports and other products. Prior to Colliers, Mr. Nelson spent eight years at Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management, most recently as Director of Research & Strategy in the Americas, where he managed the U.S. Research team. Previously, he held a variety of leadership positions in both the public and private sectors. Mr. Nelson holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from Harvard University and is the author of numerous articles on real estate sustainability, macroeconomics, property economics, and market research.
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TRANSITIONING INTO A NEW ADMINISTRATION: RURAL CONCERNS

Federal public lands—and, therefore, federal policy—is a defining feature of the rural West. This session looks at some of the possible shifts in policy that are most likely to affect Western communities, such as the management of public lands, oil and gas development, and others.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Stephen Miller
Associate Professor of Law, University of Idaho College of Law
Boise, ID
Stephen R. Miller is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Idaho College of Law. Among his recent projects are a land use law casebook, a book on the sharing economy, a co-edited book of essays on climate change, and a three-year wildfire planning project with the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Miller has served locally as a planning commissioner and a board member of a neighborhood association and internationally as a land use adviser for OECD and the government of Cambodia. He holds an undergraduate degree from Brown University, a master’s degree in city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley, and his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of Law. He writes the Land Use Prof Blog.

Justin Pidot
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Justin Pidot is an associate professor at Denver Law who studies environmental law, administrative law, regulatory takings, and natural disasters. He graduated with high honors from Wesleyan University before attending Stanford Law School, where he graduated with distinction and was editor in chief of the Stanford Environmental Law Journal. Professor Pidot clerked for Judge Judith W. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Prior to joining the University of Denver faculty, he was an appellate litigator at the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he presented argument in more than a dozen federal appellate cases and acted as the staff attorney on two cases before the United States Supreme Court. Professor Pidot also completed a fellowship at the Georgetown Environmental Law & Policy Institute.
TRANSITIONING INTO A NEW ADMINISTRATION: URBAN ISSUES

Each new administration brings its own priorities to the table, placing new people in cabinet and leadership positions, directing changes in policies, and shifting budget priorities. This session provides an overview of how changes at the federal level shape action at the state and local level, with a specific focus on urban issues like housing, transportation, and the environment.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

MODERATOR:

Catherine Cox Blair
Senior Policy Advocate, National Resources Defense Council
Denver, CO

Catherine Cox Blair provides communities with technical assistance and expertise regarding city-led innovation and the forging of private-public partnerships. Prior to joining NRDC, she worked at Reconnecting America, where she managed sustainable-development projects in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Denver, and Atlanta and helped plan and implement communities anchored by mass transit. She has also worked as a planner for the city of Denver. Ms. Blair is a commissioner of the Denver Urban Renewal Authority. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech and a master’s from the University of Virginia. She is based in Denver.

SPEAKERS:

Rick Garcia
Former Region VIII Administrator, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Denver, CO

Rick M. Garcia served as Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Region VIII. In addition, Mr. Garcia was designated as Senior Policy Advisor to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan on Sustainability, representing the field offices. He also served as HUD liaison to the Denver Metropolitan’s Regional Air Quality Council which advises the Governor and the General Assembly on Environmental Protection Agency’s air quality standards. Mr. Garcia oversaw the delivery of HUD’s homeownership, affordable housing, community development, fair housing, and Native American housing programs. Prior to joining HUD, Mr. Garcia was elected to the Denver City Council in June 2003. Throughout his tenure, he made economic revitalization, access to new transit projects, and business development his priorities. Mr. Garcia has been recognized by multiple public, civic and private organizations, including the Hispanic Contractors of Colorado and the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as Government/Community Advocate of the Year.

Shailen Bhatt
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Transportation
Denver, CO

Shailen P. Bhatt serves as the Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), where he is charged with leading the department in planning for and addressing Colorado’s transportation needs. During his tenure, CDOT has launched the Road X program, which is focused on deploying innovative technology solutions such as connected vehicles and teaming with the private sector to shape our transportation future. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Bhatt served as the Cabinet Secretary for the Delaware Department of Transportation, where he led the agency response to two hurricanes and introduced performance management to the agency. Mr. Bhatt also plays a leadership role in transportation issues for the United States, serving on the American Association of State
Highway Transportation Officials, the National Operations Center of Excellence, and is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Future of Automotive and Personal Transport. Mr. Bhatt graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Western Kentucky University. He has a wonderful wife and two beautiful daughters.
What’s Next with TOD? Bringing High Tech and New Industry Jobs to Transit Stations

What is there for Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) beyond the traditional three R’s: residential, retail, and restaurants? The latest trend is employment-based TODs that provide good access to jobs in new innovative industries. The next wave of TODs are eco-innovation districts, live/work complexes, and flexible office/residential/industrial spaces that bring high tech and new industry jobs to transit stations.

Speaker Information

Moderator:
Stuart Anderson
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Stuart Anderson is experienced in developing successful urban and transportation planning solutions and is an internationally recognized speaker on Transportation Demand Management (TDM). He has led many regional corridor planning studies and managed traffic mitigation efforts for highway and light rail construction projects, including developing a TDM program for a $1.7 billion corridor project in the Denver region. Most recently, Mr. Anderson advised on the design of Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) and developed creative parking management strategies for mixed use sites around Light Rail Train stations. He was an integral member of the creative team that developed the concept plan for the Boulder Transit Village. Mr. Anderson founded the transportation planning firm UrbanTrans Consultants and grew the company to eight offices internationally before selling the company in 2012. He was also previously Executive Director for the Association for Commuter Transportation (Washington, D.C. and Denver, CO) and Executive Director for the West Hollywood/Hollywood Transportation Management Association.

Speakers:

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Tim Baldwin, AICP, leads Rocky Mountain West Transit & Urban Planning. With more than 35 years in transportation planning and public policy, he focuses on station area planning and transit-oriented development planning, urban circulator and transit facilities planning, transit system and corridor options development and evaluation, and policy and funding development and analysis—all with a focus on linking land use and transportation. Mr. Baldwin is currently leading the Colfax Corridor Connections BRT project for the City and County of Denver and is assisting with the University/Colorado Station Area plan and other mobility plans in the Denver area. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute and the National Steering Committee of Rail~Volution, the nation’s premier land use/transportation conference.

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**Chris Nevitt**  
TOD Manager, City of Denver  
Denver, CO  
Since 2015, Chris Nevitt has been Denver’s first-ever Citywide Manager for Transit-Oriented Development. He is responsible for coordinating and providing leadership across multiple City agencies, and engaging public, non-profit, and private-sector partners, to catalyze high quality, high value, accessible, and equitable transit-oriented development around Denver’s 40+ light rail stations and high-frequency bus corridors. Previously, Mr. Nevitt served eight years on Denver City Council, including two terms as Council President, and six years as Denver’s representative to DRCOG. After obtaining a PhD in political economy, Mr. Nevitt founded and ran the research and policy arm of the Denver area AFL-CIO before his election to City Council.