

# Ryan C. Albright, Ph.D., MURP

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**May 2020 to Present**

*Professor/Lecturer & Course Designer*

- Bringing the most relevant and recent research to the classroom to bridge theory and praxis
- Developing course content and structure for topics in public policy and economic development
- Mentoring students on career options and research
- Teaching graduate students about cross-sector collaboration and capacity building
- Core Teaching Areas include social equity and economic development, public sector leadership, and urban transformation
- Teaching Urban Planning and Public Policy in the College in Prison Program

### **Independent Consultant focused on Public Policy and Non-Profit Development**

**August 2020 to Present**

*Senior Policy and Programming Consultant*

- Working with non-profits on challenges from program evaluation to strategic planning
- Updating policy tools and frameworks to help cities bring about equity in a variety of challenges
- Applying the best research and praxis on challenges ranging from workforce development to climate change and affordable housing
- Conducting qualitative research to understand the desires and needs of non-profits and the people they serve more fully
- Maintaining deep and robust networks in the New Orleans philanthropic and non-profit community

### **Tulane University, City, Culture, & Community Doctoral Program, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**August 2013 to December 2022**

*Urban Studies Doctoral Fellow*

- Focused on achieving social justice through program design, implementation, and evaluation for the public sector, non-profits, philanthropy, and communities through applied research
- Studied how public sector community processes can be more inclusive and integrate the voices of the people in policy, plans, and action
- Worked with community leaders to bring the most recent and relevant science to bear on the social injustices facing their communities
- Adept at qualitative and quantitative methods, including significant experience with interviewing and transcription to produce reports for the public, private, and philanthropic sectors
- Informed academic colleagues about more intentional and mindful ways of partnering with communities to foster mutually beneficial relationships
- Examined how the tools of social movements, including community organizing, can empower and enable communities and build leaders

## **EXPERIENCE (Continued)**

### **Civix, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**March 2020 to March 2022**

*Senior Planner & Project Manager*

- Assisted states and localities with resilience planning
- Worked with disaster response and recovery efforts across the United States focused on Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program design, implementation, and evaluation
- Co-Authoring FEMA Hazard Mitigation and Comprehensive Recovery Plans
- Crafted public policy solutions for the issues facing communities

### **New Orleans Business Alliance, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**June 2019-March 2020**

*Director, Strategic Neighborhood Development*

- Worked for equitable community and economic development for all New Orleanians
- Addressed challenges faced by communities that have seen historic disinvestment

### **Horne, LLP, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

**May 2019-October 2019**

*Senior Policy Consultant*

- Provided policy and compliance guidance on CDBG-DR program design, implementation, and evaluation
- Drafted Program Guidelines (PGs), and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), providing subject matter expertise to the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) in the areas of urban planning, equitable disaster recovery, housing, green and sustainable development, and infrastructure

### **Urbes Magnificae (Magnificent Cities), New Orleans, Louisiana**

**May 2013-March 2020**

*President & CEO*

- Extensive experience performing program design, implementation, and evaluation on issues facing low-income populations, communities of color, and urban recovery from natural and economic disasters
- Designed and implemented custom data analysis/evaluation tools for non-profit clients such as the Ford Foundation and W.K. Kellogg Foundation on community engagement and social justice issues by providing expertise in strategy and relationship building for social change
- Worked on urban and rural challenges facing public, private, and philanthropic institutions focused on public policy, urban planning, and community development

### **OneVoice Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**April 2015-December 2016**

*Program Manager & Network Weaver*

- Developed and managed relationships between non-profits, community members, and the public sector to bring about real, lasting change
- Worked with non-profit partners and community members to use data to buttress the argument for social justice along with their narratives
- Mobilized with Voter Activation Network (VAN) to help groups cut turf, walk lists, and enter data for GOTV Campaigns

## **EXPERIENCE** (Continued)

### **Greater New Orleans Foundation, New Orleans, Louisiana**

**August 2010-August 2013**

#### *Metropolitan Opportunities Program Officer*

- Fostered increased access to affordable housing, innovation in metropolitan land-use, and access to economic opportunity via strategic grantmaking and capacity building of the non-profit sector
- Managed a portfolio of grant funds from the Ford Foundation that totaled more than \$5 million, including budget creation and priority setting
- Utilized expertise in strategy and design of a transit equity campaign with grantees in Baton Rouge that increased the funding of public transit by 400%
- Provided technical assistance to staff and grantees around program design, implementation, and evaluation
- Facilitated ongoing capacity building and technical assistance of ten grantee organizations and their staff, along with a number of allied community partners

### **City of Houston Planning Department, Development Services Division, Houston, Texas**

**October 2007 – August 2010**

#### *Urban Planner*

- Developed an emergency preparedness program and trained more than 120 City of Houston Planning Department Staff on Emergency Preparedness annually
- Led the Health & Safety Team for the Hurricane Refuge of Last Resort, addressing health and safety during Hurricane Ike, and was then promoted to Deputy Incident Commander
- Worked with the Houston Emergency Center before, during, and after the disaster to work through post-event breakdown and to redesign systems to address gaps and failures in the Houston Emergency Preparedness & Response Plans
- Coordinated relationships with more than 15 federal, state, and local agencies, including utility companies and TXDOT, throughout the development review process
- Certified as a Psychological First Aid Responder to address the initial trauma of disaster victims in emergency situations
- Performed policy analysis and research for projects ranging from development ordinance amendments to market studies for neighborhood grocery stores

## **EDUCATION**

### **Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 2022**

Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Urban Studies from the City, Culture, & Community Program with concentrations in Program Design, Implementation, and Evaluation and International Development with research focused on equitable disaster response and recovery by creating a cross-sector framework that incorporates program/policy design, implementation, and evaluation through a set of social justice lenses.

### **Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, May 2010**

Master's Degree in Urban & Regional Planning with concentrations in Economic Development, International Sustainable Development, and Urban Policy

### **Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan, August 2003**

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration and Public Policy

## **SOFTWARE**

I am proficient in the following Programs; SPSS, Arcview and QGIS, Lotus Notes, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Works, EndNote, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Schedule, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe InDesign. I am adept at both Apple and Windows platforms.

## **HONORS**

2013-2020, Tulane University Urban Studies Doctoral Fellowship  
2016, Loyola University New Orleans, Fellow of the Institute on Politics  
2009 MSU School of Planning, Construction & Design Graduate Research Grant  
2004-2006, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Fellow  
2005 Carl Goldschmidt Study Abroad Scholarship for Urban Planning

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, American Planning Association (2004-Present)  
Full Member, Urban Land Institute (2013-Present)  
Member, American Evaluation Association (2015-Present)  
Member, Urban Affairs Association (2018-Present)  
Member, International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement (2022-Present)

## **BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

Member, Peoples Housing + (2022-Present)  
Member, Crescent City Community Land Trust (2010-2022)  
Member, Racial Reconciliation Commission for the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana (2018-2019)  
Assistant Director, New Orleans Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association (2010-2012)  
Member, New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, Technical Advisory Committee (2012-2013)  
Member, Coldwater, Michigan Zoning Board of Appeals (2005-2006)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Albright, Ryan C. 2019. *Strengthening Local Humanitarian Leadership-Profiles*. Center for Disaster Philanthropy and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Retrieved December 26, 2019, from <https://disasterplaybook.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Strengthening-Local-Humanitarian-Leadership-Profiles.pdf>

Seicshnaydre, Stacy and Ryan C. Albright. 2015. *Expanding Choice and Opportunity in the Housing Choice Voucher Program*. New Orleans: The Data Center.

Devine, Joel, and Ryan C. Albright. 2014. "Built Environment." *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology* 1.

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**The Potential for Harm: The Role of Philanthropy in Disaster Recovery in Post-Katrina New Orleans** – A session presented at the National Conference of the Urban Affairs Association in Washington, D.C., April 14, 2022.

**Equitable Recovery: What Will Urban America Look Like Post-COVID?** – A panelist for the Urban America Forward Series from the University of Chicago, October 5, 2020.

**How Cities Partner with Philanthropy**-A session presented at the National Conference of the American Planning Association in Los Angeles, April 16, 2012.