

Cascadia Outreach Series – Sustainable Development 2009 Bios

Sara King, AICP (Moderator)

N/NE Development Manager
Portland Development Commission

Sara King has worked for PDC since 1999, managing projects and teams to deliver infrastructure and public/private partner developments in Portland. She currently manages redevelopment activity in North and Northeast Portland and has previously managed activities in the Lloyd District and the Gateway Regional Center. Past public/private partnership projects which Sara has managed on behalf of PDC include the new headquarters for Planned Parenthood of the Columbia Willamette on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the Oregon Clinic medical center and TriMet parking garage at the Gateway Transit Center and a proposed 4-acre mixed-use major redevelopment project north of the Oregon Convention Center.

Prior to PDC, Sara worked as a land use and planning consultant and as a long-range and current planner for several local governments. She holds a Masters in Planning from the University of Virginia and has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 1994.

Sarah Bernhard

Sustainability Consultant and Development Project Manager

Sarah Bernhard is a sustainability consultant with broad practical knowledge of integrated design, sustainable infrastructure, building and urban design strategies, and green construction practices, materials and techniques. She has over 15 years experience in the building industry, including real estate development, design and programming (architecture, interiors, landscape), master planning/urban design, facility management and construction/capital project management. Sarah has managed design and construction for a wide range of public and private projects including museums and libraries, restaurants and retail, mixed-use, office, hospitality, entertainment, public assembly, residential and educational facilities.

As Development Manager for Williams & Dame Development, Sarah led the effort to obtain LEED for Neighborhood Development Gold certification for the South Waterfront Central District in Portland. She has also contributed to multiple LEED-NC, LEED-CS, LEED-ND and LEED-EB projects. Sarah periodically teaches courses on green building topics at local colleges and other organizations; and has presented green building and development topics at the Urban Land Institute, Fall Expo 2008; the American Planning Association's Planners Without Borders Conference; and Greenbuild Atlanta.

In addition to being a LEED Accredited Professional, Sarah has earned certificates as a Sustainable Building Advisor, and a Permaculture Design Consultant. While completing graduate studies in Real Estate Development at Portland State University, Sarah managed the University of Oregon/BetterBricks Integrated Design Lab in Portland. She graduated with honors from Wellesley College, and holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Oregon.

Troy Doss

Senior Planner

Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Troy Doss is a Senior Planner with the Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability and serves as the senior policy lead on the Central Portland Plan, and update to the City's 1988 Central City Plan. Troy also serves as project manager for the bureau's projects in the Pearl and South Waterfront Districts, recently completed the North Pearl District Plan, and is also involved in a number of other Central City projects including the Oregon Sustainability Center and Willamette Crossing projects.

Troy holds a bachelor of science in landscape architecture from Cal Poly, Pomona, with a certificate in habitat restoration from the University of California, Riverside. Prior to his time with the City, Troy worked in the public sector for the California Coastal Commission and then the Columbia River Gorge Commission focusing on natural disaster mitigation policy and habitat restoration projects. He also has experience in the private sector working on planning, urban design, and landscape design projects in California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Through his career he has also been a member of the American Planning Association, American Society of Landscape Architecture, Congress for the New Urbanism, and the Society of Ecological Restoration.

Rob Bennett

Executive Director

Portland+Oregon Sustainability Institute

Rob is the founding executive director of the Portland+Oregon Sustainability Institute (POSI), a new non profit organization chartered in May 2009 to catalyze new ideas, incubate partnerships, and expand public-private investments that make the Portland region a thriving metropolitan model for smart and transformational sustainability practices.

Prior to founding POSI, Rob was the residential and cities policy manager for the Clinton Climate Initiative, a program of the Clinton Foundation focused on helping cities reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the rapid acceleration of best practices in the built environment. Rob developed a comprehensive residential pilot program for the cities of Houston and Chicago and provided technical assistance to cities throughout North America in the areas of climate change reductions and building performance policy. Rob worked for the cities of Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, BC for 8 years developing and implementing sustainable development initiatives. In Vancouver, Rob led the development of the City's comprehensive Green Building Strategy and facilitated the green building and infrastructure activities for the Southeast False Creek redevelopment, location of the 2010 Olympic Village. In Portland, Rob founded the City's Green Building program, G/Rated and led conservation program and policy development in the areas of energy efficiency and corporate sustainability.

Rob is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts- Amherst School of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning. He has served on the boards of the Cascadia Green Building Council and REACH Community Development, one of the Pacific NW's largest non-profit affordable housing providers.

Irene Bowers

Senior Project Manager
Portland Development Commission

Irene Bowers is a Senior Project Manager for the Portland Development Commission and oversees the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area which includes the Lloyd District. She is currently working with Oregon Solutions, a state program that develops sustainable solutions in Oregon to community-based problems that support economic, environmental and community objectives. The effort is to identify district-wide solutions for energy, carbon use, water reclamation and treatment, urban design, and to identify potential public/private partnerships to help facilitate sustainable district-wide management and distribution of resources. The Oregon Solution effort in the Lloyd District was a direct result of the Lloyd Crossing plan. Irene is also working with P+OSI on the formation of the framework for Eco Districts within Portland. Irene joined PDC four years ago after a 20 year career in landscape architecture with notable projects such as Eastbank Esplanade, BES Water Pollution Control Lab, Pioneer Courthouse renovation and Reser Stadium expansion. Her PDC portfolio includes the Headquarters Hotel, King Gateway and Heritage Markers and Central City Wayfinding Signage. She also currently serves as a Design Review Commissioner for the city of Gresham.

Ann Griffin

Earth Advantage Institute

Ann Griffin is the Earth Advantage Community Program Manager for Earth Advantage Institute. Ms. Griffin is a planning professional with sustainable public policy and community development expertise, including 12 years experience in neighborhood and economic development policy and program development. She previously served on the target industry team with the Portland Development Commission, leading policy efforts to support sustainable industries as a target industry within the regional economy. She worked with the City of Milwaukie, Oregon in 2008 in the development of its sustainable city plan and served as director for Brighton Main Streets in Boston. Ms. Griffin is a member of Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association and the International Society of Sustainable Professionals.

Sarah Buckley

Executive Director
Clackamas Community Land Trust

Sarah Buckley, the Executive Director of the Clackamas Community Land Trust, has over 12 years of experience in non-profit management and community development. In addition to staff management, advocacy, administration, finance, organizational development and other Executive Director functions, she manages CCLT's acquisition and housing development activities. Before joining CCLT in September 2007, Sarah served in a variety of volunteer and paid capacities related to affordable housing in Oregon with the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT), Affordable Housing NOW! (AHN) and Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA). Her other professional life has been spent doing international development work with Portland-based Mercy Corps, both at the Portland headquarters office and in the field, with a focus on civil society development and project and staff management.

Christina Robertson-Gardiner

Associate Planner
City of Oregon City

Christina Robertson-Gardiner (AICP) has been an Associate Planner with the City of Oregon City for 8 years. As a generalist working for a small city, Ms. Roberson-Gardiner acts as the Preservation Planner for the city and has lead a wide variety of short range and long range planning projects that vary from the progressive to the mundane. Projects that lie on the more interesting spectrum include: the 2006 Park Place Concept Plan, 2009 Development Code Update, Preservation Grant Program for Historic Window Repair, and Downtown Commercial Design Review. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner was also instrumental in bringing the Main Street model to Oregon City. In 2008 *Main Street Oregon City* achieved the *Performing Main Street* status from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The program is embracing a sustainable model for development and is currently working on the Four Point Approach to downtown revitalization. If you haven't visited downtown Oregon City in awhile, come visit! You will be surprised by what a group of committed citizens, business owners and a small amount of city investment can create.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Willamette University and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Joseph Readdy

Architect, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP

Joseph has a 30-year career in design, architecture, and urban design. Joseph's projects range in scale from regional- and city-scale projects to individual design projects as small as the building, the room, and the object. Large scale projects include: regional plans, city plans, urban design; campus design; and hospital and healthcare facility master plans, Architectural projects include: hospitals and medical office buildings; wineries, restaurants, retail stores, and food-service facilities; residences; and "one-of-a-kind" projects – Center for Extreme Ultra-violet Astrophysics at U.C. Berkeley or C-141 Flight Simulator, Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, California. Industrial design projects include: furniture design; interior design for the British Air Concorde; and surgical equipment – Arthroscopy stand surgical support equipment. Graphic design projects include: corporate identity graphics for Nissan Motor Corporation of America; graphic marks and logotypes; and typefaces.

Joseph is a member of the American Institute of Architects and is registered to practice architecture in Oregon and California. He is also certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. He is a LEED accredited professional. He passed the National Council for Interior Design Qualification examination. Joseph is an Adjunct Professor of Architecture, Portland State University where he introduced a graduate-level seminar on Urban Design Methods in 2008. Joseph is a graduate of Washington State University where he studied architecture and regional planning.