

Julia Levitt

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Summary

Skilled, organized real estate graduate student preparing to transition from a successful career in journalism to a leadership position in real estate. Talented communicator, manager and team member, creative and highly motivated with high ethical standards. Specialized knowledge and interest in sustainable urban development, urban design, preservation and adaptive reuse, public/private partnerships and community engagement.

Education

Master of Science in Real Estate

Degree expected June 2011
University of Washington, Seattle WA

Bachelor of Science in Journalism

Northwestern University, Evanston IL, 2000-2004
Field Research Semester Abroad in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil

Experience

Local Government, Economic Development, Urban Planning

Seattle City Council; Seattle, WA; January 2011-Present

Research, analyze and present recommendations to Seattle City Council regarding nationwide best practices and economic impacts of proposed building standards for noise control in mixed-use concentrated nightlife areas of Seattle.

Emphasis: primary and secondary research, financial and political analysis, presentation

Transit Oriented Development, Neighborhood District Development

Cascade Land Conservancy; Seattle, WA; June-November 2010

Led multi-disciplinary advisory committee in proposing options for development adjacent to transit station in diverse neighborhood near downtown. Prepared financial models of potential incentives and partnership structures to enable the creation of community space within private development.

Emphasis: financial analysis, research, community engagement

Sustainable Real Estate Best Practices, Policy and Government Relationships

Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies; Seattle, WA; January-June 2010

Researched content for an original book on creating a sustainable built environment. In particular, researched strategies to overcome barriers to sustainable development including district energy, market-based conservation and flexible utility financing.

Emphasis: primary and secondary research, writing, editing.

Sustainability, Innovation and Design; Networking and Management

Worldchanging; Seattle, WA; May 2008-September 2009

Managed editorial content for one of the world's most popular sustainability websites. Presented work internationally. Authored built environment chapter for updated edition of bestselling book. Developed Seattle local website, gaining 6,000 monthly readers within 6 months.

Emphasis: sustainability research, networking, creative management, team management.

Corporate Marketing Strategy and Emerging Marketing Trends

The In-Store Marketing Institute; Skokie, IL; June 2005-April 2007

Developed feature-length stories about leading consumer brands; managed team of writers.

Interests/Involvement

- Runstad Center Affiliate Fellows Program: Collaborating with students and real estate professionals to examine issues of sustainability and real estate in the US and Asia
- Curator, Graduate Seminar in Sustainable Real Estate, University of Washington
- Vice President, University of Washington Real Estate Club
- Member of the Editorial Board of AIA Seattle "Forum" Magazine
- Authored final report of Washington Sustainable Communities Partnership Dialogue in Summer 2010, cataloguing best practices for policy collaboration between HUD, DOT and EPA
- Awarded ScanDesign funding to study in Copenhagen with Gehl Urban Quality Consultants, 2010
- Member, NAIOP Communications Committee; ULI; Cascadia Region Green Building Council