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Within this document are brief career profiles of over 500 alumni of the University of Oklahoma’s regional and city planning program. When established in 1949, the OU RCPL program was just the seventh graduate planning in the nation and the first west of the Mississippi River. Since its founding, OU alumni have pinnacled the planning profession in all facets of the field. They have come from everywhere, gone everywhere and done everything. And they have done what they did where they did it very well as you will see from reading through this document. Some notable alumni and their prime accomplishments include:

- **Bruce McClendon**, FAICP, APA president, Texas APA president, APA Distinguished Service Award, Ft Worth planning director, 1974
- **Jim Duncan**, FAICP, APA president, Florida APA president, Duncan Associates president, development director, 1965
- **Ron Short**, FAICP, APA commissioner, Florida and Arizona APA president, Phoenix, Tampa and Albuquerque planning director, 1969
- **Jack Crowley**, FAICP, FASLA, Georgia University planning and design program chair, Tulsa metro planning director, 1974
- **David Pugh**, FAICP, Texas APA president, Texas A&M planning program chair, 1968
- **Lee Rodgers**, FAICP, Oklahoma University planning program chair, 1950
- **Cynthia Hoyle**, FAICP, FITE, AICP commissioner, mobility consultant, 1983
- **Mike Southard**, AICP, AICP Commissioner, Ada Jobs Foundation president, 1993
- **Ralph Oschner**, AICP, owner/principal of Oschner, Hare & Hare, 1960
- **Nyambi Nyambi**, AICP, District of Columbia chief technology officer, Maryland Cross River State Committee chair, 1984
- **Mitch Kosny**, AICP, CIP, RPP, Ryerson University planning program director, Toronto Housing Corporation chair, 1974
- **Vernon Martin**, AICP, NADO president, Coastal Georgia regional development center director, US Army colonel, 1967
- **Norm Standerfer**, AICP, Oklahoma City, Broward County, Austin and Las Vegas planning director, 1966
- **Jerry Hiebert**, AICP, North Texas Tollway Authority executive director, Richardson deputy city manager, 1975
- **Mike Ritz**, AICP, of Memphis/Shelby County planning director and county commissioner, 1969
- **Demi Rosenthal**, AICP, land use attorney, historic preservation specialist, 1978
- **Bob Echols**, AICP, HDG Mansur Properties International president, 1978
- **Rob Stalzer**, AICP, Virginia Local Government Managers Association president, Fairfax County deputy administrator, 1979
- **Christina Day**, AICP, Plano planning director, Texas APA chapter service award recipient, 1998
- **Kyle Keahey**, HNTB vice-president, Dallas Area Rapid Transit manager and Houston Metro transportation manager, 1983
- **Erick Giles**, AICP, National Indian Carbon Coalition program director, Indian Land Tenure Foundation chair, 2005
- **Whitney Box**, AICP, Walmart national director of real estate, Oklahoma APA board member, 2010
- **Phil Hawes**, sustainable development pioneer, international ecology teacher, Biosphere 2 architect-of-record, 1965
- **Malachi Knowles**, World Conference of Mayors director general, HUD secretary special assistant, 1965
- **Jim Clair**, ULI president, International Downtown Association president, Dallas, Tampa and St. Louis downtown director, 1968
- **Chris Gibbons**, National Center of Economic Gardening founder, Littleton business/industry affairs director, 1973
- **Renee Vaughn**, public relations consultant, Tampa University board chair, Tampa senior administrator, 1979
- **Brad Gambill**, US Army major general, Norma city manager, 1966
- **John Jalili**, Santa Monica, Malibu, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach city manager, 1973
- **John Brezzo**, DKB Homes and First Community Housing founder and CEO (San Jose), 1967
- **Adriana D’Elias**, Miranda Republic (Venezuela) secretary general, Caracas planning director, 1980
Sooner Planners: Founders

Leonard Marion Logan Jr.
Leonard founded the graduate planning program at the University of Oklahoma in 1948. He joined the OU faculty in 1923 and during his 38-year career in Norman taught courses in economics, criminology and sociology, as well as regional and city planning. During the 1930s, Leonard served as vice president of the State Planning and Resources Board and as an advisor to the State Penal Institute. Some of his accomplishments included establishing the first state planning agency, studying Indian health systems, analyzing human reaction to disasters, planning a living village near Anadarko called “Indian City” to educate the public about Native-American lifestyles, and initiating the first comprehensive plan for Norman as a member of its planning commission. In 1945, Leonard established the Institute of Community Development, which would later become the Oklahoma Center of Urban and Regional Studies, to introduce Oklahoma communities to the benefits of planning and to give students “real world” work opportunities. In 1958, he was one of the first college chairs to call for the national accreditation of planning schools. Leonard chaired the OU RCPL program for 13 years before turning it over to professor Rodgers in 1961. From 1914 to 1918, he was a high school history teacher in Ardmore, school superintendent in Fort Gibson and army quartermaster during WW I. As an OU senior, Leonard was editor of the University Magazine. He died in 1974 in Vinita at the age of 83. Leonard had a bachelor of arts from OU (1914), master from Columbia University (1920) and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin (1922). Interesting lesser-known fact: Leonard lived in both the Chickasaw and Cherokee nations and had a bond with Native-Americans. In 1966, he was honored as a Goodwill Ambassador by the Cherokee Nation.

Joseph Lee Rodgers Jr.
Lee was associated with the regional and city planning program at the University of Oklahoma for 37 years. He joined the Institute of Community Development in 1949, became an assistant professor in 1957, moved up to program chair in 1961 and retired in 1986. During his tenure, the program produced over 400 planners who spanned the globe and occupied key positions in many fields of endeavor. Lee was far ahead of his time in promoting student inclusivity. His 1963 RCPL class, for example, included a woman, an African-American, a Hispanic/Native-American, a Central American, an Asian, an Israeli, a Hippie and a Texan. During his tenure, Lee drafted many of the studies, plans and codes that changed the face and future of Oklahoma, including the 1957 State Planning Act, 1966 OU master plan, 1955 State Capitol Area plan, the nation’s first model housing code and over 50 zoning codes for Oklahoma cities. He was honored by being named a David Ross Boyd professor and Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Lee has a bachelor of civil engineering (1945) and the first master of regional and city planning (1953) from OU. Interesting lesser-known facts: Lee is an avid tennis player.
Sooner Professors: 1950-1985

Robert Leon Lehr
Bob was a key player in the building of the OU graduate planning program. While his principal teaching focus was on housing, he is also a talented draftsman and was responsible for many students leaving with state-of-the-art community cartography skills. Through the Institute of Community Development and its renamed successor Oklahoma Center of Urban and Regional Studies, Bob was principal author of studies and plans for the cities of Pryor and Claremore (1954), Chickasha (1956), Cleveland (1956), Shawnee, Bristow and Healdton (1959), Clinton and Ada (1960), Chandler and Lindsay (1961) and Guthrie (1964). In 1980, he authored “A Guide to urban planning in Texas communities” for the Educational Foundation of the Texas APA chapter. Bob is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has a bachelor of arts (1951) and master of regional and city planning (1955) from the University of Oklahoma and coursework toward a doctorate in planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Interesting lesser-known facts: Bob has the reputation of being an avid golfer; however, over the last few years he is better known in his family for making crosses from old (ancient) barbwire recycled from junk piles on the family farm in Woodward County, or as Bob says ... recycling junk.

Charles Robert Goins
Bob’s legacy to the University of Oklahoma, the city of Norman and the state of Oklahoma over his 50-year career is immeasurable. While his teaching focus was on urban history and design, his major contribution was in preparing students to effectively enter and succeed in “real world” positions. For his hometown, Bob was a founding member of the Norman Area Land Conservancy and designer and developer of the city’s Centennial “Legacy Trail.” For his home state, he co-authored four editions of the popular award-winning “Historical Atlas of Oklahoma.” Bob is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and senior fellow at the OU Institute of Quality Communities. The Oklahoma APA chapter awards an annual student scholarship in his name. In 2001, Bob received the coveted OU Regents Alumni Award. He has a bachelor of architecture (1956) and master of regional and city planning (1960) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: As a student, Bob often played pool at Campus Corner with future actor James Bumgarner (Garner).
Sooner Professors: 1950-1985

Richard Norton Kuhlman
Dick was a professor with the OU College of Architecture from 1948 to 1985 and taught architectural history in the RCPL program. He was also the university architect and designed many campus buildings during the 1960s, including the geology and graduate education buildings, Washington House athletic dorm and Center for Continuing Education complex. Dick also designed many other local structures, including University Lutheran Church chapel. In 1954, he was a principal author of “The Master Plan for the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement and Zoning District.” Dick was an early member (1953) of the American Institute of Planners. He died in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2001 at the age of 88. Dick had a bachelor of architecture from the University of Texas (1935) and master of architecture from Harvard University (1942). Interesting lesser-known fact: While with the US Air Force during WW II, he served as an advisor to the Philippine president.

John Wesley Morris
John joined the OU faculty in 1948 and became chair of the geography department in 1963. He established the school's doctoral program in geography and taught urban geography in the RCPL program. John retired in 1973. His career as an educator began in the Oklahoma public schools and he taught at Seminole Junior College and Southeastern State University at Durant. John was a naval officer during World War II and Korean War. He died in Norman in 1982 at the age of 72. John had a bachelor of geography from the University of Oklahoma (1930), master of geography from the Oklahoma State University (1939) and doctorate of geography from George Peabody University (1941). Interesting lesser-known fact: John was co-author of a series of popular histories of Oklahoma including: "Ghost Towns of Oklahoma," "Oklahoma Homes: Past and Present" and "Historical Atlas of Oklahoma." The latter was co-authored with Bob Goins.

John Paul Duncan
John was a professor of political science and government at OU from 1946 to 1975. Previously he taught at OSU in 1945 and the University of Akron from 1942 to 1945. John travelled and lectured widely and participated in a world tour seminar in 1963. He was the author of a book entitled “Constitutional Government in the United States and Great Britain.” In 1964, John was considered as a candidate to fill the US Senate seat vacated by the death of Robert Kerr, but he opted not to give up his professorship. Bud Wilkinson ran and lost to Fred Harris. John died in Norman in 1998 at the age of 89. He had a bachelor of arts (1932) and master of government (1938) from Butler University and doctorate of political science from Indiana University (1942). Interesting lesser-known fact: John was instrumental in arranging for Harry Truman and Eleanor Roosevelt to visit OU in 1958 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of President Roosevelt's first inauguration and start of the New Deal.
Sooner Professors: 1985-2010

Sally C. Caldwell
Sally was an assistant professor in the OU RCPL program from 1979 to 1987. She taught planning methods and political systems. Sally also taught at Tulane, Oklahoma City University and Texas State. At Texas State, she received a Professor of the Year award and an Excellence Award from the Student Foundation. Sally ran unsuccessfully for city council in Oklahoma City and was on the Vision 2020 Committee, planning commission and city council (as Mayor Pro Tem) in Wimberley. She published “Statistics Unplugged,” a textbook used in over 100 universities and “Romantic Deception,” a monograph about people who lie. Sally died after a lung transplant in Houston in 2014 at the age of 69. She had a bachelor (1966) and master of sociology (1968) from Southern Methodist University and the first doctorate in sociology from the University of North Texas (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: Sally was an accomplished musician, having learned from her father.

Richard S. Marshment
Richard was with the OU RCPL program from 1988 to 2013. During his tenure with the program, he was associate professor, professor and chair. Richard’s teaching specialty was transportation planning. Previously he taught at the universities of New Mexico and Washington. Before entering academia, Richard was a transportation planner with the Portland Metropolitan Planning District, chief transportation planner with the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments in Albuquerque, senior transportation planner with Seattle and planner for Los Alamos County. He is a member of AICP and past president and vice-president of the New Mexico APA chapter. Richard has a bachelor of business administration from Bowling Green University (1968), master of architecture from the University of New Mexico (1975) and doctorate of urban planning from the University of Washington (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: He was also a Fulbright Scholar.

Richard Alan Anderson
Dick was an associate professor and chair of the OU RCPL program from 1990 to 1998. After leaving OU he served as a courtesy professor with the University of Oregon and as an associate professor with Kuwait University. Prior to his OU tenure he was an associate professor with the University of New Mexico, associate professor with King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia, acting director of government research and director of the Center for Environmental Research at NMU, associate professor at Georgia Tech and assistant professor at Michigan State. Earlier he was a planner for Portland, Oregon and San Rafael, California and an architect with the European Exchange System in Germany. Dick has a bachelor of architecture from Stanford (1958), master of urban planning from the University of Washington (1965) and doctorate of regional science from Michigan State University (1969). Interesting lesser-known fact: In the 1950s, he was an architect in Switzerland.
Sooner Professors: 1985-2010

Christopher Rollin Shove
Chris was an associate professor with the OU RCPL program from 1990 to 2000. While living in Norman, he was also a city council member. Chris is now executive director of the Montana Business Connection in Helena. Previously he was a social scientist with the US Army, executive director of the Institute of Community Engagement at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi, vice-president of research at Alfaisal University in Riyadh, dean of the Western Institute at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, director of the GIS program at the University of Toledo and director of the space program office in the Florida Department of Commerce. Chris has a bachelor of sociology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (1980), master of city and regional planning from Clemson (1983) and doctorate of urban planning and international development from Florida State University (1988). Interesting lesser-known fact: Chris owns Valhalla Vineyards near Kansas City.

Russell Einar Usnick
Russ was an assistant professor in the OU RCPL program from 1988 to 1996. Since leaving OU he has been the principal in Usnick and Associates and an adjunct professor in the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston from 2005 to 2013. He has been a member of the Texas Bar since 1984. Russ has a bachelor of business administration from University of Missouri at Kansas City (1970) and master of environmental design (1975) and doctorate of jurisprudence (1983) from the University of Houston. Interesting lesser-known fact: Russ was the student council president at UMKC.

Sarah Jo Peterson
Sarah was an assistant professor in the OU RCPL program from 2001 to 2008. She taught transportation planning and policy and urban history. Sarah has been research director for infrastructure initiatives at the Urban Land Institute in Washington DC since 2008. She began her career as a program and planning analyst with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation from 1992 to 1996. Sarah has a bachelor of arts from the University (1992), master of urban and regional planning from the University of Wisconsin (1993) and doctorate of American history from Yale University (2002). Interesting lesser-known fact: In addition to “Planning the Home Front,” Sarah has authored or co-authored numerous journal and magazine articles and planning reports.
Sooner Professors: Current

**Dawn E. Jourdan**
Dawn is an associate professor and director of the OU regional and city planning program. Previously she was an assistant professor at the University of Florida from 2007 to 2012 where she held a joint appointment between the colleges of design, construction and planning and law. She was also director of the UF center for Building Better Communities which provided a learning laboratory linking students and faculty with Florida communities. Dawn has generally focused her academic research on the legal aspects of growth management, affordable housing and historic preservation regulation. She has a bachelor of urban affairs from Bradley University (1996), joint degrees in law and urban planning from the University of Kansas (2000) and doctorate in urban and regional planning from Florida State University (2004). Interesting lesser-known fact: Before entering academia, Dawn was an associate in the Chicago office of Holland & Knight, a national land use law firm.

**Guoqiang Shen**
Shen has been an associate professor in the OU RCPL program since 1999 and chair from 2006 to 2009. He teaches planning research methods, urban economic development, computer mapping and GIS, real estate development, urban design seminar and sustainable design. He was also an adjunct professor in the OU college of engineering and co-director of the Oklahoma Advanced Lab for Transportation Research, Education and Outreach. Previously, he was a lecturer and assistant professor of planning at East Carolina University from 1994 to 1999. Shen has a bachelor of architecture from Tsinghua University in Beijing (1985) and master of regional and city planning (1994) and doctorate of regional and city planning from Ohio State University (1998). Interesting lesser-known fact: He has conducted extensive research on freight transportation in the US and urban design and planning projects in China.

**Charles G. Warnken**
Charlie is an associate dean and associate professor in the OU regional and city planning program. He teaches courses in housing and community development, economic development, land use planning/law and directs the RCPL graduate studio program. Charlie has also partnered with the city of Oklahoma City and US EPA to create a state-wide training program for planners, municipal officials and real estate professionals interested in the process of brownfield redevelopment. He has also served as director of the OU Institute of Quality Communities. Charlie is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has a bachelor of political science from the University of Wyoming (1992), master of public administration from the University of Louisville (1996) and doctorate of urban and city planning from Florida State University (2003). Interesting lesser-known fact:
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**K. Meghan Wieters**
Meghan has been an assistant professor in the OU RCPL program since 2009. She teaches courses in environmental planning, subdivision planning, history and theory, and planning related issues with public health and active living. From 1996 to 2006, Meghan was a practicing city planner in Austin working in transit planning, neighborhood planning and non-motorized mode planning. She is a member of AICP. Meghan has a bachelor of philosophy and international studies from Trinity University (1994), master of community and regional planning from the University of Texas (1996) and doctorate of urban and regional sciences from Texas A&M University (2009). Interesting lesser-known fact: She is working on a project related to trailer food vendors as tools for infill development, connecting healthy foods to underserved areas and economic development.

**John C. Harris**
John is an assistant professor in the OU regional and city planning program. He teaches courses in infrastructure planning, urban economics, international development and comprehensive planning studio. Previously he was an instructor and visiting lecturer in the planning program at Florida State University from 2008 to 2013. He received outstanding teacher awards at FSU in both 2010 and 2011. John has a bachelor of sociology from Wheaton College in Illinois (2001) and master of urban and regional planning with a concentration on planning for developing areas (2003) and doctorate of urban and regional planning (2012) from Florida State University. Interesting lesser-known fact: As a FSU graduate student in 2003, he was awarded the McClure Award for Academic Excellence.

**Fernando Costa**
Fernando is a professor of practice in the OU RCPL program and one of the nation’s premier professional planning managers. In his current “real world” job, he is an assistant city manager for the city of Fort Worth. Fernando joined the city in 1998 as planning director and was promoted to the city managers office in 2008. Previously he was planning director of the city of Atlanta from 1987 to 1998 and planning director of the Middle Georgia Area Planning and Development Commission in Macon from 1976 to 1987. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and past chair of the Planning Accreditation Board. Fernando has a bachelor of civil engineering (1974), master of civil engineering (1976) and master of city planning (1976) from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Interesting lesser-known fact: Fernando received the APA President’s Meritorious Service Award in 2006 for his recovery planning work after Hurricane Katrina.
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**Ian Carlton**
Ian will become director of the OU Institute of Quality Communities and assistant professor in the RCPL program in the Fall of 2014. His specialties are transportation planning and transit-oriented development. Previously Ian was sole proprietor of a Berkeley-based research and consulting firm since 2008. He has advised national nonprofits, like Transportation for America, on urban policy and assisted the Los Angeles mayor in clarifying his urban development strategy. Ian was also an economic project manager for Central Atlanta Progress and provided pro bono consulting services to the Atlanta mayor as a senior associate consultant. He has a bachelor of architecture from Georgia Tech (2002), masters of transportation planning and city planning from UC Berkeley (2009) and doctorate of city and regional planning from UC Berkeley (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact: He also sits on the Transportation Research Board’s Transportation and Land Development Committee.

**Rebecca L. Sanders**
Rebecca will join the OU RCPL program as a part-time instructor in the Fall of 2014. Her specialties are bicycle and pedestrian planning. Previously Rebecca was a student researcher on bicycle and pedestrian safety for the UC Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center from 2007 to 2013; owner of Beccalauren Designs, a specialty stationery store, from 2002 to 2005 and a business consultant with Arthur Anderson from 2001 to 2002. She has lent her expertise as an appointee to the California Statewide Traffic Safety Committee and Bicycle Committee of the Washington DC-based Transportation Research Board. She has a bachelor of foreign languages from Baylor University (2000), master of city planning (2008) and doctorate of transportation planning from UC Berkeley (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact: Rebecca and Ian are life partners as well as professional partners.

**Bryce C. Lowery**
Brice will be assuming a position as assistant professor in the OU RCPL program in the Fall 2014. He will teach GIS, visualization, urban design and studio planning. Previously Bryce was an instructor in the school of social ecology at the University of California at Irvine. He has also held positions with the UCLA School of Public Health and Los Angeles County. Bryce has a bachelor of economics from the University of Southern California (2007), master of landscape architecture from California State Polytechnic University (2011) and doctorate of policy, planning and development from the University of Southern California (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact: While at USC, he received the 2014 Jack Dyckman Award for Best Dissertation in Planning and Development.
Sooner Planners: 1950-1960

**Milton Shawnee Stewart**
Shawnee was the second student to enter the OU graduate planning program. He is now retired and living in Jenks. Raised in Sallisaw and half Cherokee, he spent most of his planning career serving eastern Oklahoma. While with the Arkoma Regional Planning Commission in Fort Smith, he prepared a regional open space development plan in 1971. In 1965, he was instrumental in getting over 130 cities to join together to create the first regional planning agency in the Kansas City area. Shawnee was also active in the League of Young Democrats and Society of Young Planners and was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives from Sequoyah County in 1951. Shawnee has a bachelor of arts (1950) and coursework toward a master in regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1951). Interesting lesser-known fact: During World War II, he flew 28 bombing missions over occupied Europe before being shot down and captured by the Germans.

**Phillip Robert Pistone**
Phil was one of the earliest OU planning students. He is now retired and living in Florida. During his 40-year career, he served his hometown of Yonkers as planning technician, assistant planner, planning director and commissioner of planning. Key issues he faced were affordable housing, rent subsidies and downtown rebuilding. Phil grew up in Yonkers living over a grocery store on Palisades Avenue. During filming of the 1992 Neil Simon movie “Lost in Yonkers,” he connected with the crew and actors and invited them into his home. During a military training exercise in Iowa in 1943, Phil survived a deadly plane crash. After serving in World War II, he attended the University of Oklahoma and lived in Whitehand Hall. He received a bachelor of arts (1951) and completed coursework toward a master in regional and city planning (1952) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: When public funding was scarce, Phil actually financed a plan for Yonkers with his own money.

**Ralph Henry Ochsner**
Ralph operated one of the oldest planning consulting firms in the nation until his retirement in 2014. As principal and CEO of Ochsner Hare & Hare, a 100-year old Kansas City-based planning firm, he was a leader in revitalizing communities throughout the Midwest through the creative use of financial incentives and community involvement. What set Ralph apart as a consultant was his extensive knowledge of project financing options (public and private), cost benefit analysis and market feasibility studies. He was also planning director of Stillwater and the Missouri cities of Kansas City and Independence. Ralph is a charter member of AICP. He has a bachelor of sociology (1952) and master of regional and city planning (1960) from the University of Oklahoma and doctor of public policy analysis (1984) from St. Louis University. Interesting lesser-known fact: Ralph has taught urban planning, design and economics at Oklahoma State, Kansas, Missouri and Rockhurst universities.
Sooner Planners: 1950-1960

Wayne Vidal Zunigha
Wayne was a tribal leader, planning consultant and government official. He was superintendent of the Fort McDowell agency for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Arizona from 1992 to 1993; HUD Native-American program coordinator in Chicago from 1990 to 1991; principal of architectural design firms in Pascagoula and Sarasota from 1976 to 1990; executive director of United Southeastern Tribes, a coalition representing the eastern tribes of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Miccosukee and Seminole from 1968 to 1976; and assistant planning director for the West Virginia city of Charleston from 1965 to 1968. Wayne was in the US Navy from 1950 to 1954. He died in Phoenix in 1993 at the age of 62. Wayne had a bachelor of agricultural science from OSU (1959) and completed coursework towards a master of regional and city planning at OU (1960). Interesting lesser-known fact: Wayne, the first Native-American to attend the OU RCPL program, was a Delaware tribe member from Bartlesville.

Dick Miles Wilkinson
Dick was project manager for the proposed developer of one of San Francisco's more controversial land use proposals. In 1970, the city approved Ferry Port Plaza, a 40-acre high-rise redevelopment next to its iconic Ferry Tower on the Embarcadero. However, citizen opposition later halted the project. Previously, Dick was town administrator of the city of Woodside from 1965 to 1968, and planning director of Redwood City from 1958 to 1965 and Fremont from 1955 to 1958. He also worked in Tulsa. Dick died in Port Angeles, Washington in 2001 at the age of 72. He had a bachelor of arts (1955) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1957) from OU. Interesting lesser-known facts: Dick was an officer in the US Army during WW II. Ralph Oschner recalls that Dick would always arrive early at planning conferences to conduct a “booze and sin” inventory of worthy bars within walking distance of the conference hotel for later-arriving colleagues.

William Ottis Colclasure
Bill was planning director of the city of Shawnee from 1988 to 1999 and served as acting city manager during the early 1990s. He was also planning director for the cities of Muskogee and Mustang. While serving as city planner for Muskogee, Bill lived on a nearby ranch in Warner and raised Appaloosa horses. He began his planning career with Oklahoma City as head of drafting and mapping for the Urban Renewal Authority. He began his planning career with Oklahoma City as head of drafting and mapping for the Urban Renewal Authority. Bill served as a dental technician in the US Army at Scfffield Barracks in Hawaii. He died in Shawnee in 2007 at the age of 72. Bill had a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee (1950) and completed coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from OU (1959). Interesting lesser-known fact: Bill was raised in Gene Autry and played college football and semi-pro baseball. He loved golf and was an avid OU fan.
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Harold Scott Haas
Harold was a long-time planning director for the southwest Missouri city of Springfield. He was also one of the earliest proponents of proper planning principles, procedures and practices in the state of Missouri. In 1970 Harold sponsored and participated in a two-evening short planning course in the nearby college town of Nevada. In 1964, he was the first elected president of the Missouri Planners Association. He died in Springfield in 2003 at the age of 83. Harold had a bachelor of arts (1957) and master of regional and city planning (1959) from the University of Oklahoma. His thesis was entitled, “Urban Residential Development Policy Determinants in Seven Oklahoma Cities, 1946-1957.” Interesting lesser-known fact: During a visit with Harold in Springfield in 1965, Jim Duncan remembers his enthusiastic descriptions of his planning program and caves beneath the community.

Joe France Hutchison
Joe’s entire life, except for two years in Europe during WWII, was spent in eastern Oklahoma. He was born in Dustin, raised in Bartlesville, worked in Ponca City and Muskogee and buried in Fort Gibson. During the 1970s Joe was the solid waste planner and city planner for the city and county of Muskogee. In 1973 he prepared a master plan for the town of Oktaha. In the late 1950s and 1960s, Joe was planning director of Ponca City. While with the OU Institute of Community Development in 1953, he and Bob Lehr co-authored, “A planning study for a community development, Five Counties, Oklahoma.” Joe died in 1980 in Muskogee at the age of 62. He had a bachelor of arts (1952) and master of regional and city planning (1954) from the University of Oklahoma. His thesis was entitled, “The Tecumseh Trade Area: A Geographical Inventory for a Regional Plan.” Interesting lesser-known facts: Joe was a private in the US Army during WWII and served in the Mediterranean theatre.

Hosey Hugh Hearn
Hosey was one of the earliest planning administrators in Oklahoma and the first and one of the few OU RCPL graduates to obtain a doctorate in urban planning. He spent most of the 1970s as a member of the planning faculty at the University of Mississippi in Oxford and during that time secured his doctorate. During the 1960s, Hosey was the first director of both the Enid-Garfield County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and the Oklahoma Community Development Division. He has a bachelor of arts from William and Mary (1954), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1960) and doctorate in urban planning from the University of Mississippi (1977). His dissertation was on the “Potential and Program for a Continuing Education Program in Planning for Mississippi.” Interesting lesser-known facts: Hosey was originally from Duncan. He was also a collegiate championship tennis player at William and Mary.
Sooner Planners: 1950-1960

**Ray Baker Patton**
Ray was a financial consultant and real estate broker in the west central Florida community of Palmetto during the 1980s and 1990s. Previously he was planning director for the city of Oklahoma City in the 1960s and St. Louis County in the 1970s. In 1964, Ray prepared a general plan study for the city of Bethany while working with the Oklahoma Center of Urban and Regional Studies. He died in Palmetto in 2008 at the age of 77. As an OU undergraduate, Ray was a member and president of Lambda Chi Alpha. He had a bachelor of arts (1955) and master of regional and city planning (1959) from the University of Oklahoma. Ray’s thesis was on the subject of “Capital improvement programming for Oklahoma cities.” Interesting lesser-known fact: Ray grew up in the western Oklahoma communities of Altus and Clinton. He was a former Marine.

**Pat Painter**
Pat was one of the earliest city planners in Oklahoma. He was planning director of Lawton from 1960 to 1968 and then served as planning director of Oklahoma City for five years before being promoted to city manager. In the mid-1970s, Pat entered the private sector as managing partner of Painter & Spitz Associates and then as owner of Merco Consultants and Merco Waste Management. Earlier in his career, Pat served four years in the US Air Force where he was an air policeman in the Philippines and member of the Honor Guard in Washington DC. In the military, he was also the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, Korean Campaign Medal and United Nations Medal. Pat died in Oklahoma City in 2003 at the age of 73. He had a bachelor of geography (1958) and master of regional and city planning (1960) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Pat’s son Ed became a second-generation city planner and graduated from OU in 1994.

**Ronald Richard Friedman**
Ron worked briefly for the St. Louis Housing Authority and his office was in the infamous Pruitt-Igoe project. Conditions were so bad that staff were under gun fire as they moved around the project. To limit exposure, Ron used a Jeep and proudly pointed out bullet holes in it. He went to Pennsylvania as a senior planner with Washington County in 1960 and then to Armstrong County as planning director in 1961. Richard died in San Diego in 1997 at the age of 61. He had a bachelor of geography from Rutgers (1957) and master of regional and city planning (1960) from OU. His OU papers include: “Methods of Studying Ribbon Development in Urban Areas: Oklahoma City – Norman Area,” “Correlation Between a Natural Geographic Region and its Cultural Landscape – North Canadian Watershed” and “Land Development Along US 66, Clinton to Tulsa.” Interesting lesser-known fact: Ron lived in the Logan Apartments and received monthly Kosher care packages from his parents in NY.
Sooner Planners: 1961-1963

Charles Douglas Parrott
Charles’ 50-year career was divided evenly between public and private sectors. From 1986 to 2012 he was in the real estate and appraisal business in Las Vegas. Previously Charles was an associate director with the University of Nevada at Las Vegas from 1983 to 1985, executive director of the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority from 1976 to 1983, executive director of the La Crosse Redevelopment Authority in Wisconsin from 1965 to 1976, assistant planning director of the city of Fort Worth from 1963 to 1965 and planner for the city of Stillwater from 1960 to 1963. He has a bachelor of geography from Oklahoma State University (1959) and master of regional and city planning (1961) from OU. His thesis subject was: “The Placement and Regulation of Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks in the Comprehensive Plan.” Interesting lesser-known fact: While in La Crosse, Charles was on the board of directors of Oktoberfest USA, the nation's largest such festival.

James Clayton Miles
Jim held many key local and state planning management positions in Oklahoma and Colorado in the early years. He was director of the Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning Commission for Oklahoma City in the 1990s. He was community development director of the Oklahoma Department of Economic and Community Affairs in the 1980s. He was assistant director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Industry, but accepted a position to become the Colorado state planning director in 1963 after the Oklahoma agency was abolished for lack of funding. Jim died in Geronimo in 2004 at the age of 82. He had a bachelor of science from Central State College in Edmond (1963) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1963). Interesting lesser-known fact: In 1958, Jim moderated a state conference panel in Weatherford that included professors Rodgers and Lehr, asking the question: “Why planning in Oklahoma?”

Frederick Albert Russell
Fred joined the regional office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in Atlanta in 1969. While with HUD, he oversaw development projects and grants throughout the Southeastern United States. Before moving to Atlanta, Fred worked briefly as a city planner for the cities of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Charleston, South Carolina. Upon retirement from HUD, he served two terms as chair of the DeKalb County (Georgia) Historic Planning Commission. Fred was also an active member of Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, where he sang in the choir and served as an elder. He died of cancer in Silver Spring, Maryland in 2000 at the age of 74. Fred had a bachelor in architecture (1958) and master in regional and city planning (1974) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Between his two OU degrees, Fred studied architecture at Yale.
Sooner Planners: 1961-1963

William Wiley Rice Jr.
Wiley has spent most of his career as a planner with the city of Oklahoma City. Starting in 1964, he worked for the city three different times and for five directors (Ray Patton, Norm Standerfer, Bud Heiser, Mike Pugh and Garner Stoll). Wiley considers his major accomplishment to be development of the city’s Neighborhood Stabilization Program. He also was a property development manager for Kerr-McGee and Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority commissioner. Wiley has taught political science at Oklahoma City Community College. He is currently a consultant to three area cities and board president of Neighborhood Housing Services, a non-profit affordable housing provider. He was also a 1st Lieutenant in the Oklahoma National Guard. Wiley has a bachelor of sociology from Notre Dame (1959) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1962). Interesting lesser-known fact: Wiley was the first graduate planner ever hired by the city of Oklahoma City.

Thomas Frederick Peak
Tom was named planning director of the city of Berkeley, California in 1968 at the peak of the anti-war and civil rights protest movements. As the local press noted at the time “this city's future now rests in the hands of a tall, good-looking 33-year-old Oklahoman who envisions a wedding of improvements in the physical environment with a social order that makes sense.” Previously, Tom had served as urban development coordinator for the Missouri city of Kansas City for a brief period, resident consultant to the Boston suburb of Brookline from 1964 to 1968 and chief of advance planning for the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission from 1962 to 1964. He died in Orinda in 1982 at the age of 47. Tom had a bachelor of government (1959) and master of regional and city planning (1963) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Tom was the youngest city department head in Eastbay at the time of his Berkeley appointment.

Walter Otto Kolb
Walt was involved in governmental planning and budgeting at the city, county and state levels in Florida for 30 years. In Florida, he was a budget analyst for the Joint City-County of Tallahassee, budget analyst with the Governors Office of Policy and Budget (under Bob Graham), planner with the Division of State Planning (under Reuben Askew) and deputy director of the then (1969) just-consolidated Jacksonville Area Planning Board. Earlier Walt worked for a Charleston-based planning consulting firm advising West Virginia counties. He was also the first planning director for the Ohio River city of Henderson, Kentucky. Walt has a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma State University (1959) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1966). He completed his graduate coursework in 1961 and his thesis five years later. Interesting lesser-known fact: Walt and his family lived in the Logan Apartments in Norman for $15 per month. He grew up in the Bronx.
Bijan (John) Jalili
John is one of California's most successful and highly praised city managers. Joining Santa Monica as its planning director in 1974, he became assistant city manager in 1979 and city manager in 1984. During his 25 years with the city, John led efforts to recover from the Northridge earthquake, revitalize downtown and restore the Santa Monica Pier. When he retired, he left a city that was one of only four in the nation with a Triple A bond rating and booming economy. Since retirement, he has served as interim city manager for many California communities, including Malibu, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. During the first ten years of his career he was planning director for Inglewood, California and Ames, Iowa. John has a bachelor of arts from Colgate University (1961) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1972). Interesting lesser-known fact: John’s Colgate college roommate was John Dean of Watergate fame.

David Phillip Armstrong
Dave’s career started as a stateside public planner and ended as an international consultant. As CEO of Intertech Systems for over 25 years, his assignments included development of a general plan for Guam, design of a fertilizer plant using natural gas feedstock for Nigeria, creation of a major hospital for Egypt and development of capital systems for China. Previously Dave was executive director of Flint Hills Regional Planning Commission in Kansas from 1977 to 1979, planning director for Santa Cruz from 1964 to 1974 and planning supervisor for Miami/Dade County in 1963. Dave also worked for several firms in Oklahoma City, where he prepared a plan for the OU Medical Center and Teaching Hospital. He has a bachelor of architectural engineering (1961) and master of regional and city planning (1968) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: While in the US Air Force, Dave learned six languages; Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Tagalog, Igbo and Cameroon.

Donald Eugene Best
Don’s professional career took him on a trip through the Midwest. He was city manager of the city of Seminole during the 1970s, community development director of Iowa City from 1966 to 1970, planning director of the Delaware County-Muncie Planning Commission in Indiana from 1963 to 1966 and associate planner for the Missouri city of Independence in 1963. As a student research assistant with the Oklahoma Center of Urban and Regional Studies, he was involved in the preparation of plans for the Oklahoma cities of Antlers, Woodward, Sapulpa, Frederick, Moore and Bethany. Don has a bachelor of architecture (1961) and coursework towards a master of regional and city planning (1963) from OU. He also took courses in management and data systems from the universities of Missouri and Cincinnati. Interesting lesser-known fact: Don was from Lawton.
Sooner Planners: 1961-1963

Frederick Morton Scott Jr.
Mort served as a planner for the cities of Oklahoma City and Norman. He also worked for the state of New York under Governor Rockefeller and as a program analyst for the US Department of Energy in Washington DC. Mort was also an ardent Oklahoma historian, writer, journalist, reporter, columnist, sports editor and political columnist. He worked for several Oklahoma newspapers and his articles appeared regularly in local small-town newspapers. Mort was also very active in several community organizations in Elk City and had a local radio show "Tales of the West OK," which focused on western Oklahoma history. During the Korean War he witnessed the evacuation of Hungnam Harbor aboard the USS Mt. McKinley. Mort died in Elk City in 2011 at the age of 81. He had a bachelor of arts (1960) and completed coursework toward a master in regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1963). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mort was a genealogist.

Kenneth Wayne Kite
Wayne was one of the first planners to join the newly established US Department of Environmental Protection in 1970. He was a planner with the EPA Region 10 District which covered the entire Pacific Northwest and worked out of their Seattle and Yakima offices from about 1971 to 1977 before becoming a consultant for about four years. From 1964 to 1971, Wayne was the first planning director of Skagit County just north of Seattle. He has a bachelor of arts from Wichita State University (1956) and master of regional and city planning program (1964) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Wayne wrote his thesis on “The Automobile Wrecking Industry and Urban Land Use: Automobile Graveyards.”

James P. Bitting
Jim was planning director for the southeast regional office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in Atlanta for over 25 years. Before joining HUD, he was briefly planning director for Stillwater before both he and the city manager resigned at the same time in 1964 over an election issue relating to form of local government. His first position after college was as executive director of the Mississippi Agricultural and Industry Board from 1959 to 1963. As a student intern with the OU Institute of Community Development, he was also involved in the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the city of Healdton in 1959. Jim died in Gainesville, Georgia in 2002 at the age of 70. He had a bachelor in arts (1958) and master in regional and city planning (1961) from the University of Oklahoma. His thesis was on the subject of “Land Use Controls in Oklahoma Reservoir Areas.” Interesting lesser-known fact: Jim was from Tillman County and his brother-in-law was Jim Miles.
Sooner Planners: 1961-1963

William Dewayne Montgomery
Bill began his planning career in 1961 as an assistant planner with the city of Lawton. Pat Painter was his director. He died in Las Vegas in 2005 at the age of 75. Bill had a bachelor of geography from Oklahoma State University (1959) and coursework towards a master of regional and city planning (1961) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: He was originally from the Oklahoma panhandle community of Guymon.
Sooner Planners: 1964

**Charles Michael Pugh**
Mike’s planning career was spent mostly in his native Oklahoma, except for about ten years in South Carolina. After a brief period in the Columbia office of Wilbur Smith Associates, in 1968 he became the first director of the Berkeley-Charleston Regional Planning Commission, an agency that was eventually merged with the Charleston County Planning Department. Mike returned to Oklahoma in 1974 as director of the State Department of Community Assistance and Planning. He then joined the city of Oklahoma City where he rose to director of community development. Mike died in Denison, Texas in 2010 at the age of 75. He had a bachelor in sociology and government from the University of Central Oklahoma (1962) and completed coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1964) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known facts: Mike also served with the US Army in Germany after WWII and worked for a short time with St. Joseph, Missouri.

**Constantine (Gus Andy) Antoniadis**
Gus used his education and training as a planner and designer in an unique and different way. He entered the hospitality industry and owns and operates a 141 unit hotel in Cape May on the New Jersey shore. Gus is active in the community and was a mayoral appointee to the Cape May Tourism Commission. He is an active participant in cultural activities and was honored by the South Jersey Cultural Alliance in 2009 with its Encore Award. He is also a member of the American Hellenic Institute and makes regular trips to Greece. Gus has a bachelor of architecture from the University of Miami (1962) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1964). Interesting lesser-known fact: Gus was born in northern Greece and witnessed the German invasion during World War II. His family immigrated to the United States in 1951 when Gus was 13 and he grew up in Miami.

**Herbert Dale Heiser**
Bud began his urban planning career in 1962 as a planner for the city of Oklahoma City. He then went to work as a planner for the State of Oklahoma, but returned to Oklahoma City in 1980 as planning director. During his 15 years as planning director of Oklahoma City, Bud laid the groundwork for developing Bricktown, the city’s highly successful downtown entertainment district, and revitalizing the 23rd Street Corridor. After his retirement in 1995, he continued to serve the community as a volunteer in the development efforts for Oklahoma City’s Capitol-Medical area and its Asian Community District. Bud died in Norman in 2005 at the age of 75. He had a bachelor of arts from Kansas State University (1958) and completed coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1964) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Bud’s son Greg is currently an associate provost and director of academic integrity systems for OU.
Sooner Planners: 1964

**Allan Franklin Alsip**
Al was chief of staff to the Kentucky speaker of the house where he was able to influence the complete revision of state statutes relating to city planning. Previously he was with the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission and served as both city planner and city manager of the capital city of Frankfort for over 20 years. Al was also an appointed member of the Frankfort-Franklin County Planning Commission and a member and treasurer of the Farmdale Sanitation District that serves Franklin County. He is also a principal of Blue Grass Orchid Society and a member of the Elks Lodge. He has a bachelor in English from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond (1960) and master of regional and city planning (1964) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: In retirement, Al travels extensively throughout the US, Canada and Costa Rica. When not travelling, he spends winters on his houseboat in central Florida and tends to rental properties in Louisville and Memphis.

**Fa Jyh Hsieh**
Steve moved to Virginia’s Hampton Roads area in 1976 and opened three popular Chinese restaurants. One of them, the Ming Gate, became a landmark eatery and gained a place in the book “Where the Locals Eat: A Guide to the Best Restaurants in America.” One food critic called it “a most unprepossessing place, but the best Chinese food south of Washington.” Steve was also on the Hampton Clean City Commission. Early in his career, he was a planner with the Charleston County Planning Board in South Carolina from 1970 to 1976 and the Missouri city of Springfield from 1965 to 1969. Steve emigrated from Taiwan to the US in 1956 and was the first Asian to attend the OU RCPL program. He died in Hampton, Virginia in 2000 at the age of 68. Steve had a bachelor of science (1960) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1964) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: His daughter said he always missed city planning and wanted to go back.

**Thomas McClellan Ballentine**
Tom spent most of his 40-year career in Washington DC. From 1985 to 2006 he was secretary and executive secretary of the US section of the International Navigation Association (PIANC), a worldwide organization concerned with maritime ports and inland waterways. From 1975 to 1995 he was involved with the policy and special studies division of the US Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources. Before going to Washington, Tom was director of training and research for the North Carolina Division of Community Planning in Raleigh from 1965 to 1975. He received a bachelor of arts from the University Of Virginia (1956) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1964). Interesting Lesser-known fact: In 2009 Tom was honored as a PIANC Fellow and designated as US representative on the PIANC History Commission. He also wrote a history of American participation in PIANC.
Sooner Planners: 1965

**Forrest Glen Erickson**
Glen spent most of his career in the Quad Cities area. He was with the Bi-State Metropolitan Planning Commission in Rock Island for 15 years, where he moved up through the ranks from senior planner to executive director. He then left the MPC to serve as county administrator of Scott County for 20 years. Glen is a member of the International City/County Managers Association and has served on many of its committees. He also served on the board of directors of the National Association of Regional Councils and as vice-chair of the Iowa Housing Authority. Glen also served as an adjunct professor for both Augustana College and St. Ambrose University. He has a bachelor in geography from Augustana College (1963) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: Glen was a strong supporter of the Quad Cities United Way serving as its chair, vice-president, treasurer, campaign chair and public service chair.

**Philip Broaddus Hawes**
Phil was the drum major for the “Green Revolution.” For over 50 years, he has promoted sustainable development and ecological projects in the US, England, France, Nepal, India and Australia. Phil has taught sustainable design in the US, Portugal, Denmark and France. In the 1980s, he was “architect of record” for Biosphere 2 in Oracle, Arizona, a sustainable human habitat biome that included multiple micro-climates. He has also worked as a construction worker, jeweler, sculptor, cowboy and plumber. Phil studied under Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West in Scottsdale (1956) before receiving a bachelor of architecture (1962) and studying regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: Phil walked alone across 500 miles of uninhabited Australian outback in 1981.

**James Bryant Duncan**
Jim is one of the nation’s leading planning practitioners. He has spent half of his 50-year career as a public agency planner and half as a consultant to public agencies. As an agency planner he has served cities and counties in Florida, Texas and California (Dade County, Broward County, Hollywood, Austin and Camarillo). As a zoning and impact fee consultant, his clients have included over 350 cities and counties in 42 states. Jim is a charter member and Fellow of AICP, past president of National APA and two-term president of the Florida APA chapter. He co-authored the APA publication, “Principles and Practices of Growth Management.” Jim has a bachelor of journalism and government from the University of Texas (1961) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1965). He also received an “Outstanding Alumni Award” and “Regents Alumni Award” from OU. Interesting lesser-known facts: Jim was in charge of hosting Miss USA/Universe pageant judges and is married to a former Miss Greece.
Sooner Planners: 1965

**John Rulon Doxey**
John focused most of his 40-year career in real estate planning, development, and sales in California's Central Valley. After spending 12 years as a planner for the cities of Idaho Falls, San Diego, and Modesto, he joined a Modesto construction company in 1977 as planning coordinator. When the firm created a new urban planning subsidiary, John was named its general manager. After a few years, he started his own firm and worked primarily with large development companies in planning their projects and doing "due diligence" to determine project feasibility after land was acquired or optioned. In 2002, he obtained a real estate license and began an association with Prudential Commercial Real Estate in Modesto. John has a bachelor of urban geography from Brigham Young University (1963) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: John is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Frederic Hansen Brock**
Fritz was a planner for county and regional planning agencies in eastern Pennsylvania for four decades. After four years with the Lancaster County Planning Department as a community planner, he joined the Joint Planning Commission of Lehigh-Northampton Counties in Allentown and served as its assistant director for over 30 years. Fritz also served as a commissioner in the creation of the 160-mile long Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and as a board member of the Lehigh Gap Nature Center, the first reclaimed Superfund brownfield. An avid birder, he served for 28 years as treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society. Fritz also co-authored two books on birds in the Lehigh Valley. He has a bachelor in geography (1963) from the University of Iowa and master of regional and city planning (1965) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Fritz was friends with Bud Wilkinson and his wife Mary, who shared his same Iowa hometown. He often played golf with their son Jay.

**Myron Gustaf Eckberg**
Myron’s 34-year career in planning ranged from private consulting to public service at the city, state, and Federal levels. While most of his career was with the HUD Region 8 office in Denver, Myron actually spent his first decade in Santa Fe, first with a consulting firm and then as planning director and acting city manager. While with Santa Fe, he faced many controversial issues, including road sign clutter and historic architecture. Myron was active in organizing the New Mexico chapter of the American Institute of Planners. For a short time, he also served as chief of Operation Breakthrough for the State Planning Office. Myron has a bachelor of business administration from the University of Denver (1955) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1965). At OU he was selected as the outstanding planning student. Interesting lesser-known fact: In retirement, Myron enjoys his second career as a watercolor painter and mentor for developmentally disabled art students.
Sooner Planners: 1965

Arthur Ernest Trujillo
Art’s career has been a blend of planning and politics. After two jobs “back East,” he returned home to Santa Fe in 1970 as chief planner for the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District. Art joined a local design firm for a short period before establishing his own firm in 1974. He became involved in politics and served two terms as city commissioner, two terms as mayor, chair of the City/County Planning Commission, chair of the Board of County Commissioners, president of the New Mexico Association of Counties and director of the National League of Cities. He represented New Mexico as a National Democratic Committeeman. Moving to Albuquerque, Art became chair of the Bernalillo County Democratic Party and ran unsuccessfully for the US Senate. He has a bachelor of economics (1963) and master of regional and city planning (1965) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Art was the first Hispanic from New Mexico to receive a graduate planning degree.

Malachi Knowles
Malachi divided his career between government service and a lifelong passion for golf. During his 28 years in Washington DC, he served as director general of the World Conference of Mayors, senior vice president and director of foreign affairs for the First Africa Corporation, special assistant to the director of the White house Office for Urban Policy, and special assistant to the Secretary of Housing and urban Development. Returning home to Florida, Malachi founded the Inner City Youth Golfers, African-American Golfers Hall of Fame, and African-American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame through which "he gives back!" He has taught planning at Morgan State and the University of Miami. Malachi has a bachelor of arts from Morgan State College (1963) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: Malachi was the first African-American in the nation to receive a master of regional and city planning.

Dennis Ray Foltz
Dennis’ 50-year career has spanned a very diverse range of public service positions. He has served as regional planner (SW Kansas, Albuquerque and Little Rock), city planner (San Diego, Kissimmee, Ocoee and Coral Springs), county planner (Palm Beach), state planner (California), school district planner (Orlando) and city manager (Oakland). Dennis won an award from the Florida APA chapter for his Palm Beach County Urban Form Study in 1993 and awards from both the New Mexico APA chapter and National Association of Regional Councils for his Middle Rio Grande Focus 2050 plan in 2000. He is a member of AICP, International City/County Managers Association and a Fellow of the Institute for the Regional Community. Dennis has a bachelor’s in geography from Oklahoma State University (1963) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: He drafted and executed the first planning contract between a Native American tribe and State of California.
Sooner Planners: 1965

Itzhak Epstein
Itzhak is a New York City-based public policy professional and political activist. Previously, he was a policy analyst for rent regulation for the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal from 1979 to 2008, a town planner for the city of Jerusalem in his native Israel from 1975 to 1979 and a planner for Kansas City in Missouri. Itzhak is a member of several progressive political groups, such as the Democratic Socialists of America, Occupy Wall Street Political and Electoral Reform Working Group. He founded the Jewish Liberation Project and served as Secretary General of the North American Jewish Students Network. Itzhak has a bachelor of arts from the University of Pittsburgh (1962) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: He is currently devoting more time to genealogy and political activism. Itzhak lives with his wife in a rent stabilized Manhattan apartment and does not own a car.

Henry Brown Wright Jr.
Brown was a partner in the consulting firm, Stewart, Wright & Associates, that served public and private clients in policy and project development, business and economic initiatives and strategic planning. Before starting SWA in 1997, he was with the Tennessee Valley Authority for 25 years where he served as chief of regional planning and headed a group that developed methodologies for assessing socioeconomic impacts of large construction projects. Brown also served as regional coordinator for the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer and received the Harold Metcalf Award for sustained service to the organization. He is a past president of the Knoxville Rotary Club and charter member of AICP. Brown has a bachelor of science from the University of Tennessee (1963) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: Brown was project manager of the TVA exhibit at the 1982 Worlds Fair in Knoxville.

Gabrielle Charlotte Ramsauer
Gabrielle spent her early planning career in eastern Pennsylvania. She was a planner with the Bucks County Planning Commission from 1966 to 1970 and then spent 18 years as a housing specialist serving disadvantaged Appalachian communities for the Economic Development Council of Eastern Pennsylvania. From 1989 to 1992, she was town planner for the community of Sandwich on Cape Cod Bay not far from where the Pilgrims landed. Gabrielle was born in Germany and lived in Berlin during World War II. She first came to the United States as an exchange student in 1955. Gabrielle has a bachelor of modern languages (1957) and master of social work (1959) from universities in Berlin and completed coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: Gabrielle was the first female and European to enter the OU RCPL program. She is a student of medieval and renaissance music and plays 18th century recorder.
Sooner Planners: 1965

**Tommy Edwin Craighead**
Tom spent 26 years as a planner serving Kentucky communities. While with the State Department of Local Government from 1970 to 1996, he primarily assisted cities in the economically-depressed eastern Appalachian region. His responsibilities also included administration of federal and state loans and grants. Tom also served Kentuckians as director of the division of plans and grants for the state department of parks. Prior to his work in Kentucky, Tom spent five years (1965 to 1970) in middle Tennessee as a planner with the Tennessee State Planning Commission and Nashville Regional Commission, a six-county planning and development agency. He also served in the US Army at Fort Benning. Tom has a bachelor of economics from Middle Tennessee State University (1960) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact: In retirement, Tom runs a Tennis Center pro shop at a Nashville Country Club.

**Arthur Ray Miller**
Art spent most of his 40-year planning career in or near his Pennsylvania hometown of Indiana. He retired in 2004 after spending six years as a planner with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Previously he was the real estate manager for the Rochester-Pittsburg Coal Company for 20 years, where he purchased properties to expand mining operations. Other positions Art has held include planning director of Indiana County for seven years, higher education representative for labor groups in the West Virginia city of Morgantown for two years and planner for the West Virginia Department of Community Affairs in Charleston for two years. Art has a bachelor of geography from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1963) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Stanton Murphy Halley**
Stan retired in 1998 after a 33 year career with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and Oklahoma Department of Health. He has a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma State University (1958) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting Lesser-known fact: Stan was working in the Water Resource Board building across the street from the Murrah building when the latter was bombed in 1995.
Sooner Planners: 1965

William Herbert Kivett
Billy returned home to Honduras and a career as a governmental advisor, environmentalist and entrepreneur. He advised mayors on proper planning and brought electricity and water to remote areas of his country. Billy was instrumental in preserving Honduras’ largest lake, Yojoa, and starting a foundation to save trees. He opened three green houses and hired only single parents with the agreement they would put their kids in school. As a businessman, he ran an airline, sold opals and raised pigs, starting with five and increasing to 1,000 before selling out. Billy also founded the Rotary Club in Tegucigalpa. He died from cancer in Honduras in 2004 at the age of 62. Billy had a master of regional and city planning from OU (1965). Interesting Lesser-known fact: When flying supplies to troops during the 1969 war with El Salvador, he encountered bad visibility and was asked his location. His reply: “If we see bullet holes in the wings, we are definitely over enemy territory.”
Sooner Planners: 1966

William Allen Myers
Bill was planning director for the city of Stillwater, Alamo Area Council of Governments and San Antonio Transit System before entering Federal Civil Service where he was in charge of planning for 13 Air Training Command bases. He retired in 2001 as chief of the Air Force’s Environmental Planning Division. Bill then co-founded San Antonio Planning Advisors, a group that provides pro-bono services to cities without funds for planning. He was also a founder and chair of APA’s Federal Planning Division and Ombudsman for the Divisions Council. In his Reserve career, Bill retired in 1990 with the rank of colonel, receiving a Legion of Merit. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Oklahoma State, Trinity, UTSA and Air Force Institute of Technology. Bill has a bachelor of economics from Texas A&M (1959) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1966). Interesting lesser-known fact: Bill is a Fellow in the Society of American Military Engineers which grants a $5,000 annual scholarship in his name.

Norman Richelieu Standerfer
Norm has directed planning programs for the cities of Austin, Las Vegas, Oklahoma City, Durham, Cape Coral and Broward County. In Austin, he managed the "Austinplan" process and was responsible for the adoption of a mandatory plan home-rule charter amendment; in Broward, he drafted Florida’s first mandatory home-rule plan and land development code and implemented the state’s first impact fees; and in Oklahoma City, he served on the State Task Force on Planning and Zoning and Oklahoma State Capital/Medical Area Zoning Commission. His planning efforts have received awards from both the Florida and Nevada APA chapters. Norm also was a partner in an Oklahoma City development firm that focused on inner-city housing rehabilitation shopping center development. He has a bachelor of architecture (1962) and master of regional and city planning (1966) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Norm was the first planning director for Midwest City.

Joel K. Smith
Joel was one of Oklahoma’s first and foremost environmentalists and conservationists. Prior to starting his Edmond-based planning consulting firm, he was city planner for Bartlesville for ten years where he designed the Pathfinder Parkway. In addition to consulting, Joel served as president and board member of the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation, co-chairman of the Illinois River Task Force, associate director of the Oklahoma County Soil and Conservation District and president of the United Sportsmen's Alliance of Oklahoma. He was also appointed to the State Environmental Quality Board as conservation district representative. Joel loved hunting, fishing and flying. He had a commercial pilot’s certificate. Joel died in the crash of a small airplane east of Marlow while on a mission for the State. He had a bachelor of arts (1959) and master of regional and city planning (1966) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Joel wrote his thesis on “airport noises and hazards as environmental factors.”
Sooner Planners: 1966

**Emmett Lee Haywood**
Emmett held several jobs during his 30 years with the Denver office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, including director of comprehensive planning. Before joining HUD, he was chief planner of ModelCities in Kansas City, assistant planning director for Boulder and a consultant with Resource Development Corporation. Emmett was a trustee of the Denver Zoological Society for 21 years and vice-chair of Community Foundation Serving Boulder County. He is a charter member of AICP and was a member of the ASPO board of directors, president of the Colorado AIP chapter and participant in seven PAB site visits. He was also an adjunct professor for the University of Colorado graduate planning program. Emmett has a bachelor of arts from Kansas State University (1960) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1966) where he received the outstanding student award. Interesting lesser-known fact: He was raised on a Texas cattle ranch.

**Walter Frederick Geiger**
Walt spent almost three decades managing the cyclical and unpredictable growth of south Florida as Dade County’s chief of development review. Before joining Dade in 1971, he spent several years as a planner with the California city of Vallejo, the Kentucky city of Lexington and the Florida cities of Naples and Jacksonville. After leaving Dade in 1998, Walt moved to Volusia County and served as planning director for the cities of Daytona Beach Shores and Deltona. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Walt has a bachelor of business administration from the University of Miami (1963) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1966). Interesting lesser-known fact: In retirement, Walt is a member of the economic development task force for the Sebastian Inlet River Area Chamber of Commerce and on the budget task force for the Indian River County Taxpayers Association. He has also become an active ballroom dancer.

**Louis Copelan Violi**
Lou was executive director of the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Planning Agency for 18 years. Previously he was with Midwest Research from 1971 to 1974 where he developed a revitalization plan for downtown Omaha. The plan, known as "back to the river," proposed turning a faltering industrial riverfront into an amenity with parks and other uses. From 1966 to 1970, Lou was with the Tennessee State Planning Commission in Nashville, first as a principal planner and then as chief planner. He died in Omaha in 2003 at the age of 66. Lou had a bachelor of arts from Loyola University in Baltimore (1958) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1966). Between degrees, he served in the US Army. His thesis was on “State Planning in the United States.” Interesting Lesser-known fact: Lou had three sons; one became a pulmonary specialist, one a computer specialist and one manages one of the most popular bars in Omaha.
Sooner Planners: 1966

**Brad David Gambill**
Brad has risen to the top in both government and military. He has served as both city manager and utilities director for the city of Norman, planning director for the city of Stillwater and urban planner for the Oklahoma City Urban Authority. Brad enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1958 and eventually attained the rank of major general before retiring in 2002. His last Army assignment was as deputy commanding general of the Fifth United States Army (West). In addition to graduating from Officer Candidate School (1962), Brad has a bachelor of arts from OSU (1964) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1973). He also graduated from the Infantry Officer school at Fort Benning and General Officers Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and he has a master in strategic studies from the Naval War College (1990). Interesting lesser-known fact: Brad was awarded both the Legion of Merit and Distinguished Service Medal.

**Don Clyde Kaspereit**
Don is the quintessential entrepreneur and civic booster. After a ten year stint as Oklahoma City’s downtown planning director, he turned to commercial real estate development and investment, founding DPI Companies in the late 1970s, including Westpark Business Center and Summit Commercial Real Estate. Don has also been very active supporting local civic groups, such as Suited for Success, Oklahoma Zoological Society, The Zoo Trust, Oklahoma City Historical Society, Allied Arts, Friends of Northwest Classen and Men’s Dinner Club. He was also a board member and president of Oklahoma City Town Hall and a board member of Salvation Army Adult Rehab. He also has served on the Economic Development Council and as chair of the Oklahoma Riverfront Authority. Don has a bachelor of fine arts (1965) and master of regional and city planning (1966) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Don has been involved in cattle and exotic animal ranching.

**Joseph Thomas Crain**
Joe spent most of his career guiding the growth of Colorado cities and counties. From 2005 until his retirement in 2012, he was town planner and interim town manager of the southwestern community of Bayfield. Previously Joe was town planner and town manager of Telluride from 19xx to 19xx, planning director of La Plata County from 1995 to 2005 and planning administrator for Jefferson County from 1980 to 1995. He began his career in Oklahoma as the planner for the city of Lawton from 1968 to 1971 and as assistant director of the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission from 1972 to 1980. Joe is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of Arkansas (1964) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: Joe and former president Bill Clinton share the same hometown – Hope, Arkansas.
Sooner Planners: 1966

Robert Alan Metz

Bob could not be missed on the OU campus. He was that tall, lanky, friendly guy from Ohio with the 1950s crew cut who was always smiling. He had a lot to smile about. He was the father of three very cute young sons, a two-year old and twins born just months before his family arrived in Norman. After returning to Middletown in 1966, Bob became city planner of his hometown. But he soon opted to leave the planning profession and get into a business where he could spend more time with his family and enjoy nature - yard care. But tragedy soon consumed the Metz family. In 1983, Jane, the wife and mother, died at age 44. Within a three-month period in 1995, Bob died at age 56 and two of his sons, Mark and Donn, died at ages 33 and 31. The youngest and only remaining son, Todd, committed suicide in Florida in 2012 at age 48.
Sooner Planners: 1967

**Vernon Dee Martin**
Vernon is one of the nation’s premier regional planners. As executive director of the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center for 40 years, he directed technical and management services to local governments. Vernon is a member of AICP, International City and County Management Association and Society of Human Resources Management. He is past president of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and served as Georgia representative on the National Executive Director’s Advisory Committee of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). He was in the military reserve, retiring after 33 years as a full colonel. Vernon has a bachelor of business from Oklahoma State University (1965) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1967). Interesting lesser-known fact: Vernon received National Executive Directors Awards from NADO and NARC, the only person to ever receive such from both organizations.

**Thomas Layton Hodges**
Tommy’s career has been in consulting and constructing. In 1970, he founded The Hodges Firm, a regional consultant offering planning and civil engineering services. Five years later he entered the real estate market and has since developed and managed over 2000 apartments, 400 condominiums and several office buildings and retail centers. He also developed a 560 acre residential community in Little Rock and several single-family communities in Austin and Nashville. Tommy has also been on the board of directors for the Pulaski Bank & Trust, Little Rock Boys & Girls Club, Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Chapter of the American Heart Association. He has a bachelor of sociology and urban studies from the University of Arkansas (1964) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1968). Interesting lesser-known fact: Tommy also served as president of the Texas Stadium Corporation and worked in marketing and facilities development for the Cowboys.

**John Neil Brezzo Jr.**
John is a major California homebuilder. As founder and managing partner of DKB Homes, he has built over 4,000 new homes and rehabbed 700 existing homes in the Bay Area since 1979. In 1986, he also started First Community Housing, an award-winning nonprofit that builds only sustainable affordable homes for low-income and disadvantaged families. FCH has since built more than 1,200 homes for 3,200 low-income residents. John also worked for the city of San Jose for ten years where he was housing director, chief of program development and deputy director of Model Cities. He has been appointed to housing task forces at the state, regional and local levels and represented Santa Clara County with its sister province of Florence, Italy. He has a bachelor of urban studies from San Francisco State University (1965) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1967). Interesting lesser-known fact: Early in life, John considered vinification as an alternative or parallel career.
Sooner Planners: 1967

**John Russell Baggs**
John’s 45-year planning career has taken him back and forth between public and private sectors. He was assistant planning manager for Clark County, Nevada from 1996 until 2006. Before that he was planning director for a large Las Vegas-based engineering firm for four years. Most of John’s career, however, was spent in the St. Louis area where he had his own consulting firm from 1980 to 1992 and was county planning director from 1970 to 1980. John also had two planning jobs before he received his OU RCPL degree. From 1960 to 1965, he worked for two Chicago area design firms and the city of Austin. John has a bachelor of architecture from Washington University in St. Louis (1960) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1967). Interesting lesser-known fact: In retirement, John spends much of his time volunteering as a math tutor for fifth graders, in a local hospital emergency room and for the juvenile diabetes association.

**Billy Allen Foreman III**
Bill’s career was as an educator in Oklahoma and the Far East. Since 1992, he has taught world and regional geography as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma City Community College. He was also concurrently an instructor with the Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute from 1991 to 2005. Bill also taught courses in education and computers at the University of Oklahoma and geography and history at Oklahoma State University. Early in his career he spent a total of nine years in training positions with the US Government in Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines. He has a bachelor of Asian studies (1967), master of regional and city planning (1967) and doctorate of philosophy in educational psychology (1969) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: The topic of Bill’s masters thesis was “A Study of the Forms of Selected Villages in the Far East Area.”

**Bob Edwin Barnard**
Bob is one of the nation’s leading aviation and airport planning consultants. Since he co-founded Barnard-Dunkelberg in 1976, his firm has prepared more than 500 planning programs in their Tulsa and Denver offices for air carrier, commercial service, reliever and general aviation airports throughout the nation. His clients have ranged from Alaska to Florida and included some of the largest airports in the nation. He has produced more than 60 environmental impact statements for airports of all sizes and numerous environmental overviews, analyses and reviews in association with airport master plans. And he has also delivered over 50 comprehensive aircraft noise and land use compatibility studies. Bob has a bachelor of fine arts (1966) and master of regional and city planning (1968) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Bob was a co-founder of the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association.
Sooner Planners: 1967

**John C. Gaillard**
John was an association executive with the American Institute of Architects in Washington DC for almost 30 years. He served as director of meeting planning and events and coordinated 18 national AIA conventions and was responsible for coordinating the popular Regional and Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) program. John was also an associate professor of urban planning at George Washington University. Previously he was executive director of the Monroe-Ouachita Regional Planning Commission in Louisiana and a planner with the Mobile City Planning Commission in Alabama. He was a member of AICP. John died of a heart attack in Alexandria, Virginia in 2001 at the age of 62. He had a bachelor in architecture from Auburn (1965) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1967). Interesting lesser-known fact: John was a member of the historic Pohick Episcopal Church in northern Virginia and a strong advocate for its preservation.

**Jerry Norval Slack**
Jerry owns and operates a Tulsa-based golf course planning and design firm. He first served in the public sector as a planner for Oklahoma City, chief planner for St. Louis County and planning director for the Nashville Area Council of Governments. Jerry then entered the private sector as a land planner in the Nashville and Lake Tahoe markets. After a break from planning, he joined Oschner Hare & Hare where he focused on golf course design. He has completed over 150 golf design projects in the US, Costa Rica and Mexico. His last two courses, Emerald Falls in Tulsa and The Ridge in Sioux Center, IA, were rated #6 and #3 nationally. Awards include “Municipal Improvement of the Year” for Quail Creek in Kansas and Golf Digest’s recognition of a Virginia course as “Best New Public Course.” Jerry has a bachelor of arts from OSU (1965) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1967). Interesting lesser-known fact: In the 1980s, Jerry owned and operated a well-known restaurant in Lake Tahoe.

**Phillip A. Clark**
Phil was deputy director of exploration and coastal zone management coordinator for the American Petroleum Institute in Washington DC for over 30 years. Before he joined API, he was with a New York bonding company in the mid-1970s, director of the department of community affairs for the State of Missouri from 1969 to 1972, regional planning director for the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments in Oklahoma City in 1969, planning director for the Missouri city of Independence in 1968 and principal planner for the Kansas City Metropolitan Planning Agency in 1967. Phil has a bachelor of political science (1965) and master of regional and city planning (1967) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Phil also attended law school in the evenings while living in Kansas City.
**Sooner Planners: 1968**

**John Arnold Castin**
Jack was the principal and CEO of Castin & Associates, a Little Rock planning and design firm that served both public and private clients for over 30 years. For the public sector, the firm prepared over 25 comprehensive plans for Arkansas cities and counties. For the private sector, the firm specialized in the master planning of large-scale mixed-use golf course communities and prepared more than 50 golf course feasibility studies. Prior to starting his own firm, Jack was planning director for Wilbur Smith Associates in Columbia and a partner with the two Little Rock multi-disciplinary design firms of Hodges, Vines, Fox & Castin and Manes, Massie, Castin & McGetrick. Jack has a bachelor of architecture from Notre Dame (1962) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1968). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jack attended Notre Dame on a football scholarship and was backup to the All-American quarterback Darryl La Monica.

**James Allen Cloar**
Jim is the dean of downtown development directors. He has managed downtown development agencies for the cities of St. Louis, Tampa and Dallas and served as president, chair and board member for the International Downtown Association. Most recently, he was president of Partnership for Downtown St. Louis and prior to that, president of the Tampa Downtown Partnership where he assembled land for a new sports arena, and president of the Central Dallas Association where he implemented an Arts District master plan. Jim was also a director of the National Civic League, partner of an urban design consulting firm and president of the Urban Land Institute. He is the author of the ULI book “Centralized Retail Management: New Strategies for Downtown.” Jim has a bachelor of civil engineering (1962) and master of regional and city planning (1968) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Jim was a recipient of the St. Louis Mayor’s “Quality of Life Award.”

**Karsten Theodor Mikalsen**
Ted’s career has focused on responsible public management of water resources. He was manager of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division’s Total Maximum Daily Load implementation program and led its transition to the Watershed Improvement Program. His responsibilities included assessing impacts of nonpoint source pollution and stormwater on surface waters, overseeing grants which lead to statewide urban stormwater quality management and the Adopt-A-Stream Program. In Florida, Ted was previously an administrator with the State Department of Environmental Regulation and principal planner and acting planning director with Orange County. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of South Florida (1965), completed coursework in regional and city planning OU and completed his master of urban and regional planning at Florida State University (1970). Interesting lesser-known fact: Ted loves to photograph urban wall art, orchids and birds.
**Sooner Planners: 1968**

**David Lewis Pugh**
Dave was a member of the graduate planning faculty at Texas A&M for 28 years. Before joining A&M in 1976, he worked with two state planning agencies (North Carolina and Missouri) and two Kansas City consultants. At A&M Dave served as associate professor, degree program coordinator and department chair. In addition to teaching land use and historic preservation law, he studied utopian cities and initiated and administered the department’s Texas Target Cities Program. Much of his work focused on land use law. He is a past president of the Texas APA chapter, chair of the Texas APA Educational Foundation and board member of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Dave has a bachelor of fine arts (1966) and master of regional and city planning (1968) from the University of Oklahoma and doctorate of law from the University of Missouri (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: While at A&M, Dave received an outstanding teacher award and distinguished faculty award.

**Richard Lamar Massie**
Richard’s planning career included several key directorships and a consulting partnership. After serving as planning director for Midwest City for four years, he returned home to Little Rock to join a consulting firm offering planning services to public and private clients within Arkansas. Richard served on the Little Rock Planning Commission for ten years and was its chair for two years. He was also on the Little Rock Wastewater Commission. In 1990, Richard returned to public service as planning director for the Arkansas city of West Memphis. Shortly after he returned to Oklahoma as planning director for Norman, where he served for 16 years before retiring in 2007. Richard is a charter member of AICP. He has a bachelor of political science from the University of Arkansas Little Rock (1966) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1968). Interesting lesser-known fact: Richard served for six years on the Board of Visitors for the College of Architecture.

**James Allen Vines**
Jim’s first position was as a planner with the Missouri Department of Community Affairs in Jefferson City. He then moved back home to Little Rock and joined the planning and engineering firm of Hodges, Vines, Fox & Castin with several of his classmates. Jim devoted himself to numerous community causes, including service on the advisory boards for the Westside and Metropolitan YMCA, Camp Aldersgate, City Beautiful Commission, Pulaski County Council on Aging, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Arkansas Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Jim died in Little Rock in 2010 at the age of 66 from MS. He had a bachelor of sociology and political science from the University of Arkansas Little Rock (1966) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1968). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jim suffered from MS for 30 years.
Sooner Planners: 1968

**Stephen John Allen**
Steve’s career was spent primarily with state agencies in New Mexico and Georgia. In the early 1990s he joined the New Mexico Environment Department in Santa Fe and was in charge of solid waste management programs throughout the state. While living in Santa Fe, Steve was also an appointed member of the County Development Review Committee. Previously he was with the state of Georgia from 1973 to 1990 and assisted communities as a grants administrator and technical assistant. During his time in Atlanta, he also became interested in recycling and composting and organized an educational exhibit at Zoo Atlanta. Earlier in his career, Steve was a planner for McLain County in central Illinois and in the US Air Force. He has a bachelor of environmental design (1966) and master of regional and city planning (1968) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Steve’s mother was a Santa Fe artist and had a small walk-on part in the filming of Robert Redford’s “Milagro Beanfield War.”

**John Oliver Stuardi III**
John was an assistant director of the city of Mobile planning department during the early 1970s. He died in Mobile in 1991 at the age of 53. John had a bachelor of architecture from Tulane University (1958) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1968). As an undergraduate he was a member of Army ROTC, the Pershing Rifles and Newman Club. John’s OU thesis was entitled “A Comparative Analysis of Selected Housing Codes for United States Cities.” Interesting lesser-known fact: John was a good cook and became involved in kitchen design.

**Frederick Hardeman Trull**
Fred was director of planning for the Port of San Diego for over 40 years. While with the Port, he was instrumental in the preparation of a Port master plan in 1980, preparation of a convention center complex study in 1984, coordination of the America’s Cup races in 1987 and preparation of a Green Port policy in 2008. Fred was also on the board of directors for the Peninsula Community Planning Board which produced the Peninsula Community Plan in 1987. Before joining the Port of San Diego, he was a planner with San Mateo County from 1968 to 1970. Fred has a bachelor of arts from Utah State University (1966) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1968). He wrote his thesis on: “The Influence of the Automobile on Urban Land Use in Selected Communities in Oklahoma.” Interesting lesser-known fact: As an undergraduate, Fred was on the board of directors of the Utah Skin Diving Council. He was originally from Chicago.
Sooner Planners: 1969

James Mathiew Colby
Jim spent 30 years with the US Interior Department’s Bureau of Land Management where he shaped national resource policies regarding public lands. He completed his federal career as deputy director of the interagency Coastal America Partnership. In the 1990s, Jim also served as a delegate to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. Earlier he was executive director of the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission and held positions with Prince William County (VA), the Northern Tier Regional Planning Commission (PA) and the Upper Cumberland Development District (TN). He currently serves on the Franklin County (VA) Planning Commission. Jim has a bachelor of science from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (1964) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1969). Interesting lesser-known fact: He considers his 22 months in Norman to be the most productive of his life, leaving with degree, first born son and first daughter on the way.

Michael Cochrane Ritz
Mike’s career has taken him from county planning director to county commissioner. He was director of the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Planning and Development before establishing Ritz Investments where he manages personal investments and provides planning and financial consulting services. Mike has served as an elected member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners from 2006 to 2014. One of his major interests is downtown revitalization. Mike has chaired committees on land use, budget, finance and ethics, as well as served as chair of the Depot Redevelopment Corporation. He is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Mike has a bachelor in civil engineering (1967) and master of regional and city planning (1969) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: He has been a major supporter of preserving and renovating two iconic downtown Memphis structures – the Orpheum Theatre and Peabody Hotel.

Ronald Nelson Short
Ron served 13 cities, counties and regions in eight states (California, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Florida and Arizona) during his 50-year planning career. During that time, he directed planning programs for several major urban areas, including Hillsborough City-County (Tampa), Phoenix and Albuquerque. Ron is an AICP Fellow and has served as president of both the Florida and Arizona APA Chapters and on the national APA board. Ron is also active in community service as president of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society, chair of the Water Services Advisory Commission of Glendale and president of the Manistee Ranch Community Association. He has a bachelor of arts from Long Beach State (1961), master of regional and city planning from OU (1969) and master of public administration from Penn State (1978). Interesting lesser-known facts: Ron started the Planning Student Mentoring Program at Arizona State University and he dearly loves frogs.
Sooner Planners: 1969

**Frank Arthur Talcott III**  
Frank has owned and operated his own construction management firm in Redding, Connecticut for almost 30 years. The firm focuses its up-scale home building activities primarily in the suburban New York communities of Redding and Greenwich. A recent prospective home to be designed and built by Frank was listed at over $7 million and described as “a modern or modern-mix custom home with geothermal heat, state of the art kitchen, wood roof and custom millwork.” For 14 years prior to his opening his own firm, he served as director of architecture and planning for the Heritage Development Group in Southbury, Connecticut. Frank has a bachelor of architecture from Princeton University (1967) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1969). Interesting lesser-known fact: Frank’s daughter recently graduated from Fairfield University magna cum laude and received an Award for Academic Excellence in Politics.

**Elwyn Kent Meek**  
Kent is vice president of MKGK Inc. Previously he was the principal of the Lowenthal & Horvath office in San Francisco. Kent was on the board of directors of the Northern California section of the California chapter of the American Planning Association. Kent has a bachelor of arts in mathematics (1967) and master of regional and city planning (1969) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: As an OU undergraduate, Kent established an anti-cigarette league at the Ditmars House and actually gave up smoking.

**Donald James Cosby**  
Don was an Alabama-based architect/planner who operated out of Birmingham. He and Kenneth Groves established the firm Cosby/Groves in 1984. Early in his career, Don was an assistant director with the Mobile planning department. He was a member of both the American institute of Certified Planners and American Institute of Architects. Don died in Birmingham in 1994 at the age of 54. He had a bachelor of architecture from Auburn University (1964) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1969). The subject of Don’s thesis was “Design Theory and Its Effects on the Form of the Oklahoma City Area.” Interesting lesser-known fact: In his honor the Auburn University School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture established the Donald James Cosby Memorial Scholarship Award in Community Planning.
Sooner Planners: 1970

**June Anne Baker**
June was one of the first individuals to actively promote the need for more women in city planning. Upon graduation, she headed to northern California where she worked as a planner for the Association of Bay Area Governments, city of Concord and Marin County. As an active feminist, June was a founding member of the Bay Area Women Planners Group. Later she turned from planning to practicing land use law and then to writing. June died of cancer in 1996 at the age of 54. In 2002, the Playground Workshop established the June Anne Baker Prize which annually honors the top female Bay Area playwright, representing a gifted new comedic or political voice for the stage. June received a bachelor in sociology from Arizona State (1968), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1970) and doctorate of law from UC Berkeley (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact: June inherited her interest in politics from her father who was a Minnesota legislator.

**Charles Don Ellison Jr.**
Don spent his professional career pursuing the prevention and reduction of flood loss for residents and businesses within the south central United States. As a planner in the Region VI office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Denton, he worked throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana. Don, a native Oklahoman, also had the foresight and vision to see the benefits of establishing the Oklahoma Floodplain Management Association. He died in Denton in 1995 at the age of 59. In 1998 the board of directors of the Oklahoma Flood Management Association created the Charles Don Ellison award to recognize members that demonstrated significant long-term contributions of leadership and support that clearly influenced and advanced the Association. The Board presents the award annually. Don had a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1970). Interesting lesser-known fact: Don was an Army Captain during the Vietnam war.

**Rondall Van Phillips**
Ron’s career has been in both the public and private sectors. In 2009, he opened his own consulting firm, Phillips Associates, and also become vice president of Omni Intertrade Ltd, an international trading and business development company that links US firms with firms in Asia and Africa. Ron started as executive director of the San Luis Valley Council of Governments in south central Colorado. After a short period in retailing, he returned to public service as town manager of Vail and transportation director of Fort Collins. In 2006 he became general manager of Morrison-Maierle, a Salt Lake City engineering firm where he was responsible for office management and business development. Revenues during his tenure with the firm doubled. Ron has a bachelor of psychology from Southern Nazarene University (1968) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1970). Interesting lesser-known fact: Ron was a Gates Foundation Fellow at Harvard University.
Sooner Planners: 1970

**Vernon Earl Hunter**
Vernon is the senior partner in the Fargo architectural firm of Hunter & Grobe and has over 40 years of experience in the architecture and planning fields. He is also very active in his community. Vernon is a leader of the Red River Danes in the Fargo-Moorhead community and he was a two-term member of the board of directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. Vernon is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and American Institute of Architects. He has a bachelor of architecture from North Dakota State University (1960) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1970). Interesting lesser-known fact: Vernon is also president of the Northern Plains Botanic Gardens Society.

**Reyadh Jalaludeen Al-Naqeeb**
Rey was named dean of the Kuwait University Engineering School in 1975 and was in charge of the planning and construction of a new university and medical school for the nation. He prepared several papers that guided the course of planning and ecology in Kuwait and Middle East, including "Ecology and Man's Environment" in 1975. Rey has a bachelor of arts from the University of Utah (1966), master of regional and city planning from OU (1970) and doctorate in environmental sciences from Texas A&M (1972). His OU thesis was on "Settlement Patterns of the State of Kuwait“ and his A&M dissertation was on “A Proposed Planning Education Program for the University of Kuwait, adapted to other Arab nations.” He also wrote a paper while in Utah on "A Public Library for the State of Kuwait.” Interesting lesser-known fact: Rey is essentially is the "father of modern city planning" in Kuwait.

**Stanley Hayes Jr.**
Bud has been a small businessman, regional planner and economic developer during his 40-year career. He is currently senior vice-president of Mobile Media Technologies where he provides mass notification and message receiving systems to governmental markets. Previously he was with Kaiser Group as a contractor for the 14-county Workforce Development Board of West Central Missouri, the Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission where he provided development assistance to seven west-central Missouri counties, and the ten county Southern Oklahoma Development Association where he established a landfill and a compressed natural gas-fueled fueling station. As president of Hayes Enterprises, he has also started seven businesses. Bud has a bachelor of arts (1966) and master of regional and city planning (1970) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: He has also taught at OU and the State University of New York-Binghamton.
Sooner Planners: 1971

**John David Hitchcock**  
David has been associated with a sustainability “think tank” for 25 years. While with the Houston Advanced Research Center, he was an associate director of the Center for Global Studies, deputy director of the Environment Group and senior project director. David has served on the Coordinating Committee for Houston region’s sustainable communities planning program, Houston Regional Air Quality Planning Committee, board of directors for the Cool Roof Rating Council, and Transportation Research Board’s Alternative Fuels Committee. He has authored reports on sustainable development and environmental improvement in the Houston region. Prior to joining HARC, he served as director of the Joint Center for Urban Mobility Research at Rice Center. David has a bachelor of sociology from Oklahoma State University (1967) and master of regional and city planning (1971) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: He received an APA award for his “Cool Houston Plan.”

**Robert Vance Hurst**  
Bob was the planner/senior planner for the developing portion of Kansas City adjacent to KCI airport for 35 years. This area constituted half the land mass of the entire city and 80 percent of its residential development activity. Bob was also the city representative on Economic Development Commissions and Chamber boards for much of his career. In 1980, he became manager of the department’s information and research division where this combination allowed him a role in the emerging GIS field. In the mid-1980s Bob was president of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association. He has a bachelor of architecture (1969) and master of regional and city planning (1971) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Bob’s architectural background with graphics/quantitative training blended well with his introduction to computers at OU.

**Marcel Andre Audant**  
Marcel moved to Hawaii about 2000 and joined the staff of the Hawaii Housing Authority as a housing specialist and senior project manager. Previously, he had formed a development company in Oklahoma City with two of his OU MRCP classmates, Don Kaspereit and Harvey Turner. The company was called Development Projects Inc. and Marcel was its chief financial officer. After leaving DPI in the late 1980s, Marcel practiced as an architect-planner in the OKC area and was involved in the design of one of the largest mixed-use resort developments ever proposed in Australia, the Hope Island Resort. He has a bachelor of architecture (1969) and master of regional and city planning (1971) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Marcel’s masters thesis was on “The Relationship of Neighborhood Elements in Selected Contemporary New Towns.”
Sooner Planners: 1971

William Tutt Johnstone III
Bill’s planning career included positions in both the public and private sectors. He was with the Federal Aviation Authority in Long Beach from 1989 to 1999, US Bureau of Land Management in New Mexico and New Orleans from 1980 to 1989, US Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg from 1978 to 1980, Lee County in Florida as planning director from 1976 to 1978, Tri-County Engineering in Naples Florida from 1973 to 1978 and the Missouri office of state planning from 1971 to 1973. He also served as a member of the planning commission for Prescott Valley in Arizona. Bill has a bachelor of science from Ohio State University (1957) and master of regional and city planning (1971) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: In retirement, Bill spends much of his time occupied by writing (creative and fiction), editing, story telling and silversmithing. He is also an active member of the Prescott Camera Club and has won many awards with his digital photography.

Joseph Antinoro Jr.
Joe completed his career as a construction specifier and cost estimator for The Benham Companies in Oklahoma City in 2007. Previously he was a project manager for RGDC, another Oklahoma City architectural and engineering firm, from 1979 to 2007 and a senior planner and head of code enforcement and development coordinator for the city of Norman from 1971 to 1979. While an OU student, Joe also worked part-time as a planning intern for the city of Midwest City. He has a bachelor of architecture (1963) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1971) from the University of Oklahoma. Joe is also a certified construction specifier through the Construction Specifications Institute and he has written specifications and developed construction project manuals. Interesting lesser-known facts: Joe was in the US Navy for six years and participated in the evacuation of US citizens from the Dominican Republic in 1965. He was discharged as a lieutenant in 1969.

Joseph Gerard DiCarlo
Joe currently works for the US Department of the Treasury in Atlanta. From 1976 to 2002, he was with General Telephone and Electronics, Contel Service Corporation and Verizon. From 1968 to 1976, Joe was a flight instructor and US Navy helicopter pilot and flew search and rescue missions in the Mediterranean. During this time he was also involved in the clearing of mines and shipwrecks from the Suez Canal after the Arab-Israeli war. Joe has a bachelor of arts (1970) and completed coursework towards a master of regional and city planning (1971) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Joe kissed the ring of Pope Pius XII.
Sooner Planners: 1972

Louis Carter Bradley
Lou was a longtime business specialist for the Oklahoma Department of Economic and Community Affairs where he carried out planning projects for small towns and regional districts across the state. He also helped cities and regions obtain grants for local development programs. Previously, Lou worked for Breisch Engineering in Tulsa where he was involved in obtaining new industrial projects for the state. He also served as an active member of the Oklahoma National Guard’s 45th Brigade and retired a major. While with the military he served in a Nike missile air defense unit and on several temporary missions in Germany and Korea. Lou died of cancer in Oklahoma City in 2008 at the age of 64. He had a bachelor of arts from William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia (1967) and master of regional and city planning (1972) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Lou was drum major of the Queens Guard Drum and Bugle Corps at William and Mary.

Donald John Armstrong
Don retired as a Lt. Colonel in 2001 after 24 years in the US Air Force. During that time, he used his planning training in many ways. In the 1970s, he was assigned to find ways to protect gunnery ranges from urban encroachment at Tyndall AFB in Florida. In the 1980s, he was responsible for identifying US acquired land in Seoul that the military no longer needed and could be returned to the South Korean government. In the mid-1980s, he was director of facilities engineering for the Defense Mapping Agency which was transitioning its mapmaking from pen and ink to digital. And in the 1990s, he was in charge of several major construction projects at Maxwell AFB in Alabama. Don has a bachelor in architecture from the University of Nebraska (1968) and master of architecture from the University of Oklahoma (1972). Interesting lesser-known fact: Because of timing, Don was not able to enter the OU RCPL program so he signed up for an architecture degree and took all planning courses.

Robert L. Schiermeyer
Bob is one of the nation’s longest serving city planning directors and still does not see the finish line. He joined the Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond immediately out of college in 1972 and is now in his 42nd year of guiding the city’s growth and development. During his tenure with the city, Edmond has grown from about 20,000 to 85,000 residents and become one of the nation’s premier communities. For the past five years, it has been named Oklahoma’s most outstanding community by the State Chamber of Commerce. In 2011 it was #1 on CNBC’s “10 Perfect Suburbs” list, in 2009 it was on Newsmax magazine’s list of “Top 25 Most Uniquely American Cities and Towns,” and in 2007 it was listed as one of the nation’s “Top 100 Places to Live” by Relocate America. Bob has a bachelor of arts (1970) and master of regional and city planning (1972) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Bob is the nephew of another well-regarded OU planning graduate, Bob Goins.
Sooner Planners: 1972

**Edmund Earl Atkins**
Earl is the consulate general for the US Department of State in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Previously he was an assistant planner with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, two years as chief physical planner for the Oakland Model Cities Program, three years as an urban planner for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and a year as a planner for the city of Berkeley. Earl was a member of AICP, New Niagara Movement Demo Club, Oakland Citizens Committee, Alameda County Human Services Council and life member of the NAACP. He has a bachelor of fine arts from Grinnell College in Iowa (1966) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1972). Interesting lesser-known fact: Earl's mother, Hannah, was the first African-American woman elected to the Oklahoma legislature. She was later secretary of state and the highest ranking woman in state government when she retired.

**William Harvey Bolding Jr.**
Bill is a housing and property management specialist in New York City. Since 2010, he has been property manager for the Seward Park Property Association on the Lower East Side. Before that, Bill served as director of housing and associate dean of student residences with New York University from 1990 to 2002, director of student housing at Davidson College in North Carolina from 1985 to 1990 and director of residence life at James Madison University in Virginia from 1980 to 1985. Bill has a bachelor of political science (1967) and master of regional and city planning (1972) from the University of Oklahoma and doctorate in education (1979) from Stetson University in Orlando. Interesting lesser-known fact: While attending Stetson University, Bill worked at Disney World.

**Jack W. Crockett Jr.**
Jack has been a planner with the city of Oklahoma City for over three decades. His responsibilities have been as manager of the development center (1995), as principal planner (1986) and as assistant planner (1984). Jack has a bachelor of business administration (1970) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1972). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1972

Robert Benedict Montoya
Bob was the grants officer for the US Bureau of Indian Affairs in New Mexico for many years. He is also a former governor and trustee of the Sandia Pueblo north of Albuquerque. Early in his career Bob was a vice-president of Mimbres and Associates, a Santa Fe-based architectural and planning firm. He is a noted Native American artist who combines traditional and contemporary styles in his work. Bob has ties to both the Sandia and San Juan Pueblos. Born in Santa Fe, he grew up on the campus of the Santa Fe Indian School where his mother was an artist-teacher and his father was a skilled carpenter. Bob has a bachelor of architecture from the University of New Mexico (1970) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1972). Interesting lesser-known fact: Bob’s Indian name is Soe Khuwa Pin or “Fog Mountain.”

Mildred Linnear
Mildred's career as a planner in her hometown of Shreveport lasted less than a decade. She died of cancer in Dallas in 1982 at the age of 32. Mildred was a member of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the international fraternity for geography. She had a bachelor of geography from Grambling State University in Ruston (1970) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1972). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mildred’s OU thesis was entitled: “Problems of Nonconformance: As Identified in Selected Areas of Norman.”

Larry William Kelly
Larry was a senior planner with the coastal California county of San Luis Obispo from 1978 to 2005 and a key participant in the creation of a conservation easement for the spectacular and controversial 83,000 acre Hearst Ranch. His role was to verify potential development entitlements and values. The NY Times called the effort “the largest and most complex conservation deal in the United States.” Previously Larry was interim planning director of Pismo Beach in 1978 and planning advisor to five Tulsa suburbs from 1972 to 1976. He died from cancer in San Luis Obispo in 2009 at the age of 62. Larry had a bachelor of geography (1970) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1972). Interesting lesser-known fact: Larry’s father-in-law was the late G.D. Spradlin, the noted character actor and OU grad from Pauls Valley who played the corrupt senator in The Godfather, the general in Apocalypse Now and the head football coach in North Dallas Forty.
Sooner Planners: 1972

James Robert Walker
Bob is an affordable housing developer. His partnerships have built 1,100 apartments and condominiums in the Boulder area. Most of his projects involved extensive collaborations with local cities, housing agencies, HUD and tax credit investors. One of his more unique projects was partnered with the Boulder Housing Authority and St. John’s Foundation in building a 100% affordable 60 unit development. Bob has also served as a citizen member of the Boulder Technical Review Group and is currently president of the Boulder Housing Partners Foundation. Prior to his building career, he was with real estate consulting firms in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver. Bob has a bachelor of arts (1968), master of history (1970) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from OU. Interesting lesser known fact: Bob is both proud and embarrassed to confess that his son, Brett, also received a master of urban planning ... from the University of Texas.

James Booker Graves
Jim was a planner for the city of Denver. During the 1970s and 1980s, he was the principal author of neighborhood analysis studies for Denver’s Harvey Park South, Northeast Park Hill and Capitol Hill United neighborhoods. After he graduating from OU, Jim worked for the state of Oklahoma with Bud Heiser for a few years before moving to Denver. He died in Denver in 1986 at the age of 43. Jim was a member of the US Marine Corps and a veteran of the Vietnam war. He had a bachelor of arts from the University of Texas at Austin (1966) and master of regional and city planning (1972) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser known fact: In 1963 and 1964, Jim was a Southwest Conference swimming champion in the 220 yard, 500 yard and 1650 yard freestyles for University of Texas. His hometown was also Austin.
Sooner Planners: 1973

**Meigs Christian Gibbons**
Chris is the founder and CEO of the National Center of Economic Gardening. Previously he was director of business/industry affairs for the Denver suburb of Littleton for 25 years. While with Littleton, he developed and implemented an innovative “growing from within” entrepreneurial approach to economic development marketing that nurtures small high-growth second-stage local companies rather than using costly incentives to recruit large new firms. The program provides assistance such as market research, search engine optimization and GIS mapping. Today it is used in 29 states, Canada, Australia and Japan. Chris has also worked as a planner for Oklahoma City and San Bernardino County and as a consultant in Colorado, Wyoming and California. He has a bachelor of education (1970) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Economic Gardening was a finalist for the 2011 Harvard “Innovation in Government” award.

**John Francis Crowley III**
Jack is one of the nation’s few planners to succeed in four major career paths: military, government, corporate and academia. In the military, he was an Arabic language interpreter and Field Artillery Officer. In government, he managed successful planning programs for cities (Seminole), regions (Tulsa metro area) and states (Oklahoma transportation). In the corporate world, he was involved in the construction of more than $2 billion in downtown mixed-use development in Tulsa, Denver, Kansas City, San Antonio and Charlotte. In academia, Jack was founder and dean of a studio-based graduate degree program in environmental planning and design at the University of Georgia. He is a Fellow in both AICP and ASLA. Jack has a bachelor of art history (1970), master of regional and city planning (1973) and doctorate of urban geography (1977) from OU. Interesting lesser-known facts: Jack does pro bono work world-wide and serves on the Board of Trustees for Zamorano University in Honduras.

**William John Hisker**
Bill is an ordained permanent deacon in the Catholic Church and has served as a professor of management, sociology and anthropology at Saint Vincent College for over four decades. He also ministers to the partnered parishes of Saint Rita, Saint John and Immaculate Conception. Since 1981 Bill has taught in the business department where he is now associate dean and acting chair of the McKenna School’s business program. He has also served as an adjunct faculty for the University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Duquesne. Bill has a bachelor of arts from St. Vincent College (1971), master of regional and city planning from OU (1973) and doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh (1980). He also has a master of divinity from St. Vincent Seminary (2008). Interesting lesser-known fact: In addition to his career as a teacher, Bill maintains an active consulting career with several Fortune 500 firms and local hospitals.
Sooner Planners: 1973

**William Robert Echols**
Bob has over 34 years of experience in commercial real estate. Since 1988, he has been president and chief operating officer for HDG Mansur Properties, an international real estate company. The firm has offices in Indianapolis, New York, London and Dubai and one of its specialties are projects that are compliant with Islamic Law. From 1980 to 1988, Bob was an officer/partner with commercial real estate companies in Dallas and Oklahoma City where he was responsible for the development and construction of a wide range of projects and uses. From 1973 to 1980, he was a planner with HTB in Tulsa, regional planning director of COEDD in Shawnee and principal planner with the city of Oklahoma City. He is a member of AICP. Bob has a bachelor of business education (1968) and master in regional and city planning (1973) from the University of Oklahoma. He also received an MBA after moving to Indiana. Interesting lesser-known fact: Bob was a Marine officer in the Viet Nam war.

**Russell Noel Legg**
Russ spent most of his 40-year career with the Colorado county of Larimer, home of Rocky Mountain National Park and one of the fastest-growing and most beautiful counties in the country. In 2013, he retired as acting director, but during most of his 34 years with the county he was chief planner. Russ was a leader in the design and implementation of many of the county’s progressive nationally-renown “smart growth” efforts, including their award-winning Fossil Creek Reservoir Transfer Development Unit (TDU) program. Previously he held several positions in Oklahoma, including director of the Oklahoma State Medical Center complex and senior planner for the city of Oklahoma City. He also spent four years in an US Army security unit in Tokyo. Russ has a bachelor of arts (1971) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Russ is a proud Citizen of the Cherokee Nation and always carries his official membership card.

**Francis Phillip Pondrom**
Frank has had two distinctively different planning careers; one at the local level with the Oklahoma city of Lawton and one at the national level with the National Association of Home Builders in Maryland. For the past 15 years he has been an urban planner with the NAHB Research Center in Marlboro where he has been responsible for collecting data and information concerning housing, recreation, community facilities and amenities on Army Installations and then preparing installation family housing master plans. Previously Frank was director of housing and community development and executive director of the Urban Renewal Authority in Lawton for over 20 years. He has a bachelor of geography with minors in history and political science from St. Louis University (1971) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: Frank was honored by the Oklahoma Municipal League for his service to Lawton.
Sooner Planners: 1973

Jim Harold Biffle
Jim had a Tulsa-based consulting firm that focused on providing urban planning services. During the 1980s, Jim was one of the strongest proponents for the construction of a 28-mile electric monorail system for the city of Tulsa. In 1984, he created Monorail Plans and Development, Inc. a nonprofit Oklahoma corporation. Jim began his career as a planner with the city of Oklahoma City in 1973 and as assistant director of the Tulsa Metropolitan Planning Area Commission in 1975. Jim has a bachelor of business administration (1968) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: As an OU undergraduate, Jim was a member of the Fraternity Pledge Council and instructed new pledges in the Greek system. He is from Muskogee.

Charles Stanley Ewing
Stan served as planning director, community development director, assistant city manager and interim city manager of the city of Glenpool from 2004 until his retirement in 2009. Previously he had held positions with the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, BSW International of Tulsa, the Colorado city of Steamboat Springs, and the two suburban Tulsa cities of Owasso and Broken Arrow. He also served in the US Air Force. Stan died in Tulsa in 2011 at the age of 68. Stan has a bachelor of architecture (1967) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Stan was born in Ohio, grew up in Pennsylvania and went to high school in Texas. In addition to his planning skills, he was good at grand parenting, hand holding, relationship development, car tinkering, gadget fiddling and grill mastering.

Sampson J. Mainord
Sam is a successful developer in the Houston and Austin real estate markets. He is a partner in the Resource Development Group and Brisa Development, two Houston-based real estate investment and development partnerships. Sam specializes in commercial and residential development from shopping centers to land development. From 1998 to 2001, he was also vice-president of PLC Commercial, which developed a 300,000 square foot commercial center on Interstate 10 that included retail, restaurants and a theater. Sam is also a board member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He has a bachelor of arts (1971) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Sam is a fitness advocate and avid snow skier and golfer. Even though he is a rabid OU football fan, he is a member of the UT Golf Club in Austin. He plans on wrapping up his career and retiring on a small ranch west of Austin in the next few years.
Sooner Planners: 1973

**Edward Francis Mouss**
Ed is a member of the Creek Nation and has served as executive director of the Tribal Government, commissioner of the Creek Nation Housing Authority, deputy director of Indian health service for the US Department of Health and Human Services, chief of self-determination for the US Department of Indian Affairs and chair of the Federal/Tribal Taskforces and Workgroups. He was also administrator for the Thlopthlocco Trubak Town in Okemah. In 1976 Ed was vice-president of the first United Indian Planners Association. Ed has a bachelor of business management from OSU (1971) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1973) and master of business administration from the University of Tulsa. Interesting lesser-known fact: In 1975 Ed was named to an American Indian Policy Review Commission by the US Congress. One of his fellow commissioners was the daughter of Jim Thorpe, another Oklahoma Native-American and member of the Sac and Fox tribe.

**Thomas Bernard Campbell**
Tom’s career has been in two 20-year halves; one as a planning advisor in the public sector and one as a financial advisor in the private sector. From 1973 to 1994, he served as a planner for the coastal Alabama city of Mobile, senior planner and assistant director for the huge (stretches from Canadian border to Lake Superior) Minnesota county of St. Louis (Duluth) and community development director for the two up-scale Minneapolis suburbs of Maple Grove and Shoreview. Since 1994, he has re-directed his skills to financial planning for individuals and families and joined Ameriprise Financial as a financial advisor. Tom is also on the board and president of his homeowner association and an eight-year volunteer for the CROSS Food Shelf which serves northwest Hennepin County. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of Kentucky (1971) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1973). Little known fact: Tom played on a curling team for six years while living in Duluth.

**Buddy Alexander Strozier**
Buddy joined the US Army Air Corps in 1940 and retired as a colonel in 1970. During his 30-year career, he served as air base group commander at George Air Force Base in California; professor of air science at the University of Oklahoma; area commandant of 18 university Air Force ROTCs; chief of counterinsurgency at the Pentagon; chief of plans and operations, US Forces Japan; and center executive at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. Buddy died of cancer in Boise in 2006 at the age of 85. He had a bachelor of arts (Phi Beta Kappa) from Penn State (1950) and master of political science (1960) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from OU. Interesting lesser-known facts: Buddy was awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Clusters, Joint Services Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Services Commendation Medal with Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and Africa and Mediterranean campaign ribbons for World War II.
Sooner Planners: 1973

**Phillip Raymond Cross**
Phil assists Indian tribes with social and economic planning and development. He is a member of the Caddo Nation and has prepared a history of the tribe from European contact to modern times. Phil collects historical maps of Western Oklahoma, conducts workshops on Caddo culture, constructs traditional grass Caddo houses, creates Caddo flutes from river cane, studies early Caddo foods, tans hides and creates buffalo rawhide items. In 1991, he built the living history American Indian Villages for the Caddo, Woodlands and Plains tribes. Phil has a bachelor of mechanical engineering from OSU (1971) and completed coursework toward a master of regional and city planning at OU (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: In 2000, the Sam Noble Museum commissioned Phil to construct the Mississippian housing exhibit, which included two full-size cutaway grass thatched rectangular houses and a carved replica of an ancient Caddo canoe found near Shreveport, Louisiana.

**Frederick Phillip Whiteface**
Fred was the planning director of the South Dakota city of Rapid City from 1974 to 1976. But his real claim to fame was as a musician. He taught himself to play the guitar and saxophone while growing up on the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. Fred also played the clarinet, trumpet and trombone and was considered the “creator of American Indian jazz.” He received many music awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and Best Jazz and Blues Artist. Fred was also named to the Dakota Musicians Hall of Fame and had a day named in his honor. Fred died from cancer in Rapid City in 2002 at the age of 80. He had a bachelor of arts from Black Hills State College (1970) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: Fred was followed as Rapid City’s planning director by two other OU RCPL graduates, Jerry Hiebert and Knute Knudsen.

**Frank Benjamin Parks (Faruq Bilal Rasheed)**
Faruq has been the owner and CEO of the New Africa Store in Little Rock since 2005. He is also a poet. Faruq started writing in childhood and has written 1000s of poems and short stories. He has self-published two books of poems, “Some Sum Words” and “Read Qur’an the Message You Can Depend Upon.” Faruq also taught ninth grade math at John F. Kennedy High School in Oklahoma City before being drafted into the US Army in 1969 where he served in Viet Nam for one year before being discharged. Faruq has a bachelor of science in math from Langston University (1969) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known facts: He was named Frank Benjamin Parks in honor of his maternal Grandfather, but reverted to Al-Islam in 1977 and changed his name to Faruq Bilal Rasheed.
Sooner Planners: 1973

**Carlton Rex Donley**
Rex was involved with property management in the Tulsa metro area during most of the 1980s and 1990s. During the latter part of that period he also worked for the Williams Companies and its Magellan pipeline subsidiary. During the 1970s, Rex was largely involved in the creation of a mall in downtown Tulsa using both chamber of commerce and city urban renewal resources. He has also served as chair of the regatta committee for the Tulsa Multiple Sclerosis Society. Rex has a bachelor of sociology and economics from Phillips University in Enid (1966) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: During the period between his two degrees, Rex joined the US Navy and was a military advisor in Viet Nam. He retired as a commander in the Naval Reserve.

**Gene Russell Castin**
Gene has over 40 years experience as an architect and planner within the state of Arkansas. He has been with Stuck Associates in Little Rock since 1980. Gene has been very active with the American Institute of Architects serving as Arkansas chapter president and on the board of directors and as chair of the of the AIA/AGC subcommittee. He has also served as a member of the Arkansas Construction Industries Council, Arkansas Fire-Code Review Committee, Hospital Education Committee advisory board and Green Building Council. Gene has a bachelor of architecture from Oklahoma State University (1968) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: Gene’s older brother Jack is also a graduate of the OU RCPL program.

**Joe Edward Dunn**
Joe spent 35 years bettering the quality of life for an oft-overlooked rural area of east-central Oklahoma. Employed by the Central Oklahoma Economic Development District and as a private consultant he was involved with planning and implementing projects including economic development, land-use, housing, hazard mitigation and infrastructure. Previously he was a transportation planner with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, a subdivision designer with Warren Thomas & Associates and a planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. Joe has a bachelor of landscape design from Oklahoma State University (1963) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Between degrees, he was with the city of Oklahoma City and was a company commander in the US Army. Interesting lesser-known fact: He is still using a drafting table he bought from Ted Mikalsen in 1968.
Sooner Planners: 1973

Irving Paul Frank
Irv was manager of community planning for the Indian Nation Council of Governments in Tulsa from 1988 to 2013. Previously he was vice president and manager of Oklahoma Financial Services from 1982 to 1988 where he headed up several development projects, including an office park in Midwest City, Summit Place Addition in northwest Oklahoma City and several duplexes in the Eagle Lake Addition. Irv was city manager of Midwest City from 1978 to 1982. He has a bachelor of arts (1971) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Robert Navarro Arredondo
Bob has been with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in Tallahassee since 2012. Previously in Florida, he was a consultant with URS Corporation from 2006 to 2010, planner for Jefferson County and the city of Monticello from 2002 to 2006 and planner for the Florida Department of Community Affairs from 1985 to 2002. Before moving to Florida, he was planning director of the Oklahoma city of Woodward from 1983 to 1985, associate planner with two regional planning agencies in central Kansas from 1975 to 1983 and planner for the city of Yukon from 1973 to 1975. He is a member of AICP. Bob has a bachelor of business administration (1971) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: He is now involved with the administration of the International Registration Plan and International Fuel Tax Agreements.

Willie Lochinvan Batson II
Willie wrapped up his career as assistant director of alumni affairs for the University of Oklahoma and as a special assistant to president David Boren. During the mid-1990s he had also served US senator David Boren as a field representative. He was also on the executive committee of the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies. In 1979, Willie was named an “outstanding young man of America” by the National Jaycees and in 1989 he was named “Eastside Volunteer of the Year.” Willie has a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma State University (1969) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: In 1999, he was honored by the Urban League Guild of Oklahoma City at its Black & White Ball as having “caused waves of change in the community.”
Jesse Leroy Mingilton
Jesse was president of Pluralist Systems in Louisiana. During the 1970s, Jesse was as assistant professor in the OU RCPL program. He was the author of two publications; “Effects of Environmental Regulations in Housing Costs” and “Fiscal Impact Rationale for Growth Management.” Jesse died in San Francisco in 1988 at the age of 41. Jesse had a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma State University (1969) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: As an OSU undergraduate, Jesse was a member of the Arts & Science Student Council. He was from Tulsa.

Gary Paul Graham
Gary spent over 35 years as a planner with four regional economic development agencies in Oklahoma, Kansas and Minnesota. These included the Southern Oklahoma Development Association in Ardmore; the Southwest Regional Development Commission in Slayton, Minnesota; the North Central Regional Planning Commission in Beloit, Kansas and the Northeast Counties of Oklahoma Development District in Vinita. After his retirement in 2009, he accepted an appointment to the planning and zoning board in his hometown of Lindsay. Gary has a bachelor of arts from East Central University in Ada (1968) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: During the period between his two degrees, he served in the US Army artillery and was stationed in Viet Nam.

Arthur Perry Kelly
Art retired in 2000 after 18 years as a manager of public works projects for the city of Albuquerque. Previously he had worked from 1978 to 1982 for several consulting firms. From 1975 to 1978, Art went to Honduras with the International Voluntary Services, a private nonprofit organization that places American volunteers in development projects in Third World countries. Much of his work there was to assist the recovery from Hurricane FiFi which killed 8,000 people and destroyed the national economy the year before. Art also worked with the Urban League in Oklahoma City. He has a bachelor of engineering from San Diego State (1960) and masters of both regional and city planning and public administration from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: During the period between his graduate and undergraduate degrees Art served in Viet Nam.
Sooner Planners: 1973

Patrick John Lloyd
Pat spent most of his 30-year career as a public event and facility manager. He was general manager of the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln from 2002 to 2004, director of public events for the University of Montana in Missoula from 2000 to 2002, vice-president of the Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority and director of Expo Square in Tulsa from 1983 to 2000. During the first decade of his career, he was chief deputy to the Tulsa Board of Commissioners from 1979 to 1983, chief planner for the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission from 1977 to 1978, senior planner for Lawton from 1975 to 1976 and senior planner for Missoula from 1973 to 1974. Pat has a bachelor of arts (1971) and master of regional and city planning (1973) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: He was an elected alderman for his Missouri hometown of Willard in 2010 and ran unsuccessfully for the school board in 2012 and 2013.

Edwin Lee Stroud
Ed was planning director for the south central Oklahoma city of Duncan from 1973 to 1996. Since retiring from the city, he has worked with Cobb Engineering in Duncan as an engineering technician. In 1986, Duncan was selected as one the first cities in Oklahoma to participate in the Main Street program. Ed has a bachelor of political science (1971) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: Ed is thinking about retiring later this year and looking for a place to live in Italy.

Bill’s 35-year career as a city planner was spent mainly in California and Colorado. Before his retirement in 2001, he was director of development and engineering services for the city of Tracy for five years. Previously he had served as a consultant to Contra Costa County during the late 1990s, community development director for the Bay area city of Concord during the 1990s and planning director for the Denver suburb of Westminster during the 1980s. Bill has a bachelor of engineering (1966) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: In 1988, Bill was a finalist for the position of planning director of the Florida county of Palm Beach.
Sooner Planners: 1973

**Yvonne C. Harjo**
Yvonne is a certified public accountant in Norman who prepares tax returns. She has a bachelor of accounting from East Central University in Ada (1971) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). As an undergraduate, Yvonne was awarded the Stanley Voss Memorial Scholarship for overall academic performance in accounting. Interesting lesser-known fact: She is of the Seminole tribe from Bowlegs and one of her classmates at East Central was the current governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Bill Anoatubby.

**Eric Davis Faaborg**
Eric spent his entire 40-year career as an urban forester working for his Iowa hometown of Cedar Rapids. He started as a summer intern with the city in 1971 earning $715 per month preparing tree planting plans. Eric is also a supporter of the Danish Immigrant Museum. He has a bachelor of landscape architecture (1971) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact: Eric's thesis was on the topic of “Planning Considerations for Street Vegetation in the Urban Environment.”

**Michael Ray Meek**
Mike was with Southwestern Bell in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Mike has a bachelor of arts (1965) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1973). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1974

Bruce Wayne McClendon
Bruce literally “wrote the book” on how to manage a planning agency. Over the past four decades, he has headed up planning programs for Los Angeles County, the two urban Florida counties of Orange (Orlando) and Hillsborough (Tampa), and the four Texas cities of Galveston, Beaumont, Arlington and Fort Worth. Bruce is a prolific author, having written six books and more than 100 articles in over 50 publications - mostly on the subjects of customer service and planning management. He is both a Fellow and charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, recipient of APA’s Distinguished Service Award, and the only person to ever serve two terms as national president of the American Planning Association. Bruce has a bachelor of arts from the University of Missouri (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: All three of Bruce’s sons have excelled as professional baseball players.

Paul Andrew Fisher Jr.
Paul has spent his 40-year planning career serving communities in south central Oklahoma. He is currently a planning advisor to ten small cities in the region. Previously he was with the Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments in Duncan where he progressed from planner to executive director over a 30-year period and assisted small cities with their planning and economic development needs. After leaving ASCOG, he became director of the Park Area Foundation in Medicine Park, a historic community health resort near Lawton. Paul is a member of AICP and past president and member of the board of directors of the Institute of the Great Plains. He has a bachelor of political science (1972) and completed coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1974) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: When Ian McHarq came to OU to teach in 1994, Paul invited him down to Lawton for a side trip visit. He says Ian loved escargot.

Mitchell Ernest Kosny
Mitch has been a member of the planning faculty at Toronto’s Ryerson University, the oldest and largest planning program in Canada, for over 25 years. As both a professor and director, he has forged strong international programs with countries in Eastern Europe, Southern Africa and Middle East. Mitch has also been president of the Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto, chair of the Toronto Planning Advisory Committee and member of the Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Group. He is a registered professional planner and member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and AICP. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of Idaho (1972), master of regional and city planning from OU (1974) and doctorate from the University of Waterloo (1978). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mitch is chair of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, the second largest housing company in North America and largest in Canada.
Sooner Planners: 1974

**Mark Allen Teitelbaum**
Mark has established himself as a leading homebuilder in the St. Louis market. After receiving a “best development award” from the local home builders association in his first position with Premier Homes, he became a principal with Kemp Homes in 1999. Later he was named president of the firm’s upscale home division Searbrook Homes. Mark is a frequent spokesman for the St. Louis Homebuilders Association. In the midst of a major housing market downturn in 2010, he showed his business acumen and resiliency by starting a property management firm to take care of reporting, repairs, maintenance and bidding contracts for services like maintenance and snow removal. Originally from Brooklyn, Mark has a bachelor of architecture (1972) and master of regional and city planning (1974) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Mark is an active member of the Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association.

**Gregory Gerasimos Evangelatos**
Greg has had a diverse professional planning background as a city planning director, city manager, consulting planner and homebuilder representative. He is currently manager of comprehensive planning for the regional municipality of Wood Buffalo in the Canadian province of Alberta. Previously, Greg was city manager of the Nevada city of Fernley, corporate representative and planner for a local home builder (Landmark Homes) and national home builder (Centex) in Reno and Las Vegas, vice president of FPE Engineering and Planning in Reno, and planning director for the Nevada city of Sparks for 17 years. Greg has also taught planning at the University of Nevada Reno and Old College in Reno. He has a bachelor of political science from UCLA (1971) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: Greg speaks fluent Greek (Modern).

**Clark Morgan Williams**
Clark is a community planner in the Oklahoma City office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency where he is involved in national disaster recovery support. Previously he was with the city of Piedmont for seven years where he started as director of community development and moved up to city manager. While with Piedmont, his accomplishments included a major water and waste water expansion, a new law enforcement building, a combined fire department, a comprehensive plan and recovering from a major tornado in 2012. Clark is a certified floodplain manager and a member of the City Managers Association of Oklahoma, Oklahoma APA chapter and Oklahoma Flood Plain Managers Association. He has a bachelor of public law and economics from Oklahoma State University (1970) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1974

**Pamela Mae Porter Warren**
Pam held key positions in state government under three governors. Under Frank Keating, she was chief administrative officer for the Secretary of State from 1997 to 2004. Under Henry Bellmon, she was supervisor of the employment service for the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission from 1988 to 1997. Under George Nigh, she was his senior executive assistant for the coordination of state policy for intergovernmental activities and economic development from 1982 to 1987. Pam also served as planning director for the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and program director for the Ozark Foothills Regional planning Commission. She has a bachelor of science from Oklahoma State University (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: Pam was named “Woman of the Year” in government by the Red Lands Council of Girl Scouts in 2000.

**Fereidoun Saifnia**
Fred is a licensed California architect with 40 years of diversified experience including programming, master planning, architecture and interior design. His experience spans a variety of fields, including commercial, hospitality, governmental, educational and residential projects. Previously he was a senior project architect with Architects MDWF in the San Diego area for 14 years where he was responsible for all phases of architecture, master planning, interior design, programming, site planning design and project management. Before that he was also with Smith Consulting Architects. Fred has a bachelor of architecture (1970) and master of regional and city planning (1974) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Since retiring in 2010, Fred has channeled his creative energies into the arts – painting watercolors and producing beautiful ceramics. He is also enjoying travel, and spending time with his family and friends – especially his four grandchildren.

**Thomas Earl Dunlap**
Earl was a project manager in the office of management and planning of the city of Seattle until he returned home to Oklahoma City because of poor health in 2009. Previously he had worked as a planner for the city of Oklahoma City, city of Phoenix and Salt River Project in Phoenix. Earl died in Midwest City in 2011 at the age of 65. Earl had a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma State University (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Before receiving his degrees from the two Oklahoma universities, Earl attended Morgan State College in Maryland and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Interesting lesser-known fact: Earl served in the US Army during the Viet Nam Conflict.
Sooner Planners: 1974

**Anthony Carmine Debellis Jr.**
Tony was with the California city of Inglewood as community development and housing director and assistant city administrator from 1978 to 2002. Previously, he was a senior city planner with the Oklahoma city of Lawton from 1975 to 1977. Tony served on the Hermosa Beach city council from 1984 to 1987 and as mayor in 1986. He was also a board member for the Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital. After retirement, Tony moved south to Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove and has become very involved in local volunteer organizations. He is on the board of the Escondido Creek Conservancy, president of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation and director of the Elfin Forest Volunteer Fire Department. Tony has a bachelor of arts (1968) and master of regional and city planning (1974) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Tony’s wife Melanie is also active in local affairs and is an elected member of the Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove town council.

**Gladys Katrena Carlile Connor**
Kay is the oldest individual to have ever earned a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma. At the time of her graduation, she was 52 years of age. Kay met her husband in 1950 while serving as a Lieutenant JG in the US Navy. He was a doctor and they lived for several years in Rhode Island, where he had a private medical practice. After he joined the US Public Health Service in 1967, his position required him to relocate periodically and they lived in several states, including South Dakota, Colorado and Oklahoma. It was when living in Oklahoma that Kay used the opportunity to enroll in the OU RCPL program. She was 50 years old at the time. Kay died in Philadelphia in 2013 at the age of 91. She had a nursing degree from Baylor University (1968) and master of regional and city planning (1974) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: See first sentence.

**Loren Wayne Foutz**
Larry has spent most of his 40-year career as a transportation planner in south Florida. He is a senior project manager in the Fort Lauderdale office of HNTB, an international multi-disciplinary consulting firm where he is involved in all aspects of transportation planning, including transit, highways, airports, seaports and freight. From 1993 to 2013, he was with Miami-Dade County where he managed studies that focused heavily on encouraging non-motorized modes of transportation, including a complete streets study, pedestrian/bicycle study, health district bicycle/pedestrian study and regional intermodal plan. Larry has a bachelor of arts (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: Larry was a recent instructor on the subject of “Safe Street Summit Technical Session: Making the Most of Complete Streets.”
Sooner Planners: 1974

George McKeever McCulloch
George is the founding partner and managing director of The MWD Group. His firm has offices in Sackets Harbor (NY), Kingston (Ontario) and Denver and has been involved in planning, design, development and funding strategies since 1988. George co-authored two books on APA's best book list: "Managing Change" and "Community Design Guidelines." He is also a former chair of Sackets Harbor Planning Board and he served on the board The New York Planning Federation and New York State Council on the Arts. George has a bachelor of arts from the University of Michigan (1969), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1976) and post-graduate work in landscape architecture at Utah State University (1977). Interesting lesser-known fact: He is also a founding partner and shareholder of RejuvaSea, a natural-based cosmetics firm with offices in San Francisco, New York, and Paris. George became a certified yoga instructor in 2006.

Stanley M. Williams
Stan is a water specialist. Since 2009, he has been vice president for project development for Poseidon Water, a firm that develops large-scale reverse osmosis seawater desalination plants, including two in California that are the largest such plants in the Western Hemisphere. From 1994 to 2008, Stan was executive director of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, one of California’s largest local water agencies. He was also the first chair of both the San Francisco Bay Area Water Agencies Coalition and the Bay Area Regional Integrated Water Management Plan Coordinating Committee. Earlier he was with FEMA, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and city of Tulsa. Stan has a bachelor of political science (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974) and doctorate of law from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: Stan attended high school in Hawaii.

Robert Bazewicz
Bob currently resides in north Texas, but his career in the design and construct industry has been primarily in the Northeastern US. Positions he has held include director of project development for Cosentini Associates from 2004 to 2007, principal with Realty Advisors/CDN from 1991 to 2003, vice president of project development for McBride Enterprises from 1986 to 1991, manager of Langan Engineering from 1981 to 1986, senior land planner for The Hillier Group from 1979 1981, director of design for Richard Brown Associates in Columbia, Maryland, from 1974 to 1979 and planner with Midwest City from 1973 to 1974. Bob has a bachelor of architecture (1970) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: Bob has served as director of the Academic Decathlon of New Jersey, as a trustee for the County College of Morris and as an adjunct faculty member for NYU Real Estate Institute.
Sooner Planners: 1974

**Dane Dikeman Matthews**
Dane retired in 2013 after serving more than 35 years with the Indian Nations Council of Governments. During her time with the Tulsa-based regional planning agency she held several positions and titles, including principal planner, regional planner and assistant manager of land development services. In 1991, Dane received a “Planner of the Year Award” from the Oklahoma APA chapter. In 2004, she was a contributing author in the very first APA issue of “Zoning Practice.” Dane is a member of AICP. She has a bachelor of arts (1972) and master of regional and city planning (1974) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Crimson and cream run deep in the Dikeman family. Dane’s father received his master of business and doctorate of marketing from OU and was associate director of the OU Center for Economic and Management Research.

**Neil Edward Goodenough**
Neil has been president of Goodenough Consulting Services in the Denver metro area since 2004. Previously he was planning director for Commerce City from 1996 to 2004 and planning director for Adams County from 1978 to 1986. During these periods he was involved in the relocation of the Denver airport and served on the team that selected the E-470 toll road route around the eastern half of the Denver metro area. He also served on the regional planning agency, DRCOG. Neil worked for a land developer with multiple properties in the Denver metro area and investors buying small parcels for future development from 1986 to 1996. He is a member of AICP. Neil has a bachelor of arts (1968) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: He took six years to obtain his RCPL degree, during which time he worked as a planner in Peoria.

**Thomas A. Busam**
Tom was the planning director for the Dallas suburb of Mesquite in 1975. He was also an adjunct assistant professor of sociology at the University of Texas at Arlington in 1976. Tom died in Chicago in 1985 at the age of 37. Tom had a bachelor of arts (1972) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: As a 19-year old US Marine private in Viet Nam in 1967, Tom’s unit came under heavy fire from the North Vietnamese and one of his fellow soldiers was wounded. Although shot in the leg, he protected his injured comrade by laying over him and returning fire, killing the assailant. Tom’s willingness to shield a wounded comrade with his own body was the highest of US Marine traditions.
Sooner Planners: 1974

James Lee Marr
James spent the first 15 years of his career as a city and regional planner and the last 30 years in the insurance industry. He is currently president of Marr Group, an independent insurance agency in Oklahoma City. As an OU RPCL student, James interned with Phil Clark at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. After finishing his coursework in 1971 he worked with Phil Clark and Bill Johnstone at the Missouri Department of Community Affairs and then became executive director of the Northwest Missouri Regional Planning Commission. James returned to Oklahoma City in 1973 to again work with ACOG, before accepting a position with the Oklahoma Department of Community Affairs assisting several sub-state planning districts. James has a bachelor of arts from OSU (1968) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: James completed his RCPL coursework in 1971, but waited until 1974 to take his orals and graduate.

Gary Donald Witt
Gary was a para teacher in a Tulsa Public Schools demonstration middle school from 1999 to 2008. During the preceding 30 years, he was in the real estate business in the Tulsa area, a planner with the state planning office in Oklahoma City, a representative of Helmerich and Payne Properties, director of the Tulsa Community Design Center, a planner with the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, planning director of the Tulsa Community Action Agency and a planner with the North Carolina Eastern Region state planning office. Gary has a bachelor of psychology from Oklahoma State University (1965) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact: While an OSU student, Gary also served as a guide at the Oklahoma State Exhibit at the 1964 Worlds Fair in New York City.

Jerel Craig Schimmelpfennig
Jerel is a Fargo attorney that specializes in healthcare and farm law. He is currently the associate general counsel for Noridian Healthcare Solutions, which assists clients in managing and incentivizing high quality and cost-effective health care programs. Jerel published several books in the early 1980s relating to the farmer and the law. They included “Land use controls that affect agriculture,” “Farm Tenancy laws in North Dakota,” “The Uniform Commercial Code and the North Dakota Farmer” and “The Giving of Charitable Gifts.” He is a member of Phi Beta Phi, the international legal honorary society. Jerel has a bachelor of arts from the University of North Dakota (1972), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974) and doctorate of law from the University of North Dakota (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jerel also attended Bismarck Junior College.
Sooner Planners: 1974

**Jake William Gage**
Jake was a public utility specialist in the customer services division of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tulsa from 1976 until his retirement in 2006. Previously he was director of planning for the Indian Hills Regional Planning Commission in Pratt, Kansas from 1974 to 1976. Jake has a bachelor of arts from Northwestern Oklahoma State University (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974) and doctorate of law from the University of Tulsa (1984). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Allen Clyde Gould**
Allen retired after many years as a compliance officer with the US Environmental Protection Agency in Denver. While with EPA his role was to enforce the Asbestos Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which required public schools and non-profit schools to protect school children and employees from exposure to asbestos. His job was to inspect schools and prepare plans to reduce exposure. Allen has a bachelor of arts from the University of Colorado (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). He also attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri. Interesting lesser-known fact: Gould Hall, the home of the OU RCPL program is named after Allen’s grandfather.

**Eugene B. Edwards**
Gene completed his 40-year planning career in 2014 after a four-year term as a board member and vice-chair of the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. Previously he had served the city of Claremore as director of planning and community development from 2001 to 2008 and as director of the redevelopment authority from 2008 to 2010. Before that he was city planner for the city of Bixby during the 1990s. In retirement Gene is an insurance advisor in Tulsa. He was a graduate of the 2003 Rogers County Leadership class. Gene has a bachelor of arts (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1974). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1975

Daniel Beal Mahoney
Dan made his mark in the DFW Metroplex in the areas of municipal entitlement, land development, construction management and real estate brokerage and leasing. For the past 30 years, he has served as managing partner of the Bearcreek Partnership, a family-owned business involved in oil and gas leasing, commercial and residential leasing, real estate investments and ranching. During this time he was also vice-president of Henry S. Miller Management, executive director of the Irving Economic Development Foundation and senior consultant for Hunt Properties. Dan has also served as president of Victims Outreach and the North Texas American Planning Association. He has a bachelor of architecture from Oklahoma State University (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact: While at OU, Dan designed and built a home during summer break and served as planning director for Seminole.

William Roy Dudark
Roy served five public agencies in Georgia, Kansas and Missouri during his 31 year planning career. He was a coastal zone planner and assistant director for the Glynn County Joint Planning Commission in Brunswick, Georgia from 1976 to 1981; principal planner for Wichita, Kansas from 1981 to 1986; planning director for Salina, Kansas from 1986 to 2000; planning director for Columbia, the home of the University of Missouri, from 2000 to 2004; and senior planner for Jefferson City, the Missouri state capital, from 2004 to 2006. Roy has a bachelor of business administration (1968) and master of regional and city planning (1975) from the University of Oklahoma and master of public administration from Georgia Southern University (1980). Interesting lesser-known fact: Roy builds and donates Little Free Libraries. These quaint but functional house-like boxes have a sign on them which reads: “Take a Book – Return a Book”. The most recent one was placed on the porch of a general store in Bluemont, Virginia.

Charles David Clark
Dave is an owner and principal of CooverClark, a design firm specializing in aviation, transit, military and municipal projects nationwide. He has managed airport terminal and ground transportation projects in New Orleans, Kansas City, Denver, Louisville, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Anchorage, Memphis, Wichita, San Antonio and San Jose and has completed military aviation and training projects all over the US. His current projects include a new passenger terminal for Minot, ND and dual bay B-52 hangar for the US Army. Previously, Dave was planning director for the cities of Lakewood, Colorado and Norman, Oklahoma and assistant director of the Central Oklahoma Economic Development District in Shawnee. He also served as an interim city manager for Norman. Dave has a bachelor of arts (1973) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact: Before graduate school, Dave was a train robber and gunfighter at Frontier City Amusement Park in Oklahoma City.
Sooner Planners: 1975

Jerry Neil Hiebert
Jerry’s career led him to become the “Titan of Texas Tollways, Turnpikes and Tunnels.” As executive director of the North Texas Tollway Authority, he completed the George Bush Turnpike, extended the Dallas North Tollway and built a new tunnel under DFW airport. Jerry’s career started as planner for his South Dakota hometown of Rapid City in 1975. He then moved to north Texas to become planning director for the suburban Dallas city of Richardson. Over the next 20 years, he moved up the Richardson city ladder to deputy city manager. He is now an HNTB senior advisor. Jerry is also a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has a bachelor in education from Southwest Oklahoma State University (1973) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact: While leading the Tollway Authority, Jerry received three “Toll Innovation Awards” from the International Bridge Tunnel and Tollway Association.

Creighton Robert Knutson
Craig is the consummate institutional manager. Currently chief of staff to the president of Oklahoma City University, he advises the president, provost and cabinet members and directly oversees the office of the president and non-academic divisions. Craig has held several other executive positions, including chief of staff for the Oklahoma Insurance Department where he was responsible for budgeting, developing programs and strategic planning. He also has served on a number of local and statewide boards, including vice president of the Potts Family Foundation, vice president of research for the United Way of Central Oklahoma, chief executive of the Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board, chief economist for Southwestern Bell in Oklahoma City, and senior economic planner for the City of Oklahoma City. Craig has a bachelor in political science (1973) and master of regional and city planning (1975) and from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Rodney G. Compton
Rod’s entire 37-year career was with five cities and counties in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. He retired in 2013 after nine years as planning and development director of Butler County, Kansas. Previously, Rod served 18 years as planning and zoning director for Harvey County Kansas; two years as community development director for Newton, Kansas; four years as county planner for Montrose County, Colorado and six years as an associate planner for North Platte, Nebraska. He was also president of both the Kansas Association of County Planning and Zoning Directors and the Kansas Association of Planning. Rod has a bachelor of architecture (1973) and master of regional and city planning (1975) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Rod’s relatively short tenure in Newton was because the planning department was eliminated due to a funding shortfall.
Sooner Planners: 1975

**Kristina Suzanne Marek**
Kris is the keeper of state parks in Oklahoma. As director of state parks for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, she is responsible for the operation of 35 state parks, lodges and golf courses and she also manages certain leased concessions, such as marinas. Kris also serves as the Oklahoma State Liaison Officer for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and as vice-president of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers. Prior to being director of state parks, she was director of planning and development and assistant director of state parks. Kris has a bachelor of park and recreation administration from Purdue University (1973), master of regional and city planning (1975) from the University of Oklahoma and a doctorate of law from Oklahoma City University (1980). Interesting lesser-known fact:

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**Susan Jane Pitts Santoli**
Susan has been a professor in the college of education at the University of South Alabama in Mobile since 2000. She previously worked with federal grants for a community near Mobile and for the Mobile Historic Development Commission. Susan returned to college to become certified in history and then taught middle and high school social studies for 20 years before moving to higher education. She has authored many journal articles and book chapters and is active in state, regional and national social studies and teacher education organizations. She has a bachelor's in history from OSU (1973), master of regional and city planning from OU (1975) and doctorate in curriculum and teaching from Auburn University (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact: Susan once swore that she would never teach, but after 31 years in the teaching profession, she obviously changed her mind!

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**Roy Winston Reynolds**
Roy is an urban planner turned minister. His early planning career was with the cities of Oklahoma City and Mobile where he was involved in economic development, comprehensive planning and plan implementation. After growing deeply committed to Unitarian Universalism, Roy entered seminary and was ordained as a UU minister in 1989. Since his ordination he has served two congregations as full-time minister and 11 congregations as either consulting minister or interim minister. Congregations served were in Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and currently in South Carolina. In 2010 Roy became an Accredited Interim Minister. He has a bachelor of architecture from the University of Kentucky (1968), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975) and master of divinity from the Starr King School in Berkeley (1989). Interesting lesser-known fact: Roy was an adjunct professor with the RCPL program in the 1970s.
Sooner Planners: 1975

Jagjit Singh
Singh is president of Plano-based Gatewood Real Estate and Development and manages the development and brokerage of lots in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area. Before starting Gatewood, he worked with the Texas cities of Texarkana, Fort Worth and Jasper. Singh has a bachelor of architecture from the Indian Institute of Technology in Roorkee (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact: While an OU student, Singh kept a six pack of beer in his lab trash can to make it through design lab. Since graduating from OU 35 years ago, he has regularly had breakfast on a weekly basis with two of his OU classmates, Jerry Hiebert and Dan Mahoney.

Linda Jean Rice Price
Linda is the community development block grant administrator and revitalization manager for the city of Norman. She is a past president of the Norman League of Women Voters and was the public service chair for the 2013 United Way campaign in Norman. Linda has a bachelor of arts (1970) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact: Linda grew up in Norman and graduated from Norman High School in 1966.

Stephen Davis Carr
Steve has been a senior planner and project coordinator with the city of Tulsa since 2000. Previously he was the principal of his own Tulsa-based consulting firm from 1994 to 2000, planner with a Tulsa engineering firm from 1985 to 1994, comprehensive planner with Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission from 1978 to 1985 and planning director of the Northern Oklahoma Development Authority in Enid from 1976 to 1978. Steve has prepared nearly two dozen community, corporate and university plans in Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas. He also served on the Tulsa Preservation Commission from 1987 to 1996. Steve is a member of AICP. He has a bachelor of business administration (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975). Interesting lesser-known facts: Steve is related to Jefferson Davis and participated in Fancy Dancing, a style of dance originally created by members of the Ponca tribe in the 1920s and 1930s.
Sooner Planners: 1975

Arthur Bailey duMont

Bailey was a planner in his coastal Alabama hometown of Mobile for 32 years before retiring in 2002. He began his career in Mobile in 1970 as a planning aide and was promoted to planner I before returning to college to get a masters in 1973. Upon his return to Mobile in 1975, Bailey moved up the staff ladder from planner II to principal planner in 1987. He received numerous awards, including “champion for public safety,” “long range planner of the year” and “Gould Research award” for protecting historic city resources. Bailey also served in several capacities for the Alabama APA chapter. He has a bachelor of geography from the University of Southern Mississippi (1969) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact: Bailey was encouraged to attend OU by three staff colleagues; John Stuardi, Tom Campbell and Don Cosby.

Jane Gail Ferrell

Jane was with the city of Oklahoma City for a total of 32 years before retiring in 2013. During the last ten years of her career she was an urban redevelopment specialist in the planning department and before that she was the city’s risk manager for three years. Jane first joined the city of Oklahoma City in 1977 and spent eight years as a staff planner. Her first position after graduation from OU was as a planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments for two years. Jane has a bachelor of arts (1973) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact: In the mid-1980s, Jane took a break from her planning career for a few years to pursue motherhood.

Chester William Ehlers

Chet has been vice-president of asset management for Fosterlane Realty in Atlanta since 2000. Fosterlane is the US investment arm of the Kuwait Investment Authority, which has been an active owner of commercial real estate in the US since the 2000s. Previously he was with his own real estate investment firm, Highworth Holdings, in Marietta in the 1990s. Chet has a bachelor of arts (1973) and master of regional and city planning (1975) from the University of Oklahoma and a master of business administration in real estate (1988) from Georgia State University. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1975

William Stephen Wood
Steve retired as a senior planner for the California county of Ventura in 2003 after 24 years of service. During his time as a county planner, he also served five terms as president of the Service Employees International Union which represented over 4,000 public service employees in the county and cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley. Before heading to southern California, Steve spent four years as planning director of Bethany, Oklahoma. He also served in the US Air Force as a aircraft maintenance officer. In retirement, Steve is writing three books on Euripides' Bacchae. He has a bachelor of arts in English literature from Occidental College in Los Angeles (1966), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975) and doctorate of philosophy in mythological studies from Pacifica Graduate Institute (2008). Interesting lesser-known fact: The title of Steve's doctoral thesis was “Euripides' Bacchae: Re-Examining the Apollo-Dionysus Dichotomy.”

Harvey Lorraine Turner II
Harvey's career has taken him from entrepreneurial endeavor in Oklahoma City to university planning in Minnesota. For the University of Minnesota, he was director of planning in 2007 and director of planning and programming for facilities management in 1996. He is also currently serving on the community advisory committee for the Greater Southdale Area Study in his hometown of Edina. Before moving to Minnesota, Harvey was a partner with two OU classmates in the firm Developmental Planning and Investment where he was involved in several high-profile development projects in Oklahoma City. Harvey has a bachelor in arts (1968) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Steven John Paulson
Steve was a planner with the city of Oklahoma City for over 35 years. During his last five years with the city, he was involved in the review of subdivisions in the current planning division. Previously he had worked in almost every division in the department including the comprehensive planning division. Steve actually started his career with the Oklahoma City planning department as a student intern in 1972. Steve has a bachelor of political science from the University of Alabama (1968) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1975). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1975

L to R: Bob Lehr, Lee Rodgers, Jagjit Singh, Jess Abrams, Jerry Hiebert, Dan Mahoney, Dave Clark, Rodney Compton, Bailey Dumont, Kris Marek, Roy Reynolds, Steve Carr, Susan Pitts, Jane Ferrell, Craig Knutson, Kay Young, Roy Dudark
Sooner Planners: 1976

Larry Richard Tom
Larry is director of planning for Maryland’s Anne Arundel County, home of the Naval Academy. Previously he was chief of current planning and chief of community development for Annapolis and senior project manager at the Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore. Larry was also with the city of Norman planning department. He is a past president of the Planners Affiliate group of the Maryland Association of Counties. Larry has a bachelor of architecture (1972), bachelor of environmental design (1972) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known facts: Larry enjoys participating in historic, cultural and musical activities. He is the founder and principal instructor of the Mid-Atlantic Society for Historic Swordsmanship, a martial arts group that focuses on historic fencing, and a cornetist with the Benfield Brass Band, a volunteer organization that performs concerts in and around Maryland.

John Samuel Petersen
John has served as community development director for Rolla, Missouri since 2001. As such, he is in charge of planning, zoning, building permits, economic development and downtown revitalization. John also serves on the Transportation Advisory Committee, Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation, Regional Economic Commission, Downtown Business Association, Historic Preservation Commission and Sustainable Ozarks Partnership. He is also director of the Rolla Area Sister City Association. John is a member of AICP, Certified Economic Developers and Professional Community of Economic Developers. He has a bachelor of science from Missouri State University (1974), master of regional and city planning from OU (1976) and master of public administration from Missouri State University (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact: John is a student of the US Civil War and regularly participates in battle reenactments and as a living historian at federal military battlefield parks.

Robert Warren Wolfram
Bob served as a city planner for several suburban Tulsa communities from 1996 to 2008 while with the Indian Nations Council of Governments. During that period he was planning and development director for the cities of Sand Springs and Collinsville. Earlier in his career, Bob was also a community activist in the Oklahoma City area from 1976 to 1995. Bob has a bachelor of sociology (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1976). Interesting lesser-known fact: As an OU undergraduate, Bob worked and lived in the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house.
Sooner Planners: 1976

**E. Garner Stoll**
Garner is the Midwest’s most experienced planner of “town-gown” communities. He has managed planning programs in the university communities of Lawrence, Kansas; Lincoln, Nebraska; Boulder, Colorado; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Austin, Texas. During his 40-year career, he played a key role in rethinking the function of planning departments and improving customer service. One of his biggest accomplishments was managing preparation of the “Imagine Austin” plan which involved 18,000 citizens and received six state and national awards. Garner received a Commitment to Excellence Award while working for Parker, Colorado; a “Best Department” award while with Oklahoma City; and an APA “Distinguished Leadership Award.” Garner has a bachelor of anthropology (1974) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Garner is hiking the 2200 mile Appalachian Parkway from Georgia to Maine.

**Martha Moran Schultz**
Martha joined the Tulsa planning staff in 2006 and has since led the city’s “PLANiTULSA” comprehensive plan update and small area planning efforts. During her 17 years in San Diego, she worked in her other career as a computer systems analyst - briefly at a cruise missile factory, then later supporting office and GIS systems for the city of San Diego. Previously, she worked in current planning for St. Louis County and as assistant director of regional planning for the Central Oklahoma Economic Development District in Shawnee. She has a bachelor of science in math (1974) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from the University of Oklahoma, and associate degree in data processing (1983) from a community college in St. Louis. Interesting lesser-known fact: After 30+ years, Martha returned to her hometown and family in 2003, and returned to planning after a brief retirement.

**Roy Gilyard**
Roy spent his entire professional planning career serving the citizens of El Paso. He joined the El Paso planning department right out of college and over the next 36 years held several positions, including interim planning director and chief urban planner. In 1999, he was named executive director for the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is one of 25 MPO’s and one of only two bi-state MPO’s in Texas. The agency is comprised of elected officials and transportation administrators from El Paso and Southern New Mexico. As the largest MPO along the US-Mexico border, the agency is involved in many international and regional transportation projects. Upon retirement in 2012, Roy volunteered to serve on the city zoning board of adjustment. He has a bachelor of education from Northeastern State University (1974) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1976). Interesting lesser-known fact: The El Paso mayor and city council honored Roy with its “Conquistador Award” for leadership.
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Jess Travis Abram Jr.
Jess was director of housing and community services for Oklahoma City. Previously he had worked for the Urban League and Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Agency. Jess began with the city in 1978 as a senior planner for housing programs in the grants management department and was promoted to department director in 1986. He was affiliated with the National Association of Housing Specialists and held offices in the state chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. Jess died in Oklahoma City in 1988 at the age of 48. He had a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma Christian College (1974) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1976). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jess was considered an excellent administrator. His management of the OKC Job Training Partnership Act program was rated as the best of any JTPA program in the state.

William Wyatt Harding III
Bill was with the Arkansas city of Fort Smith for 21 years. Starting as planning director in 1984, he was promoted to assistant city administrator and then city administrator in 1988. Bill’s accomplishments were many and included a $200 million expansion of Lake Fort Smith, an expansion of the convention center, retention of the 188th Fighter Group, recruiting a $25 million Marriott hotel to downtown and overseeing a major street and drainage improvement program. However, the stress of his job became too great for Bill and he suffered from an increasing dependence on alcohol. He resigned his position in 2005 and died two years later at the age of 56. He had a bachelor of environmental design (1973) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from OU. Interesting lesser-known facts: A eulogist at Bill’s funeral noted that his city successes collectively “chipped away at the spirit of a man who had a brilliant mind and strong spirit, and was gentle, kind, honest and fun-loving.” Bill was from Enid.

Bruce Pierre LaFleur
Bruce is a Bahamian architect with offices in both Nassau and Freeport. Before establishing his own firm in 1982, he worked for ten years with an Oklahoma architect and the Ministry of Works and Utilities in the Bahamas. Bruce is also chair of a special architectural committee responsible for building compliance in various historical districts of the Bahamas. He is a registered architect in the state of Maryland and a member of the American Institute of Architects and Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Bruce has a bachelor of arts in economics and environmental design (1971), master of architecture (1972) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from the University of Oklahoma. He also taught architectural design as a graduate associate at OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Bruce’s son, Bruce Jr., also attended OU and received a bachelor of architecture in 1993.
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**Frederick Prince Trapp**
Fred is an educational leader in the assessment of student learning outcomes. Since 2008, he has been a senior associate with Cambridge West Partnership. From 1981 to 2008, Fred held several key positions with Long Beach City College, including dean of institutional research and academic services, associate dean for instruction and chair of the public services department. From 1978 to 1981, he was associate director of the criminal justice center at the University of Southern California. Fred has a bachelor of social science from California Western University (1967), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1976), master of public administration from the University of Southern California (1978), master of arts from American University (1969) and doctorate from the College of the Marshall Islands (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: Fred served as an instructor for South Oklahoma City College during his college years at OU.

**Charles Parker Meloy**
Charles has spent most of his 40-year career as staff or consultant to Native American tribes. He currently oversees management of over 10,000 acres of tribal jurisdictional lands for the Citizen Pottawatomi Nation. Previously Charles was with a non-profit organization in Washington DC providing planning services to Tribes all across the nation. He has also served as director of planning for the cities of Shawnee and Ardmore. Before Charles discovered planning, he spent ten years as an electronic technician and four years in the US Navy. He has a bachelor of natural resource management from Tennessee Technological University (1974) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1976). Interesting lesser-known fact: Charles is an expert marksman and active member of the NRA, Oklahoma Rifle Association and Oklahoma City Gun Club. He teaches a course in Olympic Pistol and holds the Distinguished Pistol Designation awarded by the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

**Louis Edwin McGee Jr.**
Ed has been executive director of the Oklahoma County Home Finance Authority since 2003. He also assists the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments with their economic development programs and grants. Ed was with the city of Oklahoma City for 20 years, holding many positions, including planning intern, associate planner, senior planner, principal planner, director of research and economic development, assistant to the City Manager and assistant director of airports. Previously he was director of community development for the city of Duncan, director of island planning for Monroe County, Florida and director of the Housing Trust Fund for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. He is also an adjunct professor at Oklahoma City Community College, where he was professor of the year in 2009. Ed has a bachelor of arts in history (1973) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from OU. Lesser known fact: Ed was a Russian interpreter while serving in the US Navy from 1968 to 1971.
Sooner Planners: 1976

Jerry R Hammond
Jerry was a senior housing finance officer with the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency until his retirement in 2011. Previously he operated a financial planning firm and real estate firm and served as a planner with the Southern California Association of Governments, First City Properties and Metropolitan Development Corporation, Orange County (CA) and the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. He has licenses in real estate, appraisal, securities and insurance. Jerry has a bachelor of science from the University of Illinois (1974), master of regional and city planning from OU (1976) and certificate in financial planning from UCLA (1995). Interesting lesser-known facts: In retirement, he has homes in both Chicago (summer) and Fort Lauderdale (winter) and enjoys kayaking with manatees, rollerblading, hiking along the beach, architecture, science, photography, reading, movies, the theater, yoga, meditation and traveling with friends.

LouAnna Sauber Munkres
LouAnna is the community planner for Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City. She has also served as a member of the Southern Sector Planning Team for the city of Oklahoma City. LouAnna was a member of the National Registry of Environmental Professionals for 15 years. She is also a member of the American institute of Certified Planners. In 2012, she was the committee chair for an Oklahoma APA chapter workshop. LouAnna has a bachelor of arts (1974) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: In 2013, she was honored for her contributions as a 30-year member of Zontal International, an organization that promotes the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Hong-Yih Chang
Chang is chief financial officer and executive vice president for strategic planning, finance and operations for Terry Kinnamon Homes in Oklahoma City. Previously he was director of research and economist for the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce from 1989 to 1994. While with the chamber, Chang designed its economic research reports and played a major role in expanding the city's business relationships to other countries, including establishing sister city relationships in his native Taiwan and China. Chang also provided cost-benefit analyses to potential industrial prospects considering locating in Oklahoma City, including United Airlines and the US Department of Defense Accounting Centers. Chang has a master of regional and city planning (1976) and doctorate in economic geography (1983) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: He is also an adjunct professor of business administration at the University of Central Oklahoma.
Subir Mukerjee
Subir has accrued a 35-year career as a local government manager mostly in the Pacific Northwest. Most recently, he has been deputy city manager of the Washington State city of Fife since early 2014. Prior to joining Fife, he served as city manager of the city of Milton from 2010 to 2013 and assistant city manager and community development director for the city of Olympia from 1992 to 2009. He is a member of the International City Managers Association. Subir has a bachelor of arts (1974) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1976). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Robert Anderson Minatee
Bo last worked for Roane Construction Company in Annapolis. Previously, he was chief of current planning for the city of Annapolis in the 1990s and project coordinator with the Annapolis Housing Authority in the 2000s. Before moving to Maryland in 1989, he was director of the Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning Commission in Oklahoma City where one of his most unique experiences was dealing with Ponca City residents who pitched tents on the Capitol grounds demanding that they be moved from homes contaminated by petroleum substances. Bo died of a heart attack in Annapolis in 2006 at the age of 55. He attended Brooklyn Technical School of Engineering and had a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1976). Interesting lesser-known fact: Bo was an avid artist and his interests included fine arts and museums and various culinary cuisines. He was also a fine tennis player and member of the Anne Arundel County Tennis Association.

Barbara Sue Bloomberg
Barbara is the principal of Bloomberg Real Estate Services in Fort Worth. Her firm provides the following services: asset division advice, expert witness testimony, market value determinations, listing price suggestions, home equity lines of credit advice, property appraisals, tax planning and relocation assistance. Barbara is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Appraisal Institute (MAI). She has a master of regional and city planning (1976) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
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Gordon S. Taylor

Gordon has been with the Arizona State Land Department since 1984, first as land disposition manager and now as senior planner. As land disposition manager, he prepared detailed assessments of state properties and then processed them through local regulatory processes to determine their entitlement value or “highest and best use.” Previously he was a planner with the city of Phoenix from 1977 to 1984. Gordon has a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Georgia (1974) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1976). Interesting lesser-known fact: Gordon was a competition swimmer as a college undergraduate and he continues to be an active participant in US Masters Swimming events. His oldest son is also an excellent swimmer and participated in the Olympic trials of 2008. Gordon had a heart transplant in 2004.

Douglas John Koscinski

Doug was a planner with the Oklahoma City suburb of Norman for his entire 37 year career. Starting as an intern in 1976 and retiring as manager of development services (assistant director) in 2013, he literally held every title in the department except secretary and director. Doug has a bachelor of arts in history (1974) and master of regional and city planning (1976) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known facts: In retirement, Doug and his wife enjoy travelling and taking care of the grandkids. They recently went on a extended tour of Alaska, including whale-watching and Denali-camping.

Mark Allen Carleton

Mark was a key player in implementing all phases of Oklahoma City’s Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPS) from 1994 to 2011. His last role was as program manager of MAPS-3 for Kids. Mark started working for Oklahoma City in 1988 when he was hired into the Water/Utilities Department and split his time between the Water and the Park and Recreation Departments. Earlier he worked for the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Sooner Appraisal in Norman, State Senate office in Oklahoma City and as a freelance publisher. Mark died in Norman in 2011 at the age of 58. He had a bachelor of business administration (1975), master of public administration (1976) and coursework in regional and city planning (1976) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Mark was an avid Sooner fan and saved every ticket stub from every game he ever attended. He also enjoyed flying single engine planes, fishing, glass making, collecting old telephones and riding his Harley.
**Sooner Planners: 1977**

**Patrick Bruce Connelly**
Pat was in charge of the city of Tulsa’s purse strings for almost two decades before retiring in 2014. He was with Tulsa for 36 years and half of those (1994 to 2013) were as budget director. In 2013, he moved over to grants administration manager. Pat was also appointed by the mayor and city council to a number of city boards and commissions, including HUD Community Development Committee, Tulsa Authority for the Recovery of Energy and Tulsa Parking Authority. He has a bachelor of arts from University (1975) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1977). Interesting lesser-known fact: When Pat stepped down as the Tulsa budget director, mayor Dewey Bartlett publicly honored him as an “outstanding public servant” and said “his impeccable work ethic has set him apart as a great role model.”

**Richard Warren Ball**
Rick’s 38-year career has focused on providing affordable housing for low and moderate-income families. After jobs as a VISTA volunteer and planner in Oklahoma, he was community development director the Minnesota city of Duluth for 14 years. Then he became executive director of the city’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority where he manages 1,100 public housing units, administers 1,400 rent subsidy vouchers and rehabs over 200 private housing units. Rick has served on the board of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and as president of its Minnesota chapter, on NAHRO’s Community Revitalization and Development Committee and its Legislative Network. He was a recipient of the NAHRO Award of Merit for Excellence and Leadership. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of Wisconsin (1972) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1977). Interesting lesser-known fact: Rick guides canoe trips through Minnesota Boundary Waters.

**Robert Brewer Ryan**
Rob is now semi-retired and living in Las Vegas. He started his career with the cities of Midwest City and Oklahoma City before heading back to his native Minnesota to work for a private planning firm and the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities. In 1984, Rob headed west and shifted his focus to redevelopment and worked for the Central Phoenix Redevelopment Agency, San Jose Redevelopment Agency and redevelopment agencies in the Nevada cities of Reno, Sparks and Henderson. He also did some private consulting. His favorite projects were the design and construction of the Arena, the Guadalupe River park and flood control projects in San Jose. He has a bachelor of architecture from the University of Minnesota (1974) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1977). Interesting lesser-known fact: During a break between planning jobs, Rob realized a long-held dream and spend time as a baker of gourmet breads for a epicurean market.
Sooner Planners: 1977

**Patrick Lynn Copeland**
Pat is a Norman-based planning consultant. Before starting Patrick Copeland Consulting in 2009, he served the cities of Norman and Ada for over 20 years. For the city of Norman, he was a planner, development services manager and building official for 16 years. While with Norman, he was a major advocate for the creation of greenbelts and greater use of green infrastructure. Pat was also a founding member and executive director of the Norman Area Land Conservancy, a private non-profit corporation organized to preserve open space in and around Norman for both agricultural uses and nature and environmental protections. For Ada he was community services director and city manager for over seven years. Pat has a bachelor of business administration (1972) and master of regional and city planning (1987) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Pat is the half-brother of the husband of the first cousin of another OU RCPL graduate Jim Duncan.

**Larry R. Eller**
Larry is the planning director of the northeastern Oklahoma city of Miami. In 2008 he arranged to have OU RCPL students work on a study to preserve the original Route 66 through Miami. That same year the city was a finalist in the innovative city award category sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture. Larry was also a member of the steering committee for the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative. He has a bachelor of science from Northeast Oklahoma State University (1975) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1977). Interesting lesser-known fact: Miami is located in both flood and tornado territory. In 2011, over 100 of the victims of the F5 tornado in nearby Joplin were brought to Miami for care.

**Jack Alan Gorzeman**
Jack has over 35 years of experience as an environmental planner in coastal areas. He has been a senior managing associate with Environmental Science Associates in the firm's southern California office since 2008. Previously Jack was a senior coastal project manager with Coastal Planning & Engineering in both their Florida and California offices, chief of the environmental management department for Manatee County in Florida during the 1990s and a landscape architect with the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission in 1979. He is a member of both the American institute of Certified Planners and the American Society of Landscape Architects. Jack has a bachelor of landscape Architecture from Iowa State University (1975) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1977). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jack is a past recipient of the local government award from the Florida Shore and Beach Association.
David Lee Jones
David has essentially had two full careers, one as a member of the Jesuit Society and the other as a city planner. He was ordained as a priest in 1959 and spent 16 years ministering the scriptures for the Catholic church. After entering the planning profession in 1977, David spent the next 26 years as a housing and renewal planner and grants administrator for the city of Oklahoma City. Before retiring in 2003, he served Oklahoma City as assistant director of special programs with its Urban Renewal Authority, director of its Federal CDBG program, planner with its Housing Authority and intern with its Neighborhood Development and Conservation Center. He also spent a short period as a planner with Midwest City. David has a master of theology from Gregorian University in Rome (1959) and master of regional and city planning (1977) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Byung il Jung
Walter is a professor emeritus of geography in the college of liberal arts at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. In 1992 he founded the Oklahoma Society of Korean Professors. Born and raised in Korea, Walter retired from the army of the Republic of Korea as a captain prior to coming to Oklahoma. After his UCO retirement, he served as a volunteer for the US Peace Corp in Mongolia before resuming his teaching as a professor emeritus. Walter has a bachelor of law from Won Kwang University in Korea (1971) and master of regional and city planning (1977) and doctorate of history (1984) from OU. His dissertation was entitled: “Plant Locations and Female Labor Resources: The Oklahoma Garment Industry.” Interesting lesser-known fact: In 2014, Walter published a novel entitled “Ashes From Last Hell” that focuses on the defection of a high profile North Korean official.
Sooner Planners: 1978

**James Clare Woodside**
Clare is senior architect and corporate director of planning for Leidos (SAIC). He oversees the national planning efforts of Leidos including master planning and design of residential communities for a Federal Family Housing program. Clare has also managed the development of a 20-year master plan for Oklahoma State University, site selection and early planning for the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum and renovation of the National Cowboy Museum and Western Heritage Museum. His experience also includes international assignments in Tokyo, Taiwan and Saudi Arabia. Clare has a bachelor of architecture from OSU (1975) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1978). Interesting lesser known fact: While in Japan, Clare produced a film that featured his three young sons, demonstrating the freedom and dynamic urban life available to children in Yokohama. It was called, “I Lost all my Freedom When I Came to America,” a quote from his sons.

**Edward James Barry**
Ed’s 30-year career as a planner included key positions with cities in Texas and Oklahoma. He was community development director of the Dallas suburb of Irving from 2000 to 2007 and development services director of the Austin suburb of Georgetown from 1985 to 2000. In Oklahoma, Ed was planning director of Ada from 1981 to 1984 and the first roving city planner in Oklahoma from 1978 to 1980. In the latter position he advised small southern Oklahoma communities before he became director of regional planning for the Southern Oklahoma Development Agency in Ardmore. Ed is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has a bachelor of Sociology (1972) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Ed’s innovative plan for Georgetown, The Century Plan, promoted smart growth by including land intensity and facility capacity components. It won APAs “National Planning Award for Small Cities” in 1995.

**Knute Knudson**
Knute has been associated with the Native-American gaming industry for over two decades - first as vice-president of strategic planning and government affairs for Sodak Gaming and now as vice-president of global business development for International Game Technology (IGT). Earlier in his career, Knute served as deputy chief of staff for US Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan and as a deputy assistant secretary for the US Fish, Wildlife and Parks. He writes for numerous trade publications regularly contributes to “Indian Gaming Magazine.” Numerous national and regional gaming associations have recognized him for outstanding service to the gaming industry. He has a bachelor of arts from Black Hills State University (1976), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1978) and master of public administration from Harvard University (1989). Interesting lesser-known fact: Knute served three terms in the South Dakota Legislature rising to deputy majority whip.
Sooner Planners: 1978

Arthur Dean Chambers
Art began his career with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Planning Department and served as planning director for the cities of Olathe, Kansas and Rockville, Maryland. Since 2008, he has been president of his Olathe-based consulting firm, ADC Planning. While in Wichita he helped implement county-wide zoning, in Olathe he coordinated two comprehensive plans and the first unified development code, and in Rockville he managed a $400 million mixed-use redevelopment project and coordinated rewriting of the zoning ordinance. Art has been active in the American Planning Association serving as chapter president of both its Kansas and National Capital chapters and co-chair of the 2004 national conference in 2006 in Washington DC. Art has a bachelor of political science from Fort Hays State University (1976) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1978). Interesting lesser-known fact: Art was involved in updating and rewriting the Kansas planning enabling act.

Deborah Michal Rosenthal
Demi is one of California’s leading land use attorneys. As a partner with Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, her specialties include land use, environmental law, wetlands, endangered species, historic preservation and hazardous materials. Demi also served as executive director of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois where she supervised statewide preservation-advocacy programs. She has been a special consultant to the National Trust for Historic Preservation on selected issues in Oklahoma and provided special services to the Oklahoma Humanities Council and Oklahoma Council for the Social Studies. She is a member of AICP. She has a bachelor of arts from the University of Michigan (1972), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1978) and law degree from Yale University (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: Demi has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California, Cal Poly at Pomona and OU.

Farhad K. Daroga
Farhad has been planning director of Broken Arrow, a southern suburb of Tulsa, for 34 years. Previously he was a planner with the Indian Nations Council of Governments for two years. When he joined Broken Arrow he was the only full-time planner in the county employed by a city other than Tulsa. At the time, all other cities used INCOG for their planning services. During his tenure with the city, its population has tripled from 34,000 to over 100,000 residents. One of Farhad’s more unique responsibilities is to coordinate the city’s Sister City program with La Ceiba in Honduras. He is a member of AICP, has served as an at-large director for the Oklahoma APA chapter and has taught urban design theory at OU. Farhad has a bachelor of arts (1973) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: All three of Farhad’s children reached the highest level of scouting, eagle scout in boy scouts and gold and silver awards in girl scouts.
Sooner Planners: 1978

**Kirk Merrill Oglesby**
Kirk has been with the suburban Denver city-county government of Broomfield since 1988. He has held his current position as code compliance manager since 2004. Previously, he was a special projects manager for the city from 1998 to 2004, where one of his roles was to assist the city manager with the 2001 conversion of Broomfield into a combined city and county. His first position with the city was as its planning director from 1989 to 1998. Before joining Broomfield, Kirk was a planner with the neighboring city of Westminster from 1978 to 1988. He has a bachelor of environmental design (1976) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1978). Interesting lesser-known fact: Kirk drafted a comprehensive plan for Broomfield in 1995 that won the Colorado “Governors Award for Outstanding Efforts in Smart Growth and Development.”

**Thomas Mitchell Blaise Shepherd**
Tom was a man of many facets. He was the founder of the Shepherd-Montessori Institute in Joplin. Tom started his planning career with the Ozark Gateway Regional Planning Commission and Law Enforcement Assistance Council in Joplin and was director of media research for Tulsa’s public television station. He was also editor and publisher of the “The Good Earth News” and author of "The Investor's Handbook on Mexico" and "Sex and Sanity: The Myths and Realities of Human Sexuality." Tom died in Long Beach, California in 2013 at the age of 75. He had a bachelor of arts (1976) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. He also attended the University of Missouri, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Interesting lesser-known facts: Tom was in the US Coast Guard. He was also a third cousin of former US Congressman Barry Goldwater.

**Joseph Keith Caskey Jr.**
Keith served as manager of planning services for MetroPlan Orlando, the metropolitan planning organization for Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties, for over 30 years. MetroPlan provides a forum for local elected officials, their staff, and industry experts to work together to improve transportation options for Central Florida. Keith is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has a bachelor of arts (1976) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Keith’s wife is the author of “Show Your Food Who’s Boss: Gain Freedom, Lose Weight & Keep It Off.”
Sooner Planners: 1978

**Neil Thomas Montgomery**
Neil is an example of progression from staff planner to city management. He is now senior managing director for the city of Garland, a suburb of Dallas. Serving on the City Manager’s Executive Team, he is responsible for the departments of planning, building inspections, housing, economic development and Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. Neil began work for Garland in 1988 as manager of current planning, was promoted to planning director in 1992, managing director in 1993 and senior managing director in 2003. He began his career in 1978 as a planner for the city of Edmond, Oklahoma and then served as director of community development for the city of Greenville, Texas. He is a member of AICP. Neil has a bachelor of political science (1976) and substantial coursework towards a master of regional and city planning (1978) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Neil organized a panel at the 2011 National APA Conference: “The Role of Planning in Influencing Real Estate Markets”

**Francis Gailen McDaniel**
Frank’s career transitioned from city planning to retailing. He has owned and operated Buckeye Collectibles and Antiques in the central South Dakota city of Oacoma since 1994. Previously he was a principal planner for Manatee County, Florida; senior planner for the South Dakota city of Rapid City, planning director for the South Dakota county of Pennington and planning director of the Vermont town of Essex Junction. Frank also does volunteer organizational work for tribes and local governments who have no funding to purchase planning services. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of South Dakota (1976) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Frank also provides organizational work for the South Dakota Foster Care Association and other work in that field at the national level.

**Robert W. Swanagon**
Bob has more than 35 years of experience in program management and transportation planning in both the public and private sectors. He has been a senior vice-president in the Denver office of the international multidisciplinary firm AECOM (previously Turner, Collie & Braden) since 2002. Previously Bob was a senior vice-president and central regional manager with Washington Infrastructure Services in Bellevue Washington from 1989 to 2001. From 1978 to 1989, Bob was the city planner and city manager of the Oklahoma city of Moore. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Bob has a bachelor of education (1975) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
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**Gary Russell Hefner**
Gary has owned and operated H&P Stucco, a Tulsa building supply firm, since 2006. Previously he was president of Hefner Construction from 1990 to 2005. He also worked as a project manager for several construction firms in New York and California between 1986 and 1990. Gary has a bachelor of arts (1974) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma and doctorate of law (1979) from Oklahoma City University. Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Pamela K. Fisher Lane**
Pam is an Oklahoma City attorney. She has been a member of the board of directors and a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate for Oklahoma County since 2009. She has been a member of the board of directors of the Youth Services of Oklahoma County since 2011. She is also a member of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Oklahoma County. The latter organization represents abused and neglected children in the legal system. Pam has a bachelor of arts (1979) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma and a doctorate of law from Texas Tech (1982). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Jim Lee Ferree**
Jim has been city manager for the Colorado city of Craig since 1998. Craig is a small city of about 9,000 residents in the scenic high country of northwestern Colorado. It is home to many farmers and ranchers and its economy is driven by the energy industry, including several coal mines and the state’s largest coal-fired power plant. Previously Jim was community development director and city manager for the Oklahoma city of Enid from 1981 to 1997 and planning director of the city of Ponca City from 1978 to 1981. Jim has a bachelor of arts in political science (1976) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Jim entered the local Brothers of the Brush centennial beard contest in 2008. He lost.
Rebecca Cannon Wilson
Becky has worked as a certified public accountant and supervised registered tax preparer in the Portland metropolitan area for over 20 years. From 1999 to 2012 she was with Advantage Tax and Accounting in Durham and from 1992 to 1998 she was with Auxier & Associates in Tualatin. Becky has a bachelor of urban studies (1975) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Jeffrey Lee Matthews
Jeff has worked as an architect on Florida’s southwest coast for over 30 years. He is a co-owner and principal of Nokomis Design Studio, an architectural, planning and design firm located in the city of Nokomis just south of Sarasota. Jeff is also an appointed member of the Venice Architectural Review Board. He is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Institute of Architects. Jeff has a bachelor of environmental design (1975), bachelor of architecture (1978) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Jeff’s firm was nominated as a “business of the year” in 2014 in the small business category by the Venice Chamber of Commerce.

Luther Harold Hardy Jr.
Rick runs a small custom home building/development company as well as a private financing investment company in the Texas capital city of Austin. Before relocating to Austin in 1993, Rick held several positions in the real estate and development industry and a brokers license in Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas. From 1983 to 1993, he provided commercial brokerage services and from about 1980 to 1987, he selected, secured and entitled sites for several national firms including a convenience store chain and parking garage developer. Rick began his career as an associate planner with the city of Galveston, but after a year decided that he preferred the private sector. He has a bachelor of architecture (1976) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known facts: Rick is a big-time Sooner fan whose daughter went to Texas and two sons went to Texas A&M. He is also staying busy with his 12 grandkids.
Sooner Planners: 1978

Fred Thomas Wilmeth
Fred has served as a city manager in Oklahoma, Maine and Washington. In 2000 he moved to northern Michigan and opened RPDN, a consulting firm specializing in government relations. In the 1990s, he was city manager for several Washington State cities, including Mercer Island, Lakewood, Shoreline and Steilacoom. In the 1980s, he was city manager for the town of Pittsfield in Maine. He began his career as a planner for the city of Oklahoma City and city manager of Mustang. Fred has also served as chair of the Traverse City Planning Commission and taught economics at Northwestern Michigan College. He has a bachelor of education from Oklahoma City University (1974), master of public policy and economics from the University of Chicago (1976) and completed coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1978). Interesting lesser-known fact: Fred is president of the Oak Park Neighborhood Association in Traverse City.

Pamela Theimer Franke
Pam has been an emergency analyst for the Region VII office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Kansas City since 1981. One of her primary responsibilities is to administer and enforce the National Flood Insurance Program and floodplain regulations. For example, a few years ago she had to inform the southern Missouri resort community of Branson that it had improperly allowed the construction of a shopping center that was in violation of FEMA regulations because it had been built with habitable basements below minimum floodplain levels. Pam has a bachelor of sociology and history (1973) and master of regional and city planning (1978) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
**Sooner Planners: 1979**

**Stephen Eugene Boettcher**

Steve is a senior development community planner with the Indian Nation Council of Governments in Tulsa. At INCOG he is primarily involved with the Metropolitan Tulsa HOME Consortium and Community Development Block Grant program for small cities. He is also on the steering committee of the Tulsa County Continuum of Care. Steve began his planning career with a Tribal government in Oklahoma and two positions in Kansas. He then served as a current planner for the city of Edmond for 19 years where he focused on public transportation and the CDBG program. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a former treasurer and professional development officer of the Oklahoma APA chapter. Steve has a bachelor of arts from East Central University (1977) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1979). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Renee Williams Vaughn**

Renée is the “go-to guru” for public relations and community engagement in the Tampa Bay area. For over 30 years, she has provided media relations, business development, marketing and strategic leadership alliances for public, private and nonprofit agencies. Prior to establishing her own Tampa-based firm, Williams Consulting Group, Renee was a senior administrator for the City of Tampa where she represented the city or Mayor on over 50 boards and committees. She is a past-chair and current member of the University of Tampa Board of Fellows, which strengthens ties between the University and business community. She is also on the board of Tampa Downtown Rotary, Leadership Tampa Alumni, Leadership Tampa Bay and president of the HB Plant Museum Board of Trustees. Renee has a bachelor of urban studies (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1979) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Renee is married to the president of the University of Tampa.

**David Michael Elms**

Mike has over 40 years of planning experience in both the public and private sectors in Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. He has been director of community development for the city of Arvada for over 25 years and during that time has overseen the preparation of four comprehensive plans. Prior to coming to Colorado, Mike was director of planning for the Texas city Galveston for three years and a community planner for the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission for five years. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and certified as an economic development finance professional by the National Development Council. Mike has a bachelor of urban studies from the University of Arkansas (1972) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1979). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mike is a runner. In 1989, he ran two marathons, including the 20th annual New York City Marathon, and completed them in under four hours each.
Sooner Planners: 1979

**Michael Cole Robinson**
Mike is a partner with a Portland land use law firm. Well-known throughout Oregon, he focuses on obtaining development approvals and highway access permits. His clients include energy providers, home builders, commercial developers, industrial developers, hospitals and office developers. He also represents municipal clients as special land use counsel and appears regularly before local governments and state agencies regarding land use entitlements. Mike also assists private clients in obtaining access approach road permits from the Oregon Department of Transportation and assists his energy provider clients in obtaining energy facility siting permits and solid waste-related permitting. He has a bachelor of arts (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1979) from the University of Oklahoma and a law degree (1988) from Lewis and Clark Law School. Interesting lesser-known fact: Mike has extensive experience with annexations and development agreements.

**Hugh Everet Kierig**
Hugh is a specialist in planning and operating college campus transportation systems. Currently transportation director for the University of Rochester, he has held similar positions with both West Virginia University and Oklahoma State University during his 30-year career. Hugh was also president of KA Associates, a transportation consulting firm that primarily served university communities. Earlier in his career, he was a planner and transit services director for Oklahoma City. Hugh is a member of the AICP and International Parking Institute, as well as past president of the Midwest Campus Parking Association. He has served on the Monongalia County Transit Authority Board and Federal Transit Administration Regulatory Committee on Charter Bus Regulations. Hugh has a bachelor of geography from OSU (1977) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1979). Interesting lesser-known fact: Privately, he says he was Joseph Lee Rodgers favorite student.

**Robert A. Stalzer**
Rob made the transition from planner to manager as he moved up the Virginia government ladder. He has been planning director for Roanoke County, assistant town manager and town manager for the city of Herndon and deputy county executive for Fairfax County. For Fairfax, he is in charge of planning, public works, capital facilities, solid waste, storm water, waste water, zoning, transportation, code compliance and community revitalization. Rob is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Planners and International City Managers Association. He is also an adjunct professor at Virginia Tech and George Mason University. Rob has a bachelor in geography from Clark University (1977), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1979) and master of business administration from Syracuse University (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: Rob is a past president of the Virginia Local Government Management Association.
Sooner Planners: 1979

**Ward Sterling Miller**
Ward’s 32-year career was spent as a stormwater specialist in Florida, Illinois and Oklahoma. Just before retiring in 2011, he was in the Sarasota offices of two national consulting firms for four years. Previously, Ward was executive director of the Lake County (IL) Stormwater Management Commission for 16 years. Earlier he was with the city of Tulsa for 11 years where he developed inner-city neighborhood revitalization plans before becoming planning chief of a new stormwater management department where he implemented flood damage reduction and water quality programs. Both his Lake County and Tulsa efforts were given awards of excellence by FEMA. Ward is a member of AICP and a Certified Floodplain Manager. He has a bachelor of arts (1976) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1979). Interesting lesser-known fact: Ward’s love of nature prompted him to retire early. He lives on Grand Lake and enjoys sailing, hiking, live music and Sooner sports.

**Richard Allen Meyer**
Richard has applied his missionary zeal where social, economic and environmental justice causes were paramount – first, as community development director for the Oklahoma City Urban League, then in Oregon as downtown plan manager for Portland’s Old Town, senior planner for Washington County, transportation planner and public affairs manager for Tri-Met, director of Burnside Community Council (homeless), director of Portland Audubon Society, director of Association of Oregon Community Development Organizations (housing and main street) and development director for the city of Cornelius. Richard has a bachelor of arts (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1979) from OU. Interesting lesser-know facts: He has hiked, climbed and swum in the Cascades, Rockies, Nepal, Ecuador and Tanzania, including Kilimanjaro and Serengeti in 2011. A canoeing enthusiast, hiker, birder and sampler of Oregon’s micro-brews, he lives in a floating home with his wife and assists non-profits.

**Brent Dale Murphy**
Brent has spent half of his 35-year planning career in the public sector and half in the private sector. For the past 18 years he has been the senior planner for the city of Broken Arrow. Previously he was with three multidisciplinary design firms in the Dallas and Oklahoma City areas. These included Wapora, an environmental engineering firm in Dallas, and RGDC and The Benham Group, two architectural and engineering firms in Oklahoma City. Upon graduation from OU planning school, he first began his career journey as a planner with the Eastern Oklahoma Development District in Muskogee. Brent has a bachelor of environmental design (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1979) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Brent credits his professional successes to the knowledge bestowed upon him by the three wise men from the University of Oklahoma, his friends and associates, and to Connie, his wife and best friend of 31 years.
Glenn Arthur Olney

Glenn is a program manager for corporate properties and services for GE Capital Real Estate. While with GE, he has lived in many locations, including Tampa, Atlanta, Baltimore, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Peerskill, New York, Monroe, Connecticut and the Ohio cities of Mason, Cincinnati and Hamilton. Glenn has a bachelor of environmental design (1977) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1979). Interesting lesser-known fact: In 2007, Glenn was a key speaker and participant at an international conference on “Green Building and Energy Conservation” in the Chinese city of Hangzhou.

Earnest Anthony Tiger

Earnest was most recently director of development for the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce in Tulsa where he assisted local business owners in improving their companies with microloans provided through the US Small Business Administration. Greenwood is an African-American neighborhood in northern Tulsa that was the scene of a major race riot in 1921 that left over 300 residents dead and 10,000 homeless. Previously Earnest was director of economic development for the Delaware Enterprise Authority in Bartlesville. He has a bachelor of arts (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1979) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Earnest recently completed a three-year appointment (2011 to 2014) mayoral appointment on the Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission.
Sooner Planners: 1980

**Holly Beth Gates Massie**
Holly has been a transportation planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments since 1989. Working with metro cities, counties, transit providers and ODOT, she leads the development of the region’s Transportation Improvement Program which sets priorities to implement the regional long-range transportation plan. She is a graduate of Leadership Midwest City, a member of the Governors United We Ride Council and has been involved in numerous plans and studies for improved roadway and transit development in central Oklahoma. Previously she was planning director for the Oklahoma City suburb of Del City. Holly has a bachelor of arts (1978) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1980). Interesting lesser-known fact: Fellow alumnum, Barbara Howard, was her best friend in high school and college.

**Timothy James Scanlon**
Tim’s owns and operates Shooks Run Research, a planning and historic preservation consulting firm in Colorado Springs. Previously, he was with the city of Colorado Springs for 25 years where he managed its historic preservation program and worked in its comprehensive planning office. Tim guided passage of the city’s first historic preservation ordinance, drafted a downtown renewal plan, co-managed a zoning code rewrite and staffed two downtown business improvement districts. In 2008, the Colorado Historical Society recognized Tim with its Stephen A. Hart Award. He began his planning career with the Oklahoma City Bureau of Grants Management. Tim has a bachelor of history from the University of Tulsa (1975) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1980). Interesting lesser-known fact: While visiting Mexico City’s Chapultepec Park with friends, they were dragooned by a mime troop into participating in an impromptu wedding ceremony.

**Barbara Ann Howard**
Barbara worked as a planner for the Vancouver-Clark County Regional Planning Council in Washington for about a year before joining Nike in Portland for ten years as a forecast analyst. A lover of animals, she opened her own small pet-oriented business in 2005. Until her death in 2009, Barbara operated her own business in downtown Portland, Pets in the City, which focused on dog walking and pet sitting. She was also actively involved in organizations such as the Oregon Pet Sitters Association and Oregon Humane Society. Barbara was raised in a military family and lived many places such as England, Alabama and Oklahoma. She was an elected member of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Oklahoma. Barbara received a bachelors of arts (1978) and master of regional and city planning (1980) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: She loved the outdoors and spent much of her time hiking, running and birding in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.
Sooner Planners: 1980

Ronnie Lee Hull
Ronnie was a planner with the city of Pinellas Park from 2002 to 2010. He is a 2005 graduate of the Pinellas Citizens University. Ronnie has a bachelor of arts (1978) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1980). Interesting lesser-known fact: Ronnie is married to Christa May Jones Hull who is the environmental supervisor with the Hillsborough County Planning Commission. She received a bachelor of environmental science from OU in 1982.

John Mitchell Teal
Mitch has spent most of his career as a senior emergency response specialist with the Toledo-based First Energy Corporation, the nation’s fifth largest investor-owned electric system. A native of Kansas City, he served in the US Army in Germany and utilized the GI bill to receive a college education. Mitch also continued to serve as a member of his local National Guard unit. His wife, Denise, is a lawyer and served the United States Attorney’s Office in Toledo for 11 years. Mitch has a bachelor of arts from Northeast Missouri (now Truman) State University in Kirksville (1978), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1980) and master of public administration from New Orleans (1982). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mitch and his wife donated $2 million to Truman State University in 2008 to fund scholarships for veterans and the children of soldiers killed in action.
Joaquin Alfonso Servia
Joaquin has served the citizens of Manatee County in Florida for the past 25 years as plan implementation administrator, zoning administrator and property acquisition division manager. For a period, he was also interim planning director for the Manatee County School District. Before moving to Florida, Joaquin worked as a community development specialist for the Oklahoma Hispanic Cultural Center in Oklahoma City and as a planner for the cities of Shawnee and Mustang. As an OU student he also worked as an intern for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Joaquin has a bachelor of urban planning (1979) from the University of Kansas and master of regional and city planning (1981) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Joaquin serves as president of the Lakewood Ranch Kiwanis Club and he is an active supporter of the Human Society of Manatee County.

Cynthia Lynn Hoyle
Cynthia is with Alta Planning+Design, a bicycle and pedestrian planning firm. Since 1987 she has specialized in traffic calming, pedestrian and bicycle planning, planning commissioner training and Complete Streets. Previously Cynthia was a transportation planner with Oklahoma City and a planner with the Oklahoma County Metropolitan Library System. She is an AICP commissioner, Fellow of both AICP and Institute of Transportation Engineers, chair of the Champaign-Urbana Safe Routes to School Project, instructor with the National Complete Streets Coalition, adjunct instructor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and author of “Traffic Calming.” Cynthia has a bachelor of social work (1979) and master of regional and city planning (1981) from OU. Interesting lesser-known facts: Cynthia owns five bicycles and is a League Certified (Cycling) Instructor. She is married and has two children, one of whom is finishing a degree in sustainable and resilient infrastructure.

Stephen Odis Eddy
Steve has spent most of his career guiding the development and redevelopment of one of the fastest growing and most tornado-ravaged cities in Oklahoma. Joining the city of Moore in 1989 as community development director, he subsequently moved up to assistant city manager and then to city manager. During his 25 years with the city, his most significant accomplishments have been in guiding recurring recovery efforts after three devastating May tornados in 1999, 2003 and 2013. Steve is a member of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce in Moore and serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Central Oklahoma. He has a bachelor of arts from East Central University (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1981) and master of public administration (1999) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Having first moved to Moore in the second grade, Steve is one of few planners that has been able to focus his efforts and talents toward improving his hometown.
Sooner Planners: 1981

**Larry John Hopper**
Larry is principal planner for the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority and leads efforts to develop EMBARK's short and long-range streetcar, bus and rail transit plans for the region. Previously, as a planner with the city, he was heavily involved in Bricktown revitalization, trails planning, annexation and deannexation matters, sustainability, urban design review and zoning administration. Larry began as planning director of the Southern Oklahoma Development Association in Ardmore. He is a member of the Mayor’s Committee on Disability Concerns and Leadership Oklahoma City, and a board member of Sustainable Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Alliance for Public Transportation and Oklahoma Public Health Association. Larry is a member of AICP and past president of the Oklahoma APA chapter. He has a bachelor of arts (1979) and MRCP (1981) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Larry’s great-great uncle was chair of the OU Board of Regents.

**Deborah Suess Blasiar**
Debbie represents the epitome of the ever ready citizen activist. Currently serving as a VISTA volunteer for the Oklahoma community of Noble, she is mapping area assets and assisting the Board of Education foundation. Debbie has previously served as chief of training and technical assistance for the Southwest Center for Prevention Technologies. She has a bachelor of arts and master of education from the University of Missouri (1979), master of regional and city planning (1981) and master of human relations (1999) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Debbie was an OU RCPL student when she became involved in the ERA campaign as an organizer for NOW in the southeastern part of the state and also participated in Ladies Against Women. She also has her private pilot's license.

**Teresa June Price**
Teresa was planning director for two of St. Louis’s fastest growing suburbs, the cities of O'Fallon and Chesterfield, for nine years each. For a short time between the two city positions, she worked for a local developer. Before moving to Missouri, Teresa was with the city of Oklahoma City where she worked on neighborhood plans in the northeast quadrant and Capitol Hill neighborhood. Later she became executive director of neighborhood housing services for the Capitol Hill neighborhood. She has a bachelor of home economics from Oklahoma State University (1979) and master of regional and city planning (1981) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: One of Teresa’s most significant professional experiences was in guiding the rebuilding of Chesterfield Valley which had been inundated by the most costly and devastating flood to ravage an American city in modern history.
Sooner Planners: 1981

**Ekow Edouard Bonzie**
Ed practices law in Norman and Oklahoma City. He established his law firm in 1994 and specializes in workers compensation and patents. Previously Ed was a transportation planner with the city of Oklahoma City and secretary of the Oklahoma City Traffic Commission from 1981 to 1988. He has a bachelor of arts (1979), master of regional and city planning (1981) and doctorate of law (1991) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Ed is originally from Ghana.

**Mark Derichsweiler**
Mark is the protector of Oklahoma’s natural water bodies. As engineering manager of the watershed protection division of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, he is responsible for protecting Oklahoma’s 4,000 plus lakes, streams and rivers. Mark is in charge of water quality modeling and calculating the maximum amount of pollutants that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. He has a bachelor of civil engineering (1979) and master of regional and city planning (1981) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Mark has been honored several times by the Oklahoma chapter of the Sierra Club for his contributions in protecting the water bodies of Oklahoma. These honors have included their Outstanding Service Award and Carrie Dickerson Award for Outstanding Leadership in Conservation.

**Dale Lynn Miller**
Dale has been with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department in Wichita, Kansas since 1987. In 1991, he was appointed current plans manager and has since participated in the adoption of new zoning, subdivision and landscape ordinances. Prior to moving to Wichita, Dale was a principal planner for the city of Norman planning department from 1983 to 1987 and an associate planner with the Oklahoma City planning department from 1981 to 1983. Most of Dale’s early career dealt with long-range planning, developing neighborhood, area and comprehensive plans. He has a bachelor of education (1979) and master of regional and city planning (1981) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Dale lives on 40 acres outside of Wichita with three horses and one llama.
Sooner Planners: 1981

Barbara Ann Howard Tricinella
Barbara is the provider of food facts to low-income Oklahomans. She has been area coordinator for the Tulsa unit of the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service. Barbara’s role is to provide community nutrition education with an emphasis on working with low-income families to improve dietary quality and health disparities. Before joining OSU in 2009, she served as a family and consumer sciences educator for the city of Tulsa for over 20 years. She has also taught home economics and family living in the cities of Lawton and Moore and worked with both the Moore-Norman and Tulsa Technology Centers in career and adult education. Barbara has a bachelor of home economics from Oklahoma State University (1974) and master of science in vocational education (1978) and coursework toward a master in regional and city planning (1981) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Ginger L. Naifeh Garbacz
Ginger lives in the Texas city of Wichita Falls. Her first planning position was as a planner for the Indian Nation Council of Governments in Tulsa. Ginger has a bachelor of arts (1974) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: Ginger is a marathoner. She came in 1058th in the 2007 full marathon and 3342th in the Oklahoma City Memorial Hart Marathon.

Robert Lee Tener
Bob’s positions during his 35 years with the city of Oklahoma City have ranged from summer intern to acting planning director. Currently director of development services, he has also served as clerk of the Board of Adjustment, secretary of the Historical Preservation Commission and lead staff representative to the Planning Commission and City Council. His accomplishments include development of numerous ordinances and subdivision regulations and a complete rewrite of the city’s zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan. Bob has a bachelor of geography from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford (1979) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: While attending SWOSU, Bob rode three bulls for eight seconds. However, after the last fall he can’t remember if that was eight seconds each or eight seconds total, but he does think that the last fall is probably why he ended up with a career as a city planner.
Sooner Planners: 1981

**James Lynn Hodges**
Jim is with the Indian Nations Council of Governments in Tulsa and has been assigned as the city planner for the city of Catoosa since 2005. In 2011, he was also on the INCOG planning team that prepared the 2030 comprehensive plan for Osage County. Jim has a bachelor of arts (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1981) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Michael Kent Miller**
Mike was planning director of the St. Johns Water Management District in Florida from 1989 to 1995. Mike has a bachelor of arts (1979) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Jeanette P. Sheets**
Jeanette was a planner with the city of Oklahoma City. She was a member of both the planning department and the water and wastewater utilities department and a key staff advisor to the City Bond Advisory Committee. Jeanette has a bachelor of arts (1974) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1981). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jeanette volunteered to manage the “Adopt a Street” program for her Norman church, McFarlin United Methodist.
Sooner Planners: 1982

James Michael Joyce
Mike is development services director for the northern Dallas suburb of The Colony. Over the past five years he has updated the city’s comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance. Previously Mike was vice-president of a full-service multi-disciplinary consulting firm based in Arizona and Nevada for five years, owner and principal of his own consulting firm for seven years serving western Colorado and eastern Utah from offices in Grand Junction, senior planner for Mesa County for six years and director of planning for the Texas city of Victoria for five years. He has a bachelor of geography from Oklahoma State University (1980) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1982). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mike took what he calls the “scenic route” and nine years to obtain his bachelors degree. During that time, he joined a fraternity, got married, had two children and dropped out of school from 1973 until 1978 to work.

Jacqueline Adora Jones Franklin
Jacque is a real estate broker, president of Imperial Realty Company and member of the Oklahoma City Board of Realtors. Earlier in her career, she worked for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Jacque has also been a member of the Oklahoma City Women’s Political Caucus, Business and Professional Women's Club and Northeast Neighborhood Assembly. Jacque has a bachelor of sociology (1979) and master of regional and city planning (1982) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: In 1985, she offered herself as a candidate for the Ward 7 city council seat in northeastern Oklahoma City.

Harold Brent Sinclair
Brent has 24 years of planning and development experience in the states of California, Arizona and Oklahoma. Since 2007, he been community and economic development director for the California city of Modesto. Previously Brent was community development director of the Arizona city of Oro Valley which at the time was one of the fastest growing communities in America, all planned of course. Brent started his career in Del City and spent 13 years as community development director of Bethany before moving west. He is a member of AICP and a past president of the Oklahoma APA chapter. Brent has a bachelor of arts (1980) and master of regional and city planning (1982) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: In his spare time Brent plays drums for his worship team at church. His father was an avid Sooner football fan, season ticket holder for 53 years, member of the OU President’s Associate’s Club, Touchdown Club and Quarter Century Club.
Sooner Planners: 1982

**Michael Norman Peters**
Mike has been a landscape architect with Alaback Design Associates in Tulsa since 1996. Prior to joining Alaback, he was a landscape architect with Gould Evans in Kansas City from 1994 to 1996 and The Benham Group in Oklahoma City from 1985 to 1994. He has a bachelor of landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University (1980) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1982). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Jetta Rebecca Bardin**
Becki is a retired Oklahoma teacher living in Kansas City and very active in horticulture and quilting. She is a Missouri Master Gardener and active in the groups’ speakers bureau. As a member of the Master Gardeners of Kansas City, Becki spoke on “Herbs Used in Colonial America” at the group’s 2012 spring seminar. She also wrote an article entitled the Ten Commandments of Eco-Gardening for Heartland Horticulture, a publication of the University of Missouri Extension. Becki has a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma City University (1980) and master of regional and city planning (1982) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: She is also active with the Heart Walk of Kansas City.

**Henry Alexander Hepburn**
Henry is an architect who has operated his own firm out of Nassau in the Bahamas for over 30 years. He also serves as an assistant professor of architecture and member of the construction seminar group at the College of the Bahamas. Henry is a member of the Institute of Bahamian Architects, the American Institute of Architects and the Royal Institute of British Architects. He has a bachelor of environmental design (1974), master in architecture (1977) and master of regional and city planning (1982) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Henry was a sub-contractor in the architectural design of the Chickasaw Travel Center in Sulphur.
Sooner Planners: 1982

Carl Dean Friend
Carl is a minister turned planner. He joined the Oklahoma City planning department in 1986 as an urban redevelopment specialist and retired 27 years later as coordinator of the city’s economic empowerment zone program. Carl is a specialist with advocacy and homelessness issues and skilled in financial management, journalism, community mapping and legislative advocacy. During the 1970s, he was a minister of the First United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City and he is a current volunteer officer for the Epsworth United Methodist Church. He is a member of the National Community Building Network and Uriah Lodge. Carl has a bachelor of arts (1965) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1982). Interesting lesser-known fact: The subject of his thesis was “Urban Planning and Religious Organizations: Social purposes, location and site planning criteria.”

Sumalee Vattanasiriporn
Sumalee works at Wangpetchaburana Company Ltd in Bangkok, Thailand. She has a bachelor of arts (1979) and coursework toward a master in regional and city planning (1982) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1983

**Nancy Susan McNayr**
Nancy’s 30-year career as a planner has largely been as a consultant to public and private clients within Oklahoma. As managing partner of McNayr Paque, her firm focuses on comprehensive, neighborhood and streetscape plans; environmental, historic preservation and highway corridor studies; public involvement and visioning; and code and ordinance drafting. Previously she was director of planning for Triad Design Group for 18 years. During her tenure with Triad she was also contracted as planning staff for the cities of Yukon and Nichols Hills. Nancy is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has served as president, vice-president, webmaster and legislative liaison for the Oklahoma APA chapter. She has a bachelor of housing design and consumer resources from Oklahoma State University (1978) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1983). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Casey Jon McCann**
Casey knows northern California. Over the past 28 years, he has served as a planner for four Bay Area communities. He has been director of community development for the city of Brentwood for the past seven years, and before that he was deputy director of public works and community development for Pleasant Hill, senior planner for Fairfield and associate planner for Orinda. In Brentwood, he is responsible for affordable housing, building permits, economic development, neighborhood preservation, code enforcement and planning. After graduation, Casey was an associate planner with Oklahoma City before heading to California. Casey has a bachelor of political studies and environmental science from the University of Vermont (1978) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1983). Interesting lesser-known fact: Before coming to Oklahoma, Casey was a planner for the city of Dilworth in Minnesota for two years.

**William Kyle Keahey**
Kyle has over 30 years of urban transportation experience within Texas and throughout the nation. He has managed the design of transit and transportation projects that have led to more than $6 billion in actual infrastructure investments. An HNTB vice-president since 2007, Kyle is responsible for the strategic direction of all firm transit programs. He was previously in a similar position with Parsons for 11 years. Before entering consulting, Kyle was a transit planner for Texas’ two largest cities. He was manager of environmental planning for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority and senior environmental transportation planner for Houston Metro. Kyle has a bachelor of environmental sciences from the University of Denver (1981) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1983). Interesting lesser-known fact: He was a high school all-american in baseball and started college as a French Horn performance major.
Sooner Planners: 1983

Diane Scullion Fernandez
Diane has been a senior planner in the land development division of the Tulsa Area Metropolitan Planning Commission since 2000. She is responsible for coordinating the subdivision process, chairing technical advisory committee meetings, conducting board training sessions and updating development regulations. She has also served as staff to the Tulsa Board of Adjustment. Previously she was city planner and planning director of the city of Sand Springs from 1991 to 2000 and city planner for the city of Jenks from 1984 to 1991. She has also served as an interim city planner for the Oklahoma cities of Broken Arrow, Glenpool and Collinsville. Diane has a bachelor of geography and urban studies from Montclair State College in New Jersey (1980) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1983). Interesting lesser-known fact: Diane teaches religious education to 6th graders at her Owasso church.

William Roland Harris
Bill has been with the Lawton Indian Hospital since 1991 and is currently informational technologist supervisor. Previously he was a planner with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce from 1989 to 1991, a planner with the city of Lawton from 1988 to 1989, a planner with the State of Alabama Highway Department in 1987, with the Comanche Nation’s Tax Commission department from 1986 to 1987 and a transportation planner with the south Texas city of Brownsville from 1984 to 1986. Bill was also an active and reserve member of the US Army from 1976 to 1990. He got out as a Captain. Bill has a bachelor of history from Cameron University (1976) and master of regional and city planning (1983) and master of public administration (1986) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Bill is a member of the Comanche Nation and his late uncle Forrest was a Comanche Nation Code Talker during WWII and honored in Washington DC in 2013.

Donna Lynn Harvey
Donna has been a Tulsa-based self-employed grant writer since 2012. Previously she was a development associate with Youth Services of Tulsa from 2011 to 2012, planner and asset manager with the housing and community development department of the city of Tulsa from 1999 to 2011, senior planner with the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation from 1997 to 1999, regional planner with the Indian Nation Council of Governments from 1990 to 1994 and fiscal analyst for the natural resources subcommittee of the Oklahoma State Senate from 1988 to 1990. Donna has a bachelor of applied sociology from Oklahoma City University (1980) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1983). Interesting lesser-known fact: At OCU, Donna was named Outstanding Senior Woman and at OU she was selected president of her second year class.
**Roberta Marie Brazell Preston**

Roberta has over 23 years of experience as a master planner for the US Department of Defense (Army, Air Force and Navy). Since 2005, she has been assistant chief of staff for Installation Management for the US Army at the Pentagon and from 1997 to 2002 she was a project manager for the US Air Force. Bases where she has been responsible for facility policy and housing and construction programs include Naval Base Guam, Naval Base Sicily, Warner Barracks Bamberg, Bolling AFB Washington, Altus AFB and Fort Sill. Her first job in 1984 after graduation was as the city administrator for the city of McCloud. Roberta has a bachelor of geography (1981) and master of regional and city planning (1983) from the University of Oklahoma and master of public administration from American University (2009). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Randall Eugene Grant**

Randy has served in just about every position in the Scottsdale planning department during his 25 years with the city. He has been planning administrator, chief planning officer, current planner and environmental manager. Except for a five year period when he left to open his own consulting firm, he has been with Scottsdale since 1986. As chief planning officer and zoning administrator, he directed both current and advance planning. His current responsibilities as planning, neighborhoods and transportation administrator include overseeing long-range planning, current planning, development services, permitting, inspections, code enforcement and transportation planning. After graduating from OU, Randy worked for the city of Norman for two years. He has a bachelor of environmental science from Northeast Missouri State University (1979) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Solomon Teferra**

Solomon was a planner leader in the housing and community development department with the city of Houston from 1985 to 2011. Solomon has a bachelor of environmental design (1977) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1983). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Samuel Dennis
Sam has been a senior planner with the Hillsborough County Planning Commission in Tampa since 1984. He is on the planning team that serves the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City. Sam is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Sam has a bachelor of arts (1981) and master of regional and city planning (1983) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Sam is originally from Ghana.
Sooner Planners: 1984

Nyambi Akpet Nyambi
Nyambi has been chief technology officer for the District of Columbia Office of Zoning for 15 years. Previously he was deputy director of planning and information technology with the National Capital Planning Commission. Earlier Nyambi worked in Houston as an architect and in Dallas as a DART station area planner. He is a member of AICP and Lambda Alpha International, the honorary society for the advancement of land economics. He chairs the Cross River State Committee of the Maryland Sister States Program, a charitable organization which promotes international relations between Nigeria and Maryland. Nyambi has a bachelor of both architecture and environmental design (1981) and master of regional and city planning (1984) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Nyambi’s wife, daughter and brother all graduated from OU and his son, who was born in Norman, is an actor on the hit CBS TV show ‘Mike & Molly’ and now working on an online master’s degree from OU.

Melinda Joy Coleman
Melinda is assistant city manager and community development director for the Minneapolis-St. Paul suburb of Maplewood. In her current position, she is responsible for planning, economic development, environmental protection, building inspections and communications. Except for three years as senior real estate development manager for Target Corporation, Melinda has spent most of her 30-year career as a city planner and city administrator for the Minnesota communities of Maplewood (12 years), North Oaks (5 years) and Anoka (9 years). While with Target, she was responsible for locating new store sites, including one in Hawaii, and acquiring development approvals. Melinda has a bachelor of arts (1982) and master of regional and city planning (1984) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: At the 2014 Minnesota City-County Management Association conference, she led a session on “Placemaking as if people matter.”

Rafeek Naim Shanaa
Ray has served as planning director of the central Texas city of Killeen since 2009. During that time, he has prepared the city’s first comprehensive plan, improved development standards and promoted downtown revitalization. Previously Ray was planning director for two other central Texas cities, the city of Harker Heights from 2001 to 2009 and the city of Bryan from 1993 to 2000. He started his career in Oklahoma where he wrote the first comprehensive and health plan for the Chickasaw Nation. Ray is a member of AICP, City Planners' Association of Texas and Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society. He has a bachelor of biology (1982) and master of regional and city planning (1984) from OU and a doctorate in urban and regional science from Texas A&M (1988). Interesting lesser-known fact: While in Bryan, Ray implemented the first zoning code and wrote the first comprehensive plan for the city.
Sooner Planners: 1984

Ambe Jonathan Njoh
Ambe is a professor of urban and regional planning at the University of South Florida Tampa. At USF, he has held several posts, including faculty senate chair and director of the political science program. Currently, he is director of the urban and regional planning program in the School of Public Affairs. He has served as consultant to the UN, Research Council of Norway and Volkswagen Foundation and chaired the Cameroon Society of Engineers USA. Before joining USF in 1994, he was transit planning manager for Florida Department of Transportation. Ambe has a diploma in civil engineering (1980) from the School of Public Works in Cameroon, bachelor of environmental design (1983) and master of regional and city planning (1984) from OU, master of international affairs (1990) from FSU and doctorate in planning (1990) from the University of London. Interesting lesser-known fact: Through the US State Department, Ambe has conducted planning workshops in his native Cameroon.

Ronald Lee Quarles
Ron has served as a planner for nine cities and counties during his 30 year career. He is currently community development director for the western Colorado city of Palisade known for its orchards and vineyards. Previously, Ron was with the western slope Colorado county of Mesa from 2008 to 2014 and New Mexico city of Santa Fe from 2000 to 2006. Between Mesa County and Santa Fe, he returned briefly to Texas as a senior planner for the Austin suburb of Pflugerville. Earlier in his career Ron served five other Texas cities – Abilene, Arlington, Bryan, Waco and Harker Heights. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Ron has a bachelor of arts in political science from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany (1982) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1984). Interesting lesser-known fact: Ron is married to another planner, Diane, who turned to frit painting and fused glass realism 2D artwork.

Madeline Whitlow Chaney
Madeline is the permitting czar of the Pacific Northwest. As a representative of Seattle-based Odelia Pacific Corporation, she assists clients in securing development permits relating to real estate acquisitions, land use planning, construction management, property management and antenna site management. Before moving to Seattle, Madeline was an associate planner for the city of Shawnee and a planner with Burns & McDonald, an engineering design firm based in Kansas City. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Madeline has a bachelor of arts (1981) and master of regional and city planning (1984) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1984

**Kenneth Frederick Schnell**
Ken is the public works director for the Florida panhandle county of Bay. He is chair of the Emerald Coast Branch of the American Public Works Association. From 1986 to 1990, Ken was a senior airman in the US Air Force. Ken has a bachelor of civil engineering (1981) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1984). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Lateef Sholebo**
Lateef is currently with Sparklight Property Development Company, a Nigerian-based indigenous firm of real estate developers and managers involved in the provision of affordable residential and commercial properties. Previously he was a principal planner with the city of Los Angeles from 1989 to 2012 where he was involved in zoning and subdivision approvals and the preparation and implementation of sector plans, including the Hollywood plan, Wilshire Plan and West Adams-Baldwin Hills plan. He is also on the Board of Directors for Brian Integrated System. Lateef has a bachelor of business administration from Tennessee State University (1981) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1984). For his work with Los Angeles, Lateef was awarded the "Community Service Award" by the Urban Regional Block Association Network.

**Ronald Eugene McWhirter**
Ron has established a dual career for himself as both a professional planner and a political pundit. Since 1996, he has been chief planner with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. As such his primary role is to participate in the regulation of Oklahoma's tourism industry and promotion of the state as a tourist destination. However, Ron’s other passion is for his “Oklahoma Constitution,” a conservative news and opinion website that he started with some like-minded friends following the elections of 1978 when the Democrats dominated both National and Oklahoma politics. Ron has a bachelor of environmental design (1975) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1984). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Audrey Yvonne Davis
Audrey is deputy director of the US Air Force staff headquarters in Washington DC. She began her Federal career as a presidential management intern with the US Army where she trained and gained experience as a computer programmer analyst. After completing her internship in 1987, she accepted a computer security specialist position with the US Department of State, establishing the department's computer Security Test Facility and serving as its program manager. She has held a variety of information technology positions within the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, culminating as chief information officer and director of information and technology. Audrey has a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma State University (1983) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1985). Interesting lesser-known fact: Audrey entered the private sector in 1990 focusing on computer system development but returned to public service in 1992.

Saeid Shantiyai
Saeid is principal and co-owner of LA Design Group, a full-service Los Angeles-based consulting firm that provides services including architectural design, master planning, feasibility studies, interior design, planning and programming. Prior to opening his own firm, he was with four leading Los Angeles design firms over a 25 year period, including as an associate/project director for MCG Architecture for ten years, senior project manager for The Luckman Partnership for two years, senior project manager for Pearlman Architects for one year, principal for Design Concepts for eight years and project manager for Racis & Gould Architects for four years. Saeid is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and International Society of City and Regional Planners. He has a bachelor of architecture (1982) and master of regional and city planning (1985) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

James Culbertson Collard
Jim has been director of planning and economic development for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation since 2008. He will also become a professor of practice in the OU planning program in the Fall of 2014. Previously he served as city manager for the cities of Shawnee and O’Fallon, Missouri and Brush, Colorado from 2004 to 2008. Jim was general manager and director of technology for Environmental Management Corporation, an environmental services firm from 1998 to 2003. He has traveled extensively including accompanying the Missouri Governor on a trade mission to Asia. Jim currently serves as chair of the Oklahoma Governor's International Team. He has a bachelor of arts (1978), master of public administration (1984) and master of regional and city planning (1985) from the University of Oklahoma and doctorate in political science (2006) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Interesting lesser-known facts: Jim enjoys motorcycles and attending the New York Opera.
Sooner Planners: 1985

**David Warren Hafley**
David is a vice-president in the Lexington office of Parsons Brinkerhoff and has been with the firm for 20 years. Previously, he was associate executive director of PWC, a company that provides home repair, energy conservation, disability improvements and emergency services to over 500 at-risk clients in a three-state area. Before that, David was a planning team leader with Woolpert Associates for five years where he was responsible for business development, staffing, project deliverables, budget and margin attainment for community development and planning consulting practice. Dave has a bachelors in urban and regional planning from Northern Michigan University (1978) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact: Most recently, he has managed a $20 Million turnkey services contract for the Beckley Intermodal Gateway, a multiphase mixed use transportation center in the heart of Beckley, West Virginia.

**Margaret Brewer Saracco**
Margaret has been an administrator with The Chart Group in New York City since 1985. The firm is a large merchant banking firm with a global network of strategic and limited partners that provide investment advice and capital access to corporate clients. Previously she was with a nonprofit fundraising firm in New York. Margaret also spent several years in the Sultancy of Oman when her then husband, Kotaro Fuse, was on an assignment for the United Nations. She started out as a planner with the city of Norman working with Linda Price. Margaret has a bachelor of economics from Oklahoma State University (1983) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1985). Interesting lesser-known fact: She graduated from Bishop McGinness high school in Oklahoma City in 1978.

**Winifred Lambert Ryan**
Winnie is an independent consultant whose specialties are the social impacts of fishery management on three species: striped bass, river herring and Atlantic menhaden. Previously, she was a program manager with Integrated Marketing Solutions Group and an economic assistant and assistant research scientist at the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences. Winnie has a bachelor of earth science from Keene State College in New Hampshire (1978), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1985), master of anthropology form the University of Colorado Denver (1992) and doctorate in marine science from the College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (2003). Interesting lesser-known fact: Winnie was the first individual to develop a vulnerability matrix for fishing communities that measured both physical and social factors.
Sooner Planners: 1986

Matthew James Osborn
Matt has served as community development planner for the Vermont town of Hartford (White River Junction) since 1997. He also serves on the board of directors of Advance Transit, a local transportation provider. Matt has served on the executive committee of the Vermont Planners Association. He began his career with North Country Council, a regional planning commission in northern New Hampshire. Matt also has worked for the town of Frisco and Mesa County in Colorado. He is a member of AICP. Matt has a bachelor of arts in history from Westfield State College (Massachusetts) (1984) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact: Matt is an avid bike commuter and spends much of his spare time outdoors with his family, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and gardening.

Bobby Hal Ray
Bobby is currently a principal planner for the city of Rockville, Maryland where he is responsible for coordinating the city’s development review process. Following graduation from OU, Bobby moved to Southern California where he spent the next 13 years working for the cities of San Diego, Glendale, Pasadena, Manhattan Beach and Santa Monica. Returning to his native Texas in 2002 he worked for the city of Georgetown as chief development planner and later as the planning director. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Bobby has a bachelor of arts in sociology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University (1984) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Bijan Shapoorian
Bijan’s career has revolved around building design and construction management and neighborhood development and education on the Delmarva Peninsula. As director of construction management for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore at Shady Grove, he manages an internship program that gives students "hands-on" training with a local construction company. Bijan also serves as faculty advisor to the National Capital chapter of the Construction Management Association of America. He was a luxury home builder and developer who built 163 homes through his company, Homes by Bijan. Bijan was also the first builder to use an auction to move home sales. He is a LEED Green Associate. Bijan has bachelors of both architecture and environmental design (1981) and master of regional and city planning (1986) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: In 2013, Bijan was honored by the Universities at Shady Grove with the "Steve Purcell Sustainability Award."
Sooner Planners: 1986

**Laura Patricia Griggs**
Laura is currently between jobs and living in Ardmore. Previously she was development services director for the city of Ardmore from 2008 to 2012, community development director for the Florida city of Leesburg from 2001 to 2006, assistant planning director of the Missouri city of Chesterfield from 1991 to 2000 and planner for the Florida county of St. Lucie from 1987 to 1991. She also worked as a student intern for the city of Oklahoma City from 1984 to 1987. Laura has an associate of arts from Kaskaskia Community College (1980), bachelor of interior design and urban planning from Southern Illinois University (1984) and coursework towards a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1987). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Robert Stephen Reed**
Bob was an associate planner for the southwestern Missouri city of Springfield. He then became the owner of Reed’s Communication Service, a freelance writing and editing firm that specializes in nonfiction articles, software and hardware user manuals. Bob has a bachelor of arts from (1984) and master of regional and city planning (1986) from the University of Oklahoma and master of writing from Missouri State University (2007). He also received a second masters degree in technical writing. Interesting lesser-known fact: In 2009, he had an article published in the journal Zoning and Planning Law Review. The article was a shortened version of a book he wrote entitled, "Laws for Laymen," which is a guide to writing government regulations.

**Jason A. Simmons**
Jason headed for the Sunshine State immediately after graduation. Since 1991, he has served as a planner for the Florida university city of Gainesville. Previously he was a planner for the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council in Gainesville from 1987 to 1991. Jason has a bachelor of geography from Oklahoma State University (1983) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1986

**Julie Gay Black Sanders**
Julie is currently community coordinator for Smart Start Stephens County, which supports the community by hosting events such as free baby showers for expectant families and families with infants up to age one. Previously, she was special projects coordinator for the Oklahoma Parents Center from 2012 to 2013, co-owner of Community Planning Services in Marlow, executive director of the non-profit Fort Sill and Southwest Oklahoma Community Partnership Council from 2010 to 2011, program manager for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation from 2008 to 2010 and comprehensive planner for the city of Lawton from 2000 to 2008. Julie has a bachelor of sociology from Cameron University (1984) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Jonathan Leslie Purvis**
Jon has been a planner, researcher, planner III and program coordinator for the city and county of San Francisco since 1992. He is currently involved in administering the city's general advertising sign program. This includes the building and maintenance of a city-wide inventory of general advertising signs, correcting outstanding code violations, removing unlawful signs and facilitating the location of existing lawful signs. Jon has a bachelor of geography (1983) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1986). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1987

Christopher Amba Ndifon
Chris is a land use planner for the city of Seattle. Previously, he was also a planner for the Puget Sound cities of Lake Forest Park and Renton. Chris is also an appointed member of the parks and recreation board in his hometown of Burien. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Pacific Northwest African Chamber of Commerce and Blacks In Government. Chris has a bachelor of arts from Eastern Washington University (1982) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1987). He is currently working on a doctorate in public policy from Walden University in Minnesota. Interesting lesser-known fact: Chris was involved in Seattle’s International Sister City program and was on a committee that planned and coordinated a visit by a Nigerian government delegation to attend an economic and technology summit in Seattle in 2009.

David Anthony Knopick
Dave’s 27-year career has been spent mostly in the Kansas City metro area. Currently principal of his own firm, dPlanit, Dave was previously with a multidisciplinary design firm, Gould Evans, where he marketed and delivered planning and design services to a national clientele. During that time, Dave was consultant team manager for the Kansas City FOCUS Plan which won the 1997 “APA National Outstanding Plan award.” Dave has also served as director of community development for the city of Lenexa, Kansas; as senior planner for Wichita-Sedgwick County, Kansas and as associate planner for Pocatello, Idaho. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Dave has a bachelor of arts in recreation and parks administration (1983) and master of regional and city planning (1987) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Dave started graduate school at Texas A&M prior to being advised by professor David Pugh to pursue his planning degree at OU.

Amba Imo Okim
Joe is president of Atlanta-based InterNodal Concepts. Since he started with the firm in 1999, he has held just about every position, including planner/estimator, architect, design consultant, grants consultant, field engineer and construction manager. Previously he was a senior program manager and construction manager with H. J. Russell & Company in Atlanta from 1995 to 1997; and senior planner, architect, urban designer and flood plain administrator with the Albany/Dougherty County Planning Commission from 1989 to 1995. He is president of the Ekoi Association of North America and secretary of the African-Caribbean Association. Joe has a bachelor of environmental design (1983), bachelor of architecture (1985) and master of regional and city planning (1987) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Joe is originally from Nigeria.
Sooner Planners: 1987

Yousif Jamil Barzak
Yousif is a contracting classification specialist with the Department of Economic Development in Abu Dhabi, the capital and second most populous city in the United Arab Emirates and also capital of the largest of the UAE's seven member emirates. As such he issues the rules and regulations and classifies contractors and consultants who want to do business with the government. Yousif has a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1987). Interesting lesser-known fact:

John Martin Sharp
John is a program coordinator for transportation and planning services with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. John has also taught a course on computer mapping and GIS in planning in the OU RCPL program. John has a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1987). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Paul Wayne Castro
Paul has been rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous for over 20 years. As zoning administrator for the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, one of the nation’s wealthiest communities, he has had the unique experience of having to deal with the zoning and development issues of families with last names like Trump, Kennedy and Buffett. Politics is also a family affair in the Castro family. In his hometown of Lake Park, Paul is a former city commissioner and mayor, and his wife, Kim, also a planner, is the current vice-mayor. He is also a member of the Palm Beach League of Cities and the American Institute of Certified Planners. Paul has a bachelor of arts (1984) and master of regional and city planning (1988) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: When OU played Florida for the national football championship in Miami in 2009, Paul hosted a party in his home to celebrate. Unfortunately, most of his guests were Gator fans and OU lost 24-14.

James J. Colantonio
Jim co-founded Coler & Colantonio, a Boston-based international engineering firm over 25 years ago. The firm has 175 people in eight offices in five states and annual billings of over $24 million. Jim has managed a diverse range of projects in Venezuela, Peru, Poland, Romania and Kenya. In Kenya, he developed a plan for locating water and sanitation facilities near Lake Victoria and a plan for utilizing bio-mass as an energy source for treating wastewater in Nairobi. In Peru, he developed a plan for piping ethanol across the Andes. He also managed a major study of water quality in central Oklahoma which focused on treating wastewater to drinkable standards. Jim has a bachelor of civil engineering from Villanova University (1968), master of business administration from Northeastern University (1973) and completed coursework in regional and city planning at the University of Oklahoma (1988). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jim’s firm was acquired by CHA Consulting in 2012.

Rowena Laura Yeahquo
Rowena is an independent contractor and assists tribes with tribal planning, transportation planning, grant writing and hazard mitigation plans. While working with the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, she prepared grant applications and developed a master plan for a Tribal Justice Center and hazard mitigation plan. Rowena has also served as the master planner for the Oklahoma National Guard since 2012. Previously, as a consultant with PAIKI, she developed 22 tribal long-range transportation plans in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Rowena has also served as a planner for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Oklahoma Department of Transportation. She was also community development director for the Oklahoma city of Piedmont. She has a bachelor of environmental design (1988) and master of regional and city planning (1999) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Rowena is a member of the Kiowa and Comanche Tribes of Oklahoma.
Sooner Planners: 1989

**Julie Ann Wackler Maher**
Julie has been executive director of the Ardmore Beautification Council since 2013. The ABC was formed in 1989 as a chamber of commerce committee and became a private, non-profit, operator foundation in 1997. It has since grown into an organization leading the way for local and state beautification, working through a board of trustees, committee members and host of community volunteers. Previously Julie was a planner with the city of Ardmore from 1994 to 2000 and a planner for a city in Florida from 1989 to 1994. Julie has a bachelor of arts (1987) and master of regional and city planning (1989) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: After moving back to Ardmore from Florida, Julie married Sean Maher and continued working as a planner for the city of Ardmore until resigning to be a "stay at home mother."

**Pamela L. Balfour-Grice Hayhow**
Pam is a senior planner with Johnson County in Kansas with over 25 years of experience. Upon the advice of professor Goins, she moved to the rapidly-growing Kansas City area to begin her career in urban planning. Her first position was as a planner for the city of Olathe. On her combined city and county journey she has processed thousands of applications for rezoning, platting, development plan updates, design guidelines, zoning and subdivision ordinance revisions, and worked with numerous citizens, architects, engineers, and planners, attorneys and students. Pam has a bachelor of architecture (1985) and master of regional and city planning (1989) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: As a former Oklahoma state champion shot putter, she is committed to staying active and aspires to lead a “walking school bus.”

**Stephen Brant Rhodes**
Steve has been an urban redevelopment specialist in charge of grant compliance and financial management for the city of Oklahoma City since 2008. In that position he is responsible for providing program and fiscal administration services to the Mayor, city council, city manager and granting organizations relating to the receipt and disbursement of grant and loan funds in compliance with relevant rules and regulations. Steve also was a long range planner for the city for ten years working primarily with aging commercial districts, such as the Stockyards, Capitol Hill and Eastside Capital Gateway Main Street programs. Steve has a bachelor of arts (1986) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1989). Interesting lesser-known fact: As a graduate student, he conducted an architectural survey of Norman with professor Selland.
Sooner Planners: 1989

Carole Jo Lechevin Walta
Carole is a LEED-certified landscape planner/architect with over 20 years experience. After a few years with the Benham Group in Oklahoma City, she moved to the Kansas City area and held positions as a landscape architect and senior project manager with Gould Evans and Patti Banks Associates. Eventually she opened her own firm, Site Line, and then joined Sustainable Environmental Consultants as a regional sales representative. Carole serves as a member of the Sustainable Infrastructure Committee of the local APWA chapter, Leawood Stormwater Management Committee, Downtown Council of Kansas City and US Green Building Council. She has a bachelor in landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University (1986) and master of regional and city planning (1989) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Carol was involved in the landscape design of the Sprint World Headquarters, the largest building project in the world at the time.

Gregory Carter Bazhaw
Greg has been a planner and GIS administrator for Santa Clara County since 1990. He also is the GIS administrator for the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency. Greg is a board member of the Bay Area Automated Mapping Association and newsletter editor for the Santa Clara County planning office. He has a bachelor of science in natural resources planning from Humboldt State (1986) and master of regional and city planning (1989) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Greg is an avid snowboarder.

Patricia Ann Coon Pojezny
Patti is a member of the Board of licenses alcohol and drug counselors. Patti has a bachelor of arts (1971) and master of regional and city planning (1989) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Patti and her father, Ed Coon, and brother, Bryan, started Coon Engineering in 1984. The firm specialized in civil engineering, surveying and land planning.
Sooner Planners: 1990

**Adriana Maria D’Elias-Briceño**
Adriana is a high ranking Venezuelan government official. Since 2008, she has been secretary general of the Bolivarian Republic of Miranda. Previously she served as planning director of the national capital of Caracas, planning director of the Ministry of Transport and Communication, director of the Land Registry and director general of the municipality of Baruta. She also teaches courses at Simon Bolivar University in Caracas. Adriana has a bachelors degree from Simon Bolivar University (1986) and master of regional and city planning with specialization in transportation and urban economics from the University of Oklahoma (1990). She also studied zoning at the Central University of Venezuela in Caracas. Interesting lesser-known fact: Adriana is next in line to assume the governorship of the state of Miranda.

**Amanda Mignon Paliotta**
Amanda has worked for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education since 2007. She serves as vice chancellor for budget and finance, information technology, telecommunications and OneNet. Previously she was chief policy advisor for the Oklahoma State Senate where she formed public policy on education, transportation, capital needs and bond refinancing and ensured that the final state budget complied with all statutory requirements. Before that she was in various positions with the Senate, including fiscal director, assistant fiscal director and fiscal analyst. Between positions with the State Senate and State Regents, she was a consultant for the Oklahoma Health Center Foundation and Oklahoma City Medical Business District. Amanda has a bachelors in political science (1988) and master of regional and city planning (1990) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Her first paying job was working in her grandfather’s cotton fields every summer.

**Livinus Ozoemena Nwosu**
Livinus career has been in retailing in the Washington DC/Maryland area. He has been an internal auditor and night manager for the International Hotels Group since 2007. Previously Lavinus was a business manager for Adiz Ultimate Business Services from 2009 to 2013, sales manager for Macy’s department store from 1998 to 2009 and department team leader for Target from 1996 to 1997. Livinus has an associate degree in engineering and industrial management from Symbiosis International University in India (1981) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1990). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1990

Bernard Baker Kopp
Bud joined the California resort city of Rancho Mirage as a senior planner in 2007 and has since been promoted to planning manager. During that time he has worked on a number of projects, including an affordable housing plan and multiple species habitat conservation plan. He is also staff liaison to the city’s Historic Preservation Commission. Previously, Bud was a senior planner for the nearby city of Cathedral City for three years; a planner with Quad-Knopf, a Visalia consulting firm; and a city planner for the San Joaquin Valley city of Wasco for six years. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Bud has a bachelor of arts (1988) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1990). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1991

**Susan Elaine Roth**
Susan is principal of her own New York-based consulting firm, Hudson Valley Planning and Preservation. In addition to providing basic planning and zoning services, her firm specializes in historic preservation, environmental assessment and economic revitalization. Before opening her firm, Susan spent 12 years with two New York consulting firms, AKRF and Turner/Genslaw, drafting environmental impact statements, zoning ordinances, design guidelines, historic architectural surveys and master plans for New York municipalities. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Susan has a bachelor of fine arts (1989) and master of regional and city planning (1991) from the University of Oklahoma and master of business administration (2010) from the University of Phoenix. Interesting lesser-known fact: Susan has a special interest in organic gardening, natural health and green technology.

**Roland Earl Thompson**
Roland currently works for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Honolulu as a project scheduler and estimator. Previously he held positions with the US Bureau of Land Management as an engineering technician, survey technician and planning specialist; the Hawaii Department of Health as the state groundwater protection planner; the Hawaii Department of Transportation as a CAD and GIS technician and the US Naval Construction Force as an engineering surveyor and soils and materials tester. Roland has a bachelor of arts (1987) and master of regional and city planning (1991) from the University of Oklahoma and coursework toward a doctorate in urban and regional planning from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. Interesting lesser-known fact: Roland is mainly interested in energy-related studies and the subject of his OU thesis was “Community Energy Planning and Characteristics of Residential Energy Consumption in Oklahoma Cities.”

**Lanc Alan Gross**
Lanc has been a senior planner with the city of Oklahoma City since 1991. He has been involved in bicycle/recreation planning, comprehensive plan development and zoning/code administration for Oklahoma City. Lanc was a planner with the city of Las Vegas from 1990 to 1991 where he assisted with the creation of the comprehensive plan. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Lanc has a bachelor of science in landscape architecture and horticulture from Oklahoma State University (1986) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1991). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1992

**Patricia Lynn Dornbusch**

Patty is with the Portland office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. As recovery coordinator, she is in charge of developing plans and habitat mitigation programs for Endangered Species Act-listed salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River basin. Patty joined NOAA in the mid-1990s in its coastal programs division in Washington DC where she focused on conservation of coastal resources in US Pacific Island territories. She is on the board of directors of the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership. Patty has a bachelor of arts from the University of Pennsylvania (1980) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1992). She was also an OU Press editor. Interesting lesser-known fact: Patty enjoys biking and running and has participated in the Columbus half-marathon, Portland Shamrock Run and Portland Bike Commute Challenge. She loves mountains and heads there whenever possible for skiing and hiking.

**Brian Todd Hunt**

Brian has been real estate development manager for Cherokee Nation Businesses since 2014. Previously he was executive director of Stand for Children Oklahoma, regional director for a national commercial real estate data firm, vice-president of sales and leasing for CBRE and director of industrial redevelopment (brownfields) for the Tulsa Industrial Authority. Brian began his career as assistant director at the Tulsa Regional Chamber conducting demographic analyses of site locations and school attendance boundaries. In 2008 he was elected to the Tulsa Public School Board and as president oversaw a school consolidation and efficiency initiative. Brian enjoys community service and has also served on the board of directors for Goodwill Industries and Small Business Capital Corporation. He has a bachelor of arts (1990) and master of regional and city planning (1992) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Brian was the Tulsa NAIOP Member of the Year in both 2005 and 2007.

**Trudy Morris Bloodworth**

Trudy is a Nashville-based family law attorney. She specializes in divorces, child custody matters, order of protection cases, child support petitions, criminal and civil contempt matters, adoptions and appeals. She also handles criminal law cases, including felonies and misdemeanors in General Sessions Court and Criminal Court, probation violations and appeals. Before opening her own office 13 years ago, she served as a public defender for two years handling General Sessions and Criminal Court cases and appeals for indigent individuals charged with serious criminal offenses in the 21st Tennessee Judicial District. She is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association. Trudy has a bachelor of public administration (1990) and master of regional and city planning (1994) from the University of Oklahoma and a law degree from the Nashville School of Law (1999). Interesting lesser-known fact: In her spare time, Trudy enjoys travelling, charity work, running and college football.
Belinda Williams-Collins
Belinda has been a senior planner with the central Florida city of Deland since 2009. Previously she was a principal planner with the nearby city of Daytona Beach for 15 years. Belinda is particularly experienced in land use planning, comprehensive planning, historic preservation, downtown and community development. She is also on the leadership team for Houston-based Sustainable Solutions. Originally from Tulsa, Belinda initially worked with the consulting firm Oschner Hare & Hare in Kansas City. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, American Institute of Landscape Architects and Florida Planning and Zoning Association. Belinda has a bachelor of landscape architecture form Oklahoma State University (1990) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1992). Interesting lesser-known fact: She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first sorority established by African-American college women.

Grant Duncan Wilson
Grant has been an environmental planner with LSA Associates in the southern California city of Palm Springs since 2005. He currently manages the EIR/EIS process for a key segment of the new California High Speed Rail project. Previously he was with the Bay Area city of San Bruno for ten years where he was involved with regional shopping mall regeneration, a new Bay Area Rapid Transit station on the San Francisco International Airport extension and the YouTube corporate headquarters (with one of the first grass roofs in the country). While at OU, he assisted with preservation surveys through the Design Research Center and worked as Purcell’s first Main Street Program manager. Grant has a bachelor of arts (1987) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1992). Interesting lesser-known fact: Grant and his husband provide foster care for the threatened desert tortoise.

Virginia Gail Owens
Ginny has served as a program specialist for the Texas Historical Commission in Austin since 2008. Her role with the THC has been primarily with the Texas Main Street and Certified Local Governments Program. Previously she was a librarian with the Victoria Public Library system from 2004 to 2008, senior planner with the Texas city of Abilene from 1997 to 2004, senior planner with the Kansas city of Leavenworth from 1995 to 1997, planner with the Central Oklahoma Economic District from 1993 to 1995 and planning technician with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department from 1992 to 1993. Ginny has a bachelor of geography (1990) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1992) and master of library science from Texas Women’s University. Interesting lesser-known fact: She is also administrator of the Texas Treasures Business Award.
Roger Duncan Empie
Roger has been a senior project manager for the US Customs and Border Protection since 2007. In that position he manages major construction programs along the south Texas border and CBP project budgets, including performance of lifecycle cost analysis and allocation of resources. Roger is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and certified by the US Department of Homeland Security as a contracting officer technical representative and construction contract administrator. Roger has a bachelor of architecture (1990) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1992). He also has a bachelor of business planning and community development form the University of Denver (1977) and an associate of applied engineering from Red Rocks Community College (1985). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Edward Glen Painter
Ed is a licensed professional land surveyor with Lemke Land Surveyors in Norman. Previously he was with Cardinal Engineering and Marco Consultants. Ed has provided surveys for a diverse group of clients including civil engineers, developers, architects and Native American Indian Tribes. He has expertise as a CAD Draftsman utilizing MicroStation Design software. Ed has a bachelor of arts in environmental design (1986) and master of regional and city planning with a specialty in environmental planning (1992) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Ed grew up working in a family consulting engineering business. His father Pat was one of the earliest city planners in the state of Oklahoma and the first director of the city of Oklahoma City planning department.

Sandra Kay Truitt Goldberg
Sandra has been a business development program coordinator for Ellucian in northern Virginia since 2008. Ellucian is the leading independent software and services provider for higher education institutions. From 1992 to 1995 she worked with various local government planning agencies in Illinois and Michigan. From 1995 to 2002 she worked with the Broward County School District in Fort Lauderdale conducting new school location planning studies and property acquisitions. Sandra has a bachelor of environmental design (1990) and master of regional and city planning (1992) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Sandra is an avid wildlife and domestic animal rescue advocate and organized fundraising events for the SPCA in Fort Lauderdale.
Sooner Planners: 1993

**Sean Suresh Anantha Narayanan**
Sean has over 20 years’ experience in international internet technology and management consulting. He has served as executive vice president of the iGate Corporation, vice president and global practice head of Cognizant’s IT Infrastructure Services and eBusiness practice, executive vice-president and chief delivery officer and member of the executive Committee at Patni Computer Systems Limited, senior associate for the international management firm of Booz-Allen-Hamilton and as an IT strategist for both US government agencies and commercial firms. Sean started his career setting up GIS systems in Oklahoma. He has a bachelor of architecture from the Regional Engineering College in India (1990) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1993). Interesting lesser-known fact: Sean is a regular speaker at seminars and conferences and has been widely quoted in the international media.

**Michael Alan Southard**
Mike's career has evolved from city planning to economic development. He is president and CEO of the Ada Jobs Foundation and Ada Area Chamber of Commerce. Previously he was community development director for Shawnee and Muskogee and a planner for Oklahoma City. Mike has held national and statewide offices in AICP, APA, Southern Economic Development Council, Oklahoma Professionals Economic Development Council, Oklahoma Southeast and Governor’s Economic Development Team. As a former AICP commissioner, he is the only Oklahoma-based planner ever elected to national office. Mike has a bachelor of public affairs and administration (1991) and master of regional and city planning (1993) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Under Mike’s direction, Shawnee adopted one of the first rehab codes in the country and Muskogee passed the first modern manufactured housing code in Oklahoma.

**Theresa Marie Coffman Rodriguez**
Theresa was an adjunct professor in the OU RCPL program during the 1990s and a key contributor to the Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment program in the College of Arts and Sciences from 2003 to 2012. Her teaching allowed her to explore and share her knowledge of environmental issues. Theresa developed and taught courses in health and the environment; food and the environment; energy use and climate change; and sprawl and environmentally-conscious living. She died of cancer in Norman in 2013 at the age of xx. Theresa had a bachelor of arts (1983), master of environmental science (1992) and master of regional and city planning (1993) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Theresa was a committed environmentalist and loved nature and proud of her efforts to raise respect, awareness and passion for the world and instill in her students mankind’s role as stewards of the earth.
Ann Elizabeth Vandiver Pai
Ann is a professional writer, author, poet, editor, publisher and communicator. She has written more than 100 software instruction manuals, searchable online references and short instructional pieces. Ann has read poetry before audiences in Ann Arbor, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Brescia, Italy. She lived and worked in Italy (as a live-in babysitter, translation proofreader and English tutor) and in Russia (where she assisted in planning the first Russian city designed on free-enterprise principles. Ann has also been a senior technical writer for TouchNet Information Systems and an independent publisher with Sunspot press. She is the author of the award-winning book; “My Other Body: a memoir of love, fat, life and death.” Ann has a bachelor of English literature (1991) and master of regional and city planning (1993) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: She is a member of and women's liaison for the Earth Riders Mountain Bike Club.

Gregory Lee Lankford
Greg is currently a financial representative for the Redbud Financial Group in Oklahoma City. He also has 30 years of service (and counting) in the Oklahoma National Guard. Greg is a colonel and commanded a battalion of 425 soldiers during Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. From 1994 to 2007, Greg also has extensive experience working in advertising and marketing for a wide range of companies spanning from systems integration firms to technology resellers. Greg has a bachelor of fine arts (1990) from Southwest Oklahoma State University, master of regional and city planning (1993) from the University of Oklahoma and master of strategic studies (2013) from the US Army War College. Interesting lesser-known fact: He enjoys tinkering with old cars showing his 1956 Corvette, participating in Jeep club events and off-roading excursions.

Barbara Mae Henk
Barbara is an interior designer. From 1984 to 2004, she was president and chief executive officer of Henk Seng Design in Tulsa. She has also served as an instructor at the Ray Vogue College of Design in Chicago (1980-1982) and as an adjunct professor at Tulsa Community College (1998-2002), Oklahoma State University (2002-2003) and OU (1991-1992). Early in her career, Barbara was a project manager for Thomas Interior Systems and a junior industrial designer for Masonite Corporation in Illinois. She has a bachelor of fine arts in interior design from Northern Illinois University (1978) and master of regional and city planning and historic preservation (1993) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Barbara has won many awards for her design work, including two 1st places in 1990 and 1992 from ASID Oklahoma Excellence in Design and two 2nd places in 1999 and 2003 for historic preservation from ASID Oklahoma Excellence in Design.
Sherrilynn Reece Harding
Sherry was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma. She was raised in Goldsby, graduated from high school in Norman in 1965, entered the University of Oklahoma in 1966, was OU head cheerleader in 1967, dropped out of college to marry in 1968, raised five sons, divorced and returned to OU to earn three degrees. Sherry has a bachelor of environmental design (1991), master of regional and city planning (1993) and doctorate of philosophy (1999) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: In 1989 Sherry ran for a trustee position in Goldsby but lost.

Thomas Brett Davis
Brett has over 20 years of experience in the Geospatial technology industry, working for such companies as Navigation Technologies, Autodesk and DigitalGlobe. Currently, Brett is director of International Defense and Intelligence Sales at Colorado-based DigitalGlobe, a leading provider of commercial satellite imagery and geospatial content. Brett has a bachelor of arts (1986) and master of regional and city planning (1993) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: From 1997 to 2000, Brett lived in the United Kingdom, working as a sales manager for Autodesk GIS Division.

William Lee Hoy
Bill is a professional photographer and animal lover. He currently lives in the central Texas city of Georgetown and is a volunteer organizer and vice-president of the Williamson County Audubon Group, presenter and teacher for the Austin Reptile Service and area manager for a roofing and home service company. Previously he was executive director of NewChurch Georgetown from 1999 to 2011, principal transportation planner for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization from 1993 to 1999 and transportation coordinator for the South Dakota city of Rapid City from 1991 to 1993. Bill has a bachelor of geography (1990) and master of regional and city planning (1993) from OU and a master of divinity from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2001). Interesting lesser-known fact: Bill is also a board member of the Travis County Audubon Society and teaches beginning bird watching classes and leads field trips for the organization.
Sooner Planners: 1993

**Nityanand V. Pai**
Nitin is currently vice-president of operations for Ascend Learning in Kansas City. Nitin has a bachelor of architecture (1991) and master of regional and city planning (1993) from the University of Oklahoma and master of business administration from the University of Michigan (1999). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Lauri Ann Hatlelid**
Lauri is a budget analyst for the division of administration of the State of Louisiana in Baton Rouge. Lauri has a bachelor of arts (1991) and master of regional and city planning (1993) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Lauri used to live in Ireland and attended high school at Country Day School in Christiansted on the island of St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands.
John Conrad Adel
John has two decades of planning and community development experience in the public and private sectors in Texas and Oklahoma. In Texas, he is currently city manager for the community of Quinlan and was previously community development director and assistant city manager for the city of Greenville and director of development services for the city of Copperas Cove. In Oklahoma, he was director of planning for Triad Design Group in Oklahoma City, community development director for the city of Moore and permits manager for the city of Norman. For about nine years he was also a partner in the consulting firm MyGov. John is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He has a bachelor of landscape architecture from the University of Arkansas (1992) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1994). Interesting lesser-known fact: John’s wife Aaron is also a graduate of the OU planning program.

Aaron Leigh Francis Adel
Aaron is currently principal of Foresight Planning. Previously she was a special projects planner for the Texas city of Temple, planning director for Oklahoma City-based Triad Design Group and planning advisor to the city of Tuttle. While with Triad, she was responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the city of Moore and an open space plan for the city of Muskogee. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She was also director and board member of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. Aaron has a bachelor of construction science (1993) and master of regional and city planning (1994) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Aaron’s husband John is also a graduate of the OU planning program.

Stephen Dale Burnsworth
Steve’s experience as a planner led him to design a web-based subscription service for local governments that streamlines, simplifies and improves communication and data tracking. The service, called MyGov, processes an immense volume of data ranging from code complaints and permit requests to inspections and license registration. Because MyGov is both web-based and subscription-based, it eliminates upfront financial costs and is accessible from any web-enabled device. Launched in 2006, MyGov currently serves 80 clients in the US and Canada. Previously Steve was a principal planner for the city of Lawton, assistant development director for Norman and planning director for Decatur, Texas. He has a bachelor of English writing from East Central University (1992) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1994). Interesting lesser-known fact: Steve’s daughter is following in her dad’s footsteps and getting a computer science degree.
Sooner Planners: 1994

**Clinton Bradford Harbert**
Clint has over 20 years of experience in policy development and planning for public agencies and private sector environmental and transportation organizations. Since 2009, he has been senior director of system planning and development for the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, where he is implementing capital projects such as three new light rail lines, major park and ride facilities and a new bus rapid transit line. He has been involved in preparing environmental impact statements for several major proposed transit projects, including the Central Corridor light rail line connecting Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Dulles Corridor Orange Line Extension from DC into northern Virginia and a Richmond-to-Hampton Roads passenger rail line in central Virginia. Clint has a bachelor of arts (1991) and master of regional and city planning (1994) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: While with the Oregon Downtown Development Association, Vicki received an APA “National Outstanding Planning Award” for her Main Street Handbook for Oregon Communities.

**Vicki Dawn Dugger**
Vicki has focused her career on the management and administration of nonprofit organizations. She is currently executive director of the New Mexico Jazz Workshop, a non-profit arts organization that provides educational programs and concerts throughout the year. Previously, she was director of development for the Sawmill Community Land Trust in Albuquerque, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing for needy families and individuals and before that she was executive director of the Oregon Downtown Development Association, a statewide community development nonprofit that promotes Main Street programs. Vicki has a bachelor of fine arts from Eastern Oklahoma State College (1977) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1994). Interesting lesser-known fact: While with the Oregon Downtown Development Association, Vicki received an APA “National Outstanding Planning Award” for her Main Street Handbook for Oregon Communities.

**Darin Lee Akerman**
Darin is director of planning for Sisemore Weisz & Associates, a Tulsa civil engineering, surveying and land planning firm. He joined the firm as a senior planner in 1997. He is involved in all project applications, board and neighborhood presentations and client consultations regarding regulatory requirements. Prior to joining SWA, he was employed for two years as a community development planner for INCOG. Darin has served on a variety of community, neighborhood and professional organizations throughout the Tulsa metropolitan area, including his latest affiliation with the Tulsa Executives Association. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has an Oklahoma real estate license. Darin has a bachelor of science in industrial technology from Northeastern State University (1984) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1994). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Karl Alan Fritschen
Karl has been an urban and long range planner for the Tulsa suburb of Owasso since 2010. Previously he held two positions in North Carolina. From 2007 to 2010, Karl was a lead planner/landscape architect with the Morrisville-based multidisciplinary firm WSP Sells and from 2003 to 2007 he was planning and development manager and urban design manager for the Charlotte suburb of Concord. Before going to North Carolina, Karl served as a staff planner with the city of Broken Arrow from 2001 to 2003, planner with the city of Owasso from 1997 to 2001 and associate planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments from 1994 to 1997. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a Registered Landscape Architect. Karl has a bachelor of landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University (1992) and master of regional and city planning from OU (1994). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Karen Marie Thomas
Karen is an Ada attorney specializing in consumer law and family law. As such, she focuses her work on issues such as marriage, adoption, divorce and child support or custody. Before she opened her office in 2008, she was with the with the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Child Support Enforcement in Ada three years. Karen also spent five years in the Dallas area as an attorney with the law firm of Hughes & Luce and Chicago Title. She is a member of American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, Chickasaw Nation Bar Association and Muscogee-Creek Nation Bar Association and Tohono-O’odham Nation Bar. Karen has a bachelor of arts (1992) and master of regional and city planning (1994) from the University of Oklahoma and doctorate of law from Southern Methodist University (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact: She is president of the Pontotoc County Bar Association.

Thomas Michael Thedford Jr.
Mike is currently the owner and principal of Tulsa-based Thedford Consulting, which provides real estate and construction project management services, including due diligence, site development and contract negotiation. Previously he was a project manager with the Stonebridge Group from 2010 to 2013, senior project manager with PSA Dewberry from 2008 to 20110, design manager for Walmart from 1999 to 2005 and project manager for CEI Engineering in 1998. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Mike has a bachelor of environmental design (1991), master of landscape architecture (1996) and master of regional and city planning (1996) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Viplava is manager of the transportation division at the Indian Nations Council of Governments in Tulsa. He started working for INCOG as an intern in 1994 and has worked in various capacities over the past 20 years. He now leads the division that works on various aspects of transportation planning, including bike-pedestrian/trails planning and transit systems planning along with long range planning of roadways. Viplava has a bachelor of civil engineering (1992) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1994). At OU he specialized in transportation models working with professor Richard Marshment. Interesting lesser-known fact: Viplava makes it a habit to ride the public transportation system in any city he is visiting as he believes the availability and acceptance of public transportation is an indication of the vibrancy of the city in general.
Sohail Hasanjee
Sohail is a GIS analyst for Oklahoma Natural Gas. He has previously worked with various Oklahoma state agencies for over 20 years as a GIS professional. Sohail has served as GIS coordinator for the State Department of Health, State Department of Commerce and Office of State Finance. He has also served as the user group meeting coordinator for the Oklahoma Geographic Information Council and as assistant conference coordinator and user meeting coordinator for the Oklahoma chapter of the South Central Arc Users Group. Sohail has a bachelor of architecture from NED University in Karachi, Pakistan (1992) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1995). Interesting lesser-known fact: His favorite thing about GIS is that it is graphic and worth a thousand words. He has commented that maps produced by GIS using complex data appear so simple his five-year old daughter thinks she can do a better drawing and coloring job than her dad.

Scottye Ann Jewell Montgomery
Scottye was with the city of Oklahoma City for almost 20 years as a plan reviewer and design reviewer. During her tenure with the city she was a conscientious caretaker of city regulations and design guidelines. As the local AIA chapter noted, “at some point in time during their careers, just about every architect in Oklahoma City worked with Scottye. She contributed much to the community through her careful and thoughtful work.” Scottye died in Oklahoma City in 2014 at the age of 70. She had a bachelor of environmental design (1991) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1995). Interesting lesser-known facts: At the age of 52, Scottye was the second oldest person to ever receive a graduate planning degree from OU. She also enjoyed gardening, travel, artistic pursuits and time with her family of which she was fiercely proud.

Mohn Hussaini Morid
Mohn is principal and owner of QKM Consults Limited, a Malaysian corporate management firm based in Kuala Lumpur. He has extensive experience in public sector and corporate management of public companies. Some of his Malaysian clients include the Ministry of Education, Department of Public Service, Department of Chief Minister of Sarawak, Malaysian Anti-Corruption, Inland Revenue Affairs, Ministry of Education, Accountant General, Kuala Lumpur City Hall, International Islamic University, Department of Town & Country Selangor, Malacca State Courts and Department of Agriculture. Mohn has a degree from the University of Malaysia (1993) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1995). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mohn is involved as a consultant and facilitator in organizing public seminars, workshops and courses.
Stephen Anthony Buxton

Steve is a self-employed landscape contractor in Oklahoma City. He has a bachelor of environmental design (1985) and master of landscape architecture (1995) and master of regional and city planning (1995) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1996

**William Dwayne Harless**
Billy is the community development director for the city of Midwest City. Billy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Billy has a bachelor of environmental design (1993), master of landscape architecture (1996) and master of regional and city planning (1996) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Since 1999, Billy and friends have traveled to the Texas-OU game in a 1985 66-seat school bus he bought for $900 and remodeled to include an antique brass train horn, patio seating, built-in grill and big-screen TV.

**Sharmila Jaypal Rao-Pence**
Mila is the principal of Dallas-based Thatcher Designs, a landscape architecture and architecture firm. Previously she was a landscape architect and architect with HNTB and Corgan Associates in the Dallas area. Mila is treasurer of the Dallas section of the American Society of Landscape Architects. She has a bachelor of landscape architecture (1994) and master of regional and city planning (1996) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Mila competed in the Asana adult yoga championship competition in 2012.

**Jeffrey Christopher Neal**
Jeff is a senior transportation planner and program manager for the North Texas Council of Governments. Jeff has a bachelor of geography (1996) and master of regional and city planning (1999) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1997

**Andrea Lynn Martin Roy**
Andrea has been with the suburban Dallas city of Arlington as an economic development specialist in the planning department since 2008. Her responsibilities include recruitment and retention of targeted industries and negotiation and execution of economic development incentive contracts, as well as various redevelopment projects throughout the city. She is also an appointed city representative on the Great Southwest Industrial Park District Association. Andrea previously served as city planner and then economic development coordinator for the city of Coppell from 2003 to 2008. Prior to relocating back to Texas from Virginia, she served as a senior planner for the historic city of Alexandria from 2000 to 2003. Andrea has a bachelor of geography from Texas Tech University (1995) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact: Andrea is married to Mark, another OU RCPL graduate.

**Mark Christopher Roy**
Mark is a senior community planning and development representative for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Fort Worth Regional Office. In 1997, Mark began his career with the Federal government as a presidential management intern with the US Department of State. Mark has a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Arkansas (1992) and master of regional and city planning (1997) and master of public administration (1997) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Mark is married to Andrea, another OU RCPL graduate.

**Tifani Elizabeth Safford Hencke**
Tifani is a member of the Community Church of Chapel Hill. She has a bachelor of landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University of (1987) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 1997

Ranu Aggarwal
Ranu joined the Metropolitan Planning Group (M-Group), a consulting firm that assists understaffed communities with their planning and development needs, as a senior planner in 2013. Previously she spent over ten years with the Bay area county of Santa Clara as a GIS technical contractor, planner II, associate planner and senior associate. For a short period after graduation she worked as a planner for the city of Houston. As a graduate student, she worked as a planning assistant and GIS specialist for the OU Center for Business and Economic Development. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Ranu has a bachelor of architecture from the University of Mumbai (1993), master of landscape architecture from the University of Massachusetts (1995) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Richard L. Rolison
Richard was director of community development for the city of Mustang from 2007 to 2009. While with Mustang, he established a geographic information system and worked to bring city planning and development codes up to date. Previously Richard was director of urban development for the city of Sapulpa and regional planner for the Oklahoma County engineering department. Richard has a bachelor of arts (1993) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Pamela Eileen Searcy
Pam is a building plans reviewer for the city of Tulsa. She has a bachelor of arts (1990) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact: Her thesis was entitled “The City as Body/the Body as Text.”
Sooner Planners: 1998

**Christina Dorrance Day**
Christina is the perfect example of a planner who moved up the staff ladder of a premier public agency. Joining the north Dallas suburb of Plano as a long range planner in 1998, she was promoted to senior planner in development review in 2000, community services manager in 2006, development review manager in 2013 and director of planning in 2014. Christina was also a 2010 graduate of Leadership Plano. At OU, she served as a research assistant and graduate intern with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments and as a communications intern for the Oklahoma State Senate. In 2004, she received the Texas APA President’s Award for chapter service. Christina has a bachelor of science from Oklahoma State University (1996) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1998). Interesting lesser-known fact: Planning is Christina’s career, but with two elementary school boys at home, motherhood is her full-time gig.

**Gregory Scott Witherspoon**
Greg’s career has been with two prominent Sunbelt urban design firms. He was first a principal in the Santa Fe office of Design Workshop and is now vice-president of business development for Canin Associates in Orlando. Greg also serves his hometown of Orlando as a member of its Downtown Development Board, chair of its Appearance Review Board and membership chair of ULI Central Florida. He has a bachelor of environmental design (1990), master of landscape architecture (1998) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Greg recently won a CNU competition for applying the Dutch “Woonerf” solution to a Madison, Wisconsin design problem (giving street priority to walkers and bikers over motorists).

**Allara Mills-Gutcher**
Allara is currently planning and community development director of Gadsden County. Previously, she was planning manager for Panama City, planner III for Bay County, planner for Callaway, senior planner for PBS&J (now Atkins) and principal of her own firm, The Planning Collaborative. Allara is a member of AICP, past treasurer of the Florida APA Chapter, and past chair of the Emerald Coast Section of the Florida APA. She is also a past board member of Girls Inc. of Bay County and serves with Florida’s Guardian Ad Litem program. She has been involved with ULI’s UrbanPlan initiative and Box City, teaching planning concepts to students. Allara has served as an adjunct professor at FSU Panama City, and planning student mentor at the FSU main campus. She has a bachelor of design from FSU (1990) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Allara has volunteered to assist a Haitian community in its efforts to become economically sustainable.
Sooner Planners: 1998

**Michael Jay Segroves**
Mike has been a project manager and architect/planner for Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Schools since 2000. The Edmond-based agency was created in 1997 by resolution of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes to provide facilities management and design services for education facilities owned by the Five Civilized Tribes. Mike has been involved in the design and construction of numerous projects, including new academic facilities and dormitory expansions for the Choctaws, multiple facility improvements and new classroom buildings for the Cherokees, and dormitory roof replacements for Muscogee-Creeks. He is also a licensed architect and member of AICP. Mike previously spent four years as a planner with the City of Norman. He has a bachelor of architecture (1994) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Mike is a huge fan of the Chicago Fire Soccer Team and of course, OU Football.

**Todd Jay Kennemer**
Todd has been director of community development for the south central Oklahoma city of Ada since 2013. Some of his initial priorities have been a housing plan, downtown improvements and zoning upgrades. Before coming to Ada, Todd worked in Kansas for eight years as director of planning and community development for Butler County and then assistant director of public works for the city of Pittsburg. Earlier he served as planning director for the city of Ponca City for two years. As an OU graduate student intern, he also worked on a land use plan for the city of Oklahoma City. Todd has a bachelor of arts (1996) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Before discovering the profession of city planning, Todd was a high school shop teacher for seven hears in the Texas panhandle and in Putnam City.

**Wade Frederick Burkholder**
Wade has been planning director of the Colorado city of Manitou Springs, gateway to Pikes Peak, since 2013. He previously spent ten years in Virginia as planning manager and zoning administrator for Botetourt County and as deputy zoning administrator and senior planner for Leesburg. For three years Wade was also community development director for the Oklahoma community of Coweta. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a certified floodplain manager. While in Virginia, he also served as a contributor to the VAPA chapter quarterly newsletter, on the board of directors for the Loudon Wildlife Conservancy and as a jury member for the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials. Wade has a bachelor of geography from Bowling Green University in Toledo (1994) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Wade won an award from the Virginia APA chapter in 2007 for his work in Leesburg.
Sooner Planners: 1998

Shawn Omar Takidden
Shawn is founder and principal of STADesign, an international design firm with offices in Dubai and Dallas. The firm specializes in the provision of planning, architecture and interior design services for the hospitality industry, including resorts, hotels and restaurants. Shawn has been awarded many design awards in the field of architecture, interior design and urban planning. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, American Institute of Architects and International Interior Design Association. Shawn has a bachelor of architecture (1984), bachelor of environmental science (1984), master of construction science (1987) and master of regional and city planning (1989) from the University of Oklahoma (1997). Interesting lesser-known fact: Shawn has received more degrees from the OU college of architecture than any other single graduate.

Shelley Renee Cadamy
Shelley has 20 years of economic development experience. Currently executive director of Workforce Tulsa, she was previously vice-president of economic development for the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation, entrepreneurial services coordinator for the Francis Tuttle Technology Center in Oklahoma City, program manager for the Edmond Economic Development Authority and business intelligence officer for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. She has served on the boards of the Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League, Edmond Historical Society, Fine Arts Institute of Edmond and Shakespeare in the Park. She is a graduate of Leadership Broken Arrow, Leadership Edmond and Leadership Oklahoma City. Shelly has a bachelor of art history (1993) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Shelley is an adoptive mom and passionate about foster/adoption, especially of older children.

John Vincent Hustead
Vince has been planning administrator for Lafayette County, Missouri since 2014. Previously he was a senior administrative assistant with the housing and community development department in Kansas City, Missouri from 2004 to 2013, a planner with the Arkansas city of Little Rock from 1999 to 2004 and a planner with the Texas city of Abilene in 1998. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Vince has a bachelor of arts from Ouachita Baptist University in Little Rock (1981), master of arts from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro (1993) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: While at OU, Vince was a member of the Graduate Student Senate and a student representative on the College of Architecture Information Committee.
**Sooner Planners: 1999**

*Elizabeth Barrett Ristroph*
Barrett is an Anchorage-based planner/lawyer working on Arctic lands conservation and the protection of subsistence and Alaska Native rights. She previously worked as an attorney for the world's largest municipality, North Slope Borough, in Arctic Alaska. Barrett has held positions with the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in the Philippines and Northern Marianas Superior Court in Saipan. She has published on a wide range of topics, including climate change, comparative environmental law, Arctic shipping, oil and gas and integration of traditional knowledge with Western science. Barrett is a member of the Alaska Resource Advisory council. She has a bachelor in environmental science (1999) and master of regional and city planning (1999) from the University of Oklahoma and doctorate of law from Tulane Law School (2004). Interesting lesser-known facts: Barrett enjoys writing novels, arranging music and attempting to speak Spanish, Russian and French.

*Patricia Mendonca Dinoia*
Patricia has been a senior transportation planner for the Indian Nation Council of Governments since 1999. She is responsible for coordinating federal transit grants programs for the Tulsa region and is a member of the planning team that is working on the Tulsa Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Plan (GO Plan). Patricia has a bachelor of civil engineering (1991), bachelor of architecture and urbanism (1996), master of regional and city planning (1999) from the University of Oklahoma and is currently working on a master in environmental science from Oklahoma State University. Interesting lesser-known facts: Patricia was a community planner in Brazil and worked in several shanty town revitalization projects.

*Shari Marcele Cooper*
Shari has over 20 years of experience in planning, community and economic development and media. She is currently the community outreach specialist for the California city of Thousand Oaks. Previously she was executive director of MPOWER Economic Development Corporation in McAlister from 2009 to 2013, planner for the city of Philadelphia from 2001 to 2009, business intelligence officer for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce from 1999 to 2001, proposal manager for a New York architectural and engineering firm, business development manager for an New York construction company and planning intern for Oklahoma City. Before getting into planning, Shari worked as a photojournalist in the states of Arkansas, Kansas and California. She has a bachelor of journalism and English literature (1996) and master of regional and city planning (1999) from the University of Oklahoma. Shari spent a six-month internship in London studying the Docklands redevelopment.
Jennifer Ashley Mixon Coulter
Jennifer lives in the northeastern Houston suburb of Kingwood and has been a full-time mother of two since 2005. Before turning to family planning, she was the city planner for the Houston suburb of Webster from 2001 to 2005, planner for the city of Sugar Land from 2000 to 2001 and planner with the Houston office of Wilbur Smith Associates from 1999 to 2000. Jennifer has a bachelor of arts from Texas A&M (1997) and master of regional and city planning (1999) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: She loves to train for and run marathons and do volunteer work. And she still uses planning in her day-to-day life. In fact, her Aggie husband has stated, "I can't believe there is a degree for people like you!"

Julia Kwanhye Yoon
Julia is a planner II with the city of Norman. Since joining the city in 2000, she has reviewed architectural plans for the issuance of building permits for residential construction, prepared statistical reports for the city council for the development services division and was involved in current planning on residential properties. Before joining Norman in 2000, she held a planning internship with the Oklahoma County engineers office for a year. Julia has a bachelor of architecture (1997) and master of regional and city planning with a concentration in transportation planning (1999) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known facts: As an OU freshman, Julia was the winner of a logo competition for the College of Arts and Science.

Robert Brett James
Brett has been asset management team lead at naval facilities engineering command in Jacksonville since 2010. His current responsibilities include the management of base planning and real estate services across Navy bases throughout the southeastern United States. Previously he was planning director of the Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in Japan from 2007 to 2010, chief of base planning at Misawa Air Base from 2001 to 2007 and associate planner for the city of Oklahoma City from 1995 to 2001. Brett has a bachelor of landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University (1987) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1999). Interesting lesser-known fact: Brett is married to Marcy Hunt, another OU planning graduate.
Sooner Planners: 2000

Barbara Ann Burleson
Barbara has served as planning director for the southwest Oklahoma city of Altus since 2001. In addition, to being responsible for all planning and development activities, she serves in leadership roles for Main Street Altus, Altus Kiwanis Club, Jackson County Community Health Action Team, Southwestern Youth Services and the Altus Military Affairs Committee. In 2013, she was selected as a “Friend of Altus AFB” for her support of the base. This is the highest honor a local civilian can receive from the wing commander. She has a bachelor of arts (1982), bachelor of environmental design (1989) and master of regional and city planning (2000) from OU. While in Altus, she has served as architecture chair for the Altus Centennial Memorial building and building committee chair for her church, Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Little known fact: Barbara has deep roots in southwestern Oklahoma. Her father was an Air Force colonel, WWII pilot and base commander of Altus AFB.

Meenakshi Singh
Meena is currently deputy director of airport planning and development for the California city of San Jose. Previously she managed planning programs for the Ohio city of Cleveland, South Carolina county of Beaufort and California city and county of Fresno. Meena started her career 15 years ago designing intelligent buildings and high security embassy complexes, but after visiting Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam she turned her interests and talents toward aviation and airport planning. For the National Academy of Sciences, she serves on an oversight panel researching sustainable practices and exploring carbon trading for airports nationally. Meena is an affiliate member of American Association of Airport Executives. She has a bachelor of architecture from MIT India (1996) and master of regional and city planning from OU (2000). Interesting lesser-known facts: Meena runs marathons for breast cancer research and was selected “2012 Woman of the Year” by National Association of Professional Women.

Carlie Louise Lawson
Carlie has operated a Norman-based consulting firm that advises on hazard mitigation, disaster preparedness and resiliency planning since 2006. Her services focus on the effects of drought, tornadoes, wildfires and hurricanes; organizational learning in hazard mitigation; risk communication; renewable energy and using the mobile Internet as a mitigation tool. Carlie was also operations manager of the OU Environmental Verification and Analysis Center from 2004 to 2006. She has published articles in "Weather and Society Watch," "Journal of Regional Studies" and "Oklahoma College Press." She has bachelors in both journalism and film/video studies (1996) and a master of regional and city planning (2000) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known facts: In her spare time, Carlie enjoys writing, drawing, acting, modeling and performing as a musician.
Sooner Planners: 2000

Julie Shannon
Julie became community development director for the city of Bethany in 2010 when she left the position of planning and development director for the City of Tahlequah. She also managed the storm water programs for Tahlequah and Bethany. Prior to that she worked in parks and recreation and planning for the city of Oklahoma City and served as program manager for the Downtown Council of Kansas City, Missouri. Julie has a bachelor in sociology (1991) from Missouri State University (1991), master of liberal arts from Oklahoma City University (1998) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2000). Interesting lesser known fact: Julie is a writer of poetry and fiction.

Anais Inger Starr
Anais is currently the preservation planner for the city of Norman. Previously she was a comprehensive planner with from the city of Midwest City from 2002 to 2014. While with Midwest City, Anais oversaw completion of the city’s comprehensive plan and master trails plan and updated its airport, zoning and subdivision regulations. She resides in Norman and served on the Norman Historic District Commission from 2005 to 2014. Anais has a bachelor of geography (1992) and master of regional and city planning (2000) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting little known facts: She is a member of the Oklahoma City Audubon Society and an avid birdwatcher, which has become a little cooler since the book and movie “The Big Year.”

Elizabeth Ellen Jones
Elizabeth is community development director of the southern Oklahoma city suburb of Moore. Joining the city as an associate planner and grants manager in 2000, she was promoted to director two years later. As director Elizabeth has had to deal with two devastating May tornados in 2003 and 2013. She also participates on several community boards, including serving as president of Positively Paseo, a Community Housing Development Organization furthering affordable housing and home ownership in Oklahoma City’s Paseo neighborhood. Elizabeth has a bachelor in historic preservation from Southeast Missouri State University (1998) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2000). Interesting lesser-known fact: She serves as a member of the OU College of Architecture Board of Visitors for the RCPL program.
Sooner Planners: 2000

**Jeffrey Scott Brasel**
Jeff has spent his career mostly in the state of Colorado. Previously he was principal planner, planning manager and deputy community development director for the Denver suburb of Centennial from 2007 to 2014; and planner, senior planner and long-range planning manager for the city of Castle Rock south of Denver from 2000 to 2007. For a short period in 2004, Jeff was also a planner for the St. Louis suburb of O’Fallon. During college, he was also a member of the Pride of Oklahoma Marching Band and Sigma Tau Gamma. Jeff has a bachelor of geography (1998) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2000). Interesting lesser known fact:

**Susanne Marie Hanson Henderson**
Susanne is an associate planner with the Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division where she has worked since 2002, primarily in the areas of platting and transportation concurrency. Following graduation from RCPL, she was hired by the city of Bethany as a community development specialist and subsequently promoted to community development director the following year. Prior to relocating to south Florida, Susanne was employed by Market Street Services, a community and economic development consulting firm in Atlanta. She is a member of the Florida chapter and Broward section of APA. Susanne has a bachelor of journalism (1989) and master of regional and city planning (1998) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser known fact: Regardless of her residence, she says that she remains a steadfast Sooner fan.

**Christopher Todd Munroe**
Chris is an aviation planner. He has been a project manager and aviation planner for the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin since early 2014. In his current position Chris manages efforts pertaining to airport master plans and other planning studies for about 50 large and small airports throughout the state. Previously, he served as an aviation planner with Garver Engineering in Norman from 2007 to 2013, the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin from 2004 to 2007 and Barnard-Dunkelberg consultants in Tulsa from 2000 to 2004. He is also a certified member of the American Association of Airport Executives and member of the American Association of Airport Executives. Chris has a bachelor of geography from Oklahoma State University (1992) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2000). Interesting lesser known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2000

**Randy W. Entz**
Randy is a transportation planner with the city of Oklahoma City. He is responsible for transportation initiatives including implementation of the Bicycle Transportation Plan, Functional Classification Plan and Traffic Impact Analyses. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Randy has a bachelor of arts from Oklahoma State University (1998) and dual masters of landscape architecture and regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2000). Interesting lesser known fact:

**Daniel John O’Connor**
Danny is director of transportation and planning services for the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. In this role since 2014, he is in charge of developing the 2040 metropolitan transportation plan and advancing Central Oklahoma’s regional transit discussion. Danny was previously director of planning and special services for the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, the regional transit authority of Greater Kansas City. During his tenure with KCATA, he guided the planning efforts to launch two MAX bus rapid transit routes and restructured the 60-route network to more effectively serve the region. Danny also served as KCATA’s primary local government and community liaison to promote various transit initiatives. He has a bachelor of sociology and philosophy from Regis University (1998) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2000). Interesting lesser known fact: Danny worked with the Kansas City Royals in designing transit services for the 2012 Major League All-Star Game and festivities.
Sooner Planners: 2000

Michael A. Grace
Mike is director of development services for the Fort Worth suburb of Willow Park. Previously he was principal and CEO of the Dallas-based Metro Development Consulting. Mike is a member of the AICP and Urban Land Institute and professional development officer for the North Central section of the Texas APA chapter. He was also appointed to the planning commission in his hometown of Duncanville. Mike is also a member of the Greater Dallas Planning Council and the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He has a bachelor in arts (1997) and master of regional and city planning (2000) from OU. He also has an economic development certificate from the OU Economic Development Institute. Interesting lesser-known facts: In 2010, Mike was named to the city of Dallas Wall of Honor and in 2013 he was named as a D Academy Fellow, a local city leadership program.

Jerri Gaye Cachero
Jerri is currently a coordinator of the Cooperative Alliance Program (CAP) and an adjunct professor of political science at Rose State College in Midwest City. Her CAP role is to create a partnership between educational institutions to “grow” economic development in Oklahoma. Previously she worked as a technical editor for Northrup Aircraft, project construction auditor for Goodyear and various positions with the Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission. She has also served as a program coordinator nontraditional women’s careers for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technical Education. Jerri has a bachelor of political science from Cameron University (1978) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2000). Interesting lesser known fact: Jerri is a bird enthusiast who performed a SWOT analysis to create a nature habitat. She is currently combating urban sprawl in her backyard. Duaney would be proud.

Tim Young
Tim has been city manager of the central Oklahoma city of Tuttle since 2008. Previously he was an assistant city manager and community development director for the south central Oklahoma city of Durant from 2006 to 2008 and a senior transportation planner for the North Texas Central Council of Governments. He also held internships with the city of Maryland Heights in Missouri and the OU Center of Business and Economic Development. Tim has a bachelor of environmental design (1998) and master of regional and city planning (2000) from the University of Oklahoma and a master of public administration from the University of Texas at Arlington (2005). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2001

Derek Lane Ligon
Derek is a major in the US Air Force and currently assigned to Offutt AFB in the Omaha metro area. He is a pilot flying the E-4B, popularly known as the "Doomsday Plane" due to its role in the unlikely occurrence of a nuclear war. As an E-4B pilot he also transports the US Secretary of Defense to all locations outside the United States. Prior to moving to Nebraska, Derek was based in New Jersey, Missouri, Mississippi and Arkansas, piloting different aircraft at each assignment. As an OU student he was also an assistant planner for the city of Stillwater. Derek has a bachelor of geography from Oklahoma State University (1997) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2001). Interesting lesser-known fact: Derek’s wife, Gina, is an assistant professor of management at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. They have two children.

Marvin Tadashi Matsuda
Marvin is from Guam. He worked for the city of Piedmont in 2005. Marvin was the coauthor of a housing market analysis for McClain County in 2002. It was prepared by the OU Center for Business and Economic Development for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. Marvin has a bachelor of arts (1999) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2001). Interesting lesser-known fact: He wrote “Persistent Cloud and Plume Analysis Using GIS” for Homeland Security.

Christopher W. Ellis
Chris has been a registered interior designer with Miles Associates in Oklahoma City since 2009. Previously he was a project manager with Schwerdt Design Group from 2001 to 2009, an assistant professor of design at the University of Central Oklahoma from 2004 to 2006, an architectural intern with Prime Time Environments from 2000 to 2001 and an architectural instructor at the University of Oklahoma from 1999 to 2001. He is certified by the National Council of Interior Design Qualification and a member of the American Wood Institute, International Interior Design Association, National Council for Architectural Registration Board and Fred Jones Museum of Art at OU. Chris has a bachelor of architecture and interior design (1998) and master of regional and city planning (2001) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: In 2005, the Associated General Contractors of Oklahoma City honored Chris by awarding him their “Build Oklahoma Award.”
Sooner Planners: 2001

**Renius Mary Spineto**
Rene is community development director of the city of Guthrie, Oklahoma’s first Territorial capital. She is particularly interested in historic preservation and was honored in 2005 for her many years of service as a member of the Guthrie Historic Preservation Commission. In 2014, Rene arranged to have OU architecture students study the community during the Gentlemen of Road Tour and they came up with the idea of an art place. From 1978 to 1988, she was facility manager for HomeFed. Rene has a master of architecture (2001) and master of regional and city planning (2001) from the University of Oklahoma. The subject of her thesis was “Entrepreneurial Architecture: Architect as Developer.” Interesting lesser-known fact: She and her husband own and are preserving one of the oldest homes in Guthrie, the former home of a chief justice of Oklahoma Territory.

**Daniel Hunter Brewer**
Dan is chief of the office of rural planning and administration for the California Transportation Department (CALTRANS) District 10 office. He has a bachelor of arts (2000) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2001). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Ruth Kathryn Walters**
Ruth has been the city planner for the city of Blanchard since in 2012. Previously she had served as planner, principal planner and flood plain manager for Oklahoma County for many years. Ruth has a bachelor of history (1991) and master of regional and city planning (2000) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2002

Christopher Jeffrey Knarr
Chris has 18 years public and private experience in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Oklahoma. He is currently a land planner with a Harrisburg law firm. Previously, Chris was with RETTEW Associates, the Pennsylvania county of Clinton, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments and the city of Oklahoma City. He is a member of AICP and a certified Building Code Official and certified Zoning Officer. Chris has also served on various commissions, including the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Cumberland County Planning Commission and Mechanicsburg Borough Planning Commission. He has a bachelor of geography from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (1996) and master of regional and city planning from OU (2002). Interesting lesser-known fact: Chris has made many church missions trips to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and those in need in Namibia and Ethiopia. He also won a state mountain bike championship.

Duane Edward Cuthbertson
Duane has been a planner with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davison County since 2011. Previously he was a senior planner with the Indian Nation Council of Governments in Tulsa from 2003 to 2011. Duane served as INCOG representative to the Board of Adjustment and to the Pearl Street Form-based District. He also was the planner to the city of Owasso. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Duane has a bachelor of arts (2000) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2002). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Wade Thomas Harden
Wade has been the community development director for the Oklahoma city of Piedmont since 2012. Previously he held positions with the city of Dallas and the town of Prosper in Texas. He is also a former planner with the city of Bethany. Most recently he has worked as a planner in the Dallas area. Wade has a bachelor of geography (1999) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2004). Interesting lesser-known fact
Fred Samuel Ball IV
Sam is currently a real estate agent in the Tampa Bay area. Previously he was a residential leasing consultant with Dallas Luxury Realty from 2011 to 2012, a residential leasing consultant with Intown Properties Real Estate Group in Dallas from 2007 to 2011, a commercial real estate development coordinator with WD Partners in Irving, a city planner and neighborhood organizer for the city of Plano from 2005 to 2006, a zoning permitting manager with EN Engineering in Las Vegas in 2003 and a planning intern with Duncan Associates in Austin in 2002. Sam has a bachelor of business administration (1997) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2002). Interesting lesser-known fact: As an OU student, Sam was a presidential leadership selectee and senate representative.

Jeremy M. Pober
Jeremy has been with PowerCosts in Oklahoma City since 2007 as a software application manager and senior settlements analyst. Previously he was involved in energy scheduling, trading and settlements with the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority from 2005 to 2007. Jeremy has a bachelor of arts (2000), master of regional and city planning (2002) and master of business administration (2004) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Jane Anne Hudson
Jane has been with the city of Norman since 2000. She is a principal planner in charge of development review and approval. Jane has a bachelor of arts (1998) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2002). Interesting lesser known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2003

Courtney Hume Filer
Courtney has been a project manager with Austin-based Cox McLain Environmental Consulting since 2014. Her expertise is in preparing transportation-related NEPA documents and analyzing the socio-economic and indirect/cumulative impacts of complex linear transportation projects. Previously, Courtney was a senior planner in the Dallas and Austin offices of HNTB from 2004 to 2014 and with Oklahoma City in 2003 where she was involved in planning for the reuse of three EPA Superfund sites. She is a member of AICP. Courtney has a bachelor of anthropology (2000) and master of regional and city planning summa cum laude (2003) from OU. In 2004, she received both the Outstanding Planning Student Award and Oklahoma APA chapter’s Goins Award for Outstanding Achievements. Interesting lesser-known fact: Courtney was an intern with an Austin consultant and the firm president still says she is one of the sharpest young planners he has worked with.

Erik C. Brandt
Erik has been the county planner and certified floodplain manager for Oklahoma County since 2002. He was part of the team that created the first master plan for Oklahoma county since 1947. Erik was a member of the Oklahoma County Redistricting Task Force and has successfully obtained $900,000 in grant monies from various state and federal agencies for road projects, floodplain projects and economic projects in Oklahoma County. He spends most of his time reviewing and processing different types of zoning and land use applications. Erik has a bachelor of science in economics (2000) and masters of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2003). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Joseph Mark Sellars
Joe is an associate attorney with the Denver law firm of Fox Rothschild. Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, he was an associate attorney with two other Denver firms, Davis & Ceriani and Clarion Associates. Due to his combined education in both planning and law, Joe is involved in land use and entitlement matters, including development agreements, zoning and subdivision regulations and affordable/inclusionary housing requirements. He is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, Urban Land Institute and American Planning Association. Joe has a bachelor of arts from OSU (1996) and master of regional and city planning (2003) and doctorate of law (2003) from OU. While in law school, he also studied in the summer law program at Oxford University in London. Interesting lesser-known fact: Before becoming a planner/lawyer, Joe served as the news editor for The Daily Oklahoman.
Stephanie Ann Hansen
Stephanie has been an administrative specialist with the water utility of the city of Austin since 2009. Stephanie has a bachelor of arts (2001) and master of regional and city planning (2003) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2004

Dimitrios Karanpangiotus
Dimitrios is director of land use and public policy for The Capitol Company in Las Vegas. His role is to assist applicants who are seeking zoning and development approvals from the county or any of the cities in the area. Before joining The Capitol Company, Dimitrios spent ten years as a principal planner with Clark County reviewing and processing different types of zoning and land use applications. His primary expertise is with resort hotels, gaming facilities, high rise developments, mixed-uses and adult uses. Dimitrios has a bachelor of political science (2000), master of economics (2002) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2004). Interesting lesser-known fact: As a student he developed an expertise in evaluating economic development from projects of regional significance.

Kimberly Lynn Cooper-Hart
Kim is a senior planner with the city of Oklahoma City. Since 2003, she has worked primarily with its inner city districts and commercial revitalization program. She manages relationships, contracts and funding for business improvement districts, Main Street Programs and neighborhood-scale commercial districts outside downtown. Before discovering planning, Kim worked for over 20 years in the Silicon Valley as an internet technology specialist and web manager. She served as president of Oklahoma APA and the Oklahoma Sustainability Network and was a founding board member of the Oklahoma chapter of the US Green Business Council. Kim has a bachelor of organizational behavior from the University of San Francisco (1996), master of technology management from the University of Phoenix (2000) and master of regional and city planning (2004) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Kim is active in OU alumni activities and serves on the RCPL board of visitors.

James Tyler McHendry
James has been an urban planner with the Seattle firm of Huitt-Zollers since 2006. In his position he prepares NEPA SEPA environmental compliance documents for a broad range of projects, including light rail, multi-use regional trails and land use actions. Before joining HZ, James was an assistant planner for the city of Broken Arrow for two years. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. James has a bachelor of arts in English literature from Oklahoma State University (2000) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2004). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2004

Lauren O’Dell Montgomery
Lauren has been managing director and owner of DFW-based JGH Consultants since 2010. As such she provides services relating to land use entitlements, economic development incentives, project management and governmental relations primarily to private sector clients. Previously, Loren was planning director for the INCAP Fund from 2006 to 2008 and planner for the city of The Colony from 2004 to 2006. She has also served as a board member of The Greater Dallas Planning Council, Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Urban Design Advisory Committee, Trinity River Ad Hoc Committee, Davis Land Use Study Steering Committee and Oak Cliff Transit Authority. Loren has a bachelor of recreation, parks and tourism sciences from Texas A&M (2002) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2004). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Gary Edward Copeland
Gary has been with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit since 2008, starting as a planner III and promoted to project manager. Previously he was a commercial plan designer with Southwest Design Associates in Dallas in 2008, a transportation planner for the city of Lawton from 2003 to 2007, an AutoCAD technician for Design Associates from 2000 to 2003 and a draftsman and site representative for Exeqtech, a Trinidad and Tobago construction management firm, from 1990 to 1996. Gary has a bachelor of arts from Cameron University in Lawton (2001) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2004). He also attended the St. Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago in 1992. Interesting lesser-known fact: Gary has also served as a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters and as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

Keyl Landis Groff
Keyl has been a planner II with the west coast Florida county of Charlotte since 2006. Previously he was a planning analyst with Sarasota County School Board in 2005. Keyl was on the OU RCPL team that prepared the comprehensive plan for the city of Mustang in 2003. Keyl has a bachelor of arts from Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvanina (2002) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2004). Interesting lesser-known fact:
**Nawal Sbti**

Nawal has been a senior development manager for Emaar Properties in Morocco since 2008. As such she is involved in managing the development of two large-scale, multi-billion dollar Luxury developments, Tinja and Saphira. Previously she was an architect/planner and project coordinator for Scetscom in 2008, an architect/planner for Ader Fez in 2007, head of urban development for Enda Magreb from 2006 to 2007 and an architect/urban planner for the urban agency of Casablanca from 2005 to 2006. While with the city of Casablanca, Nawal was part of the technical staff that prepared the Casablanca 2030 comprehensive plan. Nawal has a bachelor of architecture from the Moroccan National School Of Architecture in Rabat (2000) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2004). Interesting lesser-known fact: She lives in Rabat.

*Front row: Lauren Odell, Courtney Hume and Kim Cooper-Hart; middle row: James McHendry and Gary Copeland; back row: Dimitrios Karanpangiotus and Keyl Goff*
Erick John Giles
Erick is developing environmental markets in Indian country. As program director for the National Indian Carbon Coalition, a joint project of Indian Land Tenure Foundation and Intertribal Agriculture Council, he assists tribes interested in entering the carbon credit market. Previously, he was a planner for Portland, Maine; city planner for Claremont, New Hampshire and long range planning coordinator for Flathead County, Montana. Erick is an active proponent of land conservation and environmental stewardship and served on the Indian Land Tenure Foundation board of directors for seven years. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has LEED-AP certification. Erick has a bachelor of geology (2002), master of regional and city planning (2005) and master of civil engineering (2005) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Erick is a citizen of the Creek Nation and member of the Big Cat Clan.

Matthew Edmund Mantell
Matt’s job is to determine the best time and place to reuse water in drilling operations. He has been an engineering advisor and staff completions engineer with the Chesapeake Energy Corporation in Oklahoma City since 2008. As such Matt is responsible for recommending new fracturing technologies, fracture modeling and best engineering practices. Before joining Chesapeake, he was a staff engineer for CH2M Hill where he was involved in groundwater well design, hydraulic simulation model development and municipal water treatment plant design. Matt has a bachelor of geology (2002), master of regional and city planning (2005) and master of civil engineering (2005) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Matt is an expert on fracturing fluids including environmentally friendly fracturing additives and produced water reuse in completion operations.

Justin Trever Carlson
Justin has been a management analyst in the city managers office of the California city of Lake Elsinore since 2009. Justin has a bachelor of arts (2003) and master of regional and city planning (2005) from the University of Oklahoma (2005) and master of public administration from the University of Montana (2007). Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2006

Rachel R. Clyne
Rachel has been urban development director for the city of Sapulpa since 2011. She is in charge of land use zoning, code enforcement, building inspections, historic preservation and economic development. Previously, under contract with INCOG, she served as director of planning and neighborhood services for Sand Springs from 2008 to 2011. Rachel has also worked as an impact fee planner for Indian River County in Florida and as an historic preservation intern for Oklahoma City. She is a certified floodplain manager by the Oklahoma Floodplain Manager Association. Rachel has a bachelor of sociology (1997) and master of regional and city planning (2006) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: She is very supportive of charitable organizations whose purpose is to prevent domestic violence and cruelty to animals and raise awareness about eating disorders.

Umit Ferda Mander
Hope is associate director of the Institute for Quality Communities in the OU College of Architecture. Previously she worked as a planner for the city of Newcastle where she was involved in comprehensive land planning, zoning and subdivisions. She also was in charge of applying for and maintaining Federal grants. In her position with the IQC, Hope develops and maintains relations with Oklahoma communities and identifies those who can best benefit from IQC services. Her main focus is working with small to medium towns and cities. Hope is also involved in planning and assisting in the biennial IQC conference in Placemaking and she co-teaches a community workshop. She has a bachelor of environmental design (2003) and master of regional and city planning (2006) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: She also received a degree in literature in her native Turkey.

Janay Katherine Jeanis Greenlee
Janay has been the city of Norman’s urban forester since 2006. As urban forester she manages the care and maintenance of the city’s urban forest and works to increase public plantings. Janay is also in charge of the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs in city parks and she manages NeighborWoods, a city program that allows local businesses to donate money to buy trees to be planted throughout the city. Before joining the city, Janay owned and operated Natures Creations, a landscape design business she started while working on her master's degree. She has a bachelor of environmental design (2003) and master of regional and city planning (2006) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Janay also has an associate degree in horticulture from Oklahoma State University.
Sooner Planners: 2006

**Anne Marie Munkres**
Anne has been a base community planner for the US Air Force since 2006. She started her Air Force career at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. From 2008-2011 she worked at the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment in San Antonio where she got to travel to bases throughout the country and in Japan and England. Since February 2011 she has been the planner for RAF Alconbury, England. Anne has a bachelor of zoology (2004), bachelor of history (2004) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2006). Interesting lesser-known fact: Anne played French horn for OU bands and was in the Pride of Oklahoma marching band. She’s also the daughter of fellow OU planner LouAnna Munkres and followed in her mother’s footsteps in becoming involved with military planning.

**John Nicholas Bishop**
Nick is currently an associate broker with the Atlas Real Estate Group in the Denver area. Previously he was the owner-operator of Rino Bike + Snow Repair, an associate real estate broker with The Space Agency, a sales associate with Bicycle Cycle Sport and a service associate with Louisville Cyclery. Nick started his career in 2007 as an associate planner working on impact fee studies with Duncan Associates in Austin. He has a bachelor of philosophy from The University of the South in Sewanee (2003) and master of regional and city planning (2006) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Nick loves the outdoors and spends much of his time biking in the Denver urban area and nearby mountains.

**Edward Chadbourne Derouin**
Chad has been a popular radio personality and disc jockey in the central Oklahoma media market for over 30 years. As an OU planning student in 2006, he was part of a team that prepared the 2020 comprehensive plan for Nichols Hills. Chad has a bachelor of environmental design (2004) and coursework toward a master of regional and city planning (2006) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Chad provided the voice for “Sooner Rap,” the popular 1986 tune about the dominance of OU football. At the time he was a disc jockey with radio station KZBS in Oklahoma City.
Sooner Planners: 2006

Amarnath Venkata Sarvepalli
Amar is a transportation specialist with Parsons Brinckerhoff in North Carolina. His role is to prepare transportation plans, traffic impact and corridor studies, travel demand forecasting, traffic operations and simulation models for both public and private agencies. Previously he was with the Center for Urban Transportation Research in Tampa and the One Benham Companies in Oklahoma City. Amar has a bachelor of planning from the School of Planning and Architecture at Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University in Hyderabad (2004), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2006) and master of civil engineering from the University of South Florida (2008). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Clayton Jay Thompson
Clayton is an energy specialist. He participated in an independent sustainability research project in Germany funded by the German Foreign Ministry and hosted by ICLEI from 2008 to 2009. Previously, Clayton was a program manager for the Oklahoma State Energy Office from 2005 to 2006 and GIS technician for ACOG from 2004 to 2005. As an OU student he participated in the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the town of Geary and a report on water resource planning in southern Oklahoma. Clayton has served as a board member of the Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council, advisor to the Oklahoma Sustainability Network, steering committee member of the Norman Sustainability Network. He has a bachelor of business administration (2003) and master of regional and city planning (2006) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Clayton also served as vice-president of the OU Student Planning Association.
Sooners Planners: 2007

**Shubha Adhikari**
Shubha is Red Line project coordinator for the Baltimore Department of Transportation where she is working on a new $2.6 billion, 14-mile long light rail transit line that will provide east-west transit through the city. Previously, she was a planner with KCI Technologies in Baltimore for five years where she prepared transportation studies for private and public clients. Shubha is a member of AICP, newsletter editor for the Maryland APA chapter and LEED Green Associate. While at OU, she was president of the Nepali Student Association and member of the Student Planning Association and International Student Association. Shubha has a bachelor of architecture from Pokhara University in Nepal (2004) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2007). She also studied urban design at the New York Institute of Technology. Interesting lesser-known fact: In Nepal, Shubha represented the Academic Council of Architecture Students.

**Rama Rao Maduri**
Ram has been technical director of Skyline Archon Private Ltd. in Hyderabad, India since 2013. Skyline is a leading Indian multi-disciplinary firm that provides engineering, planning, urban mapping, geographic information systems, topographical surveys and image analysis services. Previously Ram prepared development plans for two cities in Madhya Pradesh as a consultant from 2010 to 2012 and was a transportation planner for Florida Transportation Engineering in Tampa from 2007 to 2010. He was part of an OU student team that prepared community development plans for Noble and Nichols Hills in 2005. Ram has a bachelor of planning from Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University School of Planning and Architecture (2004) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2007). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Mary Clare Troyan Vandevord**
Mary is with the non-profit Heartlands Conservancy in St. Louis working with local communities to build green infrastructure, conserve natural resources and implement sustainable planning principles. Previously Mary was a senior planner with the Arizona city of Scottsdale from 2007 to 2014 where she managed the general plan update and worked on plans for downtown and airpark areas. As a student, she interned for the city of Blanchard, Barnard-Dunkelberg, Community Outreach Partnership Center and River Bend Growth Association. Mary is a member of AICP and was co-president of the OU Student Planning Association. She is also a certified facilitator with the International Association of Public Participation. Mary has a bachelor of urban planning and development from Ball State University (2005) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2007). Interesting lesser-known fact: Mary was the recipient of the 2007 OU outstanding student award.
Sooner Planners: 2008

**Shelly Renee Shelton**
Shelly discovered planning late in life and made it a second career. After working in the food and hospitality industry for 30 years, she returned to college as a middle-age single mother to earn an RCPL degree. Since graduating from OU, Shelly has worked as a planner for the three Texas cities of Corpus Christi, Killeen and Baytown. As a planner and project manager for Corpus Christi, she was involved in the development review and approval process and as a senior planner for the city of Killeen, she serves as the city’s heritage preservation officer and works with platting and rezoning applicants to develop residential and commercial projects. Shelly is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She has a bachelor of arts in letters (1988) and master of regional and city planning (2008) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Shelly has publically exhibited her stand-up comedic talents by performing in Oklahoma City comedy clubs.

**Chace Lynn Cottrell**
Chase is a principal planner with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. Since 2010, he has served as office lead for the state emergency shelter program, where his responsibilities have included setting up and managing shelters during Superstorm Sandy and Tropical Storm Irene, facilitating strategic planning workshops for the OHSP annual summit and authoring an executive-level decision-making playbook. Chase is now working on a pilot project that combines community-based strategic planning and planning for disaster preparedness/resiliency. Previously he was community development director and flood plain administrator for Newcastle. Chase is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and was recipient of the OU outstanding student award in 2008. He has a bachelor of anthropology (2006) and master of regional and city planning (2008) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: As an OU student, Chase participated in the Gambia Study Abroad.

**Jill Amanda Hall Ferenc**
Jill is the new Claremore planning and development director and interim director of the Claremore Industrial and Economic Development Authority. Her responsibilities includes planning, engineering, GIS, code enforcement, permitting, inspections and development services, which had previously been under public works. One of her first tasks was to provide a “one-stop shop” that fostered teamwork and collaboration while providing a predictable process for investors. Previously, Jill spent four years as a senior planner with the Texas city of Killeen where she served as current and long-range planner, downtown project manager, heritage preservation officer, grant writer and project manager. She has a bachelor of business administration from OSU (2006) and master of regional and city planning from OU (2008). Interesting lesser-known fact: Jill fell in love with planning unexpectedly after watching an extra credit video for her freshman class that was about the complexities of urban planning.
Sooner Planners: 2008

**Staron Xevier Faucher**
Staron joined the multi-disciplinary consulting firm Freese and Nichols in 2014 in Dallas. Previously he was a planner for the North Texas Council of Governments from 2008 to 2014. As a student at the University of Oklahoma, he had a graduate research assistantship for two years and served as an intern with the city of Fort Worth for a summer. Staron has a bachelor of environmental studies and communications specialist from Baylor University (2004), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2008) and masters of environmental studies from Baylor University (2009). Interesting lesser-known fact: Staron played rugby and football for the Baylor Bears.

**Stephen R. Kent**
Steve has been both an environmental planner and transportation planner in the Sacramento office of the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) since 2008. He also has a certificate in geographic information systems from Parkland College in Urbana, Illinois. Steve has a bachelor of environmental studies from Sonoma State University (2005) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2008). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Meredith Capron Williams**
Meredith is currently marketing and communications manager for AGC AeroComposites in Oklahoma City. Previously she was communications project manager with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce from 2013 to 2014 where she supported trade show and developed economic strategic plans; regional sales manager for a new start-up car sharing and car rental company from 2010 to 2012 and an associate transportation planner with ACOG from 2008 to 2010 where she managed “Get Around OK,” a regional rideshare program. Meredith has a bachelor of political science from the University of Missouri (2006) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2008). Interesting lesser-known fact: Meredith wrote her masters thesis on “The Advantages and Disadvantages of Financing State Highway Systems Using Tolls.”
Sooner Planners: 2008

Maria Alejandra Lopez Conrado
Maria is from Nicaragua. She prepared a case study about the Nicaraguan community of Granada. Maria has a bachelor of architecture from Catholic University in Managua (2001) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2008). She wrote her thesis on “A Profile of Agritourism on the State of Oklahoma.” Interesting lesser-known fact: Maria is married to another OU RCPL graduate, Danny Fazekas.

Kara Christiane Chiodo
Kara is currently a self-employed real estate investor and property manager in Norman. Previously she was an assistant and associate planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments from 2008 to 2013. While with ACOG she was responsible for intermodal transportation planning, including coordination with Oklahoma City metropolitan area public transportation providers, administration of FTA transit grant programs and long-range planning for regional transit initiatives. She was also the ACOG coordinator for Title VI and ADA compliance issues. Kara has a bachelor of science in physics (2003) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2008). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Candy Matson Thompson
Candy is a professional engineer in Public Water Supply at the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, where she has worked for over ten years. She takes enforcement action and provides technical assistance for public water supplies across the state of Oklahoma, protecting public health by ensuring that Federal and State Water Quality Regulations are met. Candy has a bachelor of science in civil engineering (2001) and master of regional and city planning (2008) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: As a nine-year old, Candy was on the Yukon Pinkettes team that won the 1988 OKC Metro Independence League basketball championship.
Sooner Planners: 2008

**Katrina Susanna Conrad-Legler**
Katrina is a Norman-based criminal defense attorney. She is associated with the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, an agency that provides legal assistance to persons who have been judicially determined to be entitled to legal counsel at State expense. Katrina has also served as second vice-president of the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. She was the recipient of the OCDLA’s Thurgood Marshall Appellate Advocacy Award in 2007. Katrina has a bachelor of arts from the University of Kansas (1992) and doctorate of law (1996) and master of regional and city planning (2008) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Wakana Sugimoto Montague**
Wakana first came to Oklahoma in 2000 as an exchange student in Tulsa with Rotary International. She spent two years of her undergraduate program at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee. At OU she was a member of the Japanese Student Association, Taiko Drum Group and International Advisory Committee. She was also selected as the international student of the month by the Norman Lions Club. In 2005, she prepared bilingual presentations as a guide to World EXPO 2005 in Nagoya, working on UN Day to accommodate visits by the emperor and the prime minister. Wakana has a bachelor of social work (2007) and master of social work with courses in regional and city planning (2008) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Her home town in Japan is near the Toyota headquarters, where she did office work in 2004.
Sooner Planners: 2009

Benjamin Edward Davis
Ben is director of capital planning at the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services where he coordinates the State/Capital Improvements Plan and annual capital budget. He is also involved in developing the State’s comprehensive real property asset management and optimization program. Ben serves as chair of the Historic Preservation Board of Review for the Capitol-Medical Center Improvement and Zoning Commission. Previously, he worked as a planner for Oklahoma City and the Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma. Ben was also part of the invasion forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Ben has a bachelor in communication from the University of Texas at Arlington (2000) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2009). Lesser-known fact: Ben owns a retail shop called Urbane Home & Lifestyle, located in the historic Western Avenue District in Oklahoma City.

Ashely Danniel Oliver
Ashely has been a GIS analyst and researcher with HousingWorks in the Texas capital city of Austin since 2013. HousingWorks Austin and Keep Austin Affordable jointly promote affordable housing policy and advocacy work focused on maintaining and expanding affordable housing in line with the rapid growth of the city of Austin. Ashely has a bachelor of laws (2009) and coursework towards a master of regional and city planning (2009) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Ashely was a student volunteer at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman in 2009.

Daniel James Fazekas
Danny is a planner with the Nevada city of Henderson. He is the designated contact for the city's participation in the national STAR Community program and staff support for Southern Nevada Strong, a planning coalition using the resources of 13 regional partners to focus on four “opportunity sites” for redevelopment, downtown North Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Medical District and a stretch of Boulder Highway in Henderson. Previously Danny was a transportation planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments from 2009 to 2013. He has a bachelor of arts (2007) and master of regional and city planning (2009) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Danny is married to another former OU planning student, Maria Alejandra Lopez Conrado.
Sooner Planners: 2009

Arti D. Patel
Arti is a vice president of sales for SR Hospitality in Oklahoma City since 2012. Previously he was director of planning and community development for the city of Piedmont from 2010 to 2012 and program specialist and planning intern with the city of Oklahoma City from 2008 to 2010. Arti has a bachelor of business administration (2007) and master of regional and city planning (2009) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Sasha Joi Marshall
Sasha is currently a planner with the Florida city of Mexico Beach. Previously she was a planner II with the city of Oklahoma City working on neighborhood revitalization, performance specialist with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in Austin assisting low-income families with their housing needs from 2009 to 2011 and public relations officer with the State of Oklahoma in Enid. Sasha has a bachelor of broadcast journalism cum laude from Langston University (2004) and master of regional and city planning (2009) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Sasha participated in a study abroad program in architectures and city planning in China.

Jennifer Susan Skutt
Jenni has been an urban planner with the Flint Mass Transportation Authority since 2013. Her role is to gather, track and report urban data and interpret its implications relating to long-term transportation planning. Jenni is involved in reporting to state and federal authorities and connecting with various community groups. Previously she was a sales leader with Pier Imports, summer intern for the Missouri city of Maryland Heights and planning assistant for Oschner Hare and Hare in Kansas City. Jenni has a bachelor of interior design from Michigan State University (2007) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2009). Interesting lesser-known fact: Her thesis was entitled, "A Content analysis of planned unit Development ordinances in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area."
Sooner Planners: 2010

**Whitney Lauren Box**
Whitney is director of real estate for the Walmart Corporation in Bentonville, Arkansas. Previously she was director of strategic and long range planning for the city of Enid. Whitney has also held internships with Enid and Oklahoma City and been a construction coordinator for Home Creations. She also was president of the OU Student Planning Association and secretary and at-large board member for the Oklahoma APA chapter. Whitney is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She has a bachelor of science in environmental design (2007) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Whitney’s brother, Austin, was an outstanding all-state and all-American athlete who played middle linebacker for the Sooners and died of a prescription overdose in 2011 at the age of 22. In his honor, her family started the Austin Box “12” foundation to educate the public about drug abuse.

**Travis Barnett Estes**
Travis is with Boston-based Next Step Living, an organization that is combating global climate change at the local level by promoting residential improvements that increase energy efficiency. He manages a team responsible that connects with over 9,000 homes per month through targeted outreach. He is also a liaison between NSL and organizations such as the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Massachusetts Green Communities and many municipalities throughout Massachusetts. Since joining NSL in 2011, he has held several positions, including home energy advisor, community programs manager, director of community programs and director of outreach. Travis has a bachelor of English education from University of Central Oklahoma (2006) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2010). Interesting lesser-known fact: Travis spent nine months in Zambia as a Peace Corps volunteer working to improve local education and economic development.

**Yu Zhang**
Vera is currently a transportation planner for Caltrans. Previously she was with the Rapides Area Planning Commission in Alexandria, Louisiana from 2010 to 2014. She joined RAPC as a transportation planner and was promoted to director of transportation. In that position, she was the primary liaison for the local travel demand management program and involved in the maintenance and update of the region’s transportation improvement program and long range transportation plan. As an OU student, she had internships with the city of Tuttle and University community development center. Vera has an undergraduate degree from Xian Jiaotong University in China (2006) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. She is also currently working on a MBA from UCLA. Interesting lesser-known fact: Vera is interested in developing international relationships between businesses in the US and in her homeland of China.
Sooner Planners: 2010

**Ella Ebony Faulkner**
Ella is an urban planner with the District of Columbia parks and recreation department. Since joining the Capital Projects Division in 2010, she had been the project management lead of large recreation center construction projects, Citywide environmental parks and planning issues, as well as parks and recreation center designs. She is also working on developing the Agency 10 year Master Plan. She also formed her own consulting firm, Faulkner Redevelopment Planning, which offers services to non-profit public and private agencies and specializes in the redevelopment of blighted or underutilized properties. Ella has a bachelor of geography from Virginia Commonwealth University (2003) and master of geography (2006) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from OU. At OU, she taught physical geography to over 400 students as a graduate teaching assistant. Interesting lesser-known fact: Ella enjoys painting, photography and watching horror movies- the gorier the better!

**Aaron Michael Champion**
Aaron was a project manager for the Clean Energy Coalition in Detroit from 2011 to 2014. He managed a four-year, $40 million Department of Energy-funded program to deploy clean-fueled vehicles and build the necessary fueling infrastructure to support them. He was also the coordinator for the Detroit Clean Cities Coalition which brings together stakeholders to deploy clean fuel vehicles and advanced vehicle technologies, with the stated purpose of reducing dependence on imported petroleum. Before joining CEC, Aaron was a program representative for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and a GIS analyst for Chesapeake Energy in Oklahoma City. Aaron has a bachelor of geography and geographic information systems (2007) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Aaron is a member of the National Earth Sciences Honor Society and the National Geography Honor Society.

**Tram V. Truong**
Tram is a transportation planner with the city of Greensboro and Greensboro MPO in North Carolina. Previously she was a transportation planner for the Central Oklahoma Economic Development District in Shawnee and a GIS/planning intern with the city of Oklahoma City. Since joining the Greensboro MPO, she has created a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Analysis and is updating the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Master Plan and Bicycle Suitability Map. She also contributes to the GIS community by reviewing GIS books for Pack Publishing. Tram has a bachelor of environmental management from the University of Technology in Viet Nam (2005) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2010). Interesting lesser-known fact: Her primary interests are utilizing GIS in transportation to support decision-making and linking multi-modal transportation planning with mixed use of land development planning.
Sooner Planners: 2010

**Christopher R. Williams**
Chris joined the Alliance Transportation Group in their Dallas office as a transportation planner in 2013. Previously he was a transportation planner for the North Central Texas Council of Governments from 2010 to 2013. In 2011, Chris received the Pride Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Some of his college jobs were as an intern with the Indian Nation Council of Governments in Tulsa and as a career development specialist with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Chris has a bachelor of sociology from Oklahoma State University (2006) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Chris also participates in Big Brothers Big Sisters, Toastmasters International and Habitat for Humanity.

**Priti Dhungel**
Priti is manager of streetscape and capital projects for the Garment District Alliance in New York City. She is responsible for developing and implementing district programs, such as neighborhood economic development, business attraction and retention, district marketing, planning, streetscape and capital improvements. Previously she was with the Brick City Development Corporation in Newark and Jonathan Rose Companies in New York City. Priti was president of the Nepali Student Association and on the International Advisory Committee at OU. She has a bachelor of architecture from Institute of Engineering in Nepal (2005), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2010) and master of infrastructure planning from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact: Priti has bungee jumped from a height of 500 feet in Nepal.

**Vijay Thangarasa**
Vijay operates Vijay Vasam, a senior living community in the Oregon community of Eugene that offers residential care homes, assisted living, continuing care retirement community and independent living. After not finding a position in the field of planning that appealed to him after graduation from OU, Vijay decided to open adult care facilities that would allow needy elderly residents to live independently in an apartment-like setting and have access to basic daily needs such as meals, medication, light housekeeping and laundry. He has a bachelor of architecture (2008) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Vijay is the captain and coordinator of the Oregon club cricket team.
Sooner Planners: 2010

Sarah Jo Welch
Sarah is an associate planner with Oklahoma City planning department. She joined the city in 2008 and is responsible for coordinating public outreach for planokc and providing support for connectokc. She also reviews development proposals for conformance with the comprehensive plan. Sarah is a member of the American institute of Certified Planners. Sarah has a bachelor of communication from Arizona State (2008) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Narciso Michael Lansdown
Narciso was an intern in the public policy research center at Boise State University in 2013 and at Katers & Associates in 2009. He has a bachelor of public administration from Boise State University (2008), master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2010) and master of public administration from Boise State University (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact: Narciso is the nephew of another OU RCPL alum, Russell Legg.

Shambhavee Gargote
Shambhavee held two positions with the college of architecture at the University of Oklahoma. She was a graphic design consultant from 2011 to 2012 and a graduate intern from 2008 to 2010. Before she came to the US to attend OU, she held three architectural-related positions in her Indian hometown of Mumbai, including assistant lecturer at the Allana College of Architecture. Shambhavee has a bachelor of architecture from the University of Pune (2004) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Sooner Planners: 2010

L to R: front: Wakana Sugimoto, Tram Truong, Shambhavee Gargote; second: Vijay Thangarasa, Whitney Box, Sara Welch, Katie Tyler; third: Chris Williams, Narciso Lansdown, Katrina Conrad-Legler
Sooner Planners: 2011

**Ryan Anthony Rogowski**
Ryan is an economic development specialist with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Joining ODC in 2012 as a research analyst, he has performed competitive intelligence research for business recruitment and retention efforts, and provided industry analysis for internal and external customers. Previously he was sales manager for the Norman Convention and Visitors Bureau where he was a key player in restructuring the bureau to actively promote Norman to new audiences by rebranding marketing activities, improving office procedures and reporting performance measures. Ryan has a bachelor of marketing and entrepreneurship (2007) and master of regional and city planning (2011) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: While working as an account executive for Rent-A-Center in his Texas hometown of Plano, he created and implemented an innovative marketing strategy for a new commercial leasing concept.

**Savannah Smith Richards**
Savannah is currently an environmental planner with MIG|Hogle-Ireland in Riverside, California. She prepares California Environmental Quality Act initial studies, Mitigated Negative Declarations and Environmental Impact Reports for public and private sector clients. Previously she was an environmental programs specialist and revolving loan fund coordinator for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality for two years. While an OU student she interned with the cities of Oklahoma City and Enid and while at OSU, she interned with the University’s plant and soil science and zoology departments. She was also the recipient of the OU outstanding planning student award. Savannah has a bachelor of environmental science from Oklahoma State University (2009) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2011). Interesting lesser-known fact: Savannah loves salsa dancing, gardening and visiting the desert, mountains and beaches.

**Arrie Andrew Mitchell**
Arrie is director of research for Downtown Fort Worth, where his role is to track the health and vitality of downtown, evaluate research data and observations to identify needs and opportunities for downtown improvement and assist in locating downtown economic and development opportunities. Previously Arrie was a planner for the city of McKinney where he administered brownfield, impact fee and downtown redevelopment programs. He interned in Oklahoma City where he worked with business leaders to grow the economic vitality of downtown. He now serves as communications coordinator for the North Central Texas APA. Arrie has a bachelor of public administration from the University of Central Oklahoma (2007) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2011). Interesting lesser-known fact: Arrie originally planned to obtain a degree in public policy until he stumbled upon planning as a data collector for an Austin-based engineering firm.
Sooner Planners: 2011

Alisha Rena Grayson
Alisha has been a brownfield planner with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality since 2010. Previously she held designer positions with TBG Partners from 2007 to 2009 and with EDSA from 2004 to 2007. Alisha has a bachelor of landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University (2004) and master of regional and city planning (2010) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

Sarah Muthoni Gichanga
Sarah has been a city planner with International Project Planning and Management Consultants Ltd. in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi since 2013. Previously she worked for the city of Oklahoma City as a planning Intern and GIS specialist. Sarah has a bachelor of fine arts in interior design from the University of Central Oklahoma (2006) and master of regional and city planning (2011) from the University of Oklahoma. She was also a graduate assistant in the University of Oklahoma Interior Design Department from 2008 to 2011. Lesser known fact: Sarah is a singer.
Sooner Planners: 2012

**Benjamin K. Trantham**
Ben has been with Trident Structures in Fort Worth since 2011. He joined Trident as a project manager and has since been promoted to senior project manager. Earlier he worked with Jacobs Engineering from 2010 to 2011. Ben has garnered many awards, including the Institute Honor Award for Architecture (2012) and Honor Merit Award from the American Institute of Architects (2010), the Collaborative Practice Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal (2009). He was also a national finalist for the Gerald D. Hines Urban Design Competition from the ULI (2011). Ben has a bachelor of architecture from the University of Arkansas (2009), master of regional and city planning and master of construction administration from the University of Oklahoma (2012). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Justin Kyle Debruin**
Justin has been the assistant planner for the central Oklahoma city of Shawnee since 2013. Justin has a bachelor of arts from the University of Central Oklahoma (2008) and master of regional and city planning (2012) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Justin is also an exceptional tennis player. While attending Bishop McGuinness high school in Oklahoma City, he was undefeated and won two state tennis championships and was the All-City tennis player of the year in 2005.

**Monique N. Hawkins**
Monique is a planner II in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land. Previously she was a Planner I for the city of Oklahoma City from 2012 to 2013, where she was involved in an analysis of the city's retail food environment and population access to healthy food, an analysis of the City’s food distribution network and an identification of barriers to urban agriculture including the drafting of an urban agriculture ordinance. Monique has a bachelor of community and regional planning from Iowa State University (2010) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2012). Interesting lesser-known fact: Monique’s primary interests are on the health aspects of planning as related to access to parks and recreation, healthy food and active modes of mobility.
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**Ava Zrenda**
Ava is currently the principal of Zrenda Design Group in Oklahoma City where she is involved in the planning, design, grading and irrigation of landscape projects for commercial, residential and recreational facilities in the public and private sectors. From 2008 to 2014 she was a landscape planner with several firms in the Oklahoma City area, including Marcum’s Nursery, Archie’s Gardenland and Dunaway Associates. Ava has also been an easement curator for Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company and a transportation planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. She has a bachelor of landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University (2008) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2012). Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Tsung-Hsien Lee**
Lee had an internship with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments in 2012. Lee has a bachelor of business administration from Tamkang University in China (2006) and master of regional and city planning (2012) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:

**Kassy Amanda Malone**
Kassy has been an assistant downtown planner for the city of Oklahoma City since 2013. Kassy has a bachelor of environmental design (2009) and master of regional and city planning (2012) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact:
Tyler Paul McCarthy

Tyler is camp programming director for the Oklahoma chapter of Nazarene Youth International. He is a designer and won first place honorable mention in an ULI Hines student design competition. His logo design creation for OKC Pride was selected in competition. Tyler has a bachelor of theology from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany (2009) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2012). While an OU student he was also a University Ambassador. Interesting lesser-known fact: Tyler enjoys watching Doctor Who and exploring Oklahoma City on his bicycle. Someday, he would like to visit every Olympic city.
Sooner Planners: 2013

Victoria Ledue Raines
Tor is the program manager for Friends of NW10th Street, a non-profit community development organization in Oklahoma City. Previously she was a project manager with Oklahoma DOT from 2006 to 2014 where she coordinated public meetings, worked with consultants and researched historic buildings and districts throughout Oklahoma. Tori has a passion for historic buildings and community development and wrote her thesis on the Main Street Program. Tori has a bachelor of anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin (2006), master of historic preservation and culture studies from Union Institute (2011) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact: Working as an archeologist early in her career, Tori walked from East Texas through Louisiana to Mississippi following a proposed pipeline.

Shane R. Hampton
Shane is a Fellow at the OU institute of Quality Communities. As such he leads teams of planning students and interns on planning and placemaking projects throughout Oklahoma, teaches a workshop course on urbanism and maintains media contacts. Before being named as a Fellow, he was a graduate assistant with the institute for two years where he assisted in the production of special events such as charettes, lectures and conferences. He received the 2013 Goins award for Outstanding Achievements by a Planning Student and received honorable mention in the 2012 Hines/ULI urban design competition. Shane has a bachelor of public affairs (2011) and master of regional and city planning (2013) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: For two years, Shane worked as an ambassador with the Bricktown Water Taxi in downtown Oklahoma City.

Eric Dryer
Eric is an assistant transportation planner with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. He is responsible for the coordination of intermodal transportation planning efforts related to regional transit initiatives, assisting the development of the long range transportation plan for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, coordinating with state and local transit operators to ensure compliance with federal non-discrimination laws and monitoring completed multimodal transit projects within the Oklahoma City region. Eric has a bachelor of science in biology from the University of Michigan (2010) and master of regional and city planning (2013) from the University of Oklahoma. Interesting lesser-known fact: Eric had three internships as an OU student, two with Oklahoma City as a planning intern and historic preservation intern, and one with EST Inc. as an environmental intern.
Sooner Planners: 2013

Chet Wayne Dodrill
Chet has been chief financial and administrative officer for Edmund-based Chloeta Fire LLC since 2011. He is responsible for all contract administrative and financial management functions. CFI provides a diverse range of natural resources and emergency services-oriented solutions to the federal government; tribal, state, county and municipal governments; non-governmental organizations; and private landowners. CFI maintains certified instructors capable of delivering in-depth instruction on many incident management and wild land fire topics. He has a bachelor of business administration (2005) and master of regional and city planning (2013) from OU. Interesting lesser-known fact: Chet was honored by OU as top student in the marketing/supply chain management division by being named division flag carrier at commencement.

Daniel Mark Ofsthun
Dan has served as a special projects coordinator, GIS analyst, treasurer and finance director for the central Oklahoma city of Blanchard since he joined the community as an intern in 2012. Previously he was a communications intern for Greater Grads, a program sponsored by the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Before that he was a bank teller for Arvest Banks. While at OU Dan was a student senator representing the regional and city planning program and a representative on the Student Advisory Library Council. Dan has a bachelor of arts in Judaic history (2007) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact: He also was a NASA GIS grant recipient.

Phillip Michael Walters
Phillip joined the Oklahoma City planning department in 2011 and specializes in GIS analysis, land use modeling and economic development. He provides support for the sustainokc and strengthenokc plan elements. Phillip has a bachelor of business administration from the University of Nebraska (2011) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2013). Interesting lesser-known fact:
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Zun Zhao
Zhao is currently a graduate assistant in the Confucius Institute for graphic designs and website design at the University of Oklahoma. He has also held internships with the Beijing Western Architecture Design Limited Company, PetroChina Planning and Engineering Institute and China Academy of Building Research. He is a co-author of an article entitled "The Inspiration of the Comparison between Chinese and American Urban Transition to the Chinese Urban Transition" that was published in the journal Urban Planning. Zhao has a bachelor of engineering from the North China University of Technology (2011) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2013). He is also working on a doctorate of architecture design and urban planning. Interesting lesser-known fact: Zhao received the OU Rodgers Scholarship in 2012.
Sooner Planners: 2014

Megan Underwood
Megan is an economic development planner for the Ada Jobs Foundation/Ada Chamber of Commerce. As an OU student, she worked as an intern for the city of Moore, Canadian County Assessors Office and Conoco Phillips in Bartlesville. Megan also earned just about every student honor and award available, including the Joseph Lee Rodgers Scholarship and Dean’s Distinguished Graduate Student. She was also named to the Presidents Honor Roll and represented the RCPL program as a senator on the OU academic affairs committee. During her undergraduate years, she was president of both her geography and GIS clubs. Megan has a bachelor of geography (2012) and master of regional and city planning (2014) from the University of Oklahoma. She also attended career discovery courses in urban planning from the Harvard graduate college of design. Interesting lesser-known fact: Megan will probably do real well in the “real world.”

Justin Henry
Justin is an assistant planner for the capital planning unit in the Office of Management and Enterprise Services of the Division of Capital Assets Management for the State of Oklahoma and assists in developing the State capital improvements plan and annual capital budget. In addition to his role with the State, Justin serves as student representative to the Oklahoma APA chapter and as president of the Student Planning Association of Oklahoma. Previously he was vice-president of Stout & Henry Surveying, where he worked in land surveying and development. Justin also worked for the city of Edmond as a city management intern. He has a bachelor of history from the University of Central Oklahoma (2013) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2014) and master of public administration from the University of Central Oklahoma (2014).

Jennifer Miller Sylvester
Jennifer is a licensed real estate agent with Paula & Company in Oklahoma City. Previously she was a graduate assistant at the OU Institute of Quality Communities, an assistant at Old Town Realtors in Norman, a VISTA volunteer in New Haven, an intern at Atlas General Contractors in Oklahoma City and an intern for South Coast Design/Build in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Jennifer holds certifications with the Public Interest Design Institute (Social Economic Environmental Design) and with the NeighborWorks Training Institute (Community Economic Development). She has a bachelor of architecture from Oklahoma State University (2011) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2014). Interesting lesser-known fact: As a student Jenifer participated in the Livable Lindsay Street Project for the city of Norman in 2013.
Sooner Planners: 2014

Elham Daha
Elham is a planner with the city of Norman. Previously she was an urban planner and management specialist in the research and planning center of Tehran Municipality from 2009 to 2012, an urban planning supervisor for a consulting engineering company in Tehran from 2007 to 2009, an urban planner with Pars Boom Consulting Engineering Company from 2006 to 2007. Elham has a master of urban design from the University of Tehran (2012) and master of regional and city planning (2014) from the University of Oklahoma. As a graduate student she was also a research assistant in the department of regional planning. Interesting lesser-known fact: Elham was also president of the OU Iranian Student Association and graduate student senate representative.

Marshall Ingram III
Trey is a sustainable development planner with the North Central Texas Council of Governments. As such, he coordinates and administers sustainable development funding for infrastructure improvements tied to land use changes resulting in mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented development. Trey also works on various planning studies and regional initiatives related to green infrastructure and transit-oriented development. He was previously an urban redevelopment intern for the city of Oklahoma City and an intern for three other central Oklahoma cities. Trey has a bachelor of geography and economics (2012) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2014). He was the recipient of the Leonard Logan Founders Scholarship, the Environmental Sustainability Scholarship and the SCAUG Scholarship. Interesting lesser-known fact: Trey attended every Sooner football home game and OU/Texas game between 1999 and 2013.

Kristen Dikeman
Kristen is a communications operator with the Norman Regional Health System and a graduate research assistant with the University of Oklahoma. Kristen has a bachelor of Native American studies (2011) and master of regional and city planning (2014) from the University of Oklahoma. In late 2014, she will enter the OU College of Law and specialize in American Indian law. Interesting lesser-known fact: Kristen was born and raised in Chicago, which means she is an avid Bears fan and hates the color combination of green and gold.
Anna Siprikova
Anna is currently a student in the OU regional and city planning program. She is from Russia and previously served as a senior expert in the Ministry of Culture in the Russian Federation. Anna is a Fulbright Scholar and the recipient of an OU recruiting and retention scholarship. She has also won several architectural prizes in her homeland, including the silver medal in the XIIIth World Triennial of Architecture. Anna has a bachelor of arts (2009) and master of reconstruction and restoration of architecture (2011) from the Moscow Institute of Architecture. She has also completed a postgraduate research program in collaboration with MIT at the Strelka Institute for Media, Architecture and Design (2011). Interesting lesser-known fact: Anna peaks Russian, English and German and is co-author of the MIT Press publication: “Senseable City Guide to Moscow.”

Udo is currently a student in the OU regional and city planning program. His family is from Nigeria. Udo is working on a master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2015). Interesting lesser-known fact: Udo received a three-year staff senate appointment to the OU Environmental Concerns Committee for facilities management.

Danielle Michelle Barker
Danielle is an intern with the city of Bethany. Living much of her life in Missouri and Oklahoma, she has had much exposure to extreme weather conditions and the importance of disaster preparedness. Danielle has worked with the Oklahoma Climatological Survey, OK-FIRST, EarthStorm and OU National Severe Storms Laboratory. She is also the founder of OU Loves Joplin, a group formed to help victims of the Joplin tornado in 2011. Danielle has also served as a volunteer for the Children and Disaster Recovery Research Project which researches the recovery process of tornado and wildfire-affected youth. She has a bachelor of geography and meteorology (2013) and is working on a master of regional and city planning (2015) from the University of Oklahoma. Danielle is a recipient of the OU dean’s distinguished graduate scholarship, RCPL retention scholarship and Leonard Logan founders scholarship. Interesting lesser-known fact: Danielle is a farm-raised horse lover and grandmother.
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Mark Zitzow
Mark has been director of economic development for the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce since 2014. Previously he was a research coordinator for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce from 2012 to 2014. Mark has a bachelor of public administration from the University of Central Oklahoma (2012) and is working on his master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2016). Interesting lesser-known fact:

Brooke Mortimer
Brooke has been a special projects coordinator for Cornerstone Development since 2014. Previously she was a real estate broker assistant, a personal assistant for Midconex Minerals and a visitor services team leader for the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Gardens. Brooke has a bachelor of business administration summa cum laude from the University of Central Oklahoma (2014) and is working on her master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2016). Interesting lesser-known fact: She was president of the UCO real estate club.

Shelby Waller Templin
Shelby is currently a student assistant in the OU Stephenson Research and Technology Center. Previously he was a research analyst with Zoning Info in Oklahoma City where she compiled zoning reports and OFIA requests for about 50 clients a month. She was also a resident advisor at Oklahoma State University from 2010 to 2013. Shelby has a bachelor of political science from Oklahoma State University (2013) and is working on her master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (2016). Interesting lesser-known fact:
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