

# Yani Vozos



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## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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- Master of Urban Planning (MUP) Specializing in Housing and Community Development: University of Louisville, 05/12/2007, 3.85 GPA.
- B.A. in Urban Studies and International Politics: University of Pittsburgh 05/19/999, 3.35 GPA.
- Twelve weeks Community Development and Spanish Language Training, Peace Corps Honduras.
- Word, Excel, Powerpoint, GIS, PLONE, Sketch-up, Photoshop, Illustrator, SPSS.
- Spanish/ English fluency.

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **Adjunct Professor**

**Bellarmino University, Louisville, KY**

**Dates worked: 08/20/2020 - Present**

- Conduct the interdisciplinary class entitled "Urban Agriculture and Community Development."
- Instruct students on basic skills in gardening/agriculture and community development, organizing and urban planning techniques.
- Lead a critical assessment of the many facets of urban agriculture and the impact that it has on our modern world.

### **Teaching Artist**

**Partners for Education (Berea College) and Kentucky Arts Council**

**Dates worked: 09/1/2019 - Present**

- Conduct teaching artist residencies with high school and middle school students in the Eastern Kentucky region. Residencies focus on the subjects of college and career readiness, music, dance, culture and Spanish language.

### **Instructor/ Creator**

**Music Together Program, Louisville, KY**

**Dates worked: 01/15/2018 - 12/21/2019**

**Hours worked: 15 hrs/wk**

- Created a program and curriculum for basic music and guitar instruction for students that range from nine to eighteen years of age. This program was specifically created to increase access to the arts for the populations that may not be able to afford or have easy access to music lessons.

- Built partnerships with the Iroquois Library and Americana Community Center to offer guitar classes to students who participate in their after school programs at their facilities.
- Composed two very strong grant applications that were successfully awarded in two different rounds of funding from the Fund for the Arts Organization.
- Conducted classes in three seasonal (spring, summer, fall) sessions instructing 76 students in 2018.

### **Academic Advisor**

**School of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY**

**Dates worked: 06/01/2007 – 08/04/2017**

**Hours worked: 37.5 hrs/wk**

- Advised and supervised approximately 120 graduate students in the Master of Urban Planning (MUP), Master of Public Administration(MPA), MA/S in Sustainability, BA in Sustainability and Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs program.
- Coordinated and managed the recruitment, admissions, and orientation for new students.
- Established partnerships with different local agencies in the public, private and non-profit sectors to place students with internships and permanent employment positions.
- Managed the department's website, social media and published a weekly newsletter.
- Collaborated and partnered with faculty, special programs administrators, and academic and student personnel departments to plan programs, determine policies, manage programs and promote awareness of special student needs.
- Planned and facilitate special events related to the graduate programs.
- Successfully obtained accreditation twice for MUP and once for MPA programs.
- Co-Founded and continue to manage the UPA Horticulture Zone: an example greenspace that demonstrates and teaches how citizens can modify their front and back yards to grow food and live a more sustainable life.  
<http://louisville.edu/upa/programs/mup/upa-horticulture-zone>
- Constructed urban garden spaces in collaboration with UofL, YMCA safe place, Hotel Louisville/ Wayside Christian mission and Louisville Iroquois Library.

### **Housing Program Specialist**

**Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development, Louisville, KY**

**Dates worked: 2/1/2005 – 07/21/2006**

**Hours worked: 40 hours/week**

- Managed HUD grants and provided support to local, non- profit Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) that build affordable housing for low and moderate income families.
- Partnered with local non-profit agencies, churches and neighborhood groups that serve the Smoketown, Russell, Portland, California, and Phoenix Hill neighborhoods to develop strategies for affordable housing, site planning, project development, as

well as the construction and sales of the houses per HUD guidelines and regulations.

- Participated in the formulation of a strategic plan for the local Non-profit Housing Alliance and helped to implement a process for capacity and organizational development with each agency.
- Participated in the formulation of the mayor's Strategic Plan for Housing in Metro Louisville which addresses everything from home ownership to rental to Section 8 to public housing to neighborhood and community development, community land trusts, housing trust fund, etc.

### **Research Associate**

**The Center for Hazards Research, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY**

**Dates worked: 08/22/2003 – 12/15/2004 and 08/01/2006 – 05/31/2007**

**Hours worked: 20hrs/wk**

- Researched, compiled, and composed informative written and GIS mapping sections of hazard mitigation plans for the both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Lexington/Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG).
- Researched and gathered all available digital hydrologic and hydraulic flood data as well as established and maintained correspondence with all applicable agencies for the commonwealth of Kentucky's Department of Water (DOW) in efforts to compile a report that assisted FEMA in the Flood Map Modernization Initiative.
- Facilitated outreach in the form of community visits/meetings where community action plans were created to lower CRS ratings. Developed presentation materials as part of an NFIP/CRS community outreach/action project in conjunction with DOW.
- Helped to coordinate three different stakeholder workshops related to gathering information for the state hazard mitigation plan.

### **Community Development Worker**

**Peace Corps Honduras, Central America**

**Dates worked: 06/01/2000 – 09/01/2002**

**Hours worked: 40-80hrs/wk**

- Worked in the rural county of Morolica in a supportive capacity to help develop and strengthen the local/regional community development organization of ASODEIMOR (Asociacion de Desarrollo Integral de Morolica) by facilitating and participating in various training seminars and helping to develop and carry out small, basic needs projects. An article written for the PITT Alumni magazine about my work in Honduras can be found here <http://www.pittmag.pitt.edu/fall2007/feature2.html>
- Built relationships and worked with the local and rural primary schools and community leaders in an environmental education and conservation initiative to establish six tree nurseries in order to reforest and preserve local water sources in various communities.
- Worked with a host-national NGO CDH (Centro de Desarrollo Humano) to document a comprehensive census/ diagnostic of the town of Nueva Morolica and 30 surrounding rural villages.

- Coordinated two weeklong workshops for 30 Peace Corps administrative staff, 15 volunteers, and 15 community counterparts on disaster preparedness and mitigation.

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## **INTERNSHIPS**

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### **Community Planner**

**East Liberty Development Incorporated (ELDI), Pittsburgh, PA**

**Dates worked: 01/06/1999 – 05/11/1999**

**Hours worked: 20hrs/wk**

- Surveyed the existing housing stock within the East Liberty community, and developed assessment reports with the aid of collected data, census data, and GIS operating system.
- Built community partnerships and relationships focusing on the many different projects in which the organization was involved including: local business development strategy, housing development and improvement, child care and education etc.

### **Project Officer**

**United Nations Environment and Development–UK (UNED-UK), London England**

**Dates Worked: 08/22/1998 - 12/05/1998**

**Hours worked: 20 hrs/wk**

- Researched and composed over 30 written summaries, biographies, and analyses of past UN conferences and international organizations concerned with sustainable development to aid in the construction of the *Roadmap to 2002* web-site ([www.uned-uk.org/roadmap/](http://www.uned-uk.org/roadmap/)).
- Built partnerships with many agency counterparts in order to establish the Multi-lateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) coalition.

### **Site Evaluator**

**New York City Department of Design and Construction, New York, NY**

**Dates worked: 5/31/1997- 08/05/1997**

**Hours worked: 40hrs/wk**

- Prepared written and photographic analysis and evaluation of various prospective construction sites throughout the city's five boroughs.
- Aided in preparation and presentation of the department's "Open House" for city officials, contractors, and the Shanghai Municipal Construction Company.

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## **REFERENCES**

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- Dr. David Simpson- Chair, Department of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Louisville [REDACTED]
- Josh Human- Senior Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Consultant, Stantec.  
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- Dr. Janet Kelly- Director Master of Public Administration Program, University of Louisville [REDACTED]