

Yani Vozos

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PROFILE

20 years working in the fields of community development, urban planning, and administration. Actively engaged in bringing people together to empower and strengthen communities. Has led a variety of successful collaborative projects in Louisville and the Beechmont Neighborhood.

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Excellent interpersonal and inter-cultural communication
- Community engagement and organizing
- Project management and budgeting
- Fluent Spanish-speaker

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Master of Urban Planning (MUP) Specializing in Housing and Community Development: University of Louisville, May 2007, 3.85 GPA.
- B.A. in Urban Studies and Int. Politics: University of Pittsburgh May 1999, 3.33 GPA.
- Twelve weeks Community Development and Spanish Language Training, Peace Corps

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville Dept. of Urban and Public Affairs - Present

Adjunct Professor

Appalatin Musical Ensemble- Louisville, KY August 2007- Present

Director and Bandleader

University of Louisville Dept. of Urban and Public Affairs June 2007 – August 2017

Academic Advisor

Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development , Dec. 2004 -June 2006

Housing Program Specialist

The Center for Hazards Research, University of Louisville Aug.03-Dec.04; .06-June 07

Research Associate

Peace Corps Honduras, Central America May 2000 – September 2002

Community Development Worker

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PROJECTS

- Beechmont Neighborhood Association- Business Committee- Member 2017- Present
- Americana Community Center Cornbread and Tortillas Festival- Asst. Director 2017
- Iroquois Library- Garden Creation, Management and Programming- Leader 2016-Present
- Fund For the Arts- Community outreach, fundraising, artistic projects- 2014-Present
- Hotel Louisville/ Wayside Christian Mission- Garden Creation -Leader 2015
- YMCA Safe Place- Garden Creation -Leader 2014
- University of Louisville UPA Garden Creation, Management - Director 2013-2017

REFERENCES

- **Dr. David Simpson-** Chair, Department of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Louisville
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- **Dr. Janet Kelly-** Director Master of Public Administration Program, University of Louisville,
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- **Daro Mott-** Chief of Performance Improvement, Louisville Metro daro.Mott@louisvilleky.gov
(502) 574-4207
- **Edgardo Mansilla-** Director, Americana Community Center edgardo@americanacc.org
(502) 366-7183

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville Dept. of Urban and Public Affairs - Present

Adjunct Professor

- Developed curriculum for SUST 480 Urban Agriculture and Planning course to be offered in Spring of 2018 semester as part of the Bachelor of Sustainability degree program.
- The course teaches students basic skills in horticulture (how to grow food), basic concepts in urban planning and community development, and also involves a deep discussion and analysis of how urban agriculture has been and can be impactful with regard to public health, community development, social justice, economic opportunity.
- The course features many site visits and tours of various projects and organizations in Louisville that are dedicated to urban agriculture and food distribution.
- There is a community service learning aspect to the course where students will help build "Peace Gardens" (raised bed bench gardens) at a location in the community.

Appalatin Musical Ensemble- Louisville, KY August 2007- Present

Director and Bandleader

- Public speaking at all events for crowds ranging from five to five thousand people.
- Manage business and logistical affairs of the band (budget and finances, scheduling, booking, marketing, communication with the public, etc.)
- Teach music, culture, and songwriting in schools locally and across the state.
- Grant writing and management in cooperation with the Kentucky Arts Council Artist Registry.

University of Louisville Dept. of Urban and Public Affairs June 2007 – August 2017

Academic Advisor

- Advised and supervised approximately 350 graduate students in the Master of Urban Planning, Master of Public Administration, MA/S in Sustainability, BA in Sustainability and Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs program.
- Coordinated/managed the recruitment, admissions, and orientation for new students.
- Managed the department's website and publish a weekly newsletter.
- Collaborated 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 facilitated special events related to the graduate programs.
- Co-Founded and continues to help manage the UPA Horticulture Zone: an example green space 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>
- Established internship programs and job placement with many different local agencies in the public, private and non-profit sectors.
- Maintained student files, prepare accreditation documents, and process various associated forms.
- Constructed urban garden spaces in collaboration with UofL, YMCA safe place, and Hotel Louisville/ Wayside Christian mission and Louisville Iroquois Library.

Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development , Dec. 2004 -June 2006

Housing Program Specialist

- 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.
- Worked with 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, budgeting, 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.

The Center for Hazards Research, University of Louisville Aug.03-Dec.04; Aug.06-June 07
Research Associate

- 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.
- Aided the facilitation of community visits, created community action plans to lower CRS ratings, and 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.

Peace Corps Honduras, Central America May 2000 – September 2002
Community Development Worker

- 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.

INTERSHIPS

East Liberty Development Incorporated (ELDI), Pittsburgh, PA Jan.1999- May 1999
Community Planner (Intern)

- 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.
- Attended meeting focused on the many different issues and projects in which the organization is involved including: local business development strategy, housing development and improvement, etc.

United Nations Environment and Development– London England, Aug.1998- Dec. 1998
Project Officer (Intern)

- 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/).

- Attended meetings and provided project support to the Multi-lateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) coalition.

New York City Dept. of Design and Construction New York, NY May 1997- Aug. 1997

Site Planner/Evaluator (Intern)

- 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.