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Education

Ph.D., Urban Planning and Policy Development, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, 2003

Master of Public Affairs with a certificate in urban planning, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 1997

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies, Yale University, 1990 (*Summa cum Laude*)

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of City and Regional Planning, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, January 2008-

Chairperson, Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment, School of Architecture, Pratt Institute, July 2005-July 2007

Assistant Professor of City and Regional Planning, School of Architecture, Pratt Institute
September 2002-July 2005

Courses Taught

At Rutgers University:

- Introduction to Urban Studies
- Development and Theory of Urban Planning (co-taught), Fall 2000

At the Milano School of Management and Urban Policy, New School University:

- Political Economy of the City, Spring 2001 and Spring 2002

At Pratt Institute:

PLAN 650 Advanced Methods of Planning Analysis, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2005

PLAN 653 Planning Studio (co-taught), Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2007

PLAN 655 PLAN 655 Visual and Verbal Representation in Planning and Historic
Preservation (co-taught), Fall 2006

PLAN 657 Economic Development Spring 2003, Spring 2004

PLAN 658 History and Theory of City Planning, Fall 2002

PLAN 659a Introduction to Urban Economics and Public Finance, Spring 2004, Spring
2005

PLAN 671a/b Thesis/Demonstration of Professional Competence, Spring 2003, Fall
2003, Spring 2004, Spring 2005

Publications

Chapters or Essays in Books

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Laura Wolf-Powers (forthcoming), "Keeping Counterpublics Alive in Planning" In Peter Marcuse, James Connolly, Johannes Novy, Ingrid Olivo, Cuz Potter and Justin Steil eds., *Searching for the Just City*, Routledge, 2008.

Laura Wolf-Powers, "Beyond the First Job: career-ladder initiatives in telecommunications and related information technology industries." In Edwin Melendez ed. *Communities and Workforce Development*. W.E. Upjohn Institute. 2005, pp 253-283.

Laura Wolf-Powers, "Building a Workforce Infrastructure." In R. Hanley ed., *Moving People, Goods and Information in the Twenty-First Century: The New Economy, Urban Technologies, and Cutting-Edge Infrastructures*, Routledge, 2004, pp. 245-259.

Michael Oden, Laura Wolf-Powers and Ann Markusen. "Post-Cold War Conversion: Gains, Losses and Hidden Changes in the US Economy" In S. DiGiovanna, A. Markusen, and Y.S. Lee, eds. *From Defense to Development? Military Industrial Conversion in the Developing World*. Routledge, 2003, pp. 15-42.

Refereed Journal Articles

Laura Wolf-Powers (forthcoming), "Expanding Planning's Public Sphere: STREET Magazine, Activist Planning and Community Development in Brooklyn, NY 1971-75," conditionally accepted by the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* January 2008.

Laura Wolf-Powers, "Reading rival union responses to the localization of technical work in the US telecommunications industry." In *Environment and Planning A* 38:1, pp. 398-416, (2007)

Laura Wolf-Powers, "Up-Zoning New York City's Mixed Use Neighborhoods: Property-Led Economic Development and the Anatomy of a Planning Dilemma," In *Journal of Planning, Education and Research* 24:4, pp. 379-393, (2005)

Other Articles or Publications

Laura Wolf-Powers, "Is New Orleans a Shrinking City?" *PLACES: A Forum of Environmental Design*. 19:2, 2007, pp 45-48.

Laura Wolf-Powers, "Dossier: New York chantiers: Atlantic Yards." *Revue Urbanisme* n°350 September/October 2006, pp. 46-47.

Laura Wolf-Powers, "Technology and Urban Labor Markets in the United States." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 25:2, pp. 427-437 (2001).

Articles About Work

Laura Wolf-Powers, Review of Anna Klingman, *Brandscapes: Architecture in the Experience Economy* and Mike Davis and Daniel Bertrand Monk eds. *Evil Paradises: Dreamworlds of Neo-Liberalism*. In *The Architect's Newspaper*. September 19, 2007.

Laura Wolf-Powers, Review of Kyong Park, *Urban Ecologies: Detroit and Beyond*. In *The Architect's Newspaper*. March 8, 2006.

Laura Wolf-Powers, Review of Walter Thabit, *How East New York Became a Ghetto*. In *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment* 19: 409-411. (2004)

Laura Wolf-Powers, Review of Benjamin Miller, *Fat of the Land: Garbage of New York, the Last 200 Years*. In *Journal of Urban Technology* 8:3, 141-147 (2001)

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Laura Wolf-Powers, Review of R. Freeman and P. Gottschalk eds, *Generating Jobs: How to Create Demand for Low-Skilled Workers*. In *Journal of the American Planning Association* 67:2 235-36 (2001)

Research

Laura Wolf-Powers and William Menking, *City Legacies: A Research Project and Symposium on early Pratt Planning Papers and STREET Magazine*, Sponsored by Pratt Institute Faculty Development Fund, June 2004-October 2005.

Working Papers

Laura Wolf-Powers with Jeremy Reiss and Margaret Stix, *Building In Good Jobs: Linking Workforce Development with Real Estate-Led Economic Development*, 2006, Pratt Center for Community Development, 47 pages.

Brad Lander and Laura Wolf-Powers, *Remaking New York City: Can Prosperity Be Shared and Sustainable?*. 2004, Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development

Laura Wolf-Powers *The Telecommunications Infrastructure Industry in New York City: Framing Issues for Workforce Developers*, 2002, City University of New York Workforce Development Initiative.

Laura Wolf-Powers, *Beyond the First Job: Career-ladder initiatives in telecommunications and related information technology industries*, 2002, Community Development Research Center, New School University.

Laura Powers and Ann Markusen, *A Just Transition? Lessons from Defense Worker Adjustment in the 1990s*, 1999, Economic Policy Institute.

Professional Practice

Pratt Center for Community Development, Faculty affiliate 2004-2007

Projects:

- Digitization of the Pratt Planning Papers and STREET Magazine (completed 2005)
- Research on workforce development-real estate development linkages, funded by the Garfield Foundation (completed 2006)
- Consultancy to the New York City Economic Development Corporation to recommend workforce development/real estate development linkage policies, funded by the Garfield Foundation (completed 2007)
- Two-day curriculum on Community Benefits Agreements for community development practitioners, funded by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (completed 2007)

Professional and Community Service

New York City Bar Association Committee on Land Use Policy and Zoning, 2005-2007

Editorial Advisory Board, PLACES Magazine, 2005-2007

Advisory Board , Pratt Center for Community Development 2005-2007

Shelter Project Volunteer, Park Slope United Methodist Church 2006-present

University, School and Department Committee Service

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Chairperson, Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment, School of Architecture,
Pratt Institute, 2005-2007

Faculty Advisor, Pratt Institute Planning Students Association, 2005-2007

Elected Representative, Pratt Institute Academic Senate 2004-2007

Invited Representative, School of Architecture Faculty Governing Group, Pratt Institute,
2002-2007

Fellowships

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development, 2000

Bevier Fellowship, Rutgers University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2000

Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1997,
1999

Honors and Awards

Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning. Association of Collegiate
Schools of Planning, 2004

Susan S. Fainstein award for outstanding doctoral scholarship, Edward J. Bloustein
School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, 2003.

Memberships

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American Planning Association, 2003-present

Urban Affairs Association, 2004-present

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