

Esther West

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EDUCATION

Cleveland State University, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs

Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development

December 2015

Master of Arts in Environmental Studies

December 2015

Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information System (GIS)

May 2015

Xavier University

Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Minors in History and Political Science

June 2006

- University Scholar, Cum Laude, Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Edgecliff Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship

SKILLS

Environmental justice, cooperative development, ecosystem analysis, network building, database creation, Geographic Information Systems, stakeholder analysis, urban planning, research, Spanish proficiency.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

San Francisco State University Environmental Studies Program, Remote

January 2022 – Present

Lecturer

The Ajani Group, National

September 2021 – Present

University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, Madison, WI

February 2018 – August 2021

Cooperative Development Specialist

- Publications include: Wisconsin Cooperative Directory, AFRI-funded *Collective Action in Rural Communities*, and *Latinx Co-op Power: In the U.S.*

New Glasses, Cincinnati, OH

June 2017 – February 2018

Founder & Urban Planner

Interact for Health, Cincinnati, OH

December 2016 – Present

Trails Measurement Consultant

McBride Dale Clarion, Cincinnati, OH

November 2016 – April 2017

Part-Time Planner

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH

Graduate Assistant for MPA Director

August 2013 – December 2015

Tutor, Quantitative Analysis Graduate Course

August 2013 – December 2013

Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland, OH

May 2015 – August 2015

Strategic Planning Intern

Equal Exchange, Boston, MA

Community Sales Representative, Interfaith Program Representative

June 2008 – May 2013

ACADEMIC PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Zingale, Nicolas C.; Samanta, Aritree; & West, Esther (2017). *Loose Governance in Action: Tinkering Around in a Shrinking City*. *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 39(1), 32-57.
- Lindsey, Greg; Singer-Berk, Lila; Johnston, Wade; Adcock, Kelley; Folkert, Megan; & West, Esther (TBR). *Monitoring Trail Traffic in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Region: A Research Note*. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Chen, Na; Lindsey, Greg; Johnston, Wade; Adcock, Kelley; and West, Esther (2019). Trail Users in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Region: Purposes, Patterns, and Preferences. *Proceedings of the Fábos Conference on Landscape and Greenway Planning: Vol. 6 : Issue 1, Article 59*.
- Figure. West, Esther (2019) Cuyahoga Watershed [map]. From Tighe, J. R., & Ryberg-Webster, S. (Eds.). (2019). *Legacy cities: Continuity and change amid decline and revival*. University of Pittsburgh Press.

LEADERSHIP

- Listen Up! Youth Media
Board Member January 2022 – Present
- U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives Board
Vice President of the Board November 2020 – Present
- Madison Worker Cooperatives (MadWorC)
Board Member March 2018 – Present
- Education Committee of Equal Exchange, Boston, MA
Exchange Time Coordinator May 2012 – May 2013
Co-Chair December 2009 – May 2012
- Eastern Coordinating Council for the Eastern Conference for Workplace Democracy, Boston, MA
Board Supporter April 2017 – 2018
Lead Co-Facilitator and Board Member July 2009 – September 2012
- Green Worker Co-operative Academy, Bronx, NY
Co-op Academy Trainer Fall 2011 – Spring 2012; Fall 2012

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- American Planning Association, National and State: Member August 2015 – August 2017
- Community Blend Cooperative: Volunteer, Marketer January 2016-November 2017
- Elder High School, Cincinnati, OH: Summer School Spanish Teacher June 2007 – August 2007
- AMOS Project, Cincinnati, OH: Get Out the Vote Intern September 2007 – November 2007
- Cincinnati City Hall, Cincinnati, OH: Intern, John Cranley January 2006 – May 2006
- Jesuit Volunteer Corp, Nogales, AZ: Junior High and High School Music Teacher August 2006 – February 2007