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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill December 2012
Ph.D. Department of City and Regional Planning (Royster Fellow)

University of Wisconsin- Madison May 2002
M.S. Land Resources at Institute for the Environment (University Fellow)

Middlebury College (VT) May 1998
B.S. Geology (Magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa)

Academic Employment

University of Kansas
Professor August 2025 →
Associate Director, Indigenous Studies Program June 2025 →
Associate Professor August 2019 →
Urban Planning Program, Public Affairs and Administration
Indigenous Studies Program (effective January 2024)
Director, Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities August 2019 →
Institute of Policy and Social Research
Assistant Professor of Urban Planning August 2013-2019

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2008 – 2013
Graduate Research Assistant / Post Doc

Publications

* Denotes graduate student supported by Lyles' external grants

36. Wu, Y.*, and **W. Lyles**. (Accepted). "The Hollowed Environmental Planning: Learning from Hazard Mitigation Planning." *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*
35. Wang, Y., **W. Lyles**, F. Yanjie. (Accepted) "Generative AI for Spatial Regeneration Planning: Integrating Urban Planning Theories and Ethics." *Computers, Environment, and Urban Systems*.
34. Torres, F., J. Mendez, A. Diener, and **W. Lyles** 2025. "Explaining the Variation of Bus Stop Amenities: The Case of St. Louis, MO, USA" *Case Studies on Transport Policy*
33. Njuguna, I.*, **W. Lyles**, U. Outka, E. Harrington, F. Jacobs. 2025. "Navigating Headwinds in the Green Energy Transition: Explaining Variations in Local-Level Wind Energy Regulations." *Sustainability*: <https://doi.org/10.3390/su17198934>
32. McSorley, M., D. Webb, K. Williams, **W. Lyles**, and N. Botchwey. 2025. "Can Self-Understanding Foster Feelings of Professional Responsibility among Planning Students?" *Journal of Planning Education and Research*: 0739456X251367378.
31. **Lyles, W.** 2025. Review: Mapping Possibility: Finding Purpose and Hope in Community Planning: Leonie Sandercock. *Journal of the American Planning Association*.
30. Kong, J., and **W. Lyles**. 2025. "Understanding Climate Vulnerability and Efficacy of Cooling Centers in Urban "Slum" Housing Neighborhoods: A Case Study of Jjokbang-chon, Seoul, South Korea." *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*
29. Peterson, M. and **W. Lyles**. (Accepted) "Walking through Windows, Building Bridges, and Remaining in Place: Advancing Indigeneity at a PWI' in Landback Universities, edited by J Guliano et al. University of Minnesota Press.
28. Harrington, E., F. Jacobs, and **W. Lyles**. 2024. "Interface Issue on Just Energy Transitions," *Planning Theory and Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649357.2024.2407697>
27. Wu, Y.*, **W. Lyles**, K. Oversteet, and E. Sutley. 2024. "Planning for Adaptation? Examining the Integration for Hazard Risk Reduction" *Sustainability*. Published online: <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/16/10/3999>
26. E. Infield, M. Seasons, and **W. Lyles**. 2024. "Teaching Climate Change Planning: Fostering Hope while Building Capacity" (Published online at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/02697459.2024.2416298>)
25. Sutley, E. and **W. Lyles**. 2023. "Case Studies of Technology Transfer from Natural Hazards Research: General Public, Consensus Standards, and Community Engagement" *Frontiers in the*

Built Environment (Published online:
<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fbuil.2023.1172659/full>)

24. Lyles, W., Y. Wu,* K. Overstreet,* and E. Sutley. 2023. “Is Time on Our Side? A Longitudinal Analysis of the Quality of Mandated Plans.” *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. (Published Online: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X231197182>)

23. Tate, L. N. Carvalho, M. Hill, S. White, and W. Lyles. 2023. “Confronting Anxiety and Uncertainty in Planning: New Insights for Advancing Justice.” *Planning Theory and Practice* (Published Online: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649357.2023.2256178>)

22. Lyles, W., R. Riley, and P. Pennel.* 2022. “Headwinds in the Heartland? Hazard Planning Lessons from Six Inland Jurisdictions in the Southern Plains.” *International Journal of Disasters and Mass Emergencies*.

21. Lyles, W., R. Riley, and P. Pennel.* 2021. “Jazz on Tulsa Time? The Remarkable Story of the Network of Flood Mitigation Champions behind the Tulsa Turnaround.” *Natural Hazards Review*. [https://doi.org/10.1061/\(ASCE\)NH.1527-6996.0000480](https://doi.org/10.1061/(ASCE)NH.1527-6996.0000480)

***** **Editor’s Choice** *****

20. Lyles W., K. Overstreet,* Y. Wu,* and J. Moore. 2021. “Caring as Class: Resolving the Emotional Paradox of Climate Change Education.” *Journal of Sustainability Education*.” Available at: http://www.susted.com/wordpress/content/caring-as-class-resolving-the-emotional-paradox-of-climate-change-education_2021_05/

19. Cady, T.J., D. A. Rahn, N.A. Brunsell, and W. Lyles. 2020. “Conversion of Abandoned Property to Green Space as a Strategy to Mitigate the Urban Heat Island Investigated with Numerical Simulations.” *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*. 59(11): 1827-1843.

18. Lyles, W. and M. Stevens. 2020. “Climate Change,” in N. Leigh and S. Guthathakurta (eds.) *International Handbook of Planning Education*, New York: Routledge.

17. Berke, P. and Lyles, W.. 2020. “A General Framework for Analyzing Planning for Community Resiliency,” in M.K. Lindell (ed.) *Planning for Disaster Resilience: A Handbook*. New York: Routledge.

16. Lyles, W. and S.S. White. 2019. “Who Cares: Arnstein’s Ladder, the Emotional Paradox of Public Engagement, and (Re)-Imagining Planning as Caring. *Journal of the American Planning Association*. DOI:10.1080/01944363.2019.1612268

***** **BEST PAPER OF 2020** *****

15. Lyles, W., S.S. White, and B. Lavelle. 2018. “The Prospect of Compassionate Planning” *Journal of Planning Literature*.33(3): 247-266.

14. **Lyles, W.**, P. Berke, and K. Overstreet*. 2018. "Where to Begin Municipal Climate Adaptation Planning: Evaluating Two Local Choices." *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*. 61(11): 1994-2014
13. Johnson, B. J., & **Lyles, W.** 2016. The Unexamined Staff Report: Results From an Evaluation of a National Sample. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 82(1), 22-36.
12. **Lyles, W.**, P. Berke, and G. Smith. 2015. "Local plan implementation: assessing conformance and influence of local plans in the United States." *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design* 0265813515604071.
11. **Lyles, W.** 2015. "Using social network analysis to examine planner involvement in environmentally oriented planning processes led by non-planning professions." *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* 58(11): 1961-1987.
10. **Lyles, W.** and M. Stevens. 2014 "Plan Quality Evaluation 1994-2012: Growth and Contributions, Limitations, and New Directions." *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 34(4): 433-450.
9. **Lyles, W.**, P. Berke and G. Smith. 2014. "Do Planners Matter? Examining Factors Driving Incorporation of Land Use Approaches into Hazard Mitigation Plans" *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* 57(5): 792-811.
8. **Lyles, W.**, P. Berke, and G. Smith. 2014. "A Comparison of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Quality in Six States, USA" *Landscape and Urban Planning* 122: 89-99.
7. Berke, P., **W. Lyles**, and G. Smith. 2014. "Impacts of Federal and State Hazard Mitigation Policies on Local Land Use Policy" *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 34: 60-76.
6. Stevens, M.R., **W. Lyles** and P. Berke. 2014. "Measuring and Reporting Intercoder Reliability in Plan Quality Evaluation Research." *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 34: 77-93.
5. Smith, G., **W. Lyles**, and P. Berke. 2013. "The Role of Hazard Mitigation Planning in Building Local Capacity and Commitment: A Tale of Six States" *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* 31(2): 178-203.
4. Berke, P. and **W. Lyles**. 2013. "Public Risks and the Challenges to Climate Adaptation: A Proposed Framework for Planning in the Age of Uncertainty" *Cityscape* 15(1): 181-208
3. Dempwolf, C.S. and **W. Lyles**. 2012. "The Uses of Social Network Analysis in Planning: A Review of the Literature" *Journal of Planning Literature*. 27(1): 3-21.
2. Berke, P, G. Smith, and **W. Lyles**. 2012. "Planning for Resiliency: An Evaluation of State Hazard Mitigation Plans under the Disaster Mitigation Act" *Natural Hazards Review* 13: 139-150.

1. Horney, J., A. Naimi, **W. Lyles**, M. Simon, D. Salvesen and P. Berke. 2012. "Assessing the relationship between hazard mitigation plan quality and rural status in a cohort of 59 counties from 3 states in the Southern United States." *Challenges* 3: 183-193.

Manuscripts Currently Under Review

- a. **Lyles, W.** and M. McSorley. "The Dark Side of Emotions in Megaproject Planning: Examining the Case of The Gateway Project at The University of Kansas" (Book Chapter under review)
- b. Steen, McKalee, Shanasia Sylman, Lois Stevens, Sarah Deer, and **W. Lyles** (corresponding author). "Beyond Words: An Empirical Assessment of the #LandBack Movement in the United States."

Manuscripts to be Submitted in 2025

- a. Wu, Yiwen, **W. Lyles**, Ian Njuguna, and Joel Mendez. "Data Centers, Land Use, and Design: An Analysis of Major Cities in the US"
- b. Wu, Yiwen, **W. Lyles**, Hong Vu. "Enhancing Plan Analysis through Computational Methods: A Nationwide Study of Environmental Justice"

Pre-Tenure Research Reports

Lyles, W. 2012. "Social Network Analysis of Incorporation of Land Use Approaches in Hazard Mitigation Planning." University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Institute for the Environment, Center for Sustainable Community Design. Available at <http://www.ie.unc.edu/cscd/projects.dma.cfm>.

Lyles, W., P. Berke, and G. Smith. 2012. "Evaluation of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Quality." University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Institute for the Environment, Center for Sustainable Community Design. Available at <http://www.ie.unc.edu/cscd/projects.dma.cfm>.

Berke, P., G. Smith, D Salvesen, **W. Lyles** and D. Sandler. 2011. "An Evaluation of Floodplain Management Planning Under the Community Rating System." University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Institute for the Environment, Center for Sustainable Community Design. Available at <http://www.ie.unc.edu/cscd/publications.cfm>

Lyles, W. 2005. "Where Do We Go From Here? Wisconsin Transportation at the Crossroads" 1000 Friends of Wisconsin Transportation Briefing Book. www.1kfriends.org (Madison, WI)

Lyles, W. 2003. "Exceeding the Limit: WisDOT and Transportation Financing in Wisconsin" 1000 Friends of Wisconsin Transportation Briefing Book. www.1kfriends.org (Madison, WI)

External Funding

External Funding Summary: PI \$899,808; Co-PI:\$195,000

Information on 10+ unfunded grant applications available upon request

Sloan Foundation. 2022. KU co-PI with Uma Outka (KU); Elise Harrington (University of Minnesota) and Nadia Ahmad (Barry University) PIs “Just Energy Transitions and Place” (2022-2025 \$500,000; KU share ~\$95,000)

National Science Foundation, Humans, Disasters, and Built Environment Program of Engineering Directorate. 2017. PI with Elaina Sutley Co-PI “Assessing the Influence of Hazard Mitigation Planning on Disaster Recovery” (March 2019 – February 2023 \$399,808)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. 2018. Co-PI. “Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP) Phase III: Helping Communities Build Resilience to Weather and Climate Extremes. Mark Shafer, University of Oklahoma Lead PI. (September 1, 2018 – 2021; \$2.3 million; KU portion \$100,000.)

National Science Foundation, Humans, Disasters, and Built Environment Program of Engineering Directorate. 2017. PI. “CAREER: Integrated Modeling of Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder Networks for Compassionate, Sustainable Risk Reduction” (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2023; \$500,000)

Honors, Awards, and Internal Funding

Research:

U.S. Department of Energy. 2023. KU co-lead for Community Engagement. “HARVEST Hydrogen Hub Coalition” (Not funded; budget: \$1.2 billion overall)

Carnegie Fellowship Nominee. University of Kansas Nominee (only Junior scholar nominated by KU for 2019 and 2022 competitions)

University of Kansas General Research Fund. 2016. “Developing and Testing Compassion Building Planning Practices in an Educational Setting” \$5,269 (Competitive support)

University of Kansas General Research Fund. 2015. “Evaluating Innovative Planning in Emerging Campaign for Compassionate Communities and Developing a Typology of Compassion Building Planning Practices \$7,500 (Competitive support)

University of Kansas, The Commons – Starter Grants. “Localized Energy and Climate Adaptation: Advancing Community-Scale Social Justice Goals” with Rachel Krause and Uma Outka. \$9,846 (Competitive Support)

National Science Foundation-Supported Fellow in Next Generation of Hazards and Disasters Researchers Program 2015-2016. (Competitive, with support for travel, meetings and stipend)

University of Kansas New Faculty General Research Fund. 2014. "Examining Local Climate Change Adaptation Networks, Plans, and Implementation" \$8,000 (Competitive support)

Institute for Policy and Social Research. 2014 "Evaluating Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning" \$2,700 (Non-competitive support)

Institute for Policy and Social Research. 2014 "Planning Staff Report Evaluation" \$3,000 (Non-competitive support)

2013 UNC-CH Graduate Education Advancement Board Impact Award recognizing "outstanding graduate student research of particular benefit to North Carolina"

2012 Best Poster at Association Collegiate Schools of Planning for "Who Plans for Mitigation? Examining the Influence of Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder Networks Using Social Network Analysis."

Teaching:

***** John C. Wright/Byron A. Alexander Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award. 2024. *****

***** Gene A. Budig Teaching Professorship in the Behavioral and Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Kansas. 2021. *****

***** Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning/Lincoln Institute on Land Policy. 2018. Curriculum Innovation Award for UBPL 741: Quantitative Methods. *****

University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence Best Practices Institute. 2017.

University of Kansas Diversity Scholars Program. 2016-2017.

University of Kansas Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award. 2016.

University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence. 2016. Departmental Action Team: Assessment of Diversity in the Urban Planning Curriculum. \$500 (Competitive support)

University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence. 2016. Course Transformation Grant: UBPL 300 Planning the American City. \$996 (Competitive support)

Administrative

Senior Administrative Fellow. 2025-26. University of Kansas Office of Faculty Affairs

Other:

Journal of Planning Education and Research. 2014-2015. Top Reviewer.

Royster Fellowship (interdisciplinary, graduate school fellowship with full support for five years), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2007-2012.

National PERISHIP Award: Dissertation Fellowships in Hazards, Risk and Disasters (National Science Foundation and Swiss Re-supported). 2011.

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning PhD Workshop at Georgia Institute of Technology. June 2010.

1000 Friends of Wisconsin (Madison, WI)

Co-authored ~\$350,000 grant application awarded by Joyce Foundation supporting transportation policy reforms in the Wisconsin in the early 2000s.

MAGNET (Madison, WI)

Co-secured \$225,000 in grants to support MAGNET's general activities from 2004 to 2007.

Courses Taught

University of Kansas

HNRS 190: Lawrence as a Livability Lab – Fall 2023, 2024, 2025

UBPL 300: Planning the American City - Spring 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025

UBPL 741: Foundations of Compassionate Critical Thinking (formerly Quantitative Methods 1) - Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

UBPL 538/738: Sustainable Land Use Planning Techniques – Spring 2015, 2016, 2017

UBPL 565/765: Introduction to Sustainable Land Use Planning - Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 (titled Principles of Environmental Planning in Fall 2013)

UBPL 420/720: Sustainable Land Use Policy and Planning – Fall 2024

UBPL 502/802 Special Topics: Planning for Climate Change and Disasters Summer 2015, 2016, 2018 (online), 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

UBPL 502/802 Special Topics: Personal Transformation for Sustainability. Spring 2019, 2020 (Hybrid)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PLAN 246: Cities of the Future - Summer 2008

Selected Presentations and Posters

(Generally does not include workshops and trainings or events for KU-only audiences)

W. Lyles. “Public Service and Emotion.” Invited Keynote: US Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Celebration. Lexena, KS. January 2025

W. Lyles and I. Njuguna. “Kansas Energy Transition Atlas.” Kansas Future Forward Conference. Manhattan, KS. November 2024.

Wu, Yiwen, Ward Lyles, and Hong Vu. “Time for AI’s Turn? Human and Machine-Assisted Plan Quality Evaluation.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Seattle, Washington. November 2024.

Wu, Yiwen, and Ward Lyles. “Professional Planners and Public Planners: Assessing the plan quality of hazard mitigation plans developed by various planners.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Seattle, Washington. November 2024.

W. Lyles and I. Njuguna. “Kansas Energy Transition Atlas.” Invited Keynote: Kansas Economic Policy Conference. Lawrence, KS. October 2024.

W. Lyles. “Who Cares? The Emotional Paradox of Public Service and the Role of Compassion in Fostering Sustainable Communities.” Invited Talk: Doctoral Student Seminar, University of Utah February 2024.

W. Lyles. “Who Cares? The Emotional Paradox of Public Service and the Role of Compassion in Fostering Sustainable Communities.” Invited Talk: Zube Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts – Amherst. February 2024.

M. Peterson, J. Brewer, S. Deer, J. Johnson, W. Lyles. “Beyond Words: My university has a land acknowledgment, now what?” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. October 2023.

Wu, Y., W. Lyles, E. Sutley, and K. Overstreet. “Public and private planning for Hazard Risk Reduction” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois. October 2023.

W. Lyles. Kansas Community Health Promotion Summit. **Keynote Address.** Wichita, KS. January 2023.

Wu, Yiwen, W. Lyles, E. Sutley, K. Overstreet. “Planning for Adaptation: Integrating Mitigation and Recovery Planning in the Midst of Repetitive Disaster Events.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Toronto Ontario. October 2022.

W. Lyles. “Beyond Words: Why and How Settlers Return Land to Native Nations.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference. Toronto Ontario. October 2022.

W. Lyles. "Plan Quality and Evaluation" Invited Talk. University of Waterloo. Waterloo, Ontario. October 2022.

W. Lyles. "Land Use Planning to Reduce Risks from Natural Hazards and Climate Change" KU Environmental Engineering Conference. April 2022.

W. Lyles. "CRS on Compassion." Federal Emergency Management Administration, Region 7 Symposium on Community Rating System program. **Keynote Address.** Online/Kansas City, MO. March 2022.

W. Lyles, Y. Wu, K. Overstreet, E. Sutley. "Better the Second Time Around? A Longitudinal Analysis of the Quality of Mandated Plans." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Virtual. October 2021.

M. Hill., L. Tate, W. Lyles, and N. Carvalho. "Emotion and planning: Anxiety and fear." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Virtual. October 2021.

Y. Wu, W. Lyles. K. Overstreet, E. Sutley. "Planning in the Phase Fog: Integrating Mitigation and Recovery Planning in the Midst of Repetitive Disaster Events." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Virtual. October 2021.

W. Lyles and Stacey Swearingen White. "Compassionate Public Engagement." AASHTO Leadership Institute. Lawrence, KS. August 2021.

W. Lyles. "WDI Water Policy Lecture Series Installment #4." Women's Debate Institute. Virtual. July 22, 2021.

W. Lyles, Y. Wu, K. Overstreet, E. Sutley. "Planning in the Phase Fog; Integrating Mitigation and Recovery Planning." Natural Hazards Workshop: Researchers Meeting. Virtual. July 15, 2021.

W. Lyles.. "The Value of Relationships in Hazards and Disaster Work." Natural Hazards Workshop. Virtual Panelist. July 13, 2021.

W. Lyles. "CRS on Compassion." Federal Emergency Management Administration, Region 7 Symposium on Community Rating System program. **Keynote Address.** Kansas City, MO. March 17, 2021.

W. Lyles, P. Pennel, and R. Riley "Jazz on Tulsa Time" Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Virtual. November 2020.

W. Lyles. "Panel on COVID." Kansas Economic Policy Conference. October 2020.

W. Lyles.. "Approaches for Culturally Competent Community Engagement." Natural Hazards Workshop. Virtual Panelist. July 13, 2021.

W. Lyles, P. Pennel, and R. Riley “Jazz on Tulsa Time” Hurricane. NSF-sponsored workshop at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. February 27, 2020.

W. Lyles. “Who Cares? The Emotional Paradox of Public Engagement.” Department of City and Regional Planning, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. February 26th, 2020.

W. Lyles. “CRS on Compassion.” Federal Emergency Management Administration, Region 7 Symposium on Community Rating System program. **Keynote Address.** Kansas City, MO. February 19, 2020.

W. Lyles, P. Pennel and R. Riley. “Jazz on Tulsa Time.” KU Hall Center for Humanities, Nature and Culture Seminar. February 7, 2020.

E. Ryan and Ward Lyles. “Cultivating Compassion, Sustaining Communities, Integrating Research and Engagement” a2ru National Conference, Lawrence, KS. November 2019.

W. Lyles, P. Pennel, R. Riley and K. Overstreet. “A Model of Networked Planning? Evaluating the Plans and People of Tulsa's Award-Winning Risk Reduction Efforts” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Greenville, SC. October 2019.

K. Overstreet and Ward Lyles. “Caring as Class: Transforming Pedagogy at the Intersection of Professionalism and Compassion” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Greenville, SC. October 2019.

K. Giraldo and Ward Lyles. “Resilience for Whom? Exploring Equity Content within 100 Resilient Cities’ Latin American Resilience Plans” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Greenville, SC. October 2019.

W. Lyles. “Mindfulness and Compassion for Urban Planning and Community Well-Being” Mindfulness for Peace and Well-Being: Buddhist and Therapeutic Applications, Symposium Lawrence, KS September 14, 2019

B. Johnson, W. Lyles, C. Hobbick. Let’s Talk About Privilege: AICP Certification Maintenance Ethics Course. American Planning Association National Conference. San Francisco, CA. April 2019.

W. Lyles. Curriculum Innovation. Joint Panel of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Administrators Conference. Minneapolis, MN March 2019.

W. Lyles. “What’s Love Got to Do With It? Compassion, Networks, and Public Decision-Making to Reduce Hazard Risks and Promote Climate Justice.” University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. February 2019.

W. Lyles. Waggoner Symposium. Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies. Lawrence, KS. November 2018.

W. Lyles. Curriculum Innovation. Joint Panel of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Buffalo, NY. October 2018.

W. Lyles and S. White. "What about the Chutes? The Emotional Paradox of Public Engagement." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Buffalo, NY. October 2018.

W. Lyles. "A Curriculum for Change Roundtable." Annual Hazards Workshop. Broomfield, CO, July 2018.

W. Lyles. "Making Hard Choices Easier: Or, how can we increase local commitment to hazard mitigation?" Keynote Speech, Annual Meeting of the Missouri Chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers. Osage Beach, MO, April 2018.

W. Lyles, E. Sutley, P. Berke. "Assessing the Influence of Hazard Mitigation Planning in the Wake of Hurricane Matthew." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Denver, CO, November 2017.

W. Lyles. My/Your Mental Health Matter. National Organization of Minority Architecture Students, University of Kansas, January 2017.

W. Lyles. Cultivating Compassion in Planning: Compassion Building Planning Practices with Graduate Students. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Portland, OR, November 2016.

W. Lyles and J. Keller. Planning, Public Engagement, and Surveys. American Planning Association, Kansas Chapter Annual Conference. September 2016.

Y. Chen and W. Lyles. Engaging International Students and Enhancing Their Success. University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence Annual Teaching Summit. August 2016.

W. Lyles. Cultivating Compassionate Communities. Finding Justice in the Low-Carbon Transition symposium. The Commons, University of Kansas April 28, 2016.

W. Lyles. Cultivating Compassionate Communities: Pedagogy and Practice. School of Architecture, Design, and Planning Research Symposium. April 22, 2016.

W. Lyles and S.S. White. Compassion Building Planning Practices. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Houston, TX October 22, 2015.

White, S.S. and W. Lyles. Infusing Justice with Compassion: A New Ethical Approach for Planners? Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Houston, TX October 22, 2015.

Johnson B.J. and W. Lyles. The Unexamined Work of City Planners: Staff Reports. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Houston, TX October 24, 2015.

Heiman, K. and W. Lyles. Equity and Adaptation Planning: Do We Know What We Mean? Poster at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Houston, TX, October 23, 2015.

W. Lyles With C. Gravelin. "Team Based Learning: Fostering Engaged Learning, Out-of-Class Preparation Habits and Collaboration Skills" Poster at University of Kansas Center of Teaching Excellence C21 Poster Session May 8, 2015.

W. Lyles. "Building a Research Program on Compassionate Communities" University of Kansas School of Public Affairs and Administration April 6, 2015.

W. Lyles. "Slow Violence, Urban Planning, and the Prospect of Compassion" University of Kansas Hall Center for the Humanities Urban Experience Seminar Series December 11, 2014.

W. Lyles. "Slow Violence, Urban Planning, and the Prospect of Compassion" University of Kansas Department of Urban Planning Brown Bag Lecture Series November 24, 2014.

W. Lyles, P. Berke, and K. Heiman. "Who Plans for Climate Change Adaptation: Local choices to facilitate mainstreaming in community planning" presentation at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. October 30, 2014.

W. Lyles. "Slow Violence, Urban Planning, and the Prospect of Compassion" University of Kansas Department of Geography Colloquium October 24, 2014.

B. Johnson and W. Lyles. "Aspiration and Ethics" Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Conference, Wichita, KS October 3, 2014.

W. Lyles and B. Johnson. "What makes a high quality staff report?" Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Conference, Wichita, KS October 2, 2014.

W. Lyles. "Climate Change Adaptation" Red Hot Research, KU Commons, Lawrence, KS April 11, 2014

W. Lyles, P. Berke and G. Smith. "A National Assessment of Hazard Mitigation Plans and Implementation" Kansas Chapter of American Planning Association Annual Conference, Manhattan, KS October 4, 2013.

Berke, P.B., W. Lyles and G. Smith. "Assessing the Quality of State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans in the United States" Panel at Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield, CO July 2013.

Lyles, W. "Who Plans for Mitigation? Examining the Influence of Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder Networks Using Social Network Analysis" Poster at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. November 2012. **2012 ACSP Best Poster Award.**

Lyles, W., P. Berke, and G. Smith. "Do Planners Matter? Examining Planners' Influence on Hazard Mitigation Plan Quality" presentation at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. November 2, 2012.

P Berke and W. Lyles (Presented by W Lyles). "Public Risks and the Challenges to Climate Adaptation" presentation at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. November 1, 2012.

Lyles, W. "Who's at the Table: Examining Factors Driving Incorporation of Land Use Approaches into Hazard Mitigation Plans" presentation at International Research Committee on Disasters Meeting, Broomfield, CO July 18, 2012.

Lyles, W. "Social Network Analysis of Incorporation of Land Use Approaches into Hazard Mitigation Planning" Poster presented at Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield, CO July 2012.

Lyles, W. "Who's at the Table: Examining Factors Driving Incorporation of Land Use Approaches into Hazard Mitigation Plans" presentation at Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield, CO July 16, 2012.

Berke, Philip, Gavin Smith, Ward Lyles, and Sara Reynolds. "Local Mitigation Planning: Do Plans Advance Community Resiliency? - 2011." Poster at Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Boulder, CO. July 2011.

Lyles, W., Berke, P. and G. Smith. "State Mitigation Plans and the Disaster Mitigation Act: Do Plans Support Coastal Resiliency and Adaptation?" presentation at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Minneapolis, MN, Oct 8, 2010.

Berke, P., G. Smith and W. Lyles (Presented by W. Lyles). "Coastal Resiliency Starts with Planning: How are the states doing" presentation at The 22nd Annual International Coastal Conference, Wilmington, NC, June 13-16 2010.

Lyles, W., Berke, P. and G. Smith. "The Disaster Mitigation Act: An Assessment of State Hazard Mitigation Plans" presentation at North Carolina State Hazard Mitigation Advisory Group Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC, March 23, 2010.

Berke, Philip, Gavin Smith, Ward Lyles, and Sara Reynolds. "State Planning for Coastal Resiliency." Poster at Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Boulder, CO. July 2010.

Berke, Philip, Gavin Smith and Ward Lyles. "State Hazard Mitigation Plan Evaluation." Poster at Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. Boulder, CO. July 2009.

Academic Service

American Planning Association “Upskilling Initiative”

- Invited to lead three phase series in 2024 on Emotions and Empathy (webinar, in-person at National Planning Conference, and online workshops)
- Convened team including Jasmin Moore, Chloe Green, Meaghan McSorley, and Darby Webb
- 1,000+ attendees at webinar

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Committee On Diversity, Member 2023 →

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – Climate Change Task Force, Member 2024 →

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Track Chair, Environmental Planning and Resource Management 2017 – 2019, 2023 (2-year term; 1-year term)

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Co-organizer of the ACSP Climate Exchange 2021-22
Worked with ACSP Climate Task Force members and ACSP Staff to create a crowd-sourced repository of climate planning teaching resources for instructors

Planning Accreditation Board, Task Force on Innovation and Communication in Planning Education, Member, 2019-2020

Reviewer:

National Science Foundation, (numerous panels and ad hoc reviews) Hawai'i Sea Grant, Oregon Sea Grant, Texas Sea Grant, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference (abstract reviews), American Planning Association (PAS Report review)

Challenges, Cities, Climate Change, Disasters, Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science, Environmental Science and Policy, European Planning Studies, International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction, Journal of the American Planning Association, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Journal of Environmental Planning and Policy, Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Journal of Planning Education and Research, Journal of Planning Literature, Land Use Policy, Michigan Journal of Sustainability, Natural Hazards, Natural Hazards Review, Planning Practice and Research, Policy Studies Journal, Public Policy and Administration, Public Performance and Management Review, Urban Affairs Review, Urban Climate

List of Universities and Programs Provided Tenure Reviews for Available Upon Request

University of Kansas

College of Liberal Arts and Science, Promotion and Tenure Committee Member 2025 →

School of Public Affairs and Administration, Urban Planning Committee Member 2017-2019, 2022 →

2022-23 co-lead PAB re-accreditation process

- Share responsibility for all aspects of student recruitment, admissions, and advising
- Share responsibility for curriculum redesign
- Share responsibility for mentoring two pre-tenure faculty of color

Faculty Governance, Planning and Resources Committee, Member 2022 →

- Participate in the University's planning processes by communicating with the Provost, CFO, and Provost's senior staff on matters of capital strategic planning, infrastructure, IT resources, and sustainability, and examine how current financial circumstances

KU Office of Research Racial Equity Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity Awards, Review Committee 2022

School of Public Affairs and Administration, Doctoral Committee Member 2019 - 2022

- Policy, recruitment, and application review
- Organized first teaching workshop for SPAA doctoral students (2021)
- Served on comprehensive exam and/or dissertation committees for 10+ doctoral students within SPAA
- Built interdisciplinary connections and served students, served on comprehensive exam and/or thesis/dissertation committees for students in Applied Behavioral Sciences (1); Architectural, Civil, and Environmental Engineering (3); Architecture and Design (4); Geography & Atmospheric Sciences (6); Counseling Psychology (1); Social Welfare (1)

Faculty Advisory on COVID Team, Co-Founder and Member, September 2020 - 2022

- Briefings for KS Governor, KS KDHE Secretary, KU leadership, and local officials
- Multiple applied research projects to inform decision-makers within and beyond KU

Center for Compassionate and Sustainable Communities, Institute of Policy and Social Research, Director 2019 →

- Administered Mini-Grant program during COVID-19 pandemic to mitigate disruption of graduate students and early career faculty research
- Initiated collaborative Graduate Student Collective
- Submitted external collaborative grant proposals to NSF, NOAA, Sloan Foundation, EPA in the areas of climate equity, land rights, and heat waves.

Center for Teaching Excellence, Faculty Fellow 2019 - 2021

- Co-Facilitated Faculty Fellows Seminar
- Collaborated on Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- Led numerous teaching sessions for faculty, instructors, and GTAs
- Advise CTE leadership on initiatives
- Contributed to remote.ku.edu for COVID transition

Vice Provost for Diversity and Equity Search Committee Member, 2019-2020

School of Public Affairs and Administration, Director Search Committee Member 2019

School of Public Affairs and Administration, Urban Planning Program, Tenure-Track Search Committee Co-Chair 2017-2018

School of Public Affairs and Administration, Diversity Committee, Chair 2018-2019, Member 2017-2018.

School of Public Affairs and Administration, Benchmarks Teaching Project, Co-Facilitator (NSF-funded grant through KU Center for Teaching Excellence) 2017-2022

Department of Urban Planning, Comprehensive Exam Administrator 2017-2019

Co-Organizer, Finding Justice in the Low-Carbon Transition symposium. The Commons, University of Kansas, April 28, 2016.

Department of Urban Planning, Ambassador to Center for Teaching Excellence 2013-2019

School of Architecture, Design and Planning, Graduate Studies Committee 2014-2015

School of Architecture, Design and Planning, Task Force on Proposed Administrative Transfer of Urban Planning Department 2015-2016

Center for Teaching Excellence, Graduate Teaching Assistant Conference, Guest Speaker, 2016 → 2019

Center for Teaching Excellence, Annual Teaching Conference, Session Presenter, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

Center for Teaching Excellence, Peer Quad Learning Group Leader Spring 2015

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Department of City and Regional Planning Doctoral Policy Committee, Student Member. 2010-2011.

Department of City and Regional Planning Faculty Search Committee. 2008-2009.

Department of City and Regional Planning Doctoral Admission Committee, Student Member. Winter 2008.

Community Involvement

Douglas County Climate Action Plan Steering Committee Member. 2022 →

Pinckney Elementary School, Lawrence, KS *Parent* – Submitted (via Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department) Safe Routes to School Grant to Douglas County Community Foundation (Funded -\$10,000 for 2018)

Duke TIP Co-Instructor, Sustainable Cities with Stacey White. November 7-8, 2014

Pinckney Elementary School, Lawrence, KS *Parent-Teacher Organization* 2014-Current.
Coordinate Walking and Biking activities.

University of Wisconsin/City of Madison Joint West Campus Area Committee, *Representative for Madison Mayor's Office*. 2004-2007.

City of Madison Mayor's Community Advisory Committee, *Mayoral Appointee*. 2004-2006.

Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce Collaboration Council, *Workforce Development Implementation Team Member*. 2005.

Citizens for a Scenic Wisconsin, *Board Member* 2004-2005, *Advisor to the Board* 2003-2004.

City of Madison Pedestrian, Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Commission, *Alternate Member* 2003-2004.

Other Employment

1000 Friends of Wisconsin	2003– 2007
Transportation Policy Analyst, Director	
Durham Public Schools (NC)	1999 – 2000
Teaching Assistant, Forest View Elementary Schools	
National Science Foundation Antarctic Research	1997
Undergraduate Research Assistant, <i>R.V. Nathaniel B. Palmer</i> , Antarctica.	

Affiliations

American Planning Association, Kansas Chapter
American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
International Research Committee on Disasters
Institute of Policy and Social Research, University of Kansas
Environmental Studies Program, Courtesy Faculty, University of Kansas
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Courtesy Faculty, University of Kansas