

# STEVEN T. MOGA

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## EDUCATION

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### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

PhD Candidate, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, expected date of completion August 2010  
MIT Presidential Fellow, 2005-06

### **University of California Los Angeles**

Master of Arts, Urban Planning. Concentration: Built Environment and Community Development, 1999  
Awarded Best Academic Performance in the Department

### **Carleton College**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1992, *cum laude*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Circuit Rider**

*Preservation Massachusetts and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2009--present*

Support community-based historic preservation activity across the Boston metropolitan area by providing information about programs, services, and resources.

### **Preservation Planning Consultant**

*Historic Boston Incorporated, Boston, Massachusetts, 2008–2009*

Provided technical assistance to the Historic Neighborhood Centers (HNC) initiative developed by this non-profit organization. The HNC program encourages and supports historic preservation in two diverse neighborhoods in Boston: Fields Corner and Hyde Park. In each neighborhood, the program focuses attention on local commercial districts as public spaces and significant nodes of activity. Envisioned as a five-year process, the HNC initiative began with comprehensive fieldwork, community outreach, and a review of preservation surveys, neighborhood histories, and archival documents.

### **Senior Preservation Planner**

*Historic Resources Group, Los Angeles, California, 2000–2005*

Researched and documented historic sites, reviewed architectural plans for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, developed communication strategies and public presentations, organized teams, evaluated planning and zoning, and supervised junior staff. Coordinated the production of comprehensive historic preservation consulting products and reports such as city plans, technical studies, federal historic rehabilitation tax credit applications, and environmental/cultural resources reviews. Clients included city governments, non-profit organizations, and private developers. Specialized areas of expertise included ethnic and social history, photography, public housing, community development, and cultural landscapes.

### **Assistant Project Manager**

*Dunbar Economic Development Corporation, South Central Los Angeles, California, 1998*

Organized and coordinated the exhibition "Pride and Perseverance: An Historical Overview of the Vernon-Central Community, 1928-1948." Wrote grant proposals and reports. Facilitated community meetings related to an urban design and redevelopment initiative of the City of Los Angeles targeting neglected commercial districts.

**Resident Services Coordinator/ Community Resources Coordinator**

*New Foundations Inc. and Real Estate Equities, Inc., Brooklyn Park, New Brighton, and St. Paul, Minnesota, 1994--1997*

Negotiated collaborative agreements with human services agencies for three supportive housing sites. Provided support and social service referrals to residents with a focus on chemically dependent, low-income, women and their children. Developed the Eden Park Apartments Resident Services Program in coordination with the redevelopment of a 324-unit apartment complex under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. The program included child development, recreation, human services, resident involvement, and reading services and activities. Trained in apartment management and leasing techniques, Section 8, and Section 42 guidelines. Supervised three employees.

**Assistant Project Coordinator**

*Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, 1995*

Developed a marketing and outreach plan for a resident services initiative. Recruited community residents to participate in regional human services planning meetings.

**VISTA Volunteer/ Community Outreach Worker**

*Volunteers in Service to America: Robbinsdale Area Schools, Community Education Department, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, 1992--1994*

Developed an outreach plan for two community education programs: adult literacy and early childhood family education. Recruited low-income families to the programs; conducted focus groups; developed a database.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Researcher**

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, 2007--present*  
Researching socio-economic conditions, land uses, and neighborhood characteristics of "blighted areas" that became public housing projects in several cities around the country, including New Orleans, Chicago, and Boston. Currently focused on the history of the Orchard Park public housing development in Roxbury. Supervisor: Professor Lawrence J. Vale.

**Staff Researcher**

*University of California Los Angeles, Department of Urban Planning, 1999--2000*

Performed comprehensive literature review, collection, and summary. Researched labor market theory, welfare policy, transportation programs, and spatial mismatch hypothesis. Collected, managed, and analyzed research data on welfare in California counties related to a major study sponsored by the University of California Transportation Center of welfare-to-work initiatives, job locations, and transportation programs. Conducted focus groups. Designed undergraduate urban planning and policy course, including syllabus.

**Research Consultant/ Graduate Student Researcher**

*University of California Los Angeles, Chicano Studies Research Center, 1998--1999*

Developed survey instrument for research on social networks, immigration, national origin, and ethnicity in the Byzantine Latino Quarter, part of the Pico Union neighborhood of Los Angeles. Collected, managed, and analyzed statistical data gathered from the survey. Conducted focus groups and analyzed qualitative data.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS

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### **Invited Conference Paper Presentation**

*"Segregated by Topography: 'Natural Zoning' and the Making of the Bottoms," Thirteen National Conference on Planning History, organized by the Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH), Oakland, California, October 15-18, 2007.*

### **Invited Conference Paper Presentation**

*"Remaking The Bottoms: A Brief History of American Planning Thought About Low-Lying Urban Districts," 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, organized by the American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Crystal City, Virginia, October 1-4, 2007.*

### **Accepted Paper/ Workshop Participant**

*"The Bottoms' and the Colloquial Language of American City Form," Writing Cities Workshop, London School of Economics, London, England, June 1-2, 2009.*

### **Conference Speaker/ Discussant**

*"Uniting and Dividing Communities through Historic Preservation," Working Group, National Council on Public History conference, Louisville, Kentucky, April 12, 2008.*

### **Conference Paper Presentation**

*"Marginal Lands and Suburban Nature: Open Space Planning and the Case of the 1893 Boston Metropolitan Parks Plan," Twelfth National Conference on Planning History, organized by the Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH), Portland, Maine, October 27, 2007.*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Teaching Assistant**

*"Gateway: Planning Action" Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Scheduled for Fall 2009*

### **Instructor**

*"Springfield Studio" Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Spring 2008*

Developed syllabus, organized class readings, and co-taught this graduate level practicum course with Eugene "Gus" Newport, MLK Visiting Scholar and former Mayor of Berkeley, California. The class focused on housing issues and community-based solutions to the problem of foreclosure in the North End neighborhood of Springfield, Massachusetts.

### **Teaching Assistant**

*"Big Plans" Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Spring 2008*

Assisted with instruction, grading, and facilitation of this introductory class for MIT undergraduates.

### **Teaching Assistant**

*"Introduction to Urban Design" Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Fall 2007*

Assisted with instruction, grading, and facilitation of this introductory class for MIT undergraduates.

### **Teaching Assistant**

*"Community Growth and Land Use Practicum: Lowell" Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Fall 2007*

Provided guidance to graduate students and assisting the teaching team with this practice-based class focused on the needs and challenges of the Western Merrimack section of The Acre neighborhood in Lowell, Massachusetts.

**Teaching Assistant**

*"Gateway: Planning Action" Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Fall 2006*

Assisted in design of syllabus and course assignments. Led review sessions. Worked as member of teaching team to grade assignments, prepare and distribute course materials, facilitate guest speakers, and related tasks.

**Program Faculty**

*11th Annual Summer Program in Historic Preservation; University of Southern California, Summer 2003*

Presented two-hour lecture on historic resource inventories, survey types and methods, and survey updates.

**Teaching Assistant**

*Architecture 550: Historic Preservation Management, Planning, and Development; University of Southern California, Fall 2002*

Taught graduate course on planning and entitlements related to the development of historic properties. Provided technical and administrative support; assisted individual students.

PUBLICATIONS

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**Moga, Steven T.** "Louisville, A Photo Essay," and Review, "Fourth Street Walking Tour," *The Public Historian*, November 2008: 93-106.

**Blumenberg, Evelyn, Steven Moga, and Paul M. Ong.** "Getting Welfare Recipients to Work: Transportation and Welfare Reform, Summary of Conference Proceedings." University of California, Los Angeles, Institute of Transportation Studies. Berkeley: University of California Transportation Center, 1998.

LECTURES AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

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**Speaker**

*"Framed": Photography and Urban Planning; Graduate Arts Forum, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 5, 2006*

Presented original photographic work.

**Speaker**

*Envisioning New Orleans; "Sensing Place: Photography as Inquiry" Lecture Series, City Design and Development Forum; Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 2006*

Presented post-flood photographs taken in New Orleans from January and March 2006.

**Speaker**

*Architecture 552: Historic Preservation Documentation Methods; University of Southern California*  
Presented two-hour lecture on cultural landscapes and documentation methods. Spring 2003

**Speaker**

*"What is a Cultural Landscape?" Company Training Session, Historic Resources Group, May 2002*  
Instructed fellow staff members on the theory and practice of cultural landscape analysis.

**Speaker**

*National Americorps Kick-Off Rally, University of Minnesota, May 1994*

Introduced by former St. Paul Mayor Jim Scheibel, spoke about the benefits of the VISTA experience.

## SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

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Meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for historic preservation (36 CFR Part 61).

## NON-PROFIT GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

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### **Board of Directors**

*Commonwealth Housing Inc., Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation (ABCDC), Boston, Massachusetts, February 2009-present*

Currently served as a Member of the Board this affordable housing development, which is jointly managed by residents and representatives of ABCDC.

### **Board of Directors**

*Photo Friends of the Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, California, 2002-2005*

Served as a Member of the Board and L.A. Neighborhoods Project Committee. Juried the work of professional documentary photographers and commissioned documentary projects.

### **Board of Trustees**

*American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1994-1997*

Served as the Chair of the Membership Committee and Nominating Committee of this multi-faceted cultural organization and museum located in the National Register listed Turnblad mansion.

## LANGUAGES

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Swedish, Intermediate level speaking and reading ability.

## PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

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American Planning Association- Los Angeles Section 2003 Planning Award for Comprehensive Planning, Small Jurisdiction, Santa Monica Historic Preservation Element. Historic Resources Group.

## AFFILIATIONS

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Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation, 2008- present

American Planning Association, 2000- present

American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1992- present

Boston Preservation Alliance, 2008- present

Brighton Allston Historical Society, 2007-present

National Council on Public History, 2007-present

National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2000- present

Preservation Massachusetts, 2008- present

Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 2005 – present

Urban History Association, 2008-present