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SUMMARY

An urban planning and international development professional with 10+ years of experience leading groundbreaking initiatives to support cities and towns in addressing urban sprawl, housing affordability, the needs of migrants and refugees, economic development, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Skilled in multi-disciplinary team building and leadership with demonstrated expertise in strategic thinking, complex problem solving, and project implementation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OECD, Paris, France

Jan 2023 – Present

The leading global policy analysis and research organization, promoting economic cooperation and development.

Urban Economist and Policy Analyst in the Sahel and West Africa Club managing a research agenda on urban growth in Africa

-Leading a team specialized in expanding knowledge about Africa urbanization and focused on developing and disseminating common-sense policies like urban expansion planning to rapidly growing cities on that continent

-Supporting member governments in developing policies to aid the economic and social development of their most vulnerable citizens – women, youth, low-income residents and migrants.

Fitted Projects, New York, NY

Oct 2019 – Present

The leading market-focused urban design firm for new city projects with unique specifications.

Principal Urban Planner and co-founder, managing a small team of talented urban planners and architects in the planning of new cities, special zones and urban extensions.

-Planners of ZEDE Morazan, a charter city now under construction in Honduras with innovative new low-income housing designs, street network layouts that maximize mobility across all modes, zoning that promotes flexibility of use and the incremental development of rich and integrated streetscapes, and simple and clear regulations.

New York University Marron Institute, New York, NY

May 2011 – Present

An institute within a global university promoting better urban management through research and action.

Fellow (2022 – Present)

Research Scholar and Program Coordinator Marron Institute of Urban Management (2019 – 2022)

Adjunct Professor Schack School of Real Estate (2020 – 2022)

Associate Research Scholar Marron Institute of Urban Management (2015 – 2019)

Junior Research Scholar NYU Stern Urbanization Project (2013 – 2015)

Research Assistant NYU Stern Urbanization Project (2011 – 2013)

-Led the implementation of the Ethiopia Urban Expansion Initiative under the leadership of Nobel Laureate Dr. Paul Romer and Professor Shlomo Angel

-Established and led the India Urban Expansion Observatory, a 30-person satellite imagery analysis facility that produced data for the Atlas of Urban Expansion: 2016 Edition.

-Led the Climate Smart Cities: Grenada program in the Small Island Developing State (SIDS) of Grenada, directing a team of ten consultants in implementing a \$600k readiness project from the Green Climate Fund.

-Established strategic partnerships with the Commonwealth Association of Planners, 100 Resilient Cities, C40 Cities, World Resources Institute, the Joint Research Center of the European Commission, the Caribbean Development Bank, and the IDFC Institute.

- Co-wrote the Atlas of Urban Expansion, an open-source online reference text featuring maps, satellite images, and data on spatial changes in a stratified sample of 200 cities around the world.
- Represented New York University in UN Expert Group Meetings to design monitoring and implementation frameworks for the measurement of the urban and spatial Sustainable Development Goals.
- Frequently represented NYU at high-level political events hosted by organizations such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the Green Climate Fund, and the Government of the UK.
- Secured and managed a \$100k grant from 100RC to develop urban growth analyses and projections for 20 cities and prepare and present a handbook 'Planning for Resilient Urban Growth' for application in 100RC cities.
- Designed and led over a dozen workshops on strategies for managing global urban expansion at the invitation of organizations ranging from UNICEF to the Colombia Association of Home Builders (CAMACOL).
- Co-write the Anatomy of Density, a research program to find new techniques to measure population density in cities to enable more effective densification and reduction of carbon emissions.
- Led research with the Museum of the City of New York to map the population density of all of New York City's neighborhoods from 1640 to 2010; work is now part of the permanent exhibit at MCNY.
- Led the NYU presence at the 2018, 2020 and 2022 World Urban Forums, showcasing new research on urban resilience and territorial management in developing countries.
- Work has been featured in publications including the Economist, the New York Times and National Geographic as well as academic publications such as Urban Studies.

Cities Alliance/UNOPS, Brussels, Belgium Oct 2019 – Present

An international development agency supporting secondary cities in developing countries.

Urban Expansion Planning expert leading a five-person team of development practitioners working directly with eight municipalities in three countries, Somaliland, Uganda, and Ethiopia.

- Drafted and oversaw the production of flagship report on migration and urban expansion in secondary cities in rapidly urbanizing countries.
- Drafted and oversaw the production of a white paper exploring the implications of climate change for rapidly urbanizing secondary cities.
- Led field missions and trainings on the ground, including training local officials and holding consultations with local citizens.

Politas Consulting, New York, NY

Aug 2018 – January 2023

An international consultancy providing services to new types of special economic zones and charter cities.

Urban Economic Lead Consultant on a project basis, developing essential knowledge products to help clients including UN agencies, national governments, and leading global strategy firms to assess the feasibility of new special zone projects; this includes traditional SEZs, autonomous charter cities, and also zones specifically oriented to support refugees and migrants.

- Created and applied an innovative GIS methodology for comparing potential economic development zone sites in Libya, Ethiopia, and Bangladesh.
- Developed a new property land value tax framework to maximize profitability and fiscal stability for a large new charter city currently under development in Latin America.
- Drafted a simplified land management system, new export and trade rules, and an infrastructure investment framework for a new national special economic zone program in the island nation of Vanuatu.

Artha Global, Mumbai, India

Aug 2019 – January 2023

A think tank dedicated to improving public policy at the municipal, state and national level in India.

Visiting Fellow at Artha’s flagship urban practice leading a three-person research team investigating climate and urban development, sustainable transportation, the reform of the housing sector, and management of urban land markets to help India’s cities better meet the challenges of COVID-19, rapid urban population growth, and economic restructuring.

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Country	Field experience?	Desk research?	Local government?	National government?	Number of missions	Years active
Ethiopia	X	X	X	X	12	2013 - Present
India		X			10	2014 - Present
Uganda	X	X	X	X	4	2020 - Present
Somalia		X	X	X	0	2020 - Present
South Africa	X	X	X		1	2012
Colombia	X	X		X	6	2014 - 2022
Rwanda		X		X	1	2014
Ecuador	X	X	X		1	2017
Malaysia		X		X	0	2017
Libya		X		X	0	2017 - 2018
Mexico	X	X		X	4	2018-2020
Grenada	X	X		X	18	2018 - 2020
Honduras	X	X	X		3	2019 - 2020
Vanuatu	X	X		X	1	2020
Zambia		X		X	0	2020 - 2021

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (May 2024) - New York University

Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidate in Public Administration. Thesis title: Finding the future edge: New tools for long-term planning in rapidly growing cities. Expected completion May 2024.

Master of Urban Planning (May 2013) - New York University

Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Master of Urban Planning (MUP). International specialization in urban growth and urban economics.

Bachelor of Arts (June 2011) - Portland State University

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Graduated Summa Cum Laude. Studies in community development and sustainability.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

‘The State of the Streets: Measurements of Connectivity in the Atlas of Urban Expansion’ (Forthcoming: 2024). Patrick Lamson-Hall and Shlomo Angel. Inequalities from Space. Ed. Monika Kuffer and Georganos Stefanos. Springer.

‘On-Road Energy Efficiency and CO₂ Reduction Strategies in a Small Island State: Grenada’ (2023). Peter Marcotullio, Shelby Smith, Patrick Lamson-Hall and Shlomo Angel. Urban Energy and Climate Volume 8, 225-263.

‘The Ethiopia Urban Expansion Initiative and Knowledge Exchange’ (2022). Patrick Lamson-Hall and Richard Martin. Buildings and Cities 3 (1), 772-791.

‘Managing Migration in Secondary Cities: Planning for Equity and Growth’ (2022). Patrick Lamson-Hall, Shlomo Angel and Tsigereda Tafesse. Cities Alliance/UNOPS Flagship Report. 1 August 2022.

‘Informal settlements in Lusaka’ (2022). Dennis Chiwele, Patrick Lamson-Hall and Shahrukh Wani. International Growth Centre Policy Brief. 1 August 2022.

‘Climate Resilient Urban Expansion Planning’ (2022). Patrick Lamson-Hall and Shlomo Angel. Cities Alliance/UNOPS

Report. 15 July 2022.

‘Urban expansion planning and climate change’ (2021). Patrick Lamson-Hall. The Cities Alliance Blog, 31 October 2021.

‘Anatomy of Density: measurable factors that constitute urban density’ (2021). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall and Zeltia Gonzalez-Blanco. Buildings and Cities 2 (1).

‘Densify and Expand: A Global Analysis of Recent Urban Growth’ (2021). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Alejandro Blei, Sharhad Shingade, Suman Kumar. Sustainability 13 (7), 3835.

‘Prospectus of city growth: Rethinking planning in Amman’ (2021). Fuad Malkawi, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Sandra Hiari. International Growth Centre Blog, 14 June 2021.

‘Planning for Growth: How to Manage Rapid Urbanization’ (2021). Patrick Lamson-Hall. Urbanet Editorial, 18 February, 2021.

‘In defence of density’ (2020). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Oliver Harmon, Shahrukh Wani. International Growth Centre Blog, 3 July 2020.

‘How can small islands survive the coming climate crisis? Plan for smaller aid budgets and more disasters’ (June 22, 2020). Patrick Lamson-Hall. Medium. Web: <https://bit.ly/3lVjnJq>

‘After the Lockdown Lifts, We Need to Make Cities Liveable for Migrants’ (2020). Patrick Lamson-Hall and Harshita Agrawal. The Wire, India.

‘Coronavirus and the Cities: Explaining Variations in the Onset of Infection and in the Number of Reported Cases and Deaths in US Metropolitan Areas as of 27 March 2020’ (March 31, 2020). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Maria Monica Salazar Tamayo. Marron Institute Working Paper.

‘A New Plan for African Cities: The Ethiopia Urban Expansion Initiative’ (2018). Patrick Lamson-Hall, Shlomo Angel, David DeGroot, Richard Martin, Tsigereda Tafesse. Urban Studies 56 (6), 1234-1249.

‘Our Not So Urban World’ (2018). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Bibiana Guerra, Yang Liu, Nicolas Galarza and Alejandro Blei. Marron Institute Working Paper.

‘Planning for Resilient Urban Growth: Tools for Proactively Managing Rapid Urban Growth’ (2018). Patrick Lamson-Hall, Mark Hildebrand, Shlomo Angel. 100 Resilient Cities Toolkit.

‘Housing Affordability in a Global Perspective’ (2018). Achilles Kallergis, Shlomo Angel, Yang Liu, Alejandro Blei, Nicolas Galarza Sanchez, Patrick Lamson-Hall. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

Atlas of Urban Expansion: 2016 Edition (2016). Shlomo Angel, Patrick Lamson-Hall, Manuel Madrid, Alejandro M. Blei, and Jason Parent with Nicolas Galarza Sanchez and Kevin Thom. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

‘The Rise and Fall of Manhattan’s Densities’ (2014). Shlomo Angel and Patrick Lamson-Hall. Marron Institute of Urban Management Working Paper.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Spanish (working proficiency); French (basic proficiency); ArcGIS (high proficiency); QGIS (high proficiency); STATA (moderate proficiency)