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**EDUCATION**

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| B.A. | Sociology, History | Wheaton College | 2001 |
| M.S. | Planning, Concentration in Urban and Regional Planning for Developing Areas | Florida State University | 2003 |
| Ph.D | Urban and Regional Planning | Florida State University | 2012 |

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

**2023-Present Director,** [**Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Design**](https://architecture.ou.edu/plad/) **(PLAD), University of Oklahoma**

* Initiated, organized, and oversaw the process of consolidating four academic units (Regional and City Planning, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Design, and Urban Design) into a unified division
* Day-to-day management of four-degree programs on two campuses, with 180 enrolled students. Responsibilities include providing strategic leadership, maintaining accreditation of two externally accredited professional programs, growing enrollments and resources, managing budget, and overseeing 10 full-time faculty, 2 support staff, and 10 adjunct instructors and professors of practice.

**2021-2023**  **Director,** [**Division of Regional and City Planning**](https://architecture.ou.edu/regional-city-planning/) **(RCPL),**  **University of Oklahoma**

* Academic lead of an externally accredited master's degree program with 50 students, four fulltime faculty, three professors of practice, and one support staff.

**2022-Present**  **Executive Committee, OU** [**Center for Peace and Development**](https://www.ou.edu/cpd) **(CPD), University of Oklahoma**

* Stepped down as CPD Director after being appointed Director of Regional and City Planning but remained on the Executive Committee.
* Maintained institutional partnerships with grassroots groups in northern Uganda through regular planning visits and CPD's study abroad program, which allows students across many disciplines to work with and learn from women's organizations in Uganda.

**2017-2022** **Founding Director,** [**Center for Peace and Development**](https://www.ou.edu/cpd) **(CPD), University of Oklahoma**

* 2015-2017, Worked in a community organizing role, to establish the Center for Peace and Development (CPD) at the University of Oklahoma. CPD brought together university and Ugandan partners as a hub for action research, study abroad, and critical reflection on global peacebuilding and development.
* Launched CPD as a founding member of the [Security in Context Network (SiC)](https://www.securityincontext.com/), alongside six other universities worldwide. This network produces research and community engagement to reconceptualize security around human well-being, global solidarity and ecological sustainability.

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

2024-Present Wick Cary Professor of Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Design

2023-Present Director, Division of Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Design

2021-2023 Director, Division of Regional and City Planning

2019-Present Associate Professor of Regional and City Planning, Gibbs College of Architecture, University of Oklahoma

2018-Present President’s Associates Presidential Professor, University of Oklahoma

2016-Present Affiliate Faculty Member, Department of Women and Gender Studies. University of Architecture

2016-Present Affiliate Faculty Member, College of International Studies, University of Oklahoma

2016-Present Affiliate Faculty Member, Division of Architecture, Gibbs College of Architecture, University of Oklahoma,

2013-2019 Assistant Professor of Regional and City Planning, Gibbs College of Architecture, University of Oklahoma

2012-2013 Visiting Lecture, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University

2008-2011 Instructor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University

**NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

2012 **Urban Sanitation Consultant Waste Enterprisers/Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Accra, Ghana**

2005-2008 **Emergency Planning Specialist, Church Ecumenical Action Sudan, Mennonite Central Committee**

2003 **Planning Assistant, 1000 Friends of Florida, Tallahassee, FL**

2002 **Assistant Planner Jefferson County Planning Department, Monticello, FL**

**PUBLICATIONS**

1. Firat Demir, John Harris, Maria del Guadalupe Davidson. “Grassroots Organizations and Women’s Empowerment in a Post-Conflict Region: Evidence from Women Organizations in Northern Uganda”. Journal of Globalization and Development. 2024
2. C. Aujean Lee & John Harris. “Practitioner Perceptions of City-Subcontracted Community Organizing: An Exploratory Study in Oklahoma City”. Journal of the American Planning Association. 2024
3. C. Aujean Lee & John Harris. “Outsourcing Neighborhood Planning Processes: A Case Study of a Nonprofit in the City of Oklahoma City" Journal of Planning Education and Research. 2022
4. John Harris, Daniel Komakech, David Monk, Maria del Guadalupe Davidson. “The gendered postconflict city: possibilities for more livable urban transformations in Gulu, northern Uganda” Journal of Urban Affairs. 2022
5. David Monk, Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, John C. Harris “Gender and Education in Uganda” in Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education. 2021
6. John Harris, Christopher Lê, Maria del Guadalupe Davidson. “Reflections on Community Based Participatory Research Techniques in Global Planning and Design Courses” in The Routledge Companion to Architectural Education in the Global South. 2020
7. Grace Acan, Evelyn Amony, John Harris, and Maria del Guadalupe Davidson. “How formerly abducted women in post-conflict situations are reasserting their humanity in a hostile environment: Photovoice evidence from Northern Uganda” Gender and Development. 2019
8. Harris, J. and Little, S. “Mapping hope: How do vulnerable youth locate hope in informal settlements?” Urban Forum. 2019
9. Harris, J. “What are the land delivery and land holding mechanisms for African informal light manufacturing clusters?” Urban Forum. 2018
10. Harris, J. “Vulnerable youth’s perspectives and priorities for informal settlements: Photovoice evidence from Lusaka, Zambia” Journal of Planning Education and Research. 2017. Winner of the Best Faculty Paper Award from the Global Planning Educators Interest Group of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.
11. Harris, J. "Joint Action In Nairobi’s Informal Production Clusters" International Development Planning Review, 38(3). 2016
12. Harris, J. “Accra’s unregulated market-oriented sanitation strategy: Problems and opportunity” in Allen, Lampis, and Swilling, eds., Untamed Urbanisms. Routledge. 2015
13. Harris, J. “Meeting the challenges of the handicraft industry in Africa: Evidence from Nairobi” Development in Practice 24(1). 2014
14. Harris, J. “The Messy Reality of Agglomeration Economies and Urban Informality” World Development. 61. 2014
15. Harris, J. "The Confounding Influence of Urban Informality on Innovation and Production Specialization in Production Clusters: Evidence from Nairobi” African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development 6(6). 2014