

# James D. Gardner

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## EXPERIENCE

**Arizona State University** **Tempe, AZ**  
*Teaching & Research Assistant* *August 2012-Present*

- Prepared a Comprehensive Planning Report for the Navajo Nation detailing best practices and cultural sustainability concepts.
- Coordinated and facilitated visioning sessions in Navajo Nation Chapters as part of two pilot projects for the update of Community Based Land Use Plans.
- Prepared assignments, lectures, and pedagogical methods for four classes, including the largest urban planning class in the United States and an interdisciplinary workshop with tribal leaders.

**Matrix Design Group** **Phoenix, AZ**  
*Planning Intern (fall semester)* *September 2013-December 2013*

- Prepared Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS) for a number of communities across the country with the goal of sustaining balance between community and military operations.
- Produced reports regarding community compatibility with military installations with special focus on public policy concerns and land use laws in several states.
- Delivered reports on 6 military installations with over 40 pages of production on a weekly basis.

**Yavapai County Development Services** **Prescott, AZ**  
*Planner* *October 2010– August 2012*

- Prepared update of Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan, adopted September 2012
- Performed Land Use Approvals, Preliminary Code Hearings, Zoning Ordinance Amendments, site inspections, and code enforcement
- Planned, coordinated, and organized public hearings for Comprehensive Plan Update
- Processed Use Permits, Zoning Map Changes, Administrative Reviews, and Planned Area Developments

**City of Sedona Community Development** **Sedona, AZ**  
*Community Development Intern* *July 2010 – September 2010*

- Applied for federal grants from HUD/DOT with colleagues and cooperating agencies
- Drafted new Land Use Element for the update of Sedona Community Plan
- Provided field support to building department

**City of Flagstaff, Housing Division** **Flagstaff, AZ**  
*Housing Intern* *October 2008 – May 2009*

- Conducted housing policy and best practices research
- Created GIS products for the optimum placement of public housing in the City of Flagstaff
- Coordinated with agencies to provide temporary immediate shelter to the recently homeless

## ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, AND AWARDS

### **American Planning Association Member**

- The national organization whose mission to bring together thousands of planners, citizens, and elected officials to make great communities happen

- Chapter member of Arizona Planning Association with research published in APA Vision magazine, and presented at APA conferences *2010-Present*

**2013 Western Planner Conference Presenter** **South Lake Tahoe, CA**

- Presented to planners from across the western US on the development of the Navajo Nation Comprehensive Planning Model undertaken as part of my research *October 2013*

**2013 Construction in Indian Country Presentation Panelist** **Chandler, AZ**

- Presented on the topic of "Comprehensive Planning for Sustainable Economic Development, the presentation of research conducted as a Research Assistant at Arizona State University *May 2013*

**American Public Transportation Foundation William Millar Scholar**

- Recipient of the William Millar scholarship, a scholarship for young transportation planners with a focus on public service. *2013*

**Graduates in Integrative Society and Environment Research Steering Committee Member**

- Sat on steering committee of an interdisciplinary research society. Made decisions regarding funding for research at the graduate level for collaborative research that resulted in positive and impactful research projects. *2013*

## EDUCATION

**Northern Arizona University, College of Social and Behavior Sciences** **Flagstaff, AZ**  
*B.S. in Public Planning with an Emphasis in Land Use and a certificate in Economics* *May 2010*

**Arizona State University, School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning** **Tempe, AZ**  
*Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning with foci in Design and Sustainability* *May 2014*  
■ Certificate in Transportation *May 2014*

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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