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# Stephan Brown, PhD

## *Managing Associate*

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### SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

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Dr. Brown has extensive training and experience applying a wide range of research methodologies to social problems. His primary interest is in applying systems methodologies to problems of community change and development. Dr. Brown' has developed an open systems framework for measuring partnership capacity and social learning and that he has used in four case studies of watershed management partnerships in the Pacific Northwest. He has led a workshop exploring how Soft Systems Methodology might facilitate social learning in planning for, and managing, institutional change. He has also worked at the NIAA Alcohol Research Group (Berkeley, CA) on several projects including studies on the risks of AIDs, alcohol consumption, and measures of drinking behavior.

Dr. Brown has worked in a variety of cross-cultural contexts, including ethnographic fieldwork in Mexico examining local artisan-tourist interactions and, later, an NSF-funded US-India Research and Education Collaboration workshop in Bangalore, India examining the impact of rapid urbanization on water systems. More recently, Dr. Brown's research has focused on social problems within the United States. His various program- and program evaluation work on hunger, education, and public health issues in the San Francisco Bay Area, which included numerous site visits, He is the recipient of several grants and awards, including the Maurie C. Clark Fellowship and a Miller Foundation Student Idea Generator Process Grant.

### EDUCATION

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2011	Ph.D. in Urban Studies Dissertation: <i>Navigating the Edges: An Examination of the Relationship between Boundary Spanning, Social Learning, and Partnership Capacity in Water Resource Management</i>	Portland State University
1997	M.A. - Anthropology	University of California at Davis
1992	B.A. - Anthropology	Cornell University

### WORK HISTORY

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August 2011 - Present	<b>Community Science</b>
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*Managing Associate*

Gaithersburg, Maryland

Provide research and technical support on the development, implementation, and evaluation of diverse community initiatives ranging from health equity and cultural competency to social service provision

2003 -2007  
*Teaching/Research  
Assistant*

**Portland State University**  
Portland, OR

Lead author (in progress) analyzing national survey data on inter-disciplinarity in graduate planning education; assisted under contract to produce a workshop on collaborative planning for the Housing Authority of Portland; assisted under contract to evaluate Metro's Regional Transportation Options program; assisted in teaching quantitative analysis course at PSU.

2002 – 2003  
*Research Coordinator*

**Alcohol Research Group**  
Berkeley, CA

Various responsibilities included: managing multiple studies on alcohol consumption, which included instrument development, human subjects protocols, data-collection, and analysis; overseeing the implementation of multiple research projects in various phases, all while successfully meeting deadlines; supervising interviewers, work-study students, and support staff on several studies. At various times, responsibilities included hiring, training, evaluating, and working with HR to manage personnel issues in a timely manner.

2002  
*Intern*

**WestEd**  
Oakland, CA

Carried out evaluations of after-school programs in Oakland, CA that included site visits and collection and analysis of student statistics.

2000 – 2002  
*Research Associate III*

**Alcohol Research Group**  
Oakland, CA

Carried out in-depth interviews and coded and analyzed interview and focus group data using NUD\*IST on an NIH-funded epidemiological study of sexual risk-taking in the San Francisco Bay Area. Successfully liaised with the data collection contractor on a pilot methodological study.

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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October 2003  
*Guest Lecturer*

**Portland State University**  
Portland, OR

Lectured approximately 75 undergraduate students in an introductory course to social psychology.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Brown, S.E. Navigating the Edges: An Examination of the Relationship between Boundary Spanning, Social Learning, and Partnership Capacity in Water Resource Management, Dissertation. Portland, OR: Portland State University.

Brown, S. E. and Lerch, D., (2007) Systems Thinking: A Tool for Municipalities In: D. Lerch Post Carbon Cities: Planning for Energy and Climate Uncertainty. Vancouver, BC: Post Carbon Institute.

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