

## Biographical statement for HARVEY M. JACOBS

Harvey M. Jacobs, Ph.D. is on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he holds a joint appointment as Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies; he has been at UW-Madison since 1984. He has served as Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (1995-1998) and director of the University's Land Tenure Center (1999-2002).

Prof. Jacobs received his graduate degrees from Cornell University (Ph.D., 1984). He has won awards and recognition for his research and teaching from Cornell University (in 1980 and 1982), the *Journal of the American Planning Association* (in 1988 and 2000), the Wisconsin Student Association (1991 and 1992), and the University of Wisconsin Teaching Academy (1994). In 1998 he served as the Chester Dean Visiting Professor at the School of Architecture and Urban Design, University of Kansas. As part of a new initiative by the Fulbright Scholar Program, in 2002 he was selected as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. He was selected to be among the initial group of *Planning and Development Fellows* from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in 2005 for research on his new book "The "Taking" of Europe: Globalizing the American Ideal of Private Property?" In the spring of 2006 he was recipient of an Individual Residency from The Rockefeller Foundation at their Bellagio (Italy) Study Center for continued work on this manuscript. In 2008 Prof. Jacobs was knighted by the French government; he was honored with the receipt of an L'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Order of the Academic Palms), rank Chevalier (Knight) for his contribution to the extension and appreciation of French education, through his co-leadership of a graduate student and faculty exchange program in the areas of environmental science, land use and conservation biology.

Prof. Jacobs's research and teaching program focuses on public policy, theory and philosophy for land use and environmental management. He has published *Private Property in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Future of an American Ideal* (Edward Elgar, 2004) and *Who Owns America? Social Conflict Over Property Rights* (University of Wisconsin Press, 1998), both edited volumes. He is the editor or co-author of three books and author or co-author of over 60 articles and essays published in academic and professional journals in the U.S. and western Europe. Internationally Prof. Jacobs has worked and lectured in Albania, Canada, France, Italy, Kenya, Norway, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, South Africa, Taiwan and Zimbabwe, with a specific focus on the definition of private property rights, devolution/decentralization of administrative authority for land use planning and policy, and peri-urban land management (the containment of urban sprawl).

Most generally, Prof. Jacobs is interested in how societies define property, and the policy structures they develop to manage the relationship between private and public rights in property.

More complete information about his teaching and research program can be found on the web at <http://www.wisc.edu/urpl/people/jacobs/index.html>.