

David R. Parvo | Curriculum Vitae

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Objective

To employ my skills toward improving the quality of life, environmental sustainability, health, and social fabric of urban communities.

Education

University of Texas - Austin – MS, CRP 1999 – 2002

Concentration in Social and Economic Equity

Thesis Committee: Dr. Elizabeth Mueller and Stephen Ross

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Tulane University - New Orleans – BA 1992 – 1995

Major: Latin American Studies

Concentration in Mexican Architectural History and History

Minor: Economics

Thesis: “Sugar and Slavery in the British West Indies”

Universidad de Iberoamericana - Mexico City Summer, 1994

Relevant Experience

Black + Vernooy Architecture & Urban Design 2007 – 2017

Urban Design & Opposition Research

- Explore the benefits of maximizing urban density through infill development and sustainable transportation systems.
- Identify sites prime for development.
- Advise public and private sectors on ways to implement developments that are appropriate to human scale.
- Perform and disseminate political “opposition research” to help advance Reconnect Austin’s compact and connected cause.
- Advocate for the implementation of the Downtown Austin Great Streets Master Plan and human-scaled infill development.
- Establish and facilitate a pipeline of University students who take advantage of Internship and Independent Study opportunities.
- Supervise those students’ and ensure their experience furthers their education as well as the firm’s goals.

Key Urban Design Projects & Proposals

- The Proximity Calculator
- Reconnect Austin
- Travis IDEA
- UT Campus, The Next 40 Acres
- My Guadalupe
- The Placemaking Institute
- Waller Creek Conservancy Design Competition
- UT Medical School Campus Land-use Study
- South Central Waterfront
- Shreveport (LA) Comprehensive Master Plan

Additional Experience

- **By Hook or By Crook Farms**, Sole Proprietor: Restore soil, pasture and antique farm structures, and raise livestock for market. 2008 – 2018
- **Contractor**, Self-employed: Coordinate construction sites, and perform light carpentry home maintenance repairs and remodels. 2002 – 2017
- **The Elgin Courier**, Contributing Reporter: Wrote incisive articles on the economic growth issues affecting a small Central Texas town. 2010 – 2011
- **PCOrder.com**, Office Manager: Supervised a 30-member Research Analyst/Editing team to assure quality of online marketing content. 1997 – 2000
- **Freelance Writer**, Reviewed live music and explored censorship issues. 1997 – 2003
- **New Orleans Chamber of Commerce**, Encuentro Assistant: Targeted top political and business leaders from Latin America then employed my bicultural skills to market New Orleans' shipping port to them. 1995 – 1996

Presentations

- “Calculating Proximity; the ultimate factor of sustainability.” University of Texas - Austin. Professor Black’s Urban Design Practice seminar, Spring/Fall 2015/2016, Spring 2017.
- “Panorama of U.S. History; all roads lead to Austin.” University of Texas - Austin. Professor Black’s Urban Design Practice seminar, Spring/Fall 2016, Spring 2017.
- “Proximity vs. Sprawl; a macro-economic breakdown.” University of Texas - Austin. Professor Black’s Urban Design Practice seminar, Spring/Fall 2016, Spring 2017.

Publications

- (Fiction) *Bloody Big Dry Blues*. Submitting manuscript for publication, 2017. (novel: a sorta cozy yet hardboiled murder mystery novel set in Central Texas a century ago.)
- (Blog post) “Exploring Historical Fiction: contested memories and fresh starts.” <<http://ourwriteside.com/exploring-historical-fiction-contested-memories-fresh-starts/>> Our Write Side, 6 January 2017.
- (Blog post) “Exploring Historical Fiction: one way to start writing.” <<http://ourwriteside.com/exploring-historical-fiction-one-way-start-writing/>> Our Write Side, 8 December 2016.
- (Web blog) *Bloody Big Dry Blues*. <<https://bloodybigdryblues.com/>> David R. Parvo, 13 October 2016-Present.
- (Website) *Occupy Central Texas with Proximity; The ultimate factor of sustainability*. <<https://occupycentraltexas.wordpress.com/>> Black + Vernoooy Architecture & Urban Design, 9 February 2016-Present.
- (Collaborator) Black, S. “Sustainability of Proximity: White Paper.” <https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Sustainability/Sustainability_of_Proximity_White_Paper_-_formatted.pdf> City of Austin; Office of Sustainability, 15 June 2015.
- (Website; co-writer) *Reconnect Austin*. <<https://reconnectaustin.com/>> Black + Vernoooy Architecture & Urban Design, 25 April 2013-Present.
- (Website) *Sinclair Black’s Urban Design Practice*. <<https://urbandesignpractice.wordpress.com/>> Black + Vernoooy Architecture & Urban Design, 15 December 2011-Present.
- (Web blog) *The Placemaking Institute*. <<https://placemakinginstitute.wordpress.com>> Black + Vernoooy Architecture & Urban Design, 24 October 2009-Present.
- “Elgin exploring annexation options.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 24 August 2011: A3+.
- “Elgin reacts to Bastrop annexation plans.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 17 August 2011: A1+.
- “Veterans Park gets permaculture garden.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 3 August 2011: A2-3.
- “Elgin officials attend livability summit in Austin.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 20 July 2011: A2+.
- “Water may soon run through Elgin.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 13 July 2011: A2+.
- “County declares disaster as dry conditions linger.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 22 June 2011: A1+.
- “New legislation to impact groundwater.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 15 June 2011: A5+.
- “Elgin business leaders meet with ACC, White House representatives.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 25 May 2011: A3.
- “Vick explains wastewater plant purchase.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 11 May 2011: A3.
- “Elgin getting fed up with mailbox vandalism.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 4 May 2011: A6+.
- “LCRA: expect a brutal summer.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 13 April 2011: A1+.
- “Why is a regional water utility coalition forming?” The Elgin Courier [TX] 6 April 2011: A17-18.

- “LCRA board gives cities a break.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 30 March 2011: A2+.
- “Coalition forming to save water supply.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 23 March 2011: A3+.
- “Elgin, LCRA talks on wastewater plant progressing.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 16 March 2011: A3+.
- “Lost Pines: groundwater supply at critical juncture.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 9 March 2011: A3+.
- “Elginites give priorities in Master Parks Plan survey.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 2 March 2011: A5+.
- “Alcoa willing to sell groundwater.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 23 February 2011: A1+.
- “Elgin resolves to buy wastewater plant from LCRA.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 23 February 2011: A1+.
- “Why buy a wastewater plant from LCRA?” The Elgin Courier [TX] 16 February 2011: A9.
- “Central Texas reacts to LCRA plan to sell sewer facilities.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 2 February 2011: A1+.
- “LCRA, cities square off over sewer facilities.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 26 January 2011: A1+.
- “Pflugerville answers questions about expansion plans.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 19 January 2011: A2+.
- “Neighbors’ growth impacts rural New Sweden.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 19 January 2011: A2+.
- “Pflugerville officials respond to concerns over wastewater plans.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 12 January 2011: A6+.
- “Wilbarger Creek Conservation Alliance seeks to preserve agricultural way of life.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 5 January 2011: A2+.
- “Recent developments in the Elgin area.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 29 December 2010: A1+.
- “Census data announced for Elgin area.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 22 December 2010: A1+.
- “Mapping out Colorado River Corridor’s future.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 15 December 2010: A3+.
- “Elgin asks property owners to join ETJ; city manager explains what that means - and what that doesn’t mean.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 8 December 2010: A1+.
- “Development planned on former gravel & sand mine property south of Elgin.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 1 December 2010: A4+.
- “Medicine Chest moving from downtown to U.S. 290.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 24 November 2010: A5+.
- “Green energy development planned for Rockdale.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 17 November 2010: A3+.
- “Stoll shares vision for Elgin park system.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 10 November 2010: A3.
- “Webberville solar plant could affect economy.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 27 October 2010: A1+.
- “ACC and Elgin: whys and hows, pros and cons.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 20 October 2010: A1+.

- “Celebrating 20 Years of Main Street in Elgin.” *Downtown 78621: Hogeye Festival 2010* (pp.6-7). City of Elgin (TX) Fall/Winter 2010.
- (Collaborator) Black, S. “Geography of Opportunity: Designing Density in a Growing City.” *Platform* (pp.14-15). UTSOA, Fall 2010.
- “Getting to know Greg Vick; introducing the new city manager.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 6 October 2010: A2.
- “Passing the torch; Bratton discusses time as interim city manager.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 29 September 2010: A3.
- “Seeing opportunity in Elgin.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 22 September 2010: A3+.
- (Contributor/Staff Reporter) “F.Y.I.: all about Elgin; Bricks, Sausage & Swedes, foundation for a great destination.” The Elgin Courier [TX] September 2010.
- “It’s cool at the pool.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 1 September 2010: A1+.
- “Safe Routes to School sidewalks might not arrive till next summer.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 18 August 2010: A1+.
- “Historic Preservation a ‘God-send’ for a town like Elgin.” The Elgin Courier [TX] 11 August 2010: A1+.
- “Can Main Street take flight again?” The Elgin Courier [TX] 4 August 2010: A1+.
- “Development: To grow or not to grow?” The Elgin Courier [TX] 28 July 2010: A1+.
- (Copy Editor) Black, S., & Steiner, F. (Eds.) *Emergent Urbanism: Evolution in Urban Form*. Austin, Texas: UTSOA/Placemaking Studio, 2008.
- (Fiction) “Her Laughter Dies.” In T. Wadson (Ed.), *Balancing the Tides - A Newport Journal, Volume II: Myth, Magic & History* (pp.119-124). Newport, RI: Many Birches Press, Spring 2007.
- “Strelnikoff: Censorship in Contemporary Slovenia. In M. Cloonan & R. Garofalo (Eds.), *Policing Pop; Sound Matters* (pp.140-150). Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2003.
- “A Proposal for Progress, in black & white.” MSCR thesis. University of Texas-Austin, 2002.
- “The Golden Arm Trio: Emo’s, Austin, TX.” MOJAMS [USA] 25 October 2000.
- “At the Drive-in: Emo’s, Austin, TX.” MOJAMS [USA] 9 October 2000.
- “B.B. King Blues Festival with Buddy Guy: Auditorium Shores, Austin, TX.” MOJAMS [USA] 29 September 2000.
- “Omara Portuondo and Barbarito Torres: Bass Concert Hall, Austin, TX.” MOJAMS [USA] 19 September 2000.
- “Snooks Eaglin: Mid City Rock ’n Bowl, New Orleans.” MOJAMS [USA] 8 September 2000.
- “Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey: The Mercury, Austin, TX.” MOJAMS [USA] 4 September 2000.
- “Rubinchik’s Orkestyr: Flipnotics, Austin.” MOJAMS [USA] 3 September 2000.
- “Tunji: The Mercury, Austin.” MOJAMS [USA] 1 September 2000.
- “Censorship: Alive and Well in Texas.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 30 September 1998.
- “Micro Radio Madness: Broken by the Man.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 22 May 1998.

- “Lewd and Crude: Busted in Kentucky for a T-shirt.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 19 May 1998.
- “Homophobic High Schools Ban Indigo Girls.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 18 May 1998.
- “China Condemns any Performer who supports Tibet.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 14 May 1998.
- “Glenwood Jr. High: Taking the Pal out of Principal.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 1 May 1998.
- “Slovenia: A Peek into America’s Future?” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 23 April 1998.
- “Carlos Santana: Too Noisy in Boise.” Rock Out Censorship. [USA] 29 March 1998.
- “The Enlightened Franciscan Tradition of Siena College.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 25 March 1998.
- “Parole Board becomes Censor Board.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 19 March 1998
- “Tin Drum Ceases to Beat.” Rock Out Censorship [USA] 14 July 1997.

Skills & Abilities

- Writing proficiency and editorial efficiency
- All levels of advanced research capability
- Conversational Spanish
- Expertise in MS Office, Photoshop, and Adobe Acrobat
- Knowledge of Private and Public sector policies in general and P3s in particular

Service

- Elgin Depot Museum, volunteer “artist-in-residence,” 2016-2017
- Congress for the New Urbanism and the Downtown Austin Alliance, participant, 2009-2017
- City of Elgin Parks and Recreation Board member, 2009-2012
- Boys & Girls Club of Austin, gym remodel coordinator for United Way, July 2007
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America, keeping children of all ages productively occupied in an off-line manner, Intermittent

Current Interests

- Writing fiction and nonfiction
- Reading fiction and nonfiction
- Central Texas history
- History of the Blues/Jazz
- Farming & Fishing

Extensive Travels

- North America
- Mexico
- Central America/Venezuela
- Europe
- Soviet Union