

RACHEL LODGE

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PROFILE

Leader and strategic communicator with over 20 years' experience working on complex cross-cutting issues in legislative, government, NGO, and academic settings, with an emphasis on environment, education, health and welfare, and civic participation, especially in diverse communities. Skilled in translating research and policy to practice, developing conceptual frameworks, roadmaps, and communications that guide effective action, and collaborating effectively across boundaries. Experienced program designer oriented toward results.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lodge Consulting. Independent consultant helping clients in California and Washington State to create communications that engage diverse internal and external audiences, promote collaboration, improve professional practice and achieve program and policy goals. **Selected clients: Climate Solutions** (pro bono), **21 Acres Sustainability Center, First 5 California, Stuart Foundation, Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State Arts Commission, Children's Alliance, California Budget and Policy Center, Sacramento Redevelopment Agency, Northwest African American Museum.** (1998-2005, 2014-present)

Product Developer, Center for Educational Leadership (CEL), University of Washington. Developed innovative research-based conceptual frameworks and practical planning and inquiry tools, including video, for national initiatives funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates and Wallace Foundations to help school district leaders improve results for all of their students, regardless of race, class, gender, or disability. (2010-2013)

Program Director, West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington. Working with an interdisciplinary group of senior UW social scientists, directed new federally-funded research center at the Evans School of Public Affairs/School of Social Work investigating causes, consequences, and effective policy responses to poverty in the west coast states. Oversaw research grant selection process and translation and dissemination of findings for policy practitioners and general audiences. (2006-2010)

Director/Associate Director, Healthy Start Field Office, UC Davis. With California state agency and foundation leaders, co-led implementation of the Healthy Start Support Services for Children Act (SB 620, 1991), a new statewide initiative to improve health, education, and life prospects for low-income children and their families through locally-designed collaborative services in diverse school communities across California. Established and directed the Healthy Start Field Office, a state-funded technical assistance center at UC Davis providing leadership and support to more than 300 Healthy Start grantees statewide on participatory community assessments, program design and implementation, and monitoring results. Guided review process for planning and implementation grants. (1991-1998)

Senior Consultant for K-12 Education, Assembly Ways and Means Committee, California State Legislature. Organized and guided education budget subcommittee hearings on \$15 billion in expenditures for the California public schools, early childhood education programs, and the State Library. Provided policy advice to committee chair and members. Advised full Ways and Means Committee on fiscal impact of all K-12 education legislation. (1990-1991)

Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office, California State Legislature. Non-partisan policy and budget advisor to Senate and Assembly fiscal committees. Developed and presented detailed recommendations on key policy and budget issues in education and criminal justice, including parole recidivism, school desegregation, and child development. Provided fiscal estimates on education and criminal justice bills. (1987- 1989)

SELECTED AFFILIATIONS, SERVICE AND AWARDS

Community Ambassador, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, 2016-

Global Health Leadership Program, University of Washington: Guest seminar for leaders in the Sudanese Ministry of Health on visual communication and strategic planning, April 2009

Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington: Guest presentation on creativity in policymaking, Managing Organizational Performance graduate course, March 2009

Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington: Skills Workshop instructor (one-credit graduate course), "Visual Communication for Better Policymaking," 2008

Program Committee Member, Northwest African American Museum, 2005-2009

Executive Committee Member and Chair, Communications Committee, Washington State Arts Alliance/Foundation Board, 2001-2005

Legislative Staff Member of the Year, California Children's Lobby, 1990-91

Working visual artist with solo and group exhibits in California and Washington.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Affairs, 1987, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. Claudia Taylor Johnson Merit Fellow, 1985-86 and 1986-87

A.B. 1981 with Honors in History, University of California, Berkeley, Phi Beta Kappa