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## Introduction

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**AGENDA FOR BUILDING A CHANGING WORLD RESPONSIBLY  
COMMENTARIES AND REFLECTIONS BY LEADERS IN URBAN  
PLANNING, POLICY, AND DESIGN**

This Festschrift issue of the JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE URBAN LAW AND POLICY acknowledges 50 years of service by Arthur C. Nelson first as a professional in planning, development, and management for 12 years and then as a member of the planning academy spanning the last 38 years. Family, friends, and colleagues know him as Chris, which is short for Christian, his middle name.

Normally, a Festschrift is about the individual, but Chris insisted on making it about his mentors, colleagues, and students (many of whom later become colleagues if not mentors). This Festschrift is thus dedicated to them. Unfortunately, two colleagues passed away before the Festschrift was finished. Fritz Wagner was emeritus dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of New Orleans. Robert E. Lang, to whom one of the articles is dedicated, was Lincy Endowed Professor of Urban Affairs in the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, Member of Congress from Oregon, where Chris grew up and started his career, opens with a foreword. James C. Nicholas and Julian Conrad Juergensmeyer, friends and colleagues spanning five decades, close with an afterword. Chris offers a postscript. In between are commentaries and reflections written by dozens of colleagues, in six parts with introductions to each:

Planning after the Pandemic  
Planning as if People Mattered  
Housing Affordability and Homeownership  
Planning Processes and Implementation  
Advances in Planning Analysis and Engagement  
Making Places Better

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