



Robert E. Lang

Robert E. Lang joined the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) in January 2010 as a professor of sociology and UNLV Director Brookings Mountain West at UNLV. He will also serve as interim executive director of The Lincy Institute at UNLV. In 2008, he was the co-author with Mark Muro of the Brookings Institution report, "Mountain Megs: [America's Newest Metropolitan Places](#)." Dr. Lang served as professor of urban planning and director of the Urban Affairs and Planning Program at Virginia Tech's National Capital Region in Alexandria, VA. He was also co-director of the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia. Dr. Lang is the editor of the scholarly journal *Housing Policy Debate* and serves as a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and a fellow at the Urban Land Institute, both in Washington, D.C.

In 2008, Dr. Lang was a Fulbright Fellow at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris. In 2006, he was a visiting distinguished professor at Arizona State University. Dr. Lang was also recently a planning and development fellow of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and a visiting fellow of the University of California. Prior to joining Virginia Tech, Dr. Lang was director of urban and metropolitan research at the Fannie Mae Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Lang received a Ph.D. in Sociology from Rutgers University, where he also taught sociology and urban studies. He was a research associate at the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University. Dr. Lang's research specialties include suburban studies, real estate, world cities, demographic and spatial analysis, housing, and metropolitan governance. He has authored more than 150 academic and professional publications on a wide range of topics and has developed many new urban concepts such as "Boomburbs," "Edgeless Cities," and "Megapolitan Areas." Dr. Lang has managed nearly \$4 million in research grants since 2000. He has also given more than 170 talks since that date. His research has been featured in the *USA Today*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *US News and World Report* and reported on by *NPR*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *FOX News*, and *ABC World News Tonight*.

Dr. Lang's work includes the book *Edgeless Cities: Exploring the Elusive Metropolis* (2003) and *Boomburbs: the Rise of America's Accidental Cities* (2007) which are published by the Brookings Institution Press. He is also co-author of three edited volumes on the census, *Redefining Urban and Suburban America: Evidence from Census 2000*, also by the Brookings Institution Press. Dr. Lang's newest book, *The New Politics of Planning* was published in 2009 by the Urban Land Institute. In 2010, the American Planning Association Press will publish Dr. Lang's next book *Megapolitans and Megaregions: How Large-Scale Urbanization is Transforming America*.