



Robert Stokes, Ph.D.

Senior Advisor

Robert Stokes, Ph.D. is a Senior Advisor of Econsult Solutions, Inc. and an Associate Professor at Drexel University. He has extensive research experience in a number of applied urban planning and policy areas: including economic and community development, crime, policing and public safety, health and the built environment, and sustainability planning.

Experience

Before becoming a professor, he worked as a researcher for the Center for Public Policy at Temple University, where he assisted with a research program that was centered on crime, public safety, security and policing issues in Philadelphia schools, PHA housing developments, commercial areas and distressed city neighborhoods.

In addition to his work in community safety planning, he has worked in a variety of other urban policy research areas, including entertainment, sports and tourism planning for cities; neighborhood commercial corridor planning; the impact of the built environment on health outcomes; and environmental sustainability planning. He is the (co)author of numerous academic articles in these areas. Dr. Stokes' research focuses on different city responses to urban policy needs, using New York City, New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Diego, Los Angeles, Charlotte and Cincinnati as models. He is especially interested in models of effective community self-governance that promote better outcomes for residents of city neighborhoods.

Currently, he is working on two funded projects focused on crime prevention, policing and community development in Philadelphia.

Areas of Expertise

Public Policy

Economic and
Community
Development Planning

Public Health

Sustainability Planning

Education

Ph.D., Bloustein
School of Planning and
Public Policy,
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M.A., Geography and
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