



In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of

Doctor of Philosophy
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Will defend his prospectus

Creating and Managing Urban Sustainability Transition Arenas

Abstract

This research was conducted under the transformational sustainability research framework for Reinvent Phoenix, a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Urban sustainability transitions require the coordinated efforts of diverse stakeholders. This research details a step-by-step process for initial stakeholder engagement efforts. Those initial efforts are bookended with criteria for institutionalizing transition agents into a transition arena. Once a transition arena exists, it can become a platform for transdisciplinary collaboration in pursuit of sustainability goals. The final stage of the prospectus examines a case study in transition arena management, based on partnership between the School of Sustainability, the School of Nutrition and Health Promotion, the Center for Policy Informatics, the Phoenix Public Transit Department, and the Citizens Committee for the future of Phoenix Transportation.

Tuesday, January 27th, 2015
12:00 p.m.
Wrigley Hall 323

Faculty, students, and the general public are invited.

Supervisory Committee:

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