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WHAT I DO

My research, based on the principles and methods of environmental psychology, has explored public preference, perception, and behavior concerning urban forestry and green infrastructure. Recent work has turned to a focus on human health and wellness. I also work to translate evidence about nature benefits to local government policy and planning. I've enjoyed doing this work for decades and appreciated the invitations to share knowledge across the United States, as well as at events in Australia, Japan, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Canada, England, Scotland, Hong Kong/China, Sweden, Norway, and Russia.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Barron, S., S. Nitoslawski, K.L. Wolf, A. Woo, E. Desautels, & S.R.J. Sheppard. 2019. Greening blocks: A conceptual typology of practical design interventions to integrate health and climate resilience co-benefits. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 16, 4241.
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PROFESSIONAL MISSION

To discover, understand & communicate . . .
human behavior & benefits . . .
as people experience nature in
cities

Human Dimensions of Urban Forestry &
Urban Greening

Green Cities – Good Health

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Interdisciplinary Research Leadership
Nature & Health, U of WA collaborator
Sustainable Sites Initiative – US Green Building Council
FutureShape – American Planning Association
Nature Sacred – TKF Foundation



ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

HUMAN HEALTH

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- Frumkin, H., G.N. Bratman, S.J. Breslow, B. Cochran, P.H. Kahn, J.J. Lawler, P.S. Levin, P.S. Tandon, U. Varanasi, K.L. Wolf, & S.A. Wood. 2017. Nature contact and human health: A research agenda. *Environmental Health Perspectives* 125, 7, 075001.
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- Wolf, K.L., & L.E. Kruger. 2010. Urban Forestry Research Needs: A Participatory Assessment Process. *Journal of Forestry* 108, 1, 39-44.

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