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Introduction To Community Development: Theory, Practice, And Service-Learning



Synopsis

This text provides students of community and economic development with a theoretical and practical introduction to the field. Bringing together leading scholars, it provides both a conceptual background and contemporary approaches, with a progression from theory to practice. Included are case studies and supportive material to develop community service-learning activities.

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This is a college level textbook, apparently. Now I happen to like college textbooks, and I love to read. Gary seems to be paralleling what John Kretzmann and John McKnight are doing, for example in Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Assets. This book is useful. This book does recognize that we are going to have to shift out of the Newtonian/Cartesian fragmented paradigm, into something more systems oriented, as in Walk Out Walk On: A Learning Journey into Communities Daring to Live the Future Now (BK Currents). That is useful. What I want to say, is that colleges really need to get their students out into the community, the way Muhammad Yunus did, in Banker To The Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle Against World Poverty. We also need books for people who don't read much, who will probably never go to college, who have limited time to help their communities. I think of for example Deeply Woven Roots: Improving the Quality of Life in Your Community,

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