

### Education

#### Master of City Planning

University of California, Berkeley

#### Master of Landscape Architecture

University of California, Berkeley

#### Bachelor of Architecture

Montana State University, Bozeman

### Expertise

Land use planning and policy, urban design, site planning, and environmental planning.

### Academic Experience

#### University of California, Santa Cruz

Professor of Environmental Studies

#### University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Professor, Environmental Planning,

Department of Landscape Architecture

### Professional Experience

#### Mintier & Associates

Senior Associate

#### Town & Country Planning, Bozeman,

Montana

Principal

#### Smith & Williams Architects

Associate

### Projects

- \* **Site and Master Plans:** Over thirty large-scale projects, including a Town Center for Big Sky, MT; a Coastal Marine Research Center for Santa Cruz, CA; Montana Guest Ranch Resort, Gallatin County, MT; earthquake recovery plan for Santa Cruz; long range development plans for the University of California, Santa Cruz; and a wide range of residential, recreational, cultural, and commercial projects.
- \* **Local and Regional Plans:** Over fifteen city and county general plans as well as six regional-scale plans, including Lake Tahoe Basin and Fairfax County, Virginia.
- \* **Urban Design:** Over ten urban-scale projects, including Old Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Eureka, West Sacramento, Bozeman, and Santa Fe.
- \* **Environmental Assessments:** Over twenty major environmental documents, including general plans, a university research and development center, translocation of the California Sea Otter, a Dark Sky astronomy observatory, and a scattered-site affordable housing project.



**James Pepper** is a senior associate with Mintier & Associates and has 45 years of professional experience. Mr. Pepper has worked on a wide range of planning and design projects. This varied and extensive experience provides Mr. Pepper with broad expertise, particularly since both his academic and professional work integrates the primary environmental design professions of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, and city planning. Mr. Pepper's professional emphasis shifted from an early career in architecture to environmental planning in the 1970s, and, since the early 1980s, master planning, site planning, and urban design.

Recent projects include the following: a 60-acre, mixed-use Coastal Marine Research Center in Santa Cruz, CA; a 200-acre Town Center for the community of Big Sky, MT; a key role in the formulation of an earthquake recovery plan for downtown Santa Cruz, CA; and a Central Business District Plan for West Sacramento, CA. At the present time, Mr. Pepper is involved in a major initiative for downtown Bozeman, MT, that consists of a performing arts center, a new city hall, a convention center and hotel, structured parking, and expanded retail and office space. Also, he is working with Mintier & Associates on the Southwest Live Oak Specific Plan. Early in his career, Mr. Pepper participated in the formulation of downtown plans for San Luis Obispo and Sacramento (Old Sacramento). Over the past twenty years, Mr. Pepper has played a key role in developing urban design and revitalization programs for the general plans for the cities of Redding, Eureka, Newman, Patterson, and Healdsburg. He has also been involved in formulating strategies for growth management, particularly focused on agricultural land conservation, in both California and Montana.

Mr. Pepper brings a strong set of skills to his professional work. As a university professor, he honed his skills in public speaking and interacting effectively within large groups. He is an accomplished team participant and is particularly effective in multi-professional settings, largely due to 25 years in an interdisciplinary academic department. His background in architecture provides him with strong conceptual design skills; his strengths in geographic and spatial conceptualization, and his capacity to recognize and synthesize urban forms and patterns are particularly valuable at a wide variety of planning and design scales. Through his long-standing involvement in environmental studies, he also has a well-honed ability to integrate natural factors into the design of the built environment. Finally, Mr. Pepper has strong writing and editorial skills, and can synthesize graphic and written material into coherent planning and policy documents.