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Summary

Trained as a community psychologist, Dr. Sherri Brokopp Binder's work has spanned the academic, non-profit, and private sectors, but with a consistent focus on building strong and healthy communities. Dr. Binder is the founding Executive Director of Ripple Community Inc., whose mission is to create a more connected community by building relationships and cultivating stability, particularly among our neighbors who have experienced deep disconnection. Dr. Binder has led the organization in establishing several programs that emerged from the felt needs of the community, including a community-supported affordable housing program with an 87% success rate in supporting unstably housed individuals and families achieve long-term housing and life stability. As President of BrokoppBinder Research & Consulting, she conducts research related to community and housing recovery after major natural disasters and has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles on these topics.

Professional Experience

- 2015-present Executive Director, Ripple Community Inc., Allentown, PA
- 2015-present President, BrokoppBinder Research & Consulting, LLC, Allentown, PA
- 2014-2016 Client Services Consultant, Concept Systems Incorporated, Ithaca, NY
- 2003-2008 Sustainable Cities Division Director, Urban Ecology Institute, Newton, MA
- 2006-2008 Chair, Boston's Urban Forest Coalition, Boston, MA
- 2007-2008 Research Associate, Environmental Studies, Boston College, Newton, MA

Education

- 2014 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
PhD, Community and Cultural Psychology
- 2012 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
M.A., Community and Cultural Psychology
- 2012 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI
Certificate, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance
- 2003 Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
M.A., Sustainable International Development
- 2001 Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
B.A., Political Science and International Affairs, Summa Cum Laude

Professional Affiliations

- Society for Community Research and Action (American Psychological Association Division 27)
- American Evaluation Association

Relevant Community Service

- 2024-Present Commissioner, Allentown Commission on Homelessness
- 2016-2025 Board member, Franconia Mennonite Conference Ministerial Committee
- 2014-2017 Co-Chair, Allentown Human Relations Commission