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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