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Laura Wolf-Powers studies neighborhood revitalization and urban and regional economic development policy and planning. Her work explores the challenges of planning for community development under conditions of structural social inequality. It offers insights into the ways in which city politics are mediated through policies governing the built environment and the urban economy and considers how planners and civil society organizations influence those policies. She recently collaborated on a study of the maker movement and urban entrepreneurship in the United States, funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. She is also part of a Ford Foundation-funded team studying land value capture as a tool for equitable development. She is an academic advisor to the Urban Manufacturing Alliance, a member of the steering committee of the Western Queens Community Land Trust, and a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of the American Planning Association and Metropolitix, an on-line journal of public scholarship about cities and urban politics. Her book about redevelopment in West Philadelphia, *University City: Surfacing History in the Time of the Innovation District*, is under contract with Cornell University Press.

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