

October 11 – Land Use Regulating Formula Retail and Appearance Codes

SPEAKER BIOS

Stacy Mitchell is co-director of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance and directs its [Community-Scaled Economy Initiative](#), which produces research and analysis, and partners with a range of allies to design and implement policies that curb economic consolidation and strengthen community-rooted enterprise.

Much of Stacy's work has focused on two pivotal sectors of the economy: retail and banking. Among the first to raise the alarm about the rise of mega-retailers in the 1990s, Stacy is a nationally recognized leader in the movement to counter their power. Her book, [Big-Box Swindle: The True Cost of Mega-Retailers and the Fight for America's Independent Businesses](#), has appeared on several top-ten lists and was described by Bill McKibben as "the ultimate account of the single most important economic trend in our country."

Her research and writing on the advantages of devolving economic power have influenced policy-makers and helped guide grassroots strategies. She has produced pivotal analysis on the banking sector, monopoly power, Amazon, and independent business. She has written for a wide range of publications, including *Business Week*, *The Nation*, and *Wall Street Journal*, and produces a popular monthly newsletter, [The Hometown Advantage Bulletin](#).

Stacy has led collaborative efforts to build stronger organizing and advocacy networks among local businesses. She serves as an advisor to many small business groups and coordinates the [Advocates for Independent Business](#), a coalition of national small business organizations. She was also a founding board member of the Portland Independent Business & Community Alliance.

An engaging speaker, Stacy has been a featured presenter at many national conferences. In October 2012, she gave a provocative and widely discussed TEDx talk on "[Why We Can't Shop Our Way to a Better Economy](#)."

Stacy also serves on CCC's [Putting Families First: Good Jobs for All Advisory Council](#) and on the board of the [New Economy Coalition](#).

Stacy lives in Portland, Maine.

Dwight H. Merriam founded Robinson & Cole's Land Use Group in 1978. He represents land owners, developers, governments and individuals in land use matters. Dwight is a Fellow and Past President and of the American Institute of Certified Planners, a former Director of the American Planning Association, a former chair of APA's Planning and Law Division, and a former chair of the American Bar Association's national Section of State and Local Government Law. He teaches land use law at the University of Connecticut School of Law and at the Quinnipiac University Law School and has published over 200 articles and nine books and including *Inclusionary Zoning Moves Downtown*, *The Takings Issue*, *The Complete Guide to Zoning*, and *Eminent Domain Use and Abuse: Kelo in Context*. He is the co-editor of Rathkopf's *The Law of Zoning and Planning* and a co-author of the leading casebook in the field, *Planning and Control of Land Development*.

Daniel R. Mandelker, Stamper Professor of Law, Washington University in Saint Louis, is a leading scholar and teacher in land use law, environmental law, and state and local government law. He was the principal consultant and contributor to the American Planning Association's model planning and zoning legislation project. He was also the principal consultant to a joint American Bar Association committee that prepared a model law for land use procedures that was adopted by the ABA House of Delegates. He recently published a handbook on free speech law for on premise signs, a coauthored fourth edition of his APA report on Street Graphics and the Law, and a coauthored new edition of his law school casebook in State and Local Government. Additionally, he received the ABA's State and Local Government Section Daniel J. Curtin Lifetime Achievement Award.