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Elisabeth Hamin has taught a course in sustainable communities, focusing on the local built environment and its connections to economy, ecology and equity, in each of the last five years. Her areas of research are growth management and land use planning, and protected lands. Her book, *Mojave Lands: Interpretive Planning and the National Preserve*, published in 2003 by Johns Hopkins Press, examines resident and lobbyist perspectives on designation of the new national park unit, and makes an argument for how qualitative research can be better included in planning processes. Current research looks at the sustainability of protected lands, growth management, and rural regionalism. She was on faculty at Iowa State University from 1995-2001. Prior to and during her PhD studies, she worked in real estate finance and development and consulting for non-profits and for-profit businesses. She holds a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master of Management from Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.