

About the Author

Alanna Hartzok is an educator, activist, consultant and lecturer in the areas of economic democracy, land rights, financing sustainable development, and public finance policy reform. She is co-director of Earth Rights Institute, a civil society organization working for economic justice and peaceful resolution of conflicts, a United Nations NGO representative for the International Union for Land Value Taxation, a board member of United for a Fair Economy, and on the Advisory Council of the Prout Research Institute of Venezuela.



She recently (2008) completed development work on the Land Rights and Land Value Capture Program of the UN Habitat's newly launched Global Land Tool Network. This program, intended to address the UN Millennium Development Goal of improving the lives of 100,000,000 slum dwellers by the year 2020, describes the what, why, and how of this earth rights policy in preparation for worldwide implementation projects.

In 2004, she was with the team that launched the first ecovillage, a living model of sustainability, in Nigeria in the Niger Delta town of Odi. In 2001, she was a candidate for Congress in the Ninth District of Pennsylvania. In 1993, she initiated tax reform legislation and worked with state legislators to guide it through government hearings to nearly unanimous passage of Senate Bill 211, signed by Governor Thomas Ridge as Act 108 in November of 1998.

Her published articles on tax reform have been useful to legislators in the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and New York. Her articles are referenced in the literature of the Association of Bay Area Governments in California, in a recent issue of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review, in *Dialogues*, a publication of the Canada West Foundation, and in several books, including *The Natural Wealth of Nations*, a Worldwatch Institute book by David Roodman. She is one of several people featured in *Planet Champions: Adventures in Saving the World* by Jack Yost.

She has given lectures and presented papers on alternatives to neoliberal economics, the land problem, green tax and land value tax policy at numerous venues including the Congressional Black Caucus Forum on Energy in West Africa, UN Habitat World Urban Forums, E. F. Schumacher Society, Chautauqua Institution and the Eastern Economics Association.

In addition to her work with Earth Rights Institute, Alanna maintains a psycho-spiritual counseling practice. A mother of two and grandmother of one, she enjoys permaculture gardening at her eco-homestead in south central Pennsylvania and playing guitar, piano and Native American flute.