

## HOUSING AND SOCIETY INTRODUCTION

The Academic Section of the American Association of Housing Educators is pleased to complete the second issue for a special project designed to make available relevant and current housing information for university faculty to use in their housing courses. The lack of an up-to-date text and a desire to capture the expertise of many association members prompted the introduction of this project. By covering a wide variety of topics, faculty members are able to choose the articles specific to their needs and create course packets. Although the articles are designed for an introductory housing course, it's possible that they will serve more than one course and create reference materials for topics in several courses.

The first issue of the project was published as Volume 24, number 3, 1997 with Susan Zavotka of The Ohio State University as Editor. This volume included articles on the topics of International Housing, Community Development, the Environment, and Space Planning. Although the official date of the first issue is 1997, the volume was actually published in 2000, so the articles are up to date. Topics covered in this second issue include Housing Theory, Housing Policy, Lifestyles, Neighborhoods, and Finance.

Each issue follows the same format designed to make the articles more useful and easy to understand by instructors and students. After a short introduction to the topic, articles contain these segments:

1. learning objectives
2. a conceptual/theoretical framework for the topic
3. a literature review that provides background information
4. learning activities to offer suggestions on getting students involved
5. a glossary of terms
6. resources for more information
7. a reference list

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