

**Iris Patten, Visiting Assistant Professor of Urban Planning**

Iris Patten holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning (2007) from the University of Florida and expects to complete her doctorate there in 2010. She specializes in land use analysis and scenario modeling, geographic information systems, land use conflict, and international planning. Her current research focuses on understanding the connections between land use and economic growth, the impacts to growth and land use suitability after regional and local events occur (i.e., transit and changes in growth policy), and how innovative industries affect land use suitability and future growth patterns. Her research has been funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency and state and regional agencies and organizations. Ms. Patten is a member of the American, Florida, and Arizona Planning Associations as well as the American Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP).

Patten will teach Introduction to Planning (PLN 501a) and Comprehensive and Strategic Planning (PLN 512) during the Fall 2009 semester.

