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Jon Norman is a sociologist whose areas of interest include metropolitan communities, institutional change and public policy. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, and an A.B. in public policy from Brown University. In his dissertation, Jon Norman examined the fates of smaller metro areas over the latter part of the twentieth century to assess the impact of post-industrialization, globalization, and immigration on small cities and their adjacent areas. In addition to his dissertation work, he has also worked on a variety of research projects, including a needs assessment of families with children with special health care needs, an investigation of the role of immigrants in California's economy and society, and an evaluation of the efficacy of the use of multimedia technology in higher education coursework. Jon Norman worked for Abt Associates Inc., a public policy research and consulting firm, prior to attending graduate school, and during his tenure in graduate school worked as a researcher at the Center for Studies in Higher Education, Policy Analysis for California Education, and the California Social Welfare Education Center – all at the University of California, Berkeley – as well as the Public Policy Institute of California in San Francisco.

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