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Harvey M. Jacobs is a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin–Madison where he taught until 2018. Jacobs held a joint appointment in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies and additionally served as a visiting professor in the Department of Geography, Planning, and Environment at Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

Jacobs came to AAP at Cornell because he wanted to focus on the study of land policy and social and political theory — and, to do so in a beautiful place.

"All of my goals were realized," he says. "What I found was a supportive, encouraging, and facilitative faculty both at

AAP and campus-wide; a fascinating set of AAP student colleagues; access to a marvelous library collection; and a great place to consolidate what I learned. Together, these things set me on a professional path that has always been personally fulfilling."

Jacobs continues to consult in his areas of professional expertise including the social and legal aspects of land policy with a particular focus on property rights. He is also a senior expert in public policy and property rights at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies at Erasmus University in Rotterdam and holds an appointment as faculty from abroad in the master of public policy program at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

In 2008, Jacobs was knighted by the French government and has received a number of Fulbright Specialist awards. Throughout his career, he has been invited to speak, consult,

and offer training on his areas of specialization at universities and with governments and agencies globally.