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Reese Fayde entered the Loeb Fellowship over twenty years ago, yet she remains integrally involved in current Loeb activities. She recently concluded her stint as the CEO of Living Cities: The National Community Development Initiative by conducting a series of urban policy forums in cities around the U.S. She called on the national network of Loeb Fellows to put her in touch with people on the forefront of urban policy making in these cities to be a part of the forums. "If you want to get to know a new city fast, the Loeb there will help you with that." says Reese, "It's hard to find professional networks with a wide array of people like that of the Loeb."

Reese was working in the low and moderate income housing arena in Boston when she applied for the fellowship. She was trained as a planner but was in a job with housing finance and project management responsibilities. She used her Loeb year to take courses in real estate development. As a part time fellow, she had continuing job obligations and particularly valued the opportunity to cultivate new skills and techniques in the classroom. Within a year of completing the fellowship she started her own real estate development and consulting firm, a course she has followed most of her career.

Reese believes her post-Loeb life was shaped by her fellowship experiences and her relationships with fellows at other schools at Harvard.

"We had several long dinners with Nieman Fellow Donald Woods, the South African journalist who befriended Steven Biko and had to flee police by slipping across the border a year earlier to escape Apartheid authorities. This was my real world introduction to South Africa and what was happening there." She says, "You can connect with people during the fellowship year, sharing stories and experiences in ways that are riveting and potentially life changing."

From her long association with the fellowship, Reese observes that it has evolved into a program able to provide an ever richer mix of activities and resources for fellows than when she joined. She found the fellowship then, as now, to be a valuable and supportive environment for people of diverse backgrounds. Reese is a sought after moderator and facilitator of Loeb sponsored events such as the Bruner-Loeb Forums around the U.S. and plans on continuing her close affiliation with the fellowship.

"The confidence you gain as a Loeb Fellow is a big piece of it; you learn that the best and the brightest are not a whole lot smarter than you are!"