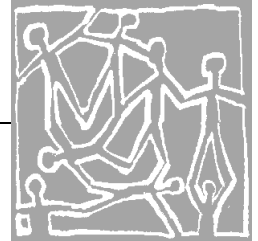


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GENERAL EDITORS

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In response to a suburban childhood, she became fascinated by Japan and China, and then, at age ten, by farming. At fourteen she ran away to a commune, and at sixteen she made a solo trip by bus deep into Mexico. After college, she lived in London for more than ten years, where she worked with Valerie Eliot on the T. S. Eliot *Letters*. Her book, *Eco Living*, now in its third U.K. edition, and a children's picture book, *Rachel's Roses*, have been published in France, Germany, Taiwan, and China, and she has taught seminars at the College of Creative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and at the City Institute in London.

In addition to serving as senior editor and shepherd of the *Encyclopedia of Community*, she was project director of the *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History* (Routledge, 2003), and coeditor of the *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia* (Scribners, 2002), *International Encyclopedia of Women & Sports* (Macmillan, 2001) and *Encyclopedia of World Sport* (ABC-Clío/Oxford, 1999).

In Britain, she helped found the Women's Environmental Network and the Ecological Design Association, and she was briefly the U.K. Green Party's speaker on women's issues. Karen has been active in community affairs and local politics, both in her London neighborhood and in the Berkshires. She is currently working on a book about the search for community, *A Smaller Circle*.

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Michael Zuckerman is Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been studying American communities all his scholarly life. His first book, *Peaceable Kingdoms*, was an interpretation of the New England town in the eighteenth century that helped establish the “new social history.” In subsequent books and articles, he has wrestled with the plight of children in suburbia, the writings of Lewis Mumford, the decay of the cities, the uses of community service in teaching, and the place of religion in community studies.