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College of Architecture and Planning students standing on an Etruscan wall at the edge of Volterra, Italy.

Message from the Chair

COVID-19, the Magna earthquake, the killing of George Floyd, and the recent windstorm have tested our department's resilience in more ways than we ever imagined possible. In the spring, faculty, staff, and students had to make a rapid transition to online instruction, something most of us were not quite prepared to do. However, over the summer, faculty redesigned their courses to ensure CMP continues to deliver high-quality education that maximizes student learning inside and outside the classroom.

We regularly look for ways to renew our long-standing academic programs and create innovative new ones to meet the Intermountain West's planning needs. We offer three degrees: a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Ecology, a Master's Degree in City and Metropolitan Planning, and a Doctoral Degree in Metropolitan Planning, Policy + Design, plus four dual degrees and three certificate programs. We recently created the Dark Sky Studies Minor, an emerging transdisciplinary field that explores the impacts of artificial light at night and the loss of our night skies through a broad range of disciplines, and a "4+1" program, which combines the Bachelor's in Urban Ecology with the MCMP degree to complete the two degrees in five years (instead of the usual six).

We're excited to introduce you to our four new faculty members in this inaugural newsletter. We've added new part-time instructors to our teaching team as well. We appreciate our local practitioners, who teach many of our most popular evening courses after putting in a full day at the office. You'll also read a bit about the research coming out of our centers. CMP faculty generate millions of dollars in grant money that supports many of our graduate students.

We strive to create a diverse and inclusive educational community. We are exceptionally fortunate to have faculty, staff, and students from various places in the US and abroad, representing different cultures, ethnicities, and religions. To further internationalize the learning experience, we have expanded our Urban Ecology Program to the University of Utah Asia Campus in Incheon, South Korea. Students spend three years at the Songdo campus and spend the final year in Salt Lake City.

In the face of these turbulent times, CMP continues to engage with neighborhoods, cities, and regions and to advocate for ecological resilience, smart growth, and social justice. For example, in the last year, our students have worked on several General Plan updates for small towns, documented the impact of COVID-19 in rural communities, assembled data for Dark Sky Community certification, and created plans for rapidly changing urban neighborhoods.



Stacy Harwood

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Brenda Scheer snaps a picture with her site planning students after her last lecture at the U.



Dark Sky Studies students spent a weekend collecting data for Helper, Utah's application to become an International Dark Sky Community

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A special thank-you to Professor **Brenda Scheer**, who recently retired and was named an Emerita Faculty member. The undergraduate program in Urban Planning at the University of Utah began in 1978 within the Department of Geography in the College of Social & Behavioral Science. In 2003, under Dean Brenda Scheer, the program was transferred to the Graduate School of Architecture, which was then renamed the College of Architecture + Planning (CA+P). As Dean, she completely transformed and rebranded the College. As a direct result of Dean Scheer's efforts, the College now boasts one of the most well-regarded urban planning departments in the US. We look forward to a celebration of her retirement when we can gather in person.

In fall 2018, I started at the U of U, knowing that CMP is a department made up of many amazing people. Under stress, like the recent disasters and ongoing pandemic have induced, one truly sees the extent to which people care for one another. I've been impressed with faculty, staff, and students' willingness to adjust to this new normal. We share moments of tears and laughter. But most importantly, we stand together. I cannot imagine a better group of people to be in a crisis with. It is a privilege to serve as Chair with such a remarkable group of people.

As always, our successes as a department would not be possible without the generous support of our donors and friends. This support helps us attract the best and brightest students to all our degree programs and seeds unique educational opportunities and experiences. I am grateful to you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stacy Harwood".

Stacy Harwood
Professor and Chair
Department of City & Metropolitan Planning

Students Engaging Utah

Urban Ecology Honors Student: Emily Seang

I'm a recent graduate in Urban Ecology H.B.S. with a minor in Economics and the first in my family to graduate from a university. One year ago, I started as an intern for the Utah Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics. I was learning about economic development and planning through an aviation perspective, specifically how we could better use underutilized airports and infrastructure to help solve the needs of surrounding towns.

Eventually, this led me to develop my thesis, "From Ground to Air: Connecting Nonemergency Medical Transportation in Rural Utah" (<https://our.utah.edu/urj2020/>), supervised by Professor **Keith Bartholomew**. I explored transportation challenges and opportunities that affect access to regular healthcare for Utah's rural towns.

Now, I work within UDOT's Planning Division, focusing on active transportation planning and communications, with two wonderful supervisors-turned-mentors and MCMP alumni, **Clint Harper**, BS Urban Ecology '15, MCMP '18 and **Heidi Goedhart**, MCMP '16. I hope and strive for more equitable planning to promote walking, biking, and other mobility efforts and infrastructure for all individuals with varying abilities, especially during this time of local and national change. As we adjust to a "new normal," I believe we can build safer, healthier, and more inclusive communities for this generation and beyond.



Emily Seang

SLCC Partnership

We are building bridges between the U of U and Salt Lake Community College to attract SLCC students to the U. **Andrea Garfinkel-Castro**, CMP PhD student, taught Design Ecologies during spring 2020 at the SLCC campus. Design Ecologies (CMP 2010) is one of three courses all CA+P undergraduates must complete as part of the CA+P's Design Foundations. This course introduces students to big concepts, including the ecological framework, systems thinking, and design justice. These concepts are then applied to urban processes such as recycling, urban metabolism, and biophilia. The class meets twice a week, with one day focusing on learning through lectures and discussions and the other day on applying those concepts in graphics-based projects. The highlight of the semester was without a doubt a field trip to the U. Andrea recounts her experience with the SLCC students: "Our first stop was the CA+P building. Students met with faculty and staff, toured the building, and met CA+P's student success advisors in the new advising center, across from the fabrication lab. Walking through campus, we stopped for a photo op at a giant 'U', then past the Union, ending up at the Pie Pizzeria Underground for dinner. The evening was capped by a formal 'conversation' at Kingsbury Hall on biophilia between Shankar Vedantam, NPR podcaster and host of Hidden Brain, and Florence Williams, journalist and author of The Nature Fix. At the end of the semester, several students asked me to support them in their application to the U, and another reached out for more information about planning as a focus. While the momentum of this class was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we did, indeed, begin to build bridges."

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Dark Sky Studies Minor

Our newest academic program is the Dark Sky Studies (DSS) Minor, just approved by the Board of Regents in May 2020. The next generation of policy makers, artists, scientists, and other professionals need to be aware of light pollution and how to reverse the disappearance of dark skies. DSS students will explore issues through scientific, humanist, and public policy lenses, particularly the negative impacts of artificial light, as well as endeavor to characterize community needs and innovation opportunities inherent in the effort to protect natural night. **Vellachi Ganesan**, **Kate Magargal**, and **Daniel Mendoza** teach the core DSS courses. We look forward to sharing about this new program in future newsletters. Stay tuned.



Vellachi Ganesan

Masters of City & Metropolitan Planning

The graduating class of 2020 presented truly impressive work in their professional projects, ranging from plans for successfully aging in place to massive green spaces seeking to protect nature and provide recreational opportunities.



Kate Magargal

- The Corridor: A plan for a 75-acre linear greenway in Vineyard, Utah, created by **Briam Amaya-Perez**.
- Salt Lake City Olympic Legacy Park: **Ian Bradley** created a plan for a park in downtown Salt Lake City that would, in part, house monuments from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.
- Planning a Shared-Use Path: Created by **Monika Roy**, this plan details potential alternatives for the expansion of the 9-Line Trail toward the east-end corridor.
- Engagement Lessons from Small Town Planning in an Urban Hub: **Mikala Jordan**'s work resulted in recommendations for planners to adapt to communities' differences.
- Salt Lake City's Hidden Rental Market: Planning for the Invisible: **Kayla Mauldin** studied the informal housing market that is widespread throughout Salt Lake City.
- Unlocking the Door to Senior Housing: **Nick Whittaker**'s research explores the need for affordable housing for individuals 65 and over.
- Combating Road Violence with Paint: **Lauren Victor** found that "paint the pavement" projects can make neighborhood intersections safer.
- Using Web-Based Street View to Measure Urban Design Qualities: **Fabiha Pinaz**'s research proved that web-based street views can reliably measure urban design qualities, such as imageability and enclosure.
- Aging in Place: **Claire Hague** explored the cost of aging in place and determined recommendations for implementing basic visitability principles in new single-family home construction.
- The Feasibility of Implementing Micro Mobility in Millcreek: **Jay Sheng** studied four cities in Utah and California to determine the likelihood of a successful micro mobility plan.



Daniel Mendoza

- An Arts and Cultural Trail Strategic Implementation Guide: **Julia Friedman** worked with the city of Lakewood, Colorado, to create a plan for a sustainable community trail that will include space for public art displays.
- Short Term Rentals in Sandy City, Utah: **Darryll Wolnik** found that short term rentals lower the available housing stock and cause rental costs to increase.
- Elevating Urban Design Standards in the Salt Lake City Central Business District: **Shannon Williams** focused on codifying design standards, creating supplemental design guidelines for the downtown neighborhood, and establishing a dialogue between the local development community and city officials.
- Study on the Association between Travel Mode and Academic Performance among University Students in Bogotá, Colombia: **Giovanni Riveros** studied the impact of transportation modes and wait times on academic performance.



Dong-ah Choi

PhD in Metropolitan Planning, Policy, and Design

Three PhD students successfully defended their dissertations recently: **Torrey Lyons** (advisor Professor Reid Ewing), **Matt Wheelwright** (advisor Professor Keith Diaz Moore), and **David Proffitt** (advisor Professor Reid Ewing). Congratulations Drs. Lyons, Wheelwright, and Proffitt.

Dong-ah Choi received a University Graduate Research Fellowship for her research excellence. In her doctoral study, she aims to further understand public spaces that support urban livability and sustainability by exploring the relationships between urban forms and users' behavioral characteristics.

Sadegh Sabouri recently collaborated on a report entitled “Does Density Aggravate the COVID-19 Pandemic?” Findings suggest that connectivity matters more than density in the spread of COVID-19. His doctoral study focuses on the impact of the built environment on the adoption of ride-sourcing services and the impact of Uber availability on car ownership rates.



Sadegh Sabouri



Students Learning Abroad

Colby Lee reflects on his experience in Italy

The Volterra program is a semester-long experience for students in the College of Architecture + Planning to earn a full semester of credits toward their undergraduate degree while living and working in a villa in Volterra, Italy. In fall 2019, twelve sophomore students participated in this program. The students and CA+P faculty director (Mimi Locher from the School of Architecture) lived and studied in a beautifully renovated historic building within the ancient walls of Volterra, where they became immersed in Italian culture while applying architecture, planning, and design concepts to address local and global challenges.



Colby Lee is an undergraduate in the Urban Ecology Bachelor's Program.

“My time in Volterra encompassed many valuable learning experiences—both academic and personal. Volterra, and the country of Italy itself, boasts some of the most wonderful and well-known architecture. It was an honor and a privilege to be able to see some of these marvelous structures with my own eyes. On top of that, I was able to learn about the rich history of Italy’s architecture and the historical context surrounding it. I very much enjoyed our architectural studio class led by Mimi Locher. It emphasized the contextual analysis of the existing built environment, and we learned much about the basics such as floor plans, site plans, and site analyses, which were then reinforced and strengthened through actual practice. In one project, we analyzed the key elements in a part of the city, such as the existing buildings, greenspaces, natural lighting, and pedestrian footpaths, to conceptualize the creation of a structure. Finally, we created a model in its surrounding context using the information and conceptions we produced on our own. From an urban ecology and planning perspective, I was greatly fascinated by just how much architecture and urban ecology play off each other. Within Italy and my host city, Volterra, you can see just how much society and culture influence the architecture. I observed that social interactions in Italy seem to be up close and personal, and the architecture and urban design reflect this fundamental social element. Every city in Italy has a piazza, or a public square, which is used for public gatherings and social encounters of every sort. I greatly enjoyed engaging with a new and unfamiliar culture. I had so many enriching experiences with the locals of the city that I will treasure deeply for the rest of my life.”

Carrie Marsh travels to Mexico to learn about Stream Daylighting

Daniel Roper, MCMP '16, led students in an exploration of the multi-faceted impact of daylighting rivers. During this course, students reconsidered what is possible if we change how our communities interact with and embrace our natural systems. Students traveled to Mexico City during fall break to visit the Rio Piedad and to work with those who are making the dream of daylighting this river a reality. Students learned about urban planning and urban ecology

projects and networked with professionals in the field while discovering how this daylighting project is achieving not only the necessary biological restoration but also an equally important social restoration in the community.

“Participating in the Learning Abroad trip to Mexico City gave me a new perspective on urban form and the potential of cities to evolve in a holistic manner as they re-connect their residents to both nature and ecological processes that have been lost in urbanization. I was aware of the long-standing environmental and ecological problems of Mexico City before the trip due to prior research. Issues with poor air and water quality along with water scarcity are extensive because the city was built on a lake and is undergoing large-scale urbanization. In recognizing the challenges that Mexico City faces, I found it exciting to see so many positive and people-focused urban development. Experiencing the history, culture, and built environment of the city was memorable, but meeting people involved in transformative change in the city made the trip meaningful. I was impressed with the will power of each of the groups and individuals we met who were making ecologically centered changes within their city. Listening to those who are championing projects and then seeing the effects of those projects was encouraging and inspirational as I pursue a career in planning. I consider The Green Communities course in Mexico City to be a highlight of my undergraduate experience.”

Carrie Marsh is a 4+1 student pursuing a BS in Urban Ecology, BS in Environmental and Sustainability Studies, and a Master’s Degree in City and Metropolitan Planning.

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Stream Daylighting students on top of the Pyramid of the Sun, Teotihuacán, Mexico



Ecoducto Río de la Piedad, one of the field trip sites for the stream daylighting course. Ecoducto is a biological wastewater treatment facility and a linear park located in the median of a freeway in Mexico City.

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UAC Urban Ecology Student: Na Kyung Kim

The Utah Asia Campus (UAC) is located in Songdo, South Korea, where CMP offers a BS in Urban Ecology. Thirty students are currently enrolled in the Urban Ecology program. As undergraduates admitted to UAC, students will spend three years studying at the Asia Campus and one year studying at the U in Salt Lake City.



*Na Kyung
Kim*

“The view of the campus on a snowy day, a deer that I happened to see through my dorm window, and clean air were some of many things that made me realize how lucky I was to be studying Urban Ecology in Utah. The ambiance of the comforting and beautiful campus gave me new energy every day, and the company of American friends who I had met at Asia Campus gave me a lot of strength. I also gained confidence when one of the professors with whom I had interacted at the Asia Campus approached me first to say hello. Unfortunately, due to the unexpected outbreak of COVID-19, I had to leave campus life behind and adjust to online classes in my home country of South Korea.

One of my courses was a workshop taught by **Jordan Katcher** of the Utah Community Development Office in which I worked on the topic “Change in Gateway Communities due to COVID-19.” My research focused on how COVID-19 affected people in Bluff, Utah. My teammates and I surveyed 300 residents and four major stakeholders, including the mayor of Bluff. Each person shared different opinions and I was able to identify challenges not found in the media. My final presentation contained information about Bluff’s COVID-19 response, including challenges, innovative practices, and lessons learned. Innovations such as the use of mobile apps to reflect travel changes and contactless travel will allow Bluff to continue to thrive moving forward. I hope my research findings will not only help improve gateway communities, but also influence future strategies in advertising, tourism trends, and medical systems to manage pandemic situations.”



A key learning objective of the program is outdoor learning. As such, field trips and lab assignments are a central component of the curriculum.



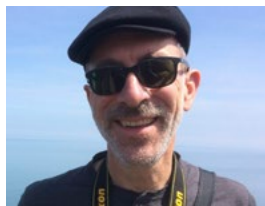
Utah Asia Campus students participated in an international forum on climate change.

Faculty Highlights



Reazul Ahsan

Reazul Ahsan joined CMP in 2019 as an Assistant Professor. He teaches and coordinates the Urban Ecology Program at our Utah Asia campus in Songdo, South Korea. Reazul received a PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of South Australia in 2013. His main research interest is coastal ecological planning and urban resilience. He has over 12 years of experience in higher education in countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Japan, Malaysia, Oman, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



Keith Bartholomew

Keith Bartholomew, JD, was recently promoted to Full Professor after 22 years at the University of Utah. Keith currently serves as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the CA+P and the MCMP Admissions Coordinator. He heads a team (that includes PhD student **Ja Young Kim** and Prof. **Divya Chandrasekhar**) investigating the impacts of bus stop design on transit ridership and access equity. Their final report will be published by the National Institute of Transportation and Communities in November.



Divya Chandrasekhar

Divya Chandrasekhar, PhD, was recently promoted to Associate Professor. Divya currently serves as the Program Coordinator for the PhD program. Her research has examined post-disaster community participation and capacity building, networking and coordination among recovery institutions, and disaster recovery policy in Asia, the Caribbean, and the US.



Sarah Canham

Sarah Canham joined CMP in 2019 as an Associate Professor with a joint appointment in the College of Social Work and the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning. She is also the Associate Director of the University's Health Interprofessional Education program. Sarah's community-based research engages with a broad network of providers, clinicians, and people with lived experience to examine homelessness, housing security, health and social service delivery, and aging. Most recently, Sarah was inducted as a Fellow into the Gerontological Society of America.



Ivis García

Ivis García recently won a collaborative National Institute for Transportation and Communities grant with Portland State University. The project will look at how marginalized populations experience barriers in accessing transit. Ivis continues to collaborate with University Neighborhood Partners and teaches our new Community Engagement in Planning course.

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Reid Ewing

Reid Ewing published 12 peer reviewed articles and two co-edited books in 2020, *Basic Quantitative Research Methods for Urban Planners* and *Advanced Quantitative Research Methods for Urban Planners*. His recent article on “Does Density Aggravate the COVID-19 Pandemic? Early Findings and Lessons for Planners” is the second most viewed/downloaded article in *Journal of the American Planning Association*. He continues to serve on the MPO’s Regional Growth Committee and the Salt Lake City Transportation Advisory Board.



Stacy Harwood

Stacy Harwood joined CMP in 2018 as Professor and Chair of the department. Stacy researches anti-immigrant and immigrant-friendly local policy making in US cities, as well as the spatial implications of racism on college campuses. She has two college-aged children and a spunky Boston terrier named Buddy. For fun she enjoys hiking, skiing, and exploring new places.



Sarah Hinnners

Sarah Hinnners is busy working on the transformation of the Williams Building site into a research, education, and demonstration landscape that reimagines the role of water in urban landscapes. Using bioretention systems consisting of a series of connected vegetated swales, the landscape will capture, infiltrate, and filter stormwater runoff from the Williams Building, the new Myriad Genetics expansion, two parking structures, and a section of paved road. At the same time, she will be studying the extent to which stormwater can replace irrigation.



Andy Hong

Andy Hong joined CMP in 2020 as an Assistant Professor. He completed his PhD at the University of Southern California and his graduate and undergraduate studies at the University of Washington. Andy’s research goal is to bridge the gap between urban planning and public health to develop evidence-based policy solutions to emerging health challenges linked to urban and transportation planning. A recent project focused on the correlation between construction and noise complaints in a neighborhood setting.



Alessandro Rigolon

Alessandro Rigolon joined CMP in 2019 as an Assistant Professor. In spring 2020, he developed a new course for the master’s program called Plan Making, in which students developed a master plan for Salt Lake City’s Ballpark neighborhood. Alessandro lives with his wife and two daughters in Salt Lake City. He’s an avid hiker, snowboarder, runner, and cyclist. You’ll find him pushing a double stroller with his two daughters as he runs up the East Bench. And you’ll hear him bragging about how cool electric bikes are, and how people should ditch their cars and ride bikes instead.



Danya Rumore

Danya Rumore has been teaching online collaboration and conflict resolution trainings for organizations across the country this year, including a Negotiating Environmental Agreements course for Vermont Law School this summer. This spring, she and colleagues at Utah State University launched the Gateway and Natural Amenity Region (GNAR) Initiative to provide support for gateway communities across the west, many of which have been particularly hard hit by COVID-19 and related economic impacts.

Welcome Sauwanee Bahn, CMP's New Administrative Officer

Sauwanee Bahn is a new Administrative Officer in the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning. She just started her new position on August 17, 2020. She is originally from Thailand and a graduate of Chiang Mai University. She moved to Salt Lake City fifteen years ago.

Her first job in Utah was at the Jeremy Ranch Golf and Country Club in Park City, where she managed accounts receivable and payable and provided member services. Later, she worked at the University of Utah for ten years, first as an executive secretary, then as an accounting specialist in the Pharmacy Department for one and a half years. Following this she took a break and moved to Doha, Qatar, for three years.

She moved back to Utah in 2011 and started working again with the University in the Department of Biomedical Informatics as an Accounting Specialist, and later as an Assistant to the Chair, and finished as a Program Coordinator.

She is very happy when surrounded by nature and enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, biking, and kayaking. Her hobbies are playing Thai and Chinese musical instruments and making DIY projects with sewing, crocheting, knitting, and other similar crafts.

She is very excited to be working with the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning. She hopes she can fulfil the department's goals by giving her best service to faculty and students.



Sauwanee Bahn

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Alumni News

We would love to feature alumni news in future newsletters and on our website. Please share your news with us at plan@arch.utah.edu.



Genie Bey

Genie Bey, BA in Urban Ecology '15, recently completed a Sea Grant Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship with NOAA's Office of Education, during which she served as the lead author and primary researcher of NOAA's Environmental Literacy Program (ELP) Community Resilience Education Theory of Change, and the report is now live (<https://www.noaa.gov/education/explainers/noaas-community-resilience-education-theory-of-change>). Genie has since started a new position with the DC Department of Energy & Environment, working to maximize equity and environmental justice outcomes of floodplain management in the District.



Ashley Cleveland

Ashley Cleveland, MCMP '16, is the Promise Program Manager with Millcreek City. The Promise Program Initiative is a unique collaboration with various partners who mobilize and support success for all Millcreek youth and families. Additionally, for the past couple of years, Ashley has worked alongside Millcreek's refugee population to redesign Sunnyvale Park through intentional community engagement. Ashley is proud to be the first Black person to graduate from the MCMP program and is one of the first Black planners in Utah.



Laura Hanson

Laura Hanson, AICP, BSUP '01, MSUP '05, is the Director of Planning at the Utah Transit Authority. As with nearly all public transit agencies across the nation, the coronavirus pandemic has hit UTA hard. At its lowest point, UTA's ridership was down nearly 75%. Things have rebounded some, but many people have been slow to return to transit. However, 55,000 people still rely on public transit every day, many of them essential workers. She has been lucky to serve on a small, six-person COVID Recovery Task Force (rideuta.com/recovery) at UTA to help the agency navigate this period of change. She is confident that public transit will continue to serve a critical function in our region as we recover and continue to grow.



Tom Millar

Tom Millar, BAUP '13, teaches Planning for Bicycling and Walking for CMP. In his role as a transportation planner and project manager for Salt Lake City, he is working on designing and constructing the 9-Line Trail and 900 South, improvements to McClelland Street in Sugar House, the 300 North Pedestrian Bridge near West High, and the Folsom Trail between the Gateway and the Jordan River. He is also leading the City's Street and Intersection Typologies Design Guide, a simple but unique approach to street design that incorporates existing and future land use and transportation demands into holistic, human-scale street design.

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Ted Knowlton

Ted Knowlton, BAUP '96, received the College of Architecture + Planning's Distinguished Alumni Award. Ted is Deputy Director at the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), the MPO for the Salt Lake metropolitan area. Ted's career has focused on coordinating place making with regional infrastructure planning. His experience includes county and multi-county planning efforts in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City. These efforts garnered two prestigious Daniel Burnham awards from the American Planning Association: for Envision Utah's Quality Growth Strategy and Chicago Metropolis 2020. In Salt Lake City, he led the original development of the Wasatch Choice for 2040 vision. Ted is the president of APAUtah and also teaches CMP's Introduction to Transportation Planning.



Isobel Lingenfelter

Isobel Lingenfelter, BS Urban Ecology, '16, taught lab sections of Design Ecologies (CMP2010) for CMP. Isobel is the Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator for the Utah Wildlife Federation and is facilitating a working group of conservation, hunting, and recreation organizations based in Utah to promote wildlife connectivity in Utah.



Cody Lutz

Cody Lutz, MCMP '18, has been working on some interesting projects in his role as associate planner at Envision Utah. His work in Utah County was recently featured in an Urban Footprint case study (<https://urbanfootprint.com/case-studies/envision-utah-valley-visioning/>). He was the lead modeler for this project. They launched a new air-quality website called Your Air, Your Utah (<https://yourairyourutah.org/>) that will include emissions reductions strategies for businesses and organizations, local governments, and individuals.



Ana Valdemoros

Ana Valdemoros, BAUP '06, MCMP '11, was the recipient of the CA+P Young Alumni Award in fall 2019. Ana was selected by the City Council in January 2019 to serve the remaining year of former Council Member Derek Kitchen's term after he was elected to serve as a Utah State Senator. In November 2019, she was elected by residents to serve a four-year term. Ana started her career in city planning with Salt Lake City, where she worked on various master plans and projects on the city's Westside. She then turned to working for the non-profit NeighborWorks, where she worked closely with the River District Chamber, Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency, and business owners in the area. In July 2016 Ana opened "Argentina's Best Empanadas," selling empanadas filled with locally and sustainably grown ingredients.

Recognizing Student Success

We truly have the most amazing, compassionate, and invested students.

We celebrate their many successes at the end of each spring semester. Though this year's celebration looked a bit different than it has in the past, our students' successes are no less impressive. Congratulations to all of our graduates, award winners, and scholarship recipients.

BA/BS Urban Ecology Program

Robert Farrington Medal for Academic Excellence in Urban Ecology: **Leota Lurleen Coyne**

Sumner M. Swaner Medal for Achievement in Ecological Planning: **Sophie Bellina**

Emerging Leader in Urban Ecology Award: **Erik Fronberg**

Emerging Young Scholar in Urban Ecology Award: **Katie Larsen**

Undergraduate Student Special Achievement Award: **McKenzie Bennett**

Master of City & Metropolitan Planning Program

APA Outstanding Student Award: **Kayla Mauldin**

APA Utah Outstanding Academic Performance Award: **Shannon Williams**

APA Utah Outstanding Leadership & Service Award: **Mikala Jordan**

Best Professional Project Award: **Briam Amaya Perez** and **Fabiha Pinaz**

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award: **Molly Gaughran**

Eugene Carr Award: **Brandon Siracuse**

Graduate Student Special Achievement Award: **Madlyn McDonough**

PhD in Planning, Policy & Design Program

Arthur C. Nelson & Clark Ivory Medal for Doctoral Scholarship: **JaYoung Kim**

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award: **Andrea Garfinkel-Castro**

Graduate Student Special Achievement Award: **Hassan Ameli**

Women's Transportation Seminar Scholarships

Sophie-Christine Bellina and **Hanna Hutcheson***

Graduate Specializations

Ecological Planning: **Mikala Jordan** and **Lauren Victor**

Urban Design: **Shannon Williams**

Graduate Certificates

Urban Design: **Briam Amaya Perez**, **Mohammadsadegh Lari**, **Fabiha Pinaz**, **Shi Jie Sheng**

Urban Planning: **Daniel Bishop**, **Joseph O'Brian**, **Kevin Perry**, **Carl Spikner**, **Mora Damian**, **Hassan Daghriri**, **Emmanuel De'Mzee**, **Landen Pederson**, **Shawn Snow**, **Creed Wardrop**, **Felice Wesley**

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Scholarship Recipients

Scholarships awarded by the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning are made possible by the donations given by alumni, local practitioners, firms, and other supporters of CMP. We greatly appreciate your continued support of our students!



Abdalla Farag

Abdalla Farag, *undergraduate in Urban Ecology*

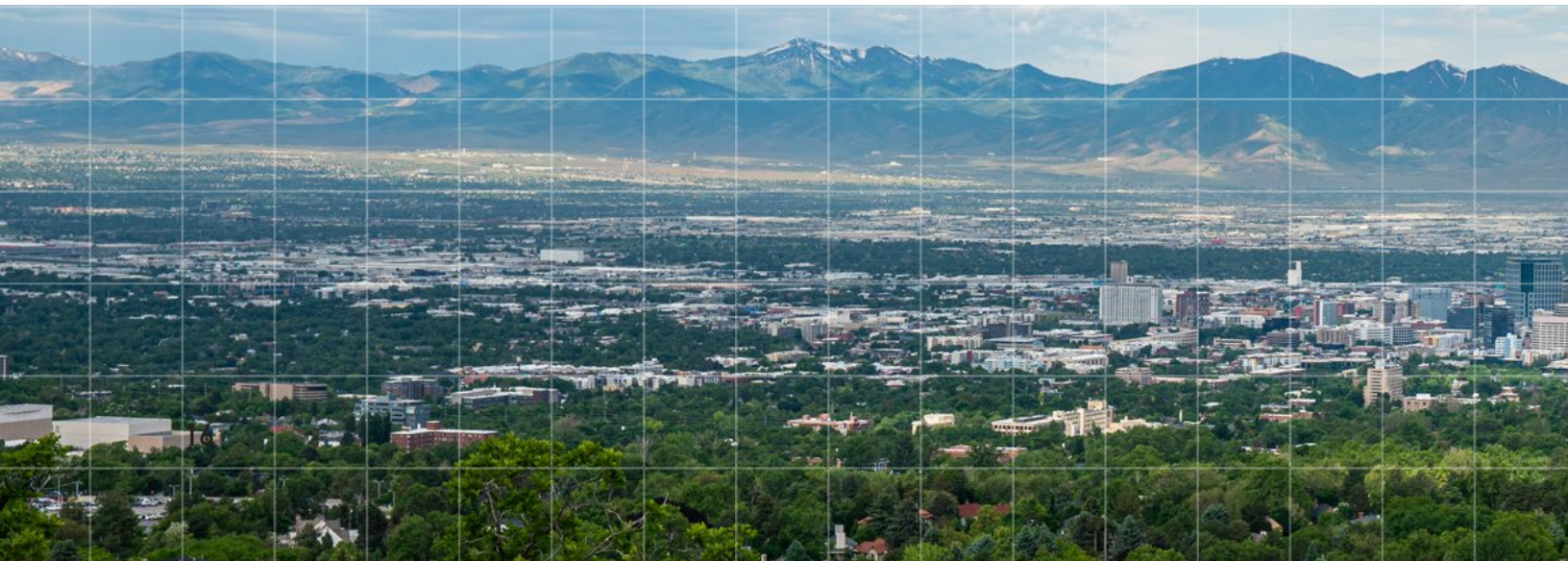
My life identities and experiences can contribute to the four commitments—responsibility, resilience, respect, and response—of the college in different ways. Globally, as in Kuwait where I lived, the accelerated rate of urbanization has adversely affected the quality of life for all city residents. Living in an urban area has taught me that such a lifestyle should never be taken for granted, and it is everyone's responsibility to ensure the protection of green spaces for the betterment of the present and future generations. The Robert Farrington Scholarship for academic excellence in Urban Ecology allowed me to focus less on my financial burdens and more on my research for bettering urban areas.



Anthony Fletcher

Anthony Fletcher, *graduate student in City & Metropolitan Planning*

Understanding how land-use and transportation planning along with development affect sustainability has been a long-held passion of mine. This interest stems from my experiences growing up in Ghana, a developing country in West Africa, and living in different parts of the world. Receiving a CMP Scholarship made it possible for me to enroll in a Sustainability Planning Course during the 2020 summer semester. This opportunity broadened my understanding of sustainability as it relates to the built environment. I gained knowledge about the value of place making and integrating nature into our daily lives as well as about strategies to improve health and productivity within our buildings.





Madlyn McDonough

Madlyn McDonough, *graduate student in City & Metropolitan Planning*

After teaching middle and high school, I returned to higher education as a student because of my desire to shape communities equitably. Funding from the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning has made this career shift possible. Because of the interdisciplinary and supportive nature of the department, I have been able to apply my experiences to a whole new discipline. Using my background in education and extreme organizational skills, I worked in the undergraduate CA+P Student Success Center to help start several new programs, including the CAP Diversity + Inclusion Scholarship and the Externship program.

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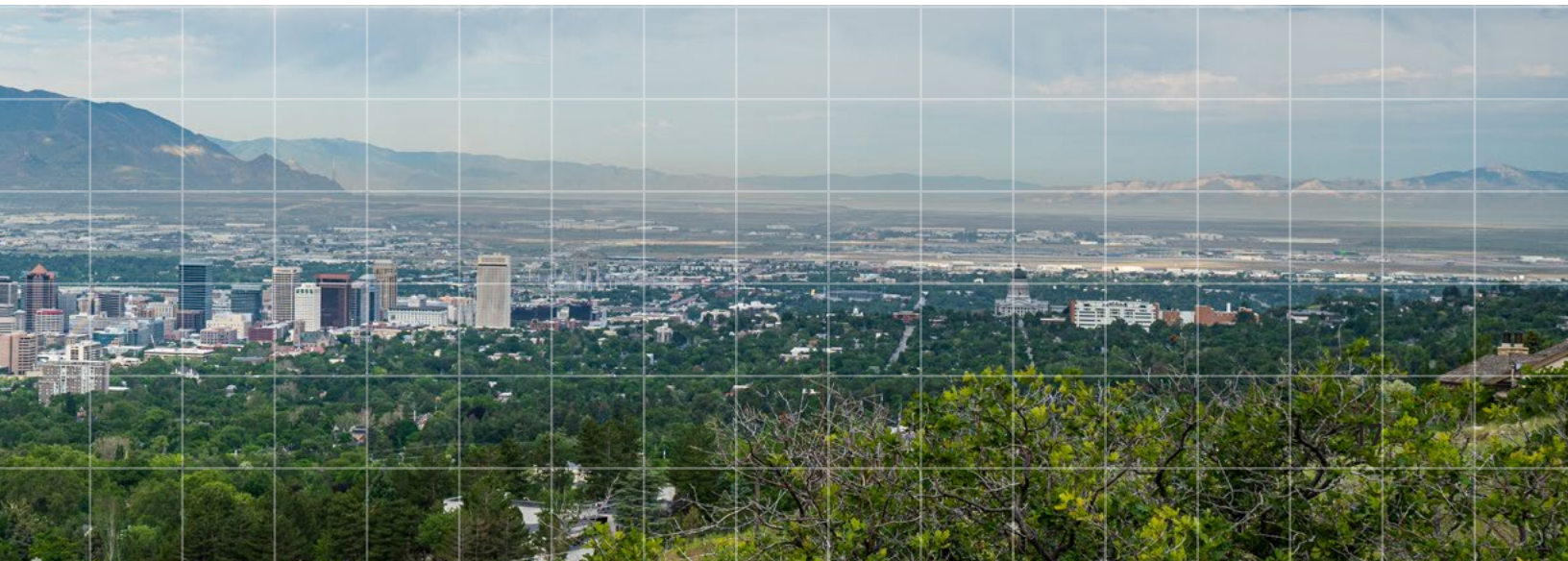


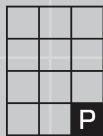
Christopher Putt

Christopher Putt, *undergraduate in Urban Ecology*

This semester I was lucky enough to receive the Robert Farrington Scholarship for academic excellence in Urban Ecology. The spring 2020 semester will remain in my memory for a number of reasons. First, it was the final semester of my undergraduate career at the University of Utah. Second, it coincided with global events that made for a far more challenging final semester. Throughout this most trying semester I had many people by my side that helped me finish my degree and finally graduate. Of all the people I owe a debt of gratitude to, the Farrington family is at the top of my list. Their contribution to my education made this final semester possible. The Robert Farrington scholarship allowed me to focus more on my education without the added stress and financial burden of paying tuition. Without them my semester would have been far more challenging. I can now say that I have officially graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Urban Ecology and will be forever grateful to the Farrington family for the role they played in my academic success.

For more information about giving to one of our scholarship programs, contact Angie Harris Roberts, CA+P Development Director, at 801-585-0432, angie.roberts@utah.edu or go to <https://auxiliary.apps.utah.edu/ugive/>. Search for College of Architecture + Planning CMP General Scholarship Fund.





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