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*Westside Studio students
at Popular Grove Park for
Earth Day.*

Message from the Chair

Last academic year was probably one of the hardest for most of us.

I know it was for me. I ended the spring semester exhausted. Over the summer, I gave myself a month to catch my breath. I worked on my research, rode my bike, and walked the dogs. The summer also gave me time to reflect on the last year as well. In working on this newsletter, I found myself feeling so fortunate to have spent this difficult time with resilient colleagues, and proud of what the students accomplished. Additionally, thank you to MCMP students, **Ellen Wofford** and **Justice Tuffour**, who helped put this newsletter together over the summer.

Despite the pandemic, all our academic programs grew over the last year. The increase in our student body contributed to dynamic classroom conversations, sparked interest in student organizations, and extended our reach throughout Utah. Most noteworthy are our master's degree numbers. In 2018, we had 41 students in the MCMP program; this fall, we have 83. In four years, we doubled the size of our MCMP program and significantly diversified the student body along many dimensions, including race, ethnicity, social class, sexual orientation, geography, country of origin, undergraduate degree, and more. Much of this growth is due to the tremendous dedication of our Admissions Coordinator Professor **Keith Bartholomew**, who has assembled a great committee: **Alessandro Rigolon** and **Ivis Garcia** (faculty members), **Michael Malloy** (practitioner member), and **Ronnie Sloane** and **Hanna Hutcheson** (MCMP student members).

We wrapped up our planning accreditation site visit this year as well. Instead of the usual in-person site

visits, we did it via Zoom. Thankfully, we didn't have any frozen screens and it all went smoothly. While there is always room for improvement, the reviewers did tell us they had a very positive experience; they were impressed with our MCMP program and very pleased with the interaction they had with faculty, students, alumni, and employers. We will learn about our reaccreditation later this year. Thank you to everyone who participated.

When you read this newsletter, you will notice the impressive range of student work and the continued commitment to an array of community partners throughout the state of Utah. The pandemic did not stop us! CMP faculty and students engaged residents, neighborhoods, and planning professionals from a distance with masks on or via Zoom. While we missed our usual ways of interacting in person, we discovered that Zoom meetings enabled us to include new people in our classroom. Some of our final presentations had 50 to 150 people in attendance. For many, clicking on a Zoom link made it easier to participate.

Your generous support contributes to advancing our mission to train students, conduct research, and engage the profession to create meaningful planning processes and outcomes that improve the well-being and quality of life of community members.

Sincerely,



Stacy Harwood

Professor and Chair

Department of City & Metropolitan Planning



*Stacy
Harwood*

Students Engaging Utah



Ian Harris

Urban Ecology Honors Student: Ian Harris

My name is Ian Harris and I'm a 2021 Honors graduate in Urban Ecology. Over the course of my senior year (in addition to coursework) I wrote my Honors thesis on the Colorado River Compact and the past, present, and future justification of it. With the help of my faculty advisor **Keith Bartholomew**, I conducted and compiled research on the subject and analyzed the perception and reality behind what is arguably the most heavily controlled and litigated river in the world. I wrote 60+ pages. I now know more about the ecology and urban usage of the Colorado River than I ever thought I would. This knowledge and the ability to find and compile a thesis have prepared me immensely for my future — whether that be in grad school or as a professional planner. I couldn't think of doing any other program. It's been a great four years!



Kyungsuk Chae

UAC Urban Ecology Students: Kyungsuk Chae, Eunji Hyun and Yoonhwa Song

The Utah Asia Campus (UAC) is in Songdo, South Korea, where CMP offers a BS in Urban Ecology. Undergraduates admitted to UAC will spend three years studying at the Asia Campus and one year studying at the U in Salt Lake City. As Urban Ecology students at UAC, we would like to share our experience of participating in the 17th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability. We participated in the conference with our visual presentation titled “Environment and Economy Under the South Korean New Green Deal in a Post-Pandemic Scenario.” This project started when we took a course called Planning for Disasters and the Environment with Assistant Professor **Reazul Ahsan**. We became very curious about the changes caused by the pandemic. We examined the impact of the pandemic on the Korean economy and the environment and linked it to the Green New Deal (GND) policy that Korea is pursuing. We realized through the conference experience that “Green policy” is needed in all countries.



Drone used for measuring artificial light at night, project funded by the Keck Foundation.

Dark Sky Studies Minor

The Dark Sky Studies (DSS) Minor is a new interdisciplinary program that explores the impacts of artificial light at night and the consequences of light pollution on built and natural environments. Many of our DSS minor students are already making a difference through internships and other opportunities. **Mason Berglund** and **Sophie Bellina** worked as Assistant Coordinators for The Colorado Plateau Dark Sky Cooperative (CPDSC) this last year. The CPDSC leads conservation efforts that protect the natural dark sky across the Colorado Plateau and beyond. The vision of the cooperative is to promote objectives that protect the dark sky throughout the plateau and the greater region. **Laurin Hoadley** works as an Advocacy Intern and **Christian Jou** is a Dark Sky Places Intern for International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), the recognized authority on light pollution in the world. This nonprofit organization guides strategy and policy that help preserve the dark sky internationally. Both the CPDSC and the IDA are involved in establishing conservation standards around the resource of natural nighttime darkness. Additionally, they support



Dark Sky Capstone students Jackie Ryser and Sam Khartan at Swaner Nature Preserve.

advocacy initiatives that manage almost 400 volunteers throughout the world. **Emily Sageser** and **Laurin Hoadley** are serving as Council Members for the Western Night Skies Council (WNSC), where they represent the University of Utah's Dark Sky Studies Minor. The WNSC is a regionwide effort to connect dark sky preservation leaders to further preserve the natural night sky. This platform is aiming to increase the dialogue and share resources throughout the Intermountain West. The Council is composed of 12-15 core members who represent state and federal agencies, community leaders, tribal nations, nonprofits, and local businesses. Emily and Laurin bring the institutional knowledge of Dark Skies to the council and have continued to share the innovation that is coming from the University's studies.

Master of City & Metropolitan Planning

The 2021 graduating class of City and Metropolitan Planning Master's students explored both well-established and novel topics for their professional projects. Some students focused on the ways the plan-making process can be more inclusive. Others focused on evaluating the efficacy and equitability of transportation, or the importance of public art and public green spaces. Below lists our spring MCMP graduates and their professional project titles.

- **Elizabeth Arnold** — *Wasatch County General Plan Update*
- **Katie Bussell** — *Motta Farms: A Reimagination of Farming with Agrihoods*
- **Mehrnaz Fereydouni** — *Streetscape Master Plan 200 South, SLC*
- **Jake Gallaher** — *Open Streets Initiatives in the West: Evaluations and Recommendations*
- **Molly Gaughran** — *Valuing Public Art as a Planning Tool*
- **Byron Head** — *Transportation Demand Management for Salt Lake City*
- **Hanna Hutcheson** — *What Makes a Successful Suburban Transit Connector?*
- **Madlyn McDonough** — *The Consultant Planner: Reflections on Small-Town Planning in Utah*
- **Lily Oswald & Brandon Siracuse** — *The One Glendale Plan*
- **Bradley Potter** — *Equitable Conservation Feasibility Analysis — Utah Open Lands*
- **Damian Rodriguez** — *Keep Glendale Beautiful Affiliation Report*



Aerial photograph of University of Utah campus at night.

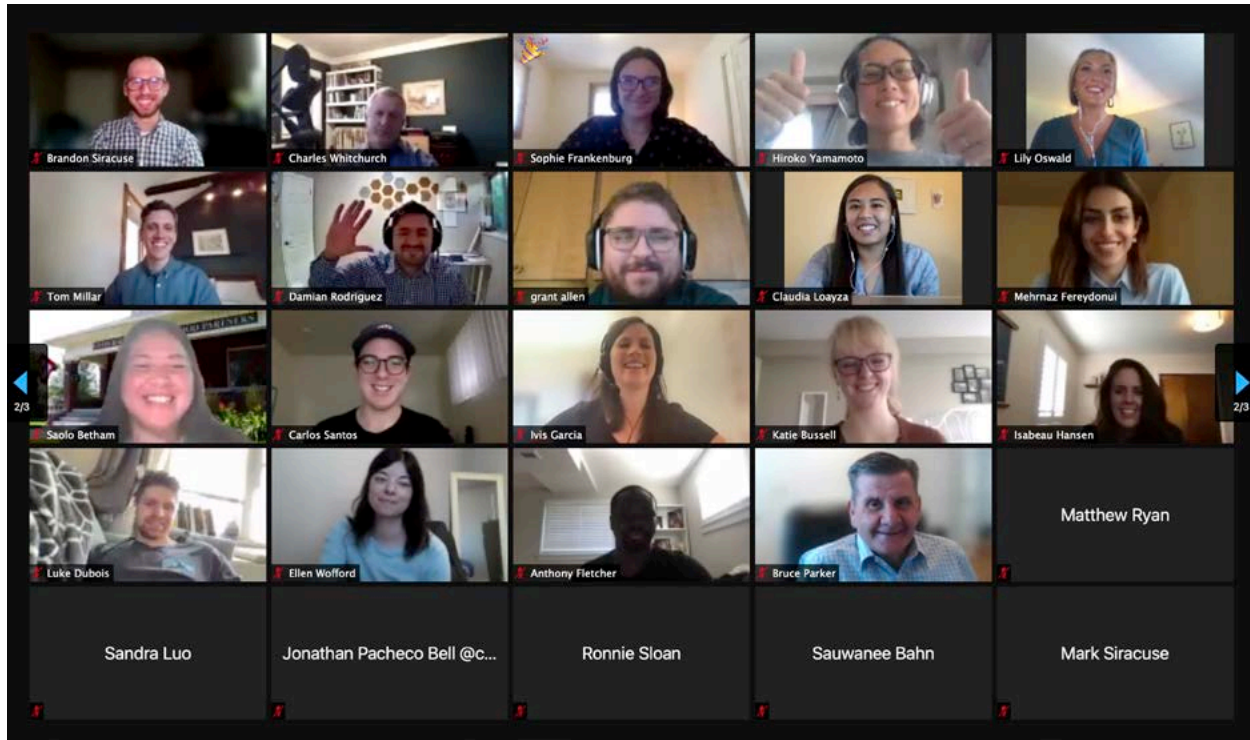


One Glendale Plan received the Best Professional Project Award.

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Screenshot of MCMP students and reviewers at the Virtual Professional Project Presentation Event.

- **Yi Wei** — *Policy and Legal Recommendation, Technical Insights, and Evaluation of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles into Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Salt Lake City*
- **Meadow Wilkinson** — *Jordan River Parkway Inventory and Design Guidelines*

Lily Oswald and **Brandon Siracuse** won the Best Professional Project Award for the creation of the One Glendale Plan. The two worked with the Glendale Community Council on a neighborhood-level plan. Turner Bitton, Chair of Glendale Community Council, commented that the One Glendale Plan “brings neighbors together around a shared vision.” Lily and Brandon started this project in August 2020 by forming a steering committee composed solely of Glendale residents. The two students also conducted interviews with residents and steering committee members. Based on the community input, the plan focused on six areas: neighborhood parks, Raging Waters, Jordan River and Trail, transportation, environment and sustainability, and culture and public art. These focus areas served as the foundation for the One Glendale Plan.

PhD in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design

Three PhD students successfully defended their dissertations this academic year: Pratiti Tagore (advisor Assistant Professor Sarah Hinnners), Roger Child (advisor Professor Reid Ewing), and Sadegh Sabouri (advisor Professor Reid Ewing). Congratulations Drs. Tagore, Child and Sabouri.

Pratiti Tagore completed her dissertation titled “Effect of Neighborhood Structure and Cues on Objective and Perceived Safety: A Study in Salt Lake City, Utah.” Pratiti measured incidents of safety, the interpretation of “safety,” and role of designed landscapes on feelings of safety in Salt Lake City neighborhoods. Since graduation, she has been employed at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, as a Visiting Assistant Professor. She told us she “enjoy[s] teaching in a liberal-arts-focused college — the classes are small; this allows me to be interactive with every student.”



Pratiti Tagore

Roger Child completed his dissertation titled “Affordable Housing for College and University Faculty.” In his dissertation, Roger addresses the imbalance that exists between faculty salaries and housing affordability around college and university campuses with recommendations on how to solve the problem. Roger has worked for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a planning manager, planning communities and temples around the world. His PhD has expanded his skillset to solve problems that many cultures and communities face on every continent.



Roger Child

Sadegh Sabouri completed his dissertation titled “Impact of Ride-Hailing Services on Travel Behavior.” Ride-hailing services are getting more popular each year, and their markets are growing. Much has been speculated, but not much has been tested, regarding their impacts on the transportation system. The findings of this dissertation have important implications for policy, planning, and travel demand modeling, where decision-makers seek solutions to shape the built environment in order to reduce automobile dependence and promote walking, biking, and transit use. Sadegh will start a post-doctoral research position with the Senseable City Laboratory in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT this fall.



Sadegh Sabouri

Students Engaging Utah

Courses and Workshops



Small Town + Resort Planning visit to Stockton, Utah.

Small & Resort Town Planning Workshop taught by Bruce Parker

In this course, students work on a plan for a small town or resort community, guided by instructor Bruce Parker. It is a hands-on course that attracts students from around campus including planning, public policy, public administration, real estate development, and parks, recreation, and tourism. Students enrolled in Small & Resort Town Community Planning relied on Zoom to finish the plan-making efforts. They received recognition from the American Planning Association, Utah Chapter at the Fall 2020 awards event (also on Zoom). These awards include a High Achievement Award for the Stockton Town (Utah) General Plan, prepared by **Jake Gallaher, Byron Head, Mikala Jordan, Kayla Mauldin, Teresa Mikesell, and Bradley Potter**; and a Merit Award for the Midway City (Utah) Towne Square Analysis and Opportunity Report prepared by **Briam Amaya Perez, Ian Bradley, Emmanuel De'Mzee, Molly Gaughran, and Monika Roy**.



Clean-up at Popular Park.

Community Engagement in Planning and the Westside Studio taught by Dr. Ivis Garica

Graduate students in the Community Engagement course assisted Salt Lake City with the creation of a new Public Lands Master Plan. This master plan, called "Reimagine Nature," provides a guiding vision for the next 20 years for the city's four public lands divisions: City Parks, Trails & Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and City Golf. It draws from comprehensive, evidence-based analysis, coupled with community engagement that prioritizes transformative projects that improve equity, stewardship, and livability for the community. The plan builds on extensive community input collected in fall 2020 by the students (over 4,400

Painting stencils at a community engagement event in Rose Park.



“Internalizing Equity” Series

survey responses). The students who enrolled in the Westside Studio during the spring helped the Public Lands Division collect demographic data and conduct equity audits for 20 parks. The students participated in stakeholder engagement for 11 focus groups and 50 participants. Three student teams facilitated four placemaking workshops with about 30 participants. Students helped collect more than 2,200 survey responses for the Public Lands Master Plan, distributed more than 3,330 flyers and made about 200 social media posts. To further engage the community, the course planned a community Earth Day event at Poplar Grove Park where more than 100 people participated in a litter cleanup, planted five trees and created a pollinator garden, painted murals and added wayfinding improvements with stencils. **Erik Fronberg**, one of the students, wrote an opinion piece for The Salt Lake Tribune titled “The last year has taught us that parks matter: It is not only time to get outside, but to help the parks.” KUER also covered the master planning process in a story titled “Salt Lake City Seeks to Create More Equitable Outdoor Spaces for Residents.”

Reflecting on Lessons Learned by Claudia Loayza, MCMP student

In response to the death of George Floyd and ensuing protests around the country, CMP organized an “Internalizing Equity” Speaker & Workshop Series (all on Zoom). The planning profession is dynamic and multilevel, but at the heart of it all is creating resilient societies that service the needs of the one and the many, regardless of background, place, or identity. Through speaking workshops and a panel of community leaders, this series offered tangible insight as to how planners can internalize equity-based principles so that historically disenfranchised communities can fully participate, prosper, and avoid disproportionate harm in our societies. Neelam Chand, equity consultant and Founder of Shift SLC, led the series with an engaged conversation about easing into discomfort when talking about race and social justice while honoring each person’s individual journey and normalizing doing better once we know better. “Plan at the speed of trust” was the phrase of the day at the second segment. **Ashley Cleveland**, a local planner and MCMP alum, shared this insight among a panel of advocacy and equity-centered community leaders where the focus was on how to build trust and proximity with disenfranchised communities. The series ended with an incredible keynote from a leading



Claudia Loayza

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enthusiast of the “embedded planning praxis,” Jonathan Pacheco Bell (@cltyplann3r, cltyplann3r.blog/). Equity is in fact the creation of opportunities for historically underserved & marginalized populations who have been barred from achieving due to systemic inequities. Equity and equality are not synonymous. Equality is giving everyone the same thing, while equity focuses on giving people what they need and have historically lacked. Based on the many lessons learned throughout this series, equity in planning, at its core, is about building bridges, trust, and synergy and it is no longer optional if we are to achieve sustainable and more resilient societies. Over 160 students, faculty, practitioners, and community members from inside Utah and beyond participated in this series, and the overwhelming response was “we need more.” To learn more about our panelists and speakers, visit <http://plan.cap.utah.edu/2021/02/internalizing-equity-series> and watch recordings of the events on the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning’s YouTube Channel. Send us your suggestions for future equity-centered experiences!

Empowered Community Voices Panel

ASHLEY CLEVELAND

MILLCREEK CITY PROMISE PROGRAM

MARIA GARCIAZ

NEIGHBORWORKS SALT LAKE

MEREDITH LAM

NAVAJOSTRONG

COUNCILMEMBER DARIN MANO

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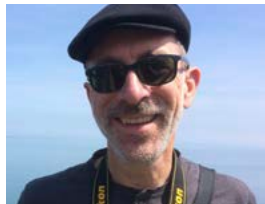


Faculty Highlights



Reazul Ahsan

Reazul Ahsan, PhD, teaches and coordinates the Urban Ecology Program at the Utah Asia Campus in Songdo, South Korea. Dr. Ahsan's key research interests are inclusive city planning, ecology and smart urbanism, water sensitive urban design, disaster risks reduction, and urban resilience.



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. This year he received the university's Distinguished Teaching Award. His research team recently completed a final report titled "The Role of Bus Stop Features in Facilitating Accessibility," which has been released by the National Institute for Transportation and Communities.



Sarah Canham

Sarah Canham, PhD, began working with an interdisciplinary community-engaged team to understand how the decentralization homelessness services in Salt Lake City impacted the mobility of people experiencing homelessness. She is also a co-investigator on a project that is conducting Knowledge Cafe workshops with providers and Photovoice interviews with older adults to examine how conceptualizations of aging in the "right" place have been affected by the pandemic. Dr. Canham continues as Project Director for a five-year study funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council/Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, titled "Aging in the Right Place: Building Capacity for Promising Practices that Support Older People Experiencing Homelessness (2020-2025)," that is conducting evaluations in Montreal, Vancouver, and Calgary (Canada).



Divya Chandrasekhar

Divya Chandrasekhar, PhD, serves as the PhD Program Coordinator. Her research has examined post-disaster community participation and capacity building, networking and coordination among recovery institutions, and disaster recovery policy in South and Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, and the U.S. She recently served on the advisory team for the Utah URM Risk Reduction Strategy and was appointed to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission.



Reid Ewing

Reid Ewing, PhD, reached his longtime goal of 30,000 Google citations for his hundred-plus articles and 12 books. He now has three of the 30 most-cited articles in the history of the Journal of the American Planning Association, the flagship journal in the field of planning, plus two of the most-viewed/read/downloaded articles over the past three years in JAPA. He continues to process dozens of papers as associate editor of Cities, the journal with the second-highest impact factor of 39 journals in the urban studies category. He loved teaching the Land Use and Transportation Planning course and the Internship course this past spring.

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Ivis García

Ivis García, PhD, continues her work in Puerto Rico, Chicago, and Salt Lake City. In summer 2021 Dr. García taught the Puerto Rico Resiliency Lab and conducted fieldwork in Puerto Rico for a multiple-year study funded by the EPA. In Chicago, Dr. García will be providing her services to the Latino Caucus for redistricting. In Salt Lake City she will be teaching a new course titled Zoning for Equity, which is a collaboration with other planning departments across the nation.



Andy Hong

Andy Hong, PhD, worked remotely from South Korea this year due to the pandemic. Still, he managed to publish six new papers and revamped two courses, including Advanced GIS, which teaches students the state-of-the-art geospatial data science skills. He and his family finally moved to Salt Lake City in July and are looking forward to meeting and connecting with everyone.



Sarah Hinnners

Sarah Hinnners, PhD, observed that construction did not slow down during the pandemic! The construction of the Landscape Lab, a demonstration and educational facility dedicated to managing stormwater as a resource to support ecologically and socially functional landscapes in Utah's challenging climate, was completed in November 2020. Volunteers now monitor pollinator and plant communities in collaboration with NHMU. Sarah accepted a one-year assignment with the Global Change and Sustainability Center and the Sustainability Office to explore the potential for establishing a larger, campus-wide Campus as a Living Lab program. She taught the first workshop course centered on transforming a Layton family farm into a local-agriculture-focused development — an “agri-hood.”



Stacy Harwood

Stacy Harwood, PhD, is Chair of the department, serves as the MCMP Program Coordinator, and teaches Urban & Planning Theory. Over the last year, she completed several publications about racism in higher education, including in planning programs. She recently joined the Westside Leadership Institute Steering Committee and continues to serve as the Western Representative for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.



Alessandro Rigolon

Alessandro Rigolon, PhD, received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to design a national initiative led by the Prevention Institute to advance parks and green space equity. He also published several peer-reviewed articles focused on green space equity, gentrification, and health equity in leading journals such as *Landscape and Urban Planning* and *Cities*. In the last year, Dr. Rigolon also taught a plan-making course in which students helped Seven Canyons Trust develop the Seven Greenways Vision Plan, a long-term plan to protect and connect waterways in the Salt Lake Valley.



Danya Rumore

Danya Rumore, PhD, launched the Gateway and Natural Amenity Region (GNAR) Initiative in partnership with colleagues at Utah State University. The GNAR Initiative is a partnership effort that helps Western gateway and natural amenity regions protect the things that make them special and thrive amid change. She published “Planning and Development Challenges in Western Gateway Communities” in the *Journal of the American Planning Association*. Next she will study the planning challenges in Western gateway regions because of COVID-19-related amenity migration and the Zoom Town phenomenon of remote workers relocating from urban areas to high-amenity rural communities.

A Selection of Publications written by CMP faculty, students, and alumni

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symptoms among students of Asian descent in the United States. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 91 (2), 115-141.

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Pataki, D. E., Santana, C. G., **Hinners, S. J.**, Felson, A. J., & Engebretson, J. (2021). Ethical considerations of urban ecological design and planning experiments. *Plants, People, Planet*, 1–10.

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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.



Meagan Booth

Meagan Booth, BS in Urban Planning '15: I was asked to represent the chapter as National APA Chapter Delegate. My work with Little City Walks and the APA Ambassador program is moving forward. I was featured in a post and publication this week about a book I contributed to titled *Adventure in Architecture for Kids* out in October 2021. I am still working to connect education and planning although it's still difficult for others to see!



Leota Coyne

Leota Coyne, BS in Urban Ecology '20, works as an Associate Planner for Envision Utah. She discovered urban ecology when she took a course from the department her first year and loved it. She told us her favorite memory was her capstone course where “we worked on *Listening to Escalante*. I enjoyed learning from residents of Escalante about their community and unique challenges. I also enjoyed getting to know my classmates better while working on a collaborative project.”



Laura Hanson

Laura Hanson, MCMP '05, joined the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget in May 2021 as the new State Planning Coordinator. In this role, she serves as the Governor's advisor on state, regional, metropolitan, and local planning matters relating to public improvements and land use. Her work will include facilitating the development and coordination of long-term plans of state agencies, as well as helping establish a vision for how Utah grows into the future.



Corinne Piazza

Corinne Piazza, MCMP '16, joined the MCMP program with a passion for inclusive public engagement in land use planning and community growth, and has been busy at the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City (RDA) for the last three years putting that goal into action. Corinne began working with the Japanese American community in 2018, with what started as finding ways to mitigate the potential impacts of a development going in on Salt Lake City's Japantown Street. She worked with the community to set up a Japantown Working Group and facilitation process for stakeholders to find amicable paths forward, and the group identified the importance of the community creating a cohesive vision for the public right of way on Japantown Street. The RDA funded a design strategy with Corinne as the RDA project lead, and in partnership with GSBS Architects and the Japantown community, an extensive community engagement and design strategy process took place. After a little more than a year, the Japantown Design Strategy is complete and will serve as an important building block in the process to revitalize Japantown. It

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has been a privilege to work so closely with the Japanese American community and to play a role in the efforts to preserve and enhance the Japantown neighborhood. In particular, as the majority of the original Japantown was decimated during urban renewal in the '60s, it's important to me to be a part of creating a seat at the table for the community and to find ways we can bring the Japantown vision to life with a place that recognizes and celebrates the contributions that Japanese Americans have made to Utah in the past, present, and years to come.



Nicholas Rupp

Nicholas Rupp, MCMP '11, I'm passionate about planning partially because of the diversity of topics within the discipline, and I love public health for similar reasons---our responsibilities are so diverse that it's impossible to ever get bored. As the Salt Lake County Health Department's communication director, I have the privilege of being involved with a tiny part of all of it: some days, we're focused on immunizations or children's car seats; other days, it's restaurant inspections or watershed protections; and, unsurprisingly, my favorite topics are those where planning and public health most directly intersect, such as active transportation, food security, housing, and urban environmental issues. Of course, the last 16 months have been almost entirely devoted to COVID-19 work, and as incredibly exhausting (and sometimes frustrating) as that has been, it's also been fascinating—and an honor—to be intimately involved in our community's response to a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic. I'm proud to be a U graduate for both my bachelor's degree (in communication) and my MCMP; the academic projects I worked on in the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning prepared me well for the rigors of public service and, perhaps even more importantly, the relationships I made with both faculty (particularly Professor Bartholomew and Dr. Perlich) and peers in my time in the department remain incredibly valuable and have been integral to any success I've had. Some of my closest friends still today are from my MCMP cohort, and we continue to trust and rely on each other both personally and professionally. I'm also thrilled that Dr. Harwood has continued to allow me to be involved in the department as an occasional instructor and committee participant; the time I spend with the next generation of planners and urban ecologists is always the highlight of my week, and consistently provides me with optimism for our cities' futures!



Brian Tonetti

Brian Tonetti, BS in Urban Planning '14, is now Executive Director, Seven Canyons Trust and won the City & Metropolitan Planning Department's Outstanding Alumni & Partner in Spring 2020. As a student at the University of Utah, Brian created the award-winning 100 Years of Daylighting in an Urban Ecology capstone course. This visioning document led to the creation of the Seven Canyons Trust in 2014. The Trust is a nonprofit organization working to uncover and restore the buried and impaired creeks in the Salt Lake Valley. In his role as Executive Director, he led implementation of the Three Creeks Confluence project—an award-winning effort to daylight Red Butte, Emigration, and Parleys creeks where they flow into the Jordan River in Salt Lake City. He graduated from the University of Utah with degrees in Environmental and Sustainability Studies and Urban Planning.

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: **Alvin Holbrook**

Sumner M. Swaner Medal for Achievement in Ecological Planning: **Carrie Ann Marsh**

Emerging Leader in Urban Ecology Award: **Isabel Fuller**

Emerging Young Scholar in Urban Ecology Award: **Beatrice Gomez-Sanchez**

Master of City & Metropolitan Planning Program

APA Outstanding Student Award: **Katie Bussell**

APA Utah Outstanding Academic Performance Award: **Lily Oswald**

APA Utah Outstanding Leadership & Service Award: **Madlyn McDonough**

Best Professional Project Award: **Brandon Siracuse & Lily Oswald**

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award: **Bradley Potter**

Eugene Carr Medal for Professional Promise: **Claudia Loayza**

Robert Farrington Medal for Academic Excellence in Urban Planning: **Minerva Jimenez-Garcia**

PhD in Planning, Policy & Design Program

Arthur C. Nelson & Clark Ivory Medal for Doctoral Scholarship: **Dong-ah Choi**

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award: **Debolina Banerjee**

Graduate Student Special Achievement Award: **Sadegh Sabouri**

Graduate Specializations

Ecological Planning: **Katherine Bussell, Bradley Potter**

Small & Resort Town Planning: **Jacob Gallaher, Molly Gaughran, Madlyn McDonough, Lily Oswald, Bradley Potter**

Smart Growth: Land Use, Transportation & Accessibility: **Mehrnaz Fereydouni, Jacob Gallaher, Byron Head, Hanna Hutcheson, Brandon Siracuse**

Urban Design: **Fabiha Pinaz**

Graduate Certificates

Urban Design: **Michael Bartholomew, Altagracia Calcagno, Ali Erdogan, Kevin Garcia, Mitchell Gardner, Connor Morgan, Fabiha Pinaz, Damian Rodriguez, Cody Witham**

Urban Planning: **Victoria Attwood, Altagracia Calcagno, Spencer Connelly, Ali Erdogan, Brett Jones, Taylor Read, Justin Stewart, Rick Wadman**

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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!



Debolina Banerjee

Debolina Banerjee, *PhD student in Planning, Policy & Design Program*

In her doctoral study she looks into the reasons for low adoption of stormwater green infrastructure (GI) and tries to answer the question: What are the underlying elements driving knowledge, attitude, and behavior to GI adoption barriers and ways to incorporate them in GI implementation modeling? In addition to her research capabilities, Debolina has proven to be a great mentor and instructor for her students in her GIS class and has consistently received above-average course evaluations from her students. She writes, I am honored to be one of the recipients of the prestigious City and Metropolitan Planning Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I am the first in my family to pursue a doctoral degree from a foreign institute. This scholarship has offered me the chance to keep working towards my doctoral degree without worrying too much about the finances. As I am completing my education at the University of Utah, I am very thankful for this generous gift. Upon completion of my studies, I plan to pursue a career in research and teaching.



Sua Kim

Sua Kim, *PhD student in Planning, Policy & Design Program*

I'm grateful for having the opportunity to get the City and Metropolitan Planning Scholarship in the 2021 Summer. During this summer, I conducted a business survey in Salt Lake County to see the impact of COVID-19. Since my research area focuses on both local economic development and disaster management, I would like to see the economic impact after the COVID-19 [pandemic] regarding the supply chain and revenue, also see what kind of recovery and mitigation actions businesses took and will take to prepare for the future disaster. I'm so excited to meet the business owners and managers in person to conduct the survey over the summer. This survey is going to be part of data collection in my dissertation.



Virgil Lund

Virgil Lund, *MCMP student*

I also work full time as a GIS-Technician at Dominion Energy. I love the program and the things that it is teaching me. This scholarship is very important to me because it has given me some financial stability to focus on my classes this summer. I am enrolled in the Sustainability in Planning class for the summer and without the Eugene Carr scholarship, I would not be able to take this class. I love what I am learning, and I hope to apply these lessons to my future career in planning.



Maranda Miller

Maranda Miller, *MCMP student*

Maranda Miller was born in Layton, Utah, and is a first-generation student. She is passionate about sustainability and disaster planning. Maranda is an intern at the Utah National Flood Insurance Program, which operates under the Utah Division of Emergency Management. By receiving the City & Metropolitan Planning Scholarship and the Disaster Resilience Education Scholarship, she was able to take the Puerto Rico Lab this summer where she could help communities impacted by the 2017 hurricanes by learning planning solutions that promote sustainability, resiliency, and equity in a recovery scenario.



Hannah Pack

Hannah Pack, *MCMP student*

I lived in a small town in Tennessee for the first eighteen years of my life. I have spent the last nine years living in three different U.S. cities in three unique regions. Each location has inspired new questions about what it means to be a community and how we connect. I quickly realized the importance of urban design in this equation. I reached out to city planning professionals and professors across the country to gain a better understanding of their impact. My conversations with professors at the University of Utah's City & Metropolitan Planning Department were distinctive, and I decided to apply although I had no way to fund another degree. The scholarships offered from the department gave me the ability to begin a new career in line with my passions. The support from the department has been tremendous and has allowed me the freedom to explore my studies in greater depth than ever before. I am looking forward to beginning my career in the planning field following graduation in Spring 2022.

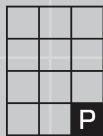


Ellen Wofford

Ellen Wofford (they/them), *MCMP student*

Ellen Wofford is immensely grateful to be a scholarship recipient. The scholarship they received for the summer 2021 semester will allow them to begin working on their professional project, where they hope to create a communicative tool and planning guide focusing on trauma-informed practices. Their goal is to gather information on how vulnerable populations, defined as persons who have experienced complex and early life trauma, interact with their communities and the resources available to them.

For more information about giving to one of our scholarship programs, contact Angie Harris Roberts, CA+P Development Director, at 801-585-0432 or 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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