

Class of
2014

Urban Studies Certificate Graduates

Amanda Bird, Politics

Ozlem Cebeci, Anthropology

Estelle Chae, Economics

Sean Chen, Woodrow Wilson School

Andrea Chu, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Kyra D'Onofrio, Woodrow Wilson School

Katherine Dubbs, Art & Archaeology

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Erman Eruz, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Cara Michell, Visual Arts

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Donald Taylor-Paterson, Architecture

Alisa Tiwari, Woodrow Wilson School

Robert Yates, History

Congratulations!

Amanda Bird

Amanda Bird is a senior in the Politics Department receiving a certificate in Urban Studies.

Advisor: Ezra Suleiman

Özlem Cebeci is a senior in the Anthropology Department receiving a certificate in Urban Studies from Istanbul, Turkey. Her academic interests combine architecture history, urban studies, and the lived experience of cities. Her thesis explores the Taksim Gezi Park protests that took place in Istanbul this past summer as an urban development phenomenon, combining first-hand accounts, maps, and politics. Over the summers, she has worked and studied abroad in Munich, Frankfurt, and Rio de Janeiro. Upon graduation, she will be moving to New York City to pursue a career at Bridgewater Associates as a Management Associate. Advisor: Isabelle Clark-Decès

Estelle Chae is a senior in the Economics Department receiving the Urban Studies certificate. Due to her interest in urban revitalization and economic development, Estelle examined the New Markets Tax Credit program for her senior thesis, focusing on whether subsidized investments in declining U.S. neighborhoods improve neighborhood characteristics, in addition to producing a cost-benefit analysis of the program. Post-graduation, Estelle will continue to pursue her passions as a Princeton Project 55 Fellow in Chicago at Urban Partnership Bank, a Community Development Financial Institution that provides financial services to economically distressed communities. Advisor: Alexandre Mas

Sean Andrew Chen, a senior and an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, is the Class of 2014 Frederick P. Hitz '61 Scholar in the Nation's Service from Martinsville, NJ. Chen began his Princeton career at the School of Architecture but, after a leave of absence to attend the Bartlett School of Planning at University College London, returned as a Woodrow Wilson School concentrator receiving certificates in Environmental and Urban Studies. Sean had previously studied music at The Juilliard School before attending Princeton, where he is now a member of the Princeton University Orchestra. In the past, Chen has written for the *Next City*, a national urban affairs magazine. For the summer of 2011, Sean received a Martin A. Dale '53 Summer Award with which he pursued a photojournalism project centered on contemporary American identity. He has interned at the White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Sean will be entering the MPA program at the Woodrow Wilson School this coming fall.

Advisor: Esteban Rossi-Hansberg

Andrea Chu is a senior in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department receiving certificates in Environmental and Urban Studies and has always been interested in how urban green spaces affect ecosystems and biodiversity. Her thesis studies the relationship between landscape variables and bird communities in the context of the de-industrializing region of the Ruhr in western Germany. Next year, she will be working for the Environmental Defense Fund in Boston as a High Meadows Fellow.

Advisor: David Wilcove

Kyra D'Onofrio is a senior in the Woodrow Wilson School receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. She grew up in Los Angeles, where she first explored her interest in urban studies through conducting a high school research project on public housing in the city. Her senior thesis focuses on how mega-events can generate social change in cities and looks to the 2010 World Cup in Cape Town to consider this question. After graduation, Kyra will continue to learn about urban environments through acting as a financial analyst in the Consulting group at CBRE, an international commercial real estate company. Advisor: Miguel Centeno

Katherine "Katie" Dubbs is a senior in the Art & Archaeology Department receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. In her thesis, Katie reconsidered the pervasive narrative of Chandigarh's authorship as the creation of Le Corbusier and examined the city's recent preservation efforts and its cultural buildings as part of a larger understanding of the impact of the city's narrative on the physical city, its symbolic image, and its future. On campus, Dubbs founded and ran Princeton Opera Company, sang in university choirs, music-directed student productions, and performed in two student-written operas. She served as curator of the Butler Art Gallery, tour guide at the Princeton University Art Museum, arts advisor to residential colleges and the undergraduate government. During the summers Katie was the research assistant to architecture critic Paul Goldberger and worked for arts non-profit organizations. She was an undergraduate fellow at the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, allowing her to travel to Chandigarh, India for thesis research, and a recipient of the Peter B. Lewis Awards for her project on opera and homelessness. As the 2014 recipient of the Sachs Global Scholarship, she is spending the next year in Vienna studying late 19th-century classical art song. Advisor: Hal Foster

Cara Eckholm is a Woodrow Wilson School senior with a focus in Arts and Cultural Policy receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. She is originally from New York City, but grew interested in Eastern Europe in high school, when she spent summers in the region for debate programs funded by the Open Society Foundations. Cara spent this past August conducting research in Estonia, Hungary and Poland for her senior thesis on the contentious monument politics that have been churning in those countries throughout the past decade. After graduation, Cara is moving to Copenhagen to work for ReD Associates, a consultancy that specializes in conducting ethnographic fieldwork on behalf of businesses and governments. In the fall, she may head to Cambridge to write a dissertation on the post-conflict architectural development of Sarajevo and Skopje. Advisor: Stan Katz

Erman Eruz is a senior in the Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) department receiving certificates in Architecture & Engineering and Urban Studies. Erman is particularly interested in the interdisciplinary relation of architecture, engineering and urban planning. His senior thesis in the CEE department is about a new form of structural system called "diagrid" for tall buildings that allows for new architectural forms while providing structural efficiency. After graduation, Erman is going to attend Rice University for a Master's degree in Architecture. Advisor: Sigrid Adriaenssens

Cara Michell is a senior in the Department of Art and Archaeology and the Lewis Center for the Arts' Program receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. Creating her multi-media thesis exhibition, *Panama Canal*, Cara explored exclusivity and privatization in urban public spaces. Michell's works included sculptures and assemblages, collage and a staged coffee house. Inspired by skateboarders' ability to reappropriate and democratize public spaces, Cara's thesis work responded to two questions: How can the politics of public space be leveraged to address social inequalities? And how can the rest of us reappropriate space to reap the benefits of an activity dominated by young men and boys? The result was a series of post-functional assemblages that aimed to disrupt systems of communication and consumption. Cara will begin a Master's program in Urban Planning at Harvard's Graduate School of Design in the Fall. Advisor: Fia Backström

Alison "Ali" Mills is a senior in the School of Architecture, receiving certificates in Urban Studies and Environmental Studies. Interested in the intersections of urbanism, planning, sociology, and design, her independent work has been centered around theories of urban revitalization and redevelopment, particularly in her hometown of Los Angeles. After graduating, Ali will be working as an Architectural Designer at the architecture firm Kohn Pedersen Fox in New York City before pursuing a Masters in City Planning. Advisor: Guy Nordenson

Kunihiko Nagakura is a senior in the Computer Science department receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. Born and raised in New York City, subway cars, bodegas, and the street corner have always been his home. His senior thesis focused on bridging the fields of computer science, architecture, and urban studies through a software package for the Microsoft Kinect and imagines a computing system that is designed for creating aesthetic and dynamic environments. Kuni will be wandering the world next year. Only time will tell where he is headed. Advisor: Janet Vertesi

Amanda Santillo is a senior in the Architecture department receiving a certificate in Environmental Studies and Urban Studies. Outside her academic career, her passion for civic service has been evident in her work with a non-profit group in New York City that advocates for supportive housing, with Engineers Without Borders, and with a student club she co-founded on campus centered in efforts to assist international NGO's with design problems. Her thesis was about ecologically and environmentally sustainable urban planning strategies, and in the future she hopes to support goals of both service and sustainability throughout her career. Advisor: Mario Gandelsonas

Zhong Ming Tan is senior in the Department of Physics from Singapore receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. Coming from a big city (and indeed, the only city-state in the world,) Zhong Ming has always been fascinated by everything urban, and continues to ask questions such as how cityscapes affect people's perceptions of cities and how people can contribute towards city-planning. Zhong Ming will be returning to Singapore in two years' time to work in the Singapore Civil Service and hopes that he can apply what he has learned in the Urban Studies certificate program to his future work. Advisor: Simone Giombi

Donald Taylor-Paterson is a senior in the Architecture department receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, where at a young age he knew he loved the city and living in it. He has since grown in his passion for studying the urban environment and architectural design. His senior thesis focuses on urban renewal, public housing, and the rise of self-help organizations in postindustrial Trenton, NJ. After graduation, Donald will continue in his field as a Designer and Project Coordinator at A&E Construction, a construction firm in Pennington, NJ. He hopes to attend graduate school in one to two years for Urban Design. Advisor: Christine Boyer

Alisa Tiwari is a Woodrow Wilson School major with a focus on African American and certificate in Urban Studies and Class of 2014 James D. Zirin Class of '61 and Marlene Hess Scholar in the Nation's Service. Originally from Washington, D.C., Alisa is interested in promoting social justice, with a focus on civil rights issues, community and economic development, and democratic studies. In her senior thesis, Alisa conducted an evaluation of stop and frisk in New York City, examining the policy from the perspectives of effectiveness, lawfulness, and societal impacts. On campus, she has served as a public health adviser, a community service trip leader, vice president of the South Asian Students Association, and the executive editor of *Business Today* magazine. Most recently, she interned at the Department of Justice's Office of Environment and Natural Resources, working on issues and legal cases related to environmental justice. She has also held internships at the White House, the Office of Senator Michael Bennet, and the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project. This coming fall, Alisa will begin the MPA program at the Woodrow Wilson School. Advisor: Alison Isenberg.

Robert "Trap" Yates is a senior in the History Department receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. Although he is fascinated by London's early modern development, Trap's primary interest is in 20th century American urban politics, particularly around questions of race and the policing of various substances. He hails from Sutton, Massachusetts. After graduation, Trap will work for Boston Consulting Group, New Jersey. Eventually, he hopes to either start or join an organization dedicated to supporting social entrepreneurs in American cities. Advisor: Meg Jacobs