

Class of
2018

Urban Studies Certificate Graduates

**Brendan Bowling
Rozalie Czesana
Zachariah DeGiulio
Liam Fitzgerald
Ashley Forte
Maxwell “Max” Grear
Victoria Gu
Jacob “Jake” Hamel
Felicia Jiang
Emma Kaeser
Charles Kalvaria
Anna Kapolka
Alissa Lopez Serfozo
Catherine “Anne” McDonough
Christopher “Chris” Park
John “Newby” Parton
“Miki” Athene Somosot
Courtney Wax
Sophia Williams**

Congratulations!

Brendan Bowling is a Civil & Environmental Engineering major with certificates in Architecture & Engineering and Urban Studies. He was born in Coral Springs, Florida, before moving to Bayonne, NJ and eventually settling in Yorktown, Virginia where he currently resides. On campus, he served as a student manager, graphic designer, and social media coordinator for the Princeton men's basketball program since his freshman year. He has also worked for the Student Design Agency since freshman year. For the past two years, he has been DJing at various campus events and eating clubs and hopes to continue doing so post-Princeton. After graduation, Brendan plans to work in the graphic design or architecture fields, before returning to school for a Masters of Architecture.

Urban Studies Advisor: Alison Isenberg

Rozalie Czesana is Woodrow Wilson School major with certificates in Urban Studies and Environmental Studies. She was born and raised in Prague, Czech Republic. On campus, she is involved with the Princeton Vertical Farming Project, where she focuses on community involvement and business aspects. Since freshman year, she has also been a member of Princeton Studies Food, where she helped organize annual conferences and other programming, including a freshman seminar "Science, Society and Dinner". Rozalie is a member and food chair of Terrace F. Club. After graduation, Rozalie will join McKinsey & Company in New York, where she hopes to gain some private sector experience before heading to graduate school for Sustainable Development.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

Zachariah DeGiulio is a Civil Engineering major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies, Architecture & Engineering, African Studies, and Environmental Studies. On campus, he is the founder and president of Princeton Coffee Club, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Fellow, a student representative for the School of Architecture, a committee member of the Public Spaces Working Group of the Campus Iconography Committee, and a Peer Academic Advisor for Wilson College. Off campus, he is a barista and avid runner and cyclist, and plans to cycle across the US after graduation before pursuing a Fulbright research fellowship in Tanzania. His thesis was generously supported through travel grants from the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, the School of Engineering's McIntosh Fund, and the Program in African Studies.

Urban Studies Advisor: Judith Hamera

Liam Fitzgerald is a Sociology major with certificates in Urban Studies and Gender and Sexuality Studies. He grew up in West Chester, Pennsylvania. At Princeton, Liam is a member of the Varsity Men's Swimming and Diving Team, on which he acts as the team's Student Athlete Wellness Leader and Student Athlete Service Council team liaison. He also acts as the publicity chair for DiSiac Dance Company – a hip-hop and contemporary fusion group. Liam has also served for two years as a Residential College Advisor in Forbes College, academically and socially mentoring first-year students. Off campus, he acts as a tutor for middle school students in the Princeton area. His senior thesis collapses his major and two certificates, analyzing the construction of asylum claims grounded in sexual orientation and gender identity, with a special focus on how migrant populations and their cases fare depending on the city in which they arrive. After graduation, Liam will head to Boston to work a Project 55 Fellowship with the Community Group Charter School program, acting as a program coordinator. He hopes to ultimately pursue a career in health and human rights.

Urban Studies Advisor: Patricia Fernandez-Kelly

Ashley Forte is a Sociology major with a certificate in Urban Studies. She was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. On campus, she is a member of the Princeton Women's Cross Country and Track teams, for which she runs middle distance events. She also served for two years on the Community House Executive Board as Treasurer and Events Chair. Community House is a student-run umbrella organization within the PACE Center for Civic Engagement that works to bridge the racial achievement gap in Princeton Public Schools. After graduation, she will be working as a Qualitative Research Analyst at Kelton Global, a strategic branding consultancy that uses social science research to help companies reshape their brand identity.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

Max Grear is a Spanish and Portuguese major with certificates in Urban Studies and Latin American Studies. He lives in South Kingstown, Rhode Island. On campus, he has written for the Daily Princetonian opinion section, and has been involved in the Princeton Private Prison Divest Coalition. After graduation, Max plans to pursue a career in either academia or social work.

Urban Studies Advisor: Germán Labrador Méndez

Victoria Gu is a Sociology major with a certificate in Urban Studies. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Victoria is passionate about studying the intersectionality of policy, space, and marginalization. On campus, she dances with BodyHype Dance Company. Victoria is also heavily involved with the Princeton Entrepreneurship Club, working to bring entrepreneurship, startups, and venture capital to Princeton's campus in meaningful and impactful ways. She has also previously worked with PrinceTHON, the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, and Chinese American Princeton Siblings. After graduating from Princeton, Victoria plans to pursue a career in entrepreneurship, media, and culture as she goes on to further her education at Oxford University, pursuing a MSc in Sociology.

Urban Studies Advisor: Mitchell Duneier

Jacob Hamel is a Public Policy major in the Woodrow Wilson School with a certificate in Urban Studies. He is from Severna Park, Maryland, and attended Severna Park High School. At Princeton, he has involved himself in the performing arts community, performing both with BodyHype Dance Company, as well as in theatre productions with Princeton University Players. As a junior, his independent research focused on the impact of investment immigration on American real estate investment markets, which was later published in *Eleven: The Undergraduate Journal of Sociology* through the sociology department at UC Berkeley. After graduation, he will attend pursue his Masters Degree in China Studies at Peking University through the Yenching Academy program.

Urban Studies Advisor: Doug Massey

Felicia Jiang is a Civil Engineering major with certificates in Architecture and Urban Studies from Blacksburg, VA. On campus, she is a member of VTone East Asian A Cappella Group and serves on the board of the American Society for Civil Engineers. A Princeton Global Ambassador, she loves to travel the world, having studied abroad in Melbourne, Australia, and interned abroad in Xi'an, China. After graduation, Felicia plans to continue exploring her passion for global issues of sustainability and urbanism by working at the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy in Beijing, China. Eventually, she plans to attend graduate school majoring in environmental design or urban planning.

Urban Studies Advisor: Maria Garlock

Emma Kaeser is concentrating in the Woodrow Wilson School with focuses on public health, women and children's rights, and the criminal justice system. She is receiving certificates in Urban Studies and French Language and Culture. Her past independent research has addressed the provision of maternal health care to women in U.S. prisons and the promotion of family planning services in rural Senegal. In 2017, she was the recipient of the R.W. van de Velde Award for her contributions to the Woodrow Wilson School's Global Health and International Development Task Force. Emma grew up in New York and now lives in northern New Jersey. During her junior and senior years, Emma was the President of Princeton University Ballet and worked in the Office of Undergraduate Research as the Chief Correspondent on Undergraduate Research. She additionally served on the officer board of CityStep Princeton. After graduation, Emma will be pursuing a J.D. at Stanford Law School.

Urban Studies Advisor: Patricia Fernandez-Kelly

Charles Kalvaria is a Civil and Environmental Engineering major with a certificate in Urban Studies. He was born and raised in Manhattan, New York. On campus, he is a member of the Student Housing Advisory Board and a member of the Men's Club Lacrosse team. After graduation, Charles plans to pursue a career in finance and real estate investing.

Urban Studies Advisor: Douglas Massey

Anna Kapolka is a Woodrow Wilson School major with a certificate in Urban Studies. She was born in Poland and grew up in New Jersey before being accepted into Princeton as a Questbridge scholar. On campus she works in the Butler/Wilson dining hall and is also involved with Princeton Disability Awareness, Project Solidarity, and Community Link. After graduation Anna will work with New Community Development Corporation in Newark as a Project 55 fellow, and hopes to continue her education through a master's program in social work or public policy afterwards.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

Alissa Lopez Serfozo '18 is from Los Angeles, CA. She is concentrating in Architecture with a certificate in Urban Studies, and is particularly interested in exhibitions and participatory design. Prior to beginning her studies at Princeton, Alissa lived and worked in Varanasi, India as a Bridge Year volunteer. During her undergraduate studies, Alissa has participated in a number of opportunities, including interning for an architecture firm in Szentendre and Budapest, Hungary as a Streicker Fellow, learning sustainable farming techniques in Catalunya and Ibiza, and sketching postmodern architecture throughout northern Italy as a Shellman Fellow. Her independent research has explored the role memory plays in the construction of cities and of spatial imaginaries. Apart from her academic work, Alissa has participated in a research collective between architecture students from Princeton and the University of Tokyo, and has served as a class representative to the School of Architecture and as a Peer Academic Advisor for Forbes College. After graduation, Alissa plans to pursue a career in architectural design and independent curatorial work.

Urban Studies Advisor: Mario Gandelsonas

Anne McDonough is a politics major with a certificate in Urban Studies and hails from Chicago. On campus, Anne served as a co-president of Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR), a Peer Academic Advisor in Rockefeller College and a research assistant in the politics department. After graduation, Anne will continue to work on issues at the intersection of law and policy as an Empirical Research Fellow at the Stanford Law School.

Urban Studies & Departmental Advisor: Tali Mendelberg

Chris Park is a Woodrow Wilson School major with a certificate in Urban Studies. He was born in Sydney, Australia but moved to Portland, Oregon when he was a year old and has lived there since. On campus, he coaches basketball in the local youth league and helps organize the Princeton Disability Awareness Carnivals, which bring together children with differing abilities and Princeton students for fun and games. After graduation, Chris will be working for Nike in Beaverton, Oregon as a Construction Project Manager for the world headquarters campus expansion.

Urban Studies Advisor: Doug Massey

John “Newby” Parton, of McMinnville, Tennessee, is a concentrator in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs with certificates in values and public life and urban studies. Parton is the co-recipient of the 2018 Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize, the highest general distinction conferred on an undergraduate, and is one of four students selected for the 2018 graduate cohort of the Scholars in the Nation’s Service Initiative (SINSI), designed to encourage, support and prepare students to pursue careers in the U.S. federal government. He has focused his academic work on the court system, criminal justice reform and journalism. Outside the classroom, Parton has worked as a dormitory assistant, tour guide, economics tutor, counselor for a Pace Center camp serving minority and low-income students, and intern in the Disability Rights Section of the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. His leadership positions have included head opinion editor for The Daily Princetonian, for which he won the John V. Fleming Writing Award in 2015; president of Speak with Style; and president of a logic games club that also focuses on debating skills. He was a founding member of Matriculate, helping to develop a program to provide resources to assist low-income students apply to college. He plans to pursue a joint MPA/JD and a career as a civil rights attorney.

Urban Studies Advisor: Douglas Massey

Miki Somosot is an Economics major with certificates in Urban Studies and Finance. She was born in the Philippines and currently lives in Texas. On campus, she is the President of the Princeton Development Lab, an organization dedicated to promoting efforts in the international development field. After graduation, Miki will be an investment banking analyst at Credit Suisse in New York City.

Urban Studies Advisor: Douglas Massey

Courtney Wax is a Politics major with a certificate in Urban Studies. She is the eldest of four sisters, born and raised in Champaign, Illinois. On campus, she is a volunteer for Big Sibbs, a mentor for PUMP where she meets with minority freshman students, a captain for the Women’s Club Basketball Team and member of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women. During her past summer, she worked on campus as a Teaching Assistant for Princeton University Preparatory Program where she helped teach low-income, majority-minority high school students an array of subjects. She has also worked as a Research Assistant for Professor LaFleur-Stephens in the Politics department over the past year. Inspired and motivated by all of her experiences on campus, she is continuing her passion for education, politics and business management as a Project 55 fellow, where she will work for a non-profit targeting early childhood education.

Advisor: Omar Wasow

Sophia Williams is an Architecture major with a certificate in Urban Studies. She grew up in New York City and attended Bard High School Early College, studying ballet at the School of American Ballet and Manhattan Youth Ballet. At Princeton, she is a member of Princeton University Ballet, which is the only student run dance group at Princeton dedicated to contemporary and classical ballet, and has served in several leadership roles. She has choreographed multiple works for dance groups on campus and has performed in works choreographed by renowned artists Jennifer Archibald, Loni Landon, and Juan Rodriguez, and Brian Reeder. An Art and Archeology Undergraduate Fellow, she has curated From Frame to Life: Experiential Activation, an exhibition in the Works on Paper Room in the Princeton Art Museum, and worked as a gallery docent. After graduation, Sophia plans to pursue a career in architecture and design.

Urban Studies Advisor: Christine Boyer