

Princeton University/ Program in Urban Studies



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2018 Senior Thesis Colloquium
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
300 Wallace Hall
9:00am – 2:00pm

Continental Breakfast 9:00

Aaron Shkuda, Princeton-Mellon Initiative in Architecture, Urbanism & the Humanities
Welcome

10:00-11:00 Session I The Politics of Urban Infrastructure

Moderator Maria Garlock, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

- **Brendan Bowling (CEE)**, “Playing Host: A Sustainability Analysis of Urban Planning Strategies in Summer Olympic Host Cities”
- **Zachariah DeGiulio (CEE)**, “The Way to Modernity: Itineraries of Kinshasa”

Questions and Discussion

11:00-11:45 Session II Networks and Narratives

Moderator Judith Hamera, Peter B. Lewis Center for the Arts

- **Maxwell Grear (SPO)**, “El Paquete Semanal: Informal Networks and Emerging Infrastructures in Digital Cuba”
- **Liam Fitzgerald (SOC)**, “Queer Ingress: Constructing LGBTQI and HIV Asylum Claims in the United States Immigration System”

Questions and Discussion

11:45 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:15 Session III Health and the Built Environment

Moderator Doug Massey, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Office of Population Research

- **Emma Kaeser (WWS)**, “Pregnancy and New Motherhood in U.S. State Prisons: Understanding State Variation in Prison Maternal Health Care Policies”
- **Anna Kapolka (WWS)**, “At the Intersection of Health and Housing: A Case Study Through New York’s DSRIP Program”

Questions and Discussion

1:15-2:00 Session IV Urban Pasts and Futures

Moderator Sigrid Adriaenssens, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

- **Felicia Jiang (CEE)**, “Urban Village: Evaluating an Alternative Future for China’s Cities”
- **Alissa Lopez Serfozo (ARC)**, “Architecture as Building, Object, and, Curatorial Project: Retracing the History of Architecture Exhibitions at the Venice Biennale”

Questions and Discussion

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

Zachariah DeGiulio 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

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

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

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

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

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 Gandelonas