

Class of
2019

Urban Studies Certificate Graduates

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Jordan Antebi (HIS)

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Alma Huselja (WWS)

Isabel James (WWS)

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Annie Klosowicz (CEE)

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Mikaela Sawyer (CEE)

Ean Steinberger (WWS)

Nyema Wesley (CEE)

Congratulations!

Temi Aladesuru is an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies and American studies. During his time at Princeton, he has been heavily involved with Camp Kesem Princeton, The Order of Black Male Excellence, Campus Rec, and Big Sibs. Outside of academics, he is passionate about music, photography, and poetry. After graduation, he plans to travel before starting a full-time position in Washington, D.C. His thesis was generously supported through funding from the EEB department, the American Studies Department, The Center for Health and Wellbeing, and the Office for Undergraduate Research.
Urban Studies Advisor: Sanyu Mojola

Jordan Antebi is a History major pursuing a certificate in Urban Studies. On campus, he is a vocalist in the Jazz Vocal Collective, and was previously a Contributing News Writer and Senior Copy Editor for the Daily Princetonian, as well as Policy Chair for PAVE (Princeton Autonomous Vehicles Engineering). After graduation, Jordan is preparing to embark on a one-year civic organizing project to develop a 5-kilometer fitness trail, and associated programming in conjunction with local partners at Trenton, New Jersey's Cadwalader Park. This grass roots, public health initiative aims to revitalize an urban green space by uniting communities through fitness, and creating a new residential amenity for happier, healthier living. It also builds upon Jordan's senior thesis by promoting a civic dialogue that can bridge historical and present-day divisions, support social and economic revitalization, and create new ideas for shaping and re-shaping future urban landscapes in a more inclusive way.
Urban Studies Advisor: Alison Isenberg

Lauren Auyeung is an Architecture major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies and Dance. On campus she is a member of diSiac Dance Company and Sympoh Urban Arts Crew. She works as a student worker at the Lewis Center for the Arts and is an active choreographer within the Princeton Dance Department. After graduation she will be completing a choreographic residency in Philadelphia at a studio called Urban Movement Arts. Her thesis was generously supported through travel grants from the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, the Lewis Center for the Arts, and the Department of Architecture.
Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

Matthew Barrett is an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Major pursuing a certificate in Urban Studies. He was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. On campus, he is a residential college advisor (RCA) for Forbes College, a writing correspondent for PACE's Project Solidarity, a member of the First-Generation Low-Income Council (FLiC) and is a member of the Commencement Committee. Off campus he loves to watch anime, play basketball or soccer, and hang with friends. He also hopes to become a physician one day, but he is uncertain of what field in medicine to pursue.
Urban Studies Advisor: Patricia Fernandez-Kelly

Jazmyn Blackburn is a Sociology major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies, Cognitive Science, Linguistics, and French Language & Culture. On campus, she has worked closely with the Pace Center for Civic Engagement as a project leader and board representative of Community House. She has also co-led the Princeton University Language Project (PULP), a student-run organization that provides quality translation services to non-profit organizations free of charge, as well as organized the Language Fellows Program. Jazmyn is very passionate about language programming in education policy and off-campus, she is involved in bringing francophone perspectives to French language education in New York City. She has developed a service project in Guadeloupe related to language teaching and culturally-relevant pedagogy, which she will pursue as a grantee of the Labouisse Fellowship after graduation.
Urban Studies Advisor: Doug Massey

Amarra Daniels is a Woodrow Wilson School (WWS) major with a certificate in Urban Studies. While at Princeton, she served on the Forbes College Council, on USG Projects Board, and as a residential college peer tutor in Spanish and Italian. Generous support from the university enabled Amarra to study abroad through the Princeton in Spain summer program and intern with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Italy. Amarra spent her junior spring studying abroad at the University of Cape Town as part of the WWS Policy Task Force on Education in South Africa. Both her junior independent work and senior thesis join together her policy interests in public health and public education by exploring the role of schools in promoting the health of their students and communities. Amarra was named the Janet M. McCartney Scholar for excellence in the study of education by the Woodrow Wilson School for the class of 2019. After graduation, she will join international disputes and investigations law firm Kobre & Kim as an Analyst.
Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

Emily Erdos is a Sociology major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies and Journalism. Emily is a varsity coxswain on the Women's Openweight Rowing team and was formerly the Head Opinion Editor of The Daily Princetonian. After three summers interning in journalism at a local television station, an international NGO, and a political magazine, she intends to pursue editorial writing after graduation.
Urban Studies Advisor: Alison Isenberg

Ruby Guo is a Molecular Biology major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies and Global Health & Health Policy. On campus, she served as Class Senator, part of the Undergraduate Student Government; Co-Director of Camp Kesem Princeton; a Peer Academic Advisor for Wilson College; and a Pace Center Breakout Trip leader. For her thesis research, she is exploring the role of a mutant protein in breast cancer metastasis, as well as its broader implications for women in urban and rural India. In her free time, she enjoys running, watercolor painting, and poetry.

Urban Studies Advisor: Patricia Fernández-Kelly

Frederick “Fritz” Hillegas is a Woodrow Wilson School major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies, and Latin American Studies. On campus he is the president of the Princeton Club Swim team, is a project leader for El Centro (an ESL teaching organization), is a member of the International Relations Council, and is a representative on the Woodrow Wilson School Student Advisory Board. Off campus he is a swimmer, runner, and travel enthusiast and will be working for Jet.com in Hoboken, New Jersey after graduation.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

Alma Huselja is a Woodrow Wilson School major with a certificate in Urban Studies. Originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Alma grew up in Lincolnton, North Carolina. At Princeton, she has been a board member of the First-Generation/Low-Income Council since her freshman year, and is part of Scully Co-op. While at Princeton, Alma had the opportunity to study abroad in Milan at Università Bocconi, and worked as a legal intern at the European Roma Rights Centre in Budapest.

Urban Studies Advisor: Alison Isenberg

Isabel James is a graduating senior with a concentration in the Woodrow Wilson School and certificates in Latin American Studies and Urban Studies. Isabel spent two semesters studying abroad in Havana, Cuba and Cape Town, South Africa. She returned to Cuba three times to conduct research for her thesis that explored Cuban public perceptions of US policy. At Princeton, Isabel was an editor of the Nassau Herald, a weekly volunteer with CONTACT (a local crisis/suicide hotline) and a member of the Club Volleyball team. As a 2019-2020 Labouisse Fellow, Isabel is looking forward to conducting research on small-scale fishing along Senegal’s coast after graduation. Following her fellowship, she hopes to pursue a master’s degree and a career in international development.

Urban Studies Advisor: Doug Massey

Solmaz Jumakuliyeva is a Civil Engineering major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies, and Architecture & Engineering. On campus, she is a Learning Strategies Consultant at McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, Student Coordinator of Forbes Dining Hall, volunteer with Princeton Engineering Education for Kids, Community Action leader, and ex-President of The Princeton University Tango Club. Off campus, she is a proud O- blood donor and a book enthusiast. After graduation, Solmaz will be starting her graduate studies in structural engineering at UC Berkeley. Her thesis was generously supported through Princeton University School of Engineering and Applied Science Adler Fund.

Urban Studies Advisor: Sigrid Adrianssens

Annie Klosowicz is a Civil Engineering major pursuing the certificate in Urban Studies. On campus, she has been involved in the Business Today Design Team, was on the founding planning team of the Designation Conference for top undergraduate students interested in design around the country, and is in the University Cottage Club. Off campus, she loves modern dance, hiking the tallest mountains in the United States, and snowboarding, and plans to travel to the Middle East and Europe after graduation before moving back to New York City, her hometown.

Urban Studies Advisor: Peter Jaffe

Benjamin Laufer is majoring in Operations Research and Financial Engineering (ORFE), with certificates in Urban Studies and Environmental Studies. On campus, Ben leads the Petey Greene program, which sends over 100 Princeton students into prisons each week to tutor incarcerated students. He has also served as an OA leader, BSE Interactor (mentoring freshmen), Green Princeton board member, and a leader of Engineers Without Borders. In the past, Ben has worked at and coordinated research with the Environmental Protection Agency, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, National Center for Access to Justice, and the International Water Management Institute in Accra, Ghana. He has been generously supported throughout his undergraduate career with generous grants from Princeton Environmental Institute, the Arthur Liman fellowship for public interest work, the Parkhurst Thesis Fund, and the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences.

Urban Studies Advisor: Eduardo Morales

JJ Onyeukwu is an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major in the Andrew Dobson Lab. His research interests include infectious disease dynamics at the population level, specifically the implications of regional and socioeconomic variability. He has pursued his urban studies education at Princeton, in Japan at the University of Tokyo, and in Panama through the Smithsonian Institution. On campus, he is a member of diSiac dance company, Six14 Christian dance company, and works for Frist Campus Center. His thesis research was supported through grants from the Program in Latin American studies and Center for Health and Wellbeing.

Urban Studies Advisor: Doug Massey

Rae Perez is an Architecture major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies and Applications of Computing. On campus, she has served as the director of the Student Design Agency and is a member of 2D, a co-op focused on food and sustainability. After graduation, she plans to work for the North Lawndale Employment Network in Chicago through Project 55. In her future professional career, she aspires to use design to approach complex social issues with innovation and rigor. Her thesis was generously funded by the Center for African American Studies.

Urban Studies Advisor: M. Christine Boyer

Michael Rahimzadeh is an Anthropology major from Richmond, KY. He is part of the Undergraduate Advisory Group for the Department of Anthropology and is a member of the Commencement Committee for the Class of 2019. He also sings in the Glee Club, the Chapel Choir, and the Princeton Footnotes. Michael plans to pursue non-profit work in education after graduation. His thesis field work was supported by grants from the Department of Anthropology and the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Urban Studies Advisor: João Biehl

Mikaela Sawyer is a Structural Engineering major pursuing a certificate in Urban Studies. On campus, she is the president of Real Estate Club, the secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers: Princeton Chapter, and a heptathlete on the Varsity Track & Field team. Off campus, she is an avid mountain biker and skier/snowboarder, and plans to pursue a career as a Project Engineer in Seattle after graduation.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

Ean Steinberger is a WWS major pursuing certificates in Urban Studies and Applications of Computing. Academically, his interests lie in urban environments and the disruptive role of technology to either impede upon or aid in the improvement of local wellbeing. After graduation he plans on traveling to the cities that his closest friends from college grew up in, before returning home to New York City to work in education technology. Outside of academics, he loves music and spends most of his extracurricular time listening to, writing, or performing music. He has spent parts of the past two summers and occasional school breaks touring and has performed at a number of Princeton events including the AMS Holiday Party, Lawn Parties, and Reunions.

Urban Studies Advisor: Ed Felton

Nyema Wesley is a Structural Engineering major in the Civil and Environmental Engineering department who is also pursuing a certificate in Urban Studies. She is co-president of the Princeton Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, sustainability chair of the Cap & Gown eating club, and gear chair for the Princeton HighSteppers on campus. During the summer, she helps facilitate an English-based mentorship program for high school students in Japan. After graduation, she will be working at a structural engineering firm in New York City that is committed to innovative and sustainable design practices. Her thesis fieldwork has been generously supported by the School of Engineering's Adler Fund, with further assistance and guidance given by faculty at Kyoto University and Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Urban Studies Advisor: Sigrid Adriaenssens