

Class of  
**2020**

## **Urban Studies Certificate Graduates**

**Adam Beasley (WWS)**

"Making Mobility Work: Understanding Housing Choice Voucher Recipient Preferences and Neighborhood Access in Dallas"

**Emma Coley (REL)**

"Open Your Hearts and Your Buildings: Occupation, Urban Theology, and Faithful Responses to Portland's Village Movement"

**Joseph Collins (ARC)**

"Between Glass and Transparency: Architectural Agency after Images"

**Olivia Foster (CEE)**

"Catching Carbon, Water, and Nutrients: Comprehensive Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design"

**Emma Hopkins (ENG)**

"Factors in Play: A Deep, Literary Perspective on the Development of American Playgrounds"

**Amelia Kenna (ARC)**

"The Edge of Painting: Representation as a Corporeal Act in Zaha Hadid's Painting Practice"

**Daniel Lee (WWS)**

"Equity in Transit: Evaluating the Modernization of the Chicago "L" Red Line South Branch Through an Analysis of Comprehensive Regional Planning Documents"

**Sanna Lee (SOC)**

"THE WAY OUT": A Contemporary Portrait of 1.5 and Second Generation Immigrants from New York City's Most Selective Public High Schools"

**Rafi Lehmann (HIS)**

"Urban Engravings: Space, Place, and Catastrophe in Twentieth-Century Jewish Vilna"

**Sara Lewis (ARC)**

"Building By Committee: A Successful Case Study and Potential Model, The Empire State Building"

**Allegra Martschenko (ARC)**

"BETWEEN THE ONE AND THE OTHER: Textual Imagination as Architectural Method"

**Rebecca Ngu (ENG)**

"Walking as Form: Understanding Narrative, Movement, and Subjectivity in Woolf, Smith, and Sebald"

**Leanna Nguyen (EAS)**

"The Growth of Ed-Tech Under China's Market Education System"

**Vayne Ong (HIS)**

"Springwood Avenue Rising: Geographies of Decline, Leisure, and Violence in the 1970 Asbury Park Uprising"

**Christopher Sayan (POL)**

"Strength in Numbers: The Effect of Identity in the Catalonia and Hong Kong Movements"

**Christian Schmidt (POL)**

"Who Cares? How and Why"

**Yunzi Shi (ARC)**

"Time-Image of Cities: Filmic Representations in Urban Imaginaries 1960's -1970's"

**Zack Struckman (ECO)**

"An Informality-Adjusted GDP Index: Measuring the Size of Global Shadow Economies Using an Engle-Granger Currency Demand Model"

**Daniel Tjondro (CEE)**

"The Development of an Impact-Oriented and Project-Independent Brownfield Assessment Tool"

**Jenny Xin (WWS)**

"The Model Maternity Myth: An Exploration of AAPI Experiences in the U.S. Maternal Healthcare System"

# Congratulations!

**Adam Beasley**, from Dallas, Texas, is a Woodrow Wilson School major and pursuing a certificate in Urban Studies. During summer 2017, Adam served as a John C. Bogle '51 Fellow in Civic Service and partnered with a nonprofit in Dallas to produce an awareness campaign documenting poverty and how it affects many who live in northern Texas. In the summer of 2019, Adam worked with Community Access in New York City, an organization dedicated to expanding opportunities for people living with mental health concerns through affordable housing, training, and advocacy. This past summer, Adam joined the Scholars in the Nation's Service Initiative as the class of 2019 Frederick P. Hitz '61 Scholar and worked at Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division. On campus, Adam is a mentor and the former Project Leader for Community House Big Sibs, a program that aims to foster relationships between local elementary school students and Princeton undergraduate mentors, with the broader goal of working to close Princeton's minority achievement gap. After graduation, Adam plans to work in consulting for two years in New York City before pursuing a law degree.

Urban Studies Advisor: Miguel Centeno

**Emma Coley** is a Religion major, with certificates in Urban Studies, Ethnographic Studies, and Humanistic Studies. On campus, Emma has organized various service programs through the Office of Religious Life (ORL) and John H. Pace Jr. '39 Center for Civic Engagement. Emma helped establish the Princeton Asylum Project, a collaboration between the ORL and Catholic Charities of New York in which students conduct research in the recruitment of scholars to testify in support of asylum seekers' claims. Emma is a former co-chair of the University's Religious Life Council, which fosters interfaith conversations between students of all faiths and beliefs. She has also served as co-chair of the Pace Council for Civic Values, a student leadership board that plans and hosts events through the Pace Center and facilitates collaboration among many service groups on campus. Off campus, Emma was a faith and youth engagement intern at the United Nations through a partnership between UN Women and ORL, as well as a policy intern for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' migration and refugee services. Emma is also a member of the Behrman Undergraduate Society of Fellows and the recipient of the Pace Center's Fisher Award as well as the University's Pyne Prize. After graduation, Emma hopes to continue working with unhoused communities in collaboration with a Catholic Worker house of hospitality for unhoused people in Portland.

Urban Studies Advisor: Judith Hamera

**Joseph Collins** is an Architecture major, with a certificate in Urban Studies. His interest in the built environment comes from the artistic and intellectual vibrancy he finds whenever he visits a city. In the past, Joe coordinated a project in Professor Sigrid Adriaenssen's Form Finding Lab where he studied noise pollution and how it adversely affects certain socioeconomic communities in the NY/NJ Metro Area. Before this project, Joe was a Social Impact Designer for Tiger Challenge, collaborating on a project with New York City Relief (NYCR), a homelessness relief organization in New York City. On campus, Joe was the President of Terrace F. Club, a student representative on the President's Advisory Committee on Architecture (PACA), a former Co-Chair of Wilson College Council, an Advising Fellow for Matriculate, and an Outdoor Action (OA) Leader. He has been generously supported with grants from the Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI), the International Internship Program (IIP), the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR), and the School of Architecture. After graduation, he will be taking a year off to pursue independent projects before applying to Master of Architecture (M. Arch) programs.

Urban Studies Advisor: Stanley Allen

**Olivia Foster** is a Civil and Environmental Engineering major, with certificates in Urban Studies and Architecture & Engineering. Throughout her time at Princeton, Olivia has been involved in the Breakout Princeton program which lets students lead service-learning trips all around the country. Olivia has worked at several community development organizations throughout her college career including the City of Detroit's Planning and Development Department, Reinvestment Fund, and the University of Chicago's Urban Studies program. She has focused her research on how the built environment influences the social fabric of a city. Olivia's past research has been supported by the Andlinger Center, Project X, and the High Meadows Foundation. Olivia has accepted an offer to work at an Urban Planning firm in Philadelphia after graduation.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

**Emma Hopkins** is an English major, with a certificate in Urban Studies. Emma is passionate and curious about urban design and public space and has enjoyed studying these issues from a variety of different lenses, including Sociology, Architecture, English, and Environmental Studies, at Princeton. Emma is a captain of the Lightweight Rowing team, and a two-time U23 national team member. Outside of sports and academics, she works at the Writing Center as a fellow and is involved with Athletes in Action. Over the past few years, her interests have taken her to intern with the Saratoga Springs Planning Department, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and Sasaki, all of which have influenced her perspective on the value, use, and potential of public space in America. Emma's thesis research has been generously supported by the Maren Fund (Spring 2020, travel to London, UK), as well as enhanced by travel in the Urban Studies Research Seminar (Fall 2019, travel to Moscow, Russia).

Urban Studies Advisor: William Gleason

**Amelia Kenna** is an Architecture major, with a certificate in Urban Studies.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

**Daniel Lee** is a major in Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School, with a certificate in Urban Studies. On campus, Daniel has served as Public Relations Chair for Princeton Conservation Society and as an officer for Princeton Quadrangle Club. He was also a volunteer for the Petey Green program, where he tutored incarcerated youth at the Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility. In the past, Daniel has studied abroad in Athens, Greece as part of the Princeton Global Seminar Program and went to the American Prairie Reserve in Montana with the Conservation Society to help create a student documentary. Next year, Daniel plans to work as a Project 55 Fellow at Emma's Torch, a non-profit organization that aims to empower refugees through culinary education.

Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

**Sanna Lee** is a Sociology major, with a certificate in Urban Studies. She was born and raised in New York City – a Brooklynite who knows the F subway line inside out and loves a good ol' BLT sandwich from any corner store deli. On Princeton campus, she is a member of the Student Design Agency as a graphic designer specializing in typography and layout composition. She works as a student assistant for General Chemistry at Frick Laboratory and the Humanities Council at Joseph Henry House. In the past, Sanna was a volunteer for the CONTACT Local Crisis & National Suicide Prevention Hotline and a board member of the Princeton University Science Olympiad Invitational team. She is especially grateful for the generosity of the University's International Internship Program, Urban Studies, Hellenic Studies, Architecture Department, Geosciences Department, Office of Undergraduate Research (Class of '55 Fund), and of course – her home department Sociology – for funding her various international/domestic research and internship endeavors throughout her undergrad career at Princeton. After graduation, Sanna hopes to pursue marketing and business development in an impact investment space — or anywhere life takes her.

Urban Studies Advisor: Doug Massey

**Rafi Lehmann** is a History major, with certificates in Urban Studies and Environmental Studies. He is particularly interested in cultural landscapes, indigeneity, and trauma/memory studies—as well as Native North American history, Yiddish literature, and queer studies. On campus, Rafi has led the Alliance of Jewish Progressives (AJP), performed with Ellipses Poetry, and—most recently—co-founded Princeton's progressive political coalition. In the past, he has interned at the University of São Paulo's Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, the Association on American Indian Affairs, and the Southpoint School in Varanasi, India. His thesis research has been generously supported by grants from the Stone/Davis fund, the Center for the Study of Religion, the Department of History, the Office of Undergraduate Research, and the Program in Judaic Studies. After graduation, Rafi hopes to work as an assistant in an architecture firm while applying for graduate programs in architecture, urban planning, and geography.

Urban Studies Advisers: Alison Isenberg, M. Christine Boyer

**Sara Lewis** is an Architecture major, with a certificate in Urban Studies. On campus, Sara is as Peer Academic Advisor in Mathey College, helping to mentor freshmen with their adjustment to campus and academic pursuits. She also volunteers with the Habitat for Humanity Chapter of Princeton University. In the past, Sara has worked with many architectural and construction firms over the summers to better understand the industry. After graduation, Sara will be working in the construction management industry at the Structure Tone Organization in New York City.

Urban Studies Advisor: Christine Boyer

**Allegra Martschenko** is an Architecture major, with certificates in Urban Studies and Creative Writing. On campus, she is a member of the faculty-student Committee on Discipline and is a Peer Arts Advisor for the Lewis Center for the Arts. She is also the president and founder of a Young Adult Literature book club and as is indicative of her interests, has worked both in the fields of architecture and academic publishing. Off campus she is the co-creator and co-exhibitor of the 2018 art exhibition Between Two Spaces in Redondo, Portugal, which was supported in part by the Fred Fox Fund of Princeton University and examined the quality of being an American foreigner in a small Portuguese town. After graduation, she has plans to enter the field of children's book publishing.

Urban Studies Advisor: Marshall Brown

**Rebecca Ngu** is an English major, with certificates in Urban Studies, Ethnographic Studies, and Humanistic Studies. At various points in her campus life, she has been involved in student reporting and writing, organizing for workers' rights, and co-leading a cooperative. She has been generously funded by the PIIRS, Humanities Council, Department of English, and the Office of Religious Life.

Urban Studies Advisor: Alison Isenberg

**Leanna Nguyen** is a major in East Asian Studies, with certificates in Urban Studies and Computer Science. On campus, Leanna has spent all four years at Princeton working at Murray Dodge Cafe as a baker and has perfected vegan snickerdoodle cookies. She has dedicated much of her time towards the Club Archery team, serving on the board as the Secretary, Treasurer, and eventually President. A proud first-generation low-income student, Leanna has given back to the community by mentoring underclassmen as a Head Fellow for the Scholars Institute Fellows Program. She is extremely thankful to have had the opportunity to go abroad each summer with

Princeton in Beijing, Hong Kong University's Crimson Summer Exchange, and Princeton Startup Immersion Program in Shanghai. Each of these experiences have further cultivated her educational interests and pursuits into what they are today.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Jennifer Jennings.

**Vayne Ong** is a History major, with a certificate in Urban Studies. Originally from Kajang, Malaysia, she grew up on the Jersey Shore, the subject of her thesis. On campus, she was president of the Princeton Women's Alliance, where she organized and facilitated regular dinner discussions and workshops and co-founded Princeton's first undergraduate gender studies conference, and captain of Princeton Bhangra. She has also served as a CA leader, researcher for the Princeton Asylum Project, and McCrindle intern in Marketing/Information & Technology at the Princeton Art Museum. After graduation, Vayne is excited to continue her work in community building and gender equality as the Program and Policy Fellow at Women Creating Change in New York through Project 55. She hopes to pursue a career in history and public scholarship, scaling and demystifying the tools of knowledge production for marginalized communities.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Leah Boustan

**Christopher Sayan** is a Politics major, with certificates in Urban Studies and Portuguese Language and Culture. On campus, he was a four-year member of the varsity football team, winning two Ivy League Championships, and helped the Tigers to their first perfect season since 1964, going 10-0. He has also used his summers in college to improve his language skills, studying in Lisbon, Barcelona, and Paris.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Aaron Shkuda

**Christian Schmidt** is a Politics major, with a focus in Political Theory. He is also pursuing certificates in Urban Studies and Values & Public Life (with a specialization in municipal political theory in the latter). Extracurricularly, Christian has been an active participant in the American Whig-Cliosophic Society, where he served as President, and in the Princeton Triangle Club and Princeton Tory magazine. Christian has spent his summers interning in the Planning Department of a small town on the Aleutian Island chain, which he returned to in December 2019 to pursue his research on substantial grants from the Princeton Politics Department and the University Center for Human Values (UCHV). In the future, Christian hopes to become a planner in a small town.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Jan-Werner Müller

**Yunzi Shi** is an Architecture major, with certificates in Urban Studies and Visual Arts. On campus, Yunzi is a member of the Student Advisory Board of the Council of Science and Technology and a specialist at the Digital Learning Lab. She was also a Pace Center Breakout Trip Leader. In the past, Yunzi has been generously supported by the Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI) and the Lewis Center for the Arts, and she conducted research on urban water infrastructure with the Fluvial Metropolis Research Network between Princeton School of Architecture and the University of São Paulo Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Christine Boyer

**Zack Struckman** is an Economics major with a certificate in Urban Studies. On campus, Zack spends the vast majority of his time as a member of the Men's Lacrosse team. Zack also serves as the Community Service Chair for University Cottage Club and the Logistics Chair for Princeton TruckFest. After graduation, Zack will be joining The Walt Disney Company in Los Angeles.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Patricia Fernandez Kelly

**Daniel Tjondro** is a Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) major with certificates in Urban studies and Environmental Studies. On campus, Daniel is involved with the Office of Sustainability as an EcoRep and with the Pace Center as a past Breakout Princeton board member. In his free time, Daniel likes to play auto battler games online, juggle, and cube. After graduation, Daniel will work as a software engineer with Capital One, after which he will pursue a Master's degree in CEE at Stanford University.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Sigrid Adriaenssens

**Jenny Xin** is a Woodrow Wilson School (WWS) major with certificates in Urban Studies and American Studies. On campus, Jenny has served as music director and tour manager of the Princeton Roaring 20, a co-ed a cappella group, and as a member of the Princeton University Synchronized Skating Team. She also gives tours to prospective students and their families as an Orange Key tour guide. Jenny is passionate about public policy as it applies to homeless advocacy, and in the past, Jenny has had the opportunity to work with those displaced from their homes through volunteering with the Homefront Health Initiative program and interning with homeless shelter organizations like LifeMoves and legal service organizations like the Eviction Defense Collaborative. Jenny is grateful for the support that she has received from her departments during the course of her undergraduate career.  
Urban Studies Advisor: Alison Isenberg

Alumni

## Urban Studies Certificate Alumni

**Harrison Blackman, '17**

MFA candidate and writing instructor at the University of Nevada, '20

**Azza Cohen, '16**

Filmmaker, Knight-Hennessy Scholar, Stanford University,  
MFA in Documentary Film and Video

**Ava Hoffman, '17**

Master in City Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, '21

**Spencer Parts, '17**

Reporter, Global Competition Review, University of Chicago Law School, '23

**Misha Semenov, '15**

Master in Architecture and Environmental Management, Yale, '19, Architectural Designer &  
Sustainability Coordinator, Centerbrook Architects and Planners

**Zoe Zabor, '16**

Innovation & Ventures, Tishman Speyer, former Senior Strategy Consultant, IBM

*Thank you for being a part of the celebration for the Class of 2020!*