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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Cambridge, MA **Class of 2018**
 Master in City Planning with Urban Design Certificate. Thesis on planning of urban ports. GPA 4.8/5.0
Wesleyan University | Middletown, CT **Class of 2013**
 Bachelor of Arts. GPA 3.86 (93.61). Major: Urban Design + Cultural Geography. Minors: Environmental
 Studies; Social, Cultural, and Critical Theory. Thesis on creation of the US interstate highway system.
International Honors Program: Cities in the Twenty-First Century **Fall 2011**
 Interdisciplinary, comparative urban studies study abroad program in Brazil, South Africa, Vietnam.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Urban Planner + Associate, Utile Architecture + Planning | Boston, MA **January 2021 – Current**
Urban Planner, Utile Architecture + Planning | Boston, MA **November 2020 – December 2020**
Urban Planner, WRT Design | Philadelphia, PA **August 2018 – November 2020**
 Responsibilities include project management, business development and proposals, informing projects
 with design ideas, preparing graphics for presentations and reports, research, community engagement,
 quantitative and qualitative analysis, mapping, writing, public speaking, and plan design.
Planning & Urban Design Intern, WRT Design | Philadelphia, PA **Summer 2018**
Urban Design Intern, Boston Planning & Development Agency | Boston, MA **Summer 2017**
 Aided in the development of urban design guidelines for large parcel dispositions and development
 project approvals. Also designed graphic aides and process guides to streamline internal workflows.
Housing Inclusion Specialist, Tremont West Development Corp. | Cleveland, OH **December 2015 – August 2016**
 Designed and implemented local inclusionary housing policy at City of Cleveland's Land Bank which
 ensures inclusion of affordable housing as part of infill development on vacant land. Designed real
 estate development pro formas that ensure inclusion of affordable units in larger-scale rehab projects.
 A time-limited research and advocacy position funded by Enterprise Community Partners.
Placemaking Fellow, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress | Cleveland, OH **March 2014 – June 2015**
 One year fellowship - responsible for project management, stakeholder engagement and strategic
 advancement of three initiatives: (1) Re-Imagining Cleveland - an award-winning competitive vacant
 land reuse grant program, (2) Kresge Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative and (3) West
 25th Street Corridor - a complex transit oriented development and wealth building initiative intertwined
 with a grassroots cultural placemaking and economic development initiative, La Villa Hispana.
Junior GIS Analyst, Patrick Engineering | Boston, MA **September 2013 – February 2014**
 Responsible for GIS-based wind farm mapping project requiring project management as well as direct
 work of interpreting, validating, aggregating, and entering geographic data. Specialized in interpretation
 and quality assurance for parcel-based legal agreements. Clients were predominantly wind power
 generation, telecommunication, and rail companies within the continental US.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Phi Beta Kappa **Spring 2013**
University Honors **Spring 2013**
 Highest academic award Wesleyan bestows. One of three recipients in a class of 785. Awarded in
 recognition of overall academic record and thesis blending history, art history, architecture, ethnography
 and political economy: *The Interstate System in the American Cultural Memory: The Creation and
 Contestation of the Highway Spaces of Cleveland and Detroit, Postwar to Present.*

SKILLS

Data Visualization + Mapping – Esri GIS products (ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, Operations Dashboard), Excel, R.
Graphic + Design Softwares – Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop), AutoCAD, Rhino, SketchUp.
Communication + Research – writing, editing, research (online, textual, archival, conversational, observational).
Project Management + Proposals – scoping, budgeting, scheduling, work plan design, reporting, quality assurance.