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EDUCATION

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Cambridge, MA / Class of 2026

Master in Urban Planning Candidate /
Urban Design Concentration

University of California, Berkeley College of Environmental Design

Berkeley, CA / Class of 2023

B.A. Urban Studies (Honors)

B.S. Society and Environment (Honors) /
US Policy and Management

Minor in Sustainable Design

Cumulative GPA: 3.90 / 4.00

AWARDS

Harvard Climate Fellowship

June - August 2025

Summer funding & mentorship program
for work advancing climate policy.

APA Diversity Scholarship

October 2024

National award for advancing social
equity & academic achievement in the
planning field.

SKILLS

3D Modeling & Rendering: Rhino,
SketchUp, V-Ray, Enscape

Adobe: Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop

Spatial Analysis: ArcGIS Pro, R Studio

WORK EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Planning Department

Waterfront Design Fellow / San Francisco, CA / June - August 2025

Produced & presented site analyses, precedents, & concept designs for Ferry
Building plazas.

Built skills in visual storytelling & planning analysis, translating design ideas
into clear graphics & narratives.

Contributed to inter-agency coordination discussions, using the plaza project
to show how departments align & implement.

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Livable Streets Intern / San Francisco, CA / June 2023 - March 2024

Assembled bicycle parking legislative packets for legibility at public hearings
& with installation teams.

Conducted 30+ hours of fieldwork to identify sidewalk parking & on-street
corral sites to support long-term sustainable urban mobility initiatives.

Managed data for 100+ bicycle parking items, contributing to striping
drawing updates for urban infrastructure improvements.

URBNarc

Sustainable Design Intern / Singapore, SG / June - August 2022

Developed & refined architectural models to promote sustainable design and
convey plans to clients.

Participated in on-site project visits to understand how effective
communication ensures sustainability in design implementation.

Contributed to strategic meetings, gaining insights into sustainable sourcing
& long-term sustainability goals.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Research Assistant / Cambridge, MA / January 2026 - Present

Collaborated with faculty to design and produce studio book publication,
translating semester research and design work into cohesive volume.

Led layout development and formatting in Adobe InDesign, Led layout
development and formatting in Adobe InDesign, coordinated compilation,
editing, and final preparation of all student materials, ensuring accuracy,
clarity, and consistent visual standards.

SDG Undergraduate Research Group

Urban Agriculture Researcher / Berkeley, CA / February - May 2022

Analyzed GIS data for over 30 urban agriculture sites to deepen
understanding of local food systems & community sustainability.

Created an interactive Story Maps website to enhance public engagement
with urban agriculture, underscoring its impact on food sovereignty & social
equity.

Presented research at biannual symposium, uplifting role of equitable access
in fostering sustainable urban food landscapes.