



LETTER FROM YOUR STUDENT REPS

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Welcome to the eighth annual ACSP Student Bulletin! Here, you will find information regarding student activities at the upcoming fall conference. This year there are two student workshops, including Non-Academic Career Paths for Planning Students and Preparing for the Academic Job Market. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the "Doctor Is In!" clinic and the Peer Mentoring Program. This year the student representatives are also hosting a Student Reception.

This issue also has multiple sections of information relevant to student members. Check out sections on the student award winners this year, interest group descriptions, ACSP website navigation tips, and the call for the next student representative. We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis at the Student Reception and other student-focused sessions and programs! For any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact us at acspstudentnetwork@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Meet your Student Representatives



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Student Award Winners

Congratulations to the following student award winners who will be honored for their contribution to planning scholarship at this year's conference!

Chunwu Zhu, Texas A&M University - **Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning**
Urban AI for Safe and Equitable Streets: Evaluating Roadway Safety and Equity Through Artificial Intelligence

Victoria Avis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology - **Don Schön Award for Excellence in Learning from Practice**
Spatial Thinking as an Analytical Lens for Bilateral International Development

Maria Binte Edrish, Kansas State University - **Ed McClure Award for the Best Master's Student Paper**
Changing Foodscape of Kansas City Metropolitan Area: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis

Justin Kollar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology - **Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation on International Planning**
Silicon Frontier: Techno-Statecraft and the Geopolitical Ecology of Digital Capitalism

Meghna Mohandas, University of British Columbia - **Marsha Ritzdorf Award for the Best Student Work on Diversity, Social Justice and the Role of Women in Planning (FWIG)**
Theorizing "rental unfreedoms": Northeastern migrant women's experiences of housing violence in urban India

Learn more about these students and their research on the ACSP website:

<https://www.acsp.org/news/707629/Please-Join-ACSP-in-Recognizing-the-2025-Student-Award-Winners.htm>

ACSP 2024 Student Sessions and Programming

Student Reception

Thursday, October 23, 6:30 – 8:00 PM PST

Join your fellow students in an evening of networking at the annual student reception. All students are welcome (no ticket required), and we hope to see you there!

Preparing for the Academic Job Market

Thursday, October 23, 02:00 – 3:15 PM PST

This panel discussion will provide students on the academic job market with advice about how to prepare your job market materials, what to expect with campus visits, and how to successfully navigate the search process. Our panelists this year are Dr. Ladan Mozaffarian (University of Oklahoma), Dr. Joshua Davidson (Oberlin College),

Dr. Mor Shilon (University of California, San Diego), Dr. Divya Chandrasekhar (University of Utah). The format is primarily focused on student concerns, so come prepared with questions!

Non-Academic Career Paths for Planning Students

Saturday, October 25, 2:00 – 3:15 PM PST

This workshop will introduce tools and strategies that students can use to gain a range of skills for non-academic jobs while in their programs, talk about job search strategies, and consider how students can discuss these options with their advisors. Our panelists this year are Corrin Wendell (YEP! Youth Engagement Planning), Dr. Eric Lind (Center for Transportation Studies, University of Minnesota), Michelle Lincoln (ex multi-local government experiences), Dr. Darcie Vandegrift (Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities). The format is primarily focused on student concerns, so come prepared with questions!

Peer Mentoring Program

Throughout Conference

Need help figuring out how to network and navigate the annual conference? If you signed up for this opportunity, make sure to connect with your peer mentor and learn from another student's experiences.

“Doctor Is In!” Clinic

Self-Scheduled with Faculty Members

Need feedback on your CV, researcher interests, or career options? If you signed up for this opportunity, make sure to schedule a meet up with your assigned faculty member.

Call for New Student Representative

ACSP has two Student Governing Board Representatives who each serve two-year alternating terms, which means that ACSP seeks students interested in serving on the governing board on an annual basis. The role of the Student Representatives is to ensure that the concerns of students are reflected in the discussions and decisions of the ACSP Governing Board. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in an ACSP member planning program as a doctoral student for the entire length of their term. Applications for the 2026-2028 term are due January 24, 2025. More information on the call can be accessed at: <https://www.acsp.org/page/StudentRepCall>

Special Interest Groups

Faculty and student members of the ACSP can join these groups and engage with like-minded colleagues within the group. Click the links below to visit each group's homepage.

Faculty Women's Interest Group (FWIG): Seeks to encourage and support women faculty and graduate students in urban and regional planning as well as those conducting research and outreach on planning issues critical to women.

Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG): GPEIG's mission is to enable planning educators and students to collaboratively share global perspectives in planning education and research.

Queers & Trans in Planning Interest Group (QT-IG formerly Inclusion): QT-IG requires openness to the intersectional nature of identity, acknowledging the different experiences of people along the lines of race, class, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion and life experience.

Planners of Color Interest Group (POCIG): The mission of the POCIG is to advance the interests and concerns of people and communities of color within the planning academia and the profession.

ACSP Website

The ACSP website is a great place to connect with fellow students, receive news or announcements, and access job postings. The student section of the ACSP website is a resource hub for students in planning.

Features include:

- Student communication – find information about communication tools including the ACSP Student Network Slack and the annual student bulletin (<https://www.acsp.org/page/StudentCommunication>)

- Student resources – access the career center, student advice blogs, and student planning publications (<https://www.acsp.org/page/StudentResources>)
- Student conference initiatives – learn about what the ACSP annual conference has to offer students (<https://www.acsp.org/page/StudentInitiatives>)

Career Center

The ACSP Career Center serves as the resource for student members to manage their career. Student members are encouraged to visit the Career Center page regularly and:

- Search and apply to the best planning jobs at organizations that value your credentials.
- Upload your anonymous resume so employers can contact you, while maintaining control of your information and choosing to whom you release your information.
- Receive an alert every time a job becomes available that matches your personal profile, skills, interests, and preferred location(s).
- Access career resources as well as job searching tips and tools.

Access the Career Center at <https://jobs.acsp.org/>

Email your questions to careers@acsp.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I join as a student member of ACSP? To become a Student Member of ACSP, visit [acsp.org/page/IndividualMember](https://www.acsp.org/page/IndividualMember). You'll find information about costs and benefits of membership, which is \$95 per year and includes one-year on-line JPER subscription plus student discounts for conference registration. Postdocs also qualify for the Student Member rate.

Do I have to pay for membership before using the website? No, paid membership is not required to use the website! You don't have to be a dues-paying member to create a profile – you can register as a guest user of [acsp.org](https://www.acsp.org) for free. Guest users do not get any conference registration discounts or a JPER subscription. To sign up as a guest user, follow this link: [acsp.org/page/JoinACSP](https://www.acsp.org/page/JoinACSP) I have additional questions.

Who do I contact? For more information, please contact Damien Raimondi, the ACSP web manager, at damien@acsp.org. If you have ideas for the website, please contact the student reps at acspstudentnetwork@gmail.com.

How do students communicate with each other? Students communicate with each other and share resources at the ACSP Student Network Slack channel. To join, email acspstudentnetwork@gmail.com and include your name and school/affiliation so we can grant you access to the workspace.