



## Student Bulletin | Fall 2026, Volume 10

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### Letter From Your Student Reps

Welcome to the tenth 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 be participating 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 connecting with you during student-focused sessions and programs! For any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact us at [acspstudentnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:acspstudentnetwork@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

*Danna Gutiérrez Lanza & Hyewon Yoon*

## **Meet your Student Representatives**



### **Danna Gutiérrez**

**Lanza**, 2025-2027, is a PhD Candidate of Urban and Regional Planning at Michigan State University. Her research focuses on examining the effects of regulatory systems and the role of local government in the governance and spatial distribution of housing inequality.

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### **Hyewon Yoon**, 2026-

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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!

**Jay Arzu**, University of Pennsylvania - **Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning**  
*The Roosevelt Boulevard Subway: A Century of Promise, Politics, and Persistence (1913-2026)*

**Prasanthi Cottingham**, Harvard University - **Don Schön Award for Excellence in Learning from Practice**  
*The Mutually Fulfilling Cities Project: A caring framework applied to public space*

**Cheng-Kai Hsu**, University of California, Berkeley- **Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation on International Planning**  
*Extreme Heat and Road Safety in the Era of a Changing Climate and the Precariousness of the Gig Economy—Evidence from Taiwan and Latin America*

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

## **ACSP 2026 Student Sessions and Programming**

### **Student Reception**

**Thursday, October 08, 05:30 PM – 07:30 PM EST**

Join us on Thursday night at the Community Center at the Wyndham Hotel for our annual student reception. Get to know your representatives and connect with other students attending this year's conference. We will provide light snacks! This is an informal gathering space where you will get to network with other students and find your future colleagues and co-authors.

### **Preparing for the Academic Job Market**

**Thursday, October 08, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST**

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. Divya Chandrasekhar (University of Utah) and Dr. Anton Rozhkov (NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service). This panel is based on conversation between panelists and students to address your questions.

### **Non-Academic Career Paths for Planning Students**

**Friday, October 09, 8:45 – 10:15 AM EST**

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 Ethan Yicheng Xu (Georgetown County Government), Simon Tan (Sound Transit), Yijun Zhang (MKSK), and Emma Falkenstein (Highland Planning). The format is primarily focused on student concerns, so come prepared with questions!

#### **“Doctor Is In!” Clinic**

**Friday, October 09, 10:30AM – 12:00 PM EST or Scheduled with Faculty Mentor**

Need feedback on your CV, researcher interests, or career options? If you signed up for this opportunity, make sure to join us for the in-person session or schedule a meet up with your assigned faculty mentor.

#### **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.

### **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.

Please send your application materials as a single PDF attachment in one email, no later than 12:00 midnight EST, January 23, 2027, to [acspspstudentnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:acspspstudentnetwork@gmail.com) with “ACSP STUDENT REP 2027-2029 APPLICATION” in the subject line. Questions may be directed to the current ACSP Governing Board Representatives. Find us throughout the conference!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:damien@acsp.org). If you have ideas for the website, please contact the student reps at [acspstudentnetwork@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:acspstudentnetwork@gmail.com) and include your name and school/affiliation so we can grant you access to the workspace.