

# Newsletter

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**Environmental Planning Career Pathways Webinar**  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:15 p.m. E.T.  
[Register Here](#)

## Communications Updates

### *Want to have a project featured in the next issue?*

We are always looking for new content for our newsletters. If you have been working on an ENRE related project for work, research or just for fun, we would be happy to work with you to create a feature study for the next newsletter. Email us to learn more about this opportunity at [apaenre@gmail.com](mailto:apaenre@gmail.com)

### *Students: do you want to be featured in our student spotlight?*

On pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter you can see our new student spotlights. In this issue we feature the members of the ENRE student committee: Mirit Friedman, Lexie Korol, Alaina Lipp, and Ed Kroll. If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, just answer the 8 questions listed in each spotlight and send them with a picture of yourself to [apaenre@gmail.com](mailto:apaenre@gmail.com).

### *It's official!! ENRE is now on LinkedIn and Facebook*

Join the Division's Facebook page to share and learn about projects, news, or ideas about environmental planning, natural resources, or energy.

Join the Division's LinkedIn to share job postings, professional news, conference & webinar information, etc.



### *Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Professional Pathways Webinar*

Join APA's Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy (ENRE) Division on **May 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:15 p.m. E.T.** for an informative and inspiring discussion focused on environmental planning career pathways. The United Nations estimates 60 percent of the world's human population will live in urban areas by 2030, with one in every three people living in cities with at least half a million inhabitants (World's Cities 2016). One thing is certain: good city planning and environmental planning will remain intertwined in the 21st century.

A panel of professionals from diverse career levels will discuss a wide range of important topics including career development, establishing a professional network, and projections for opportunities in environmental planning. This moderated panel will allow panelists to share their own experiences and stories. Webinar audience members will be able to participate through the use of live polling technology and interactive questions.

#### **Speakers**

- Cade Hobbick, AICP, LEED-AP, Supervising Environmental Planner, STV Incorporated, New York
- Danielle Buehler, Sustainability Program Manager, Philadelphia International Airport
- Rebecca Everette, AICP, Senior Environmental Planner, City of Fort Collins, Colorado

Facilitated by Stephanie Blochowiak, ENRE Professional Development Chair

### *Conference Conversations - Where Student-Professional Connections Happen \*Bring Your Conference Schedule to the ENRE Business Meeting\**

In an effort to connect students with professionals in the ENRE Division, we are facilitating an informal match-making process during the ENRE business meeting. If you are a professional attending the APA NPC and are interested in meeting and chatting with students from the ENRE Division, bring your conference schedule to the business meeting (same goes for students). At the meeting, we will be handing out stickers for name badges to people who are interested in attending sessions with students. This will help students identify professionals who are willing to go to sessions together and will help create a welcoming environment for conversations about sessions that are of similar interest! Have any questions about how this will work? Email Mirit Friedman at [miritfriedman@gatech.edu](mailto:miritfriedman@gatech.edu)

# MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Malika Hainer, AICP, LEED AP ND** is the Chair of the ENRE Division. She is a Coordinating Planner with the City of Chicago's Department of Aviation and oversees development and planning projects at O'Hare and Midway airports. Besides green roofs and an apiary, one of her favorite low-tech environmental initiatives at the O'Hare includes using goats, sheep, and llamas to mow grass on the far northeastern corner of the 8,000 acre airport. Malika has a dual Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from India. She joined the ENRE Division as a student in 2009 to network with professionals working in the field of energy planning, and has since served the Executive Committee as the National Conference Session Proposal Coordinator

**Fun fact:** Malika enjoys re-purposing paper straw covers as origami stars.



**Ian Crelling** is the Secretary/Treasurer of the ENRE Division. He is the Planning Manager for the Community Development Department at Bay County, FL. In this role he collaborated in the Sector Plan that helps Bay County preserve over 53,000 acres of land for conservation. He has a bachelor's and master's in Urban Planning from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He joined the APA ENRE Division as an undergraduate student at UIUC in 1999. One of his initial jobs was to help create the very first ENRE website as part of a summer internship.

**Fun fact:** Ian lived for 2 years in England when he was a child.



**Ralph Willmer, FAICP** is currently a member of the Division's Executive Committee and previously served as Chair for two terms and continuous to provide advice and guidance to the committee today. He is the Technical Assistance Program Manager and Principal Planner at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. He is very involved with open space and recreation planning providing greater equity in access to park and recreational resources. Ralph has a B.S. in Environmental and Resources Management from the State University of New York, and a M.A. in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University. He joined APA and ENRE as a way to enhance his knowledge of environmental planning at a national level and because of his interest in legislative issues.

**Fun Fact:** Ralph likes attending venues to catch some live music. While he does not play a musical instrument, he considers himself to be pretty good at playing the stereo.



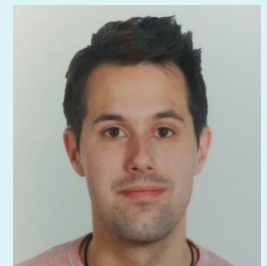
**Stephanie Blochowiak** is the Professional Development Chair of the ENRE Division. She is an Environmental Planner for Community, Development and Neighborhood Services at the City of Fort Collins, CO. She has a BS in Biology from Oklahoma State University and a dual graduate degree in Conservation Leadership from Colorado State University and El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR). Stephanie joined the ENRE Division to help advance Environmental Planning as a profession, including stewardship of the next generation of individuals pursuing the profession.

**Fun fact:** Stephanie began college as a Percussion Music Major.



**Dara Reiff** is the Communications Co-Chair of the ENRE Division. She is a Nonprofit Program Manager at Elevate Energy. Prior to this role, Dara was a part of Elevate's energy planning team contributing to development of state and local energy plans and other public sector projects such as energy benchmarking policies and community stakeholder engagement. She has a B.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dara joined the ENRE Division as a way to get more involved in APA and connect with other planners interested in energy and sustainability planning.

**Fun Fact:** Dara has been dabbling in woodworking and managed to build herself a dining room table out of reclaimed lumber!



**Unai Miguel Andres** is the Communications Co-Chair of the ENRE Division. He is a GIS & Data Analyst at The Polis Center at IUPUI. In this role, he works on developing Local Multihazard Mitigation Plans for Counties in Indiana. He has a Master's Degree in Urban & Regional Planning and an M.S. in Natural Resources & Environmental Management from Ball State University, and a BS in Environmental Science from Lake Superior State University. He joined the ENRE Division to network with professionals in the field of environmental planning, and to expand his knowledge about nature integration in urban development.

**Fun fact:** Unai is a certified Leisure & Outdoor instructor in his home country of Spain.



**Jessica Conquest** recently joined the executive committee & will be coordinating the AICP CEP exam study group. She is a planner at Environmental Science Associates (ESA). While working at ESA, she has specialized in visual impact assessments. One of her larger projects has been assessing visual impacts associated with an 18-mile, 230 kV transmission line that traverses residential neighborhoods in four jurisdictions. She has a BA in Environmental Studies. Jessica joined ENRE in the hope that she may be able to contribute her knowledge and skills to help support the Division.

**Fun fact:** Jessica loves spending most of her spare time outside, whether it is hiking, biking, camping, or being on the water.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Mirit Friedman

**School:** Georgia Institute of Technology

**Current Internship:** The Atlanta Regional Commission, Community Development Group

**Future Career Goals:** Inspiring people to live and create more sustainable lifestyles.

**What do you want to do with your career:** I hope to build skills in all facets of planning that would contribute to my understanding of how to create sustainable cities. Eventually, I hope to lead interdisciplinary teams to promote those ideals.

**What do you see the future of planning as:** As wicked planning problems grow, planners will need to more effectively communicate and work with other disciplines and dimensions of planning. Planning's future rests in planners ability to facilitate those difficult conversations and ensure that human and ecological elements center the conversations.

**Why did you join ENRE:** I saw the opportunity to learn from people who are doing things that I would like to do in my future, and I wanted to be a part of that learning environment.

**Who would you want as a dinner guest:** E.O. Wilson

**Where would you want to travel next:** Acadia National Park



**Name:** Lexie Korol

**School:** Hunter College, New York, NY

**Current Internship:** The New York City Department of Transportation Project Delivery Unit

**Future Career Goals:** To create more equitable and sustainable cities for future generations especially with the increasing threat of climate change and a changing landscape.

**What do you want to do with your career:** As transportation is my specialization for my Master's degree, I would like to be involved in advocating for and implementing more sustainable modes of transportation within cities, as transportation is what helps cities circulate and thrive.

**What do you see the future of planning as:** I think we, as planners, need to be connected to the community, not only to understand where they are coming from but to instill changes that will make positive and lasting impacts in our cities.

**Why did you join ENRE:** To be connected with like-minded professionals and students working towards a more sustainable future.

**Who would you want as a dinner guest:** Jennifer Lawrence

**Where would you want to travel next:** Tokyo, Japan



**Name:** Alaina Lipp

**School:** UC Berkeley

**Future career goals:** My future career goals are to work in city or county government planning so I can be on the front lines of positive change at a local level.

**What do you want to do with your career:** I want a better future for my daughter to be the product of my career. She has been born into a world of receding prosperity and I hope to tip the scale back towards a future of safety and plenty. For me, working as an environmental planner is doing my part.

**What do you see the future of planning as:** With better analytical tools and methodology that can be made transparent to the public, I see planning becoming the center of decision making. I hope that when opportunities and costs are more clearly delineated to the public they will be better able to represent their best interests to their elected officials.

**Why did you join ENRE:** ENRE is the Division that most reflects my interests and professional background. The APA doesn't accredit my degree but its interests are closely aligned with my own and I want to work with whomever is creating positive change.

**Who would you want as a dinner guest:** Barbara Kingsolver, one of my favorite authors.

**Where would you want to travel next:** The Galapagos, to walk the ground that Darwin walked.



**Name:** Ed Kroll

**School:** SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

**Future Career Goals:** I plan to increase my professional knowledge and training in the field of urban planning and sustainability through graduate coursework, new experiences and other opportunities for comprehensive growth to prepare myself for a meaningful career as a leader, researcher, communicator and planner.

**What do you want to do with your career:** In my career I hope to bridge the gaps between planning, sustainability and public health in the work that I do, to build healthier, more resilient and just communities. I see the benefits of gaining experience in different sectors in order to bring new perspectives, ideas and innovation into the planning profession.

**What do you see the future of planning as:** As the field of planning is naturally a collaborative field, I see the future of planning (and challenge it) to further its collaboration with diverse stakeholders and involve them in the decision making process beyond minimal statutory requirements.

**Why did you join ENRE:** As an individual passionate about sustainability, joining the ENRE Division was in natural alignment with my deep commitment to the environment and professional goals to continually expose myself to new topics and solutions in this field. The Division offers opportunities to stay up to date on latest issues in the field, while serving as a chance to collaborate with others involved in the profession.

**Who would you want as a dinner guest:** Jane Jacobs

**Where would you want to travel next:** Portland, Oregon



# 3 DIVISION SPECIAL EVENT AT THE APA NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

**MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 (5:30 PM - 9:00 PM)**

@ The Port of New Orleans Administration Bldg.  
1350 Port of New Orleans Place, 70130

(Located right across the street from the Morial Convention Center)

# 1

## PLENARY PANEL ON LOCAL RESILIENCE EFFORTS

**Gentilly: Snapshot of a Sustainable Recovery (1.5 CM credits)(starts at 5:30 PM)**

Interested in learning about local rebuilding efforts stemming from Hurricane Katrina? Join us for a panel plenary focused on the recovery efforts in the Gentilly neighborhood. Confirmed panelists include an array of local professionals who have a longstanding history of work within the Gentilly District and New Orleans in the public, non-profit and/or private sectors.

# 2

## EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS & JOINT RECEPTION

Following the panel will be the presentation of the 5th Annual Excellence in Sustainability Awards, other programming, and a three-division reception for the Sustainable Communities; Environment, Natural Resources and Energy; & Private Practice Divisions. The reception will include domestic beer, wine, water, assorted soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres consisting of local New Orleans cuisine.

### REGISTRATION

Register using the link below or through APA's NPC online program (search for Gentilly).

- \$20.00 per ticket
- Register at: <https://www.planning.org/events/nationalconferenceactivity/914564/>

The registration fee is inclusive of the panel, awards, and reception (including all food and drink). Based on our experience from past events, we expect it to sell out before the start of the conference. To guarantee your spot, register early!

Space is running out. To guarantee your spot, register today!

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