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Education

Master of Planning | University of Southern California | Los Angeles, California May, 2019
Dean's Merit Scholarship | GPA: 3.65/4
Dual Graduate Certificates: Sustainable Policy and Planning; International Policy and Planning
Bachelor of Planning | CEPT University | Ahmedabad, India May, 2017
Final Year Thesis: 'Assessing the viability of decentralized solid waste mechanisms in Ahmedabad'

Work Experience

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Los Angeles Intern
Working in the Sustainability department and assisting them with data visualizations and maps for their upcoming 2020 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCAL). Also working with InfoUSA and BOE datasets to analyze the changing retail trends in the region. April, 2018 to Present
East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy (ELARA) in association with Public Matters, Los Angeles Intern
Project Name: Greetings from East LA | Worked with the students at ELARA to expose them to the field of urban planning, explain complex planning terms and concepts to them in an easy and interesting way. Oct, 2017 to April, 2018
Conduct advanced research, attend classes, and help engage the students.
Archiprix 2017 held at CEPT University, Ahmedabad Research Assistant
Worked on the dossier for Archiprix '17 Workshops. The dossier captures the character of Ahmedabad across a 9 meter cross section of the city and shows the paradoxes that exist due to its urban character. Link: <https://vimeo.com/211629927>; <https://vimeo.com/211630183> Aug, 2016 to Feb, 2017
Center of Excellence in Urban Transport (CoE-UT), Ahmedabad Intern
Analyzed and compiled the indicators of benchmarking 6 Indian cities, Ahmedabad, Surat, Hubli-Dharwad, Mysore, Bhubaneswar, Kohima; based on their Urban Transport. May to July, 2016
Mahila Housing Trust, SEWA, Ahmedabad Intern
Worked on the Global Resilience Programme that examines how resilient and vulnerable are slums towards climate change. April, 2016 to May, 2017
Center for Environmental Education (CEE), Ahmedabad Intern
Worked on the urban goal for the international conference on the role of education as a driver in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Nov to Dec, 2015

Skills

Subject Related Software:

ArcGIS & ArcGIS Online; Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premier); CartoDB; AutoCad 2D; GeoDa; SketchUp; Microsoft Office; MapBox

Subject Related Skills:

Participatory Planning Methods; Field Surveys and Analysis; Compilation and Report Writing; Research and Documentation; Accustomed with teamwork; LEED Green Buildings Certification

Additional Languages Known: Hindi, Gujarati

Leadership Roles and Achievements

- LEED Green Associate Certified, a major professional credential signifying core competency in green building principles and in foundational LEED Green Building Credential System – June, 2018
- Professional Development Chair for Associated Students of Planning and Development (ASPD), it explores and promotes professional development activities related to the field of urban planning within USC Price – May, 2018 to April, 2019
- Co-Executive Director for Price Women and Allies, a student organization that seeks to foster a community at USC for those that identify as women, and their allies, in the world of public service – March, 2018 to April, 2019
- Boot Camp Coordinator for USC Price, a paid position where I am curating and managing the 14 workshops throughout the year – May, 2018 to April, 2019
- Peer Advisor for My Resume Bar, a program developed by USC Price Office of Career Services, which is run by trained master's students who support students in creating, editing and perfecting their resume and LinkedIn profile – Sept, 2018 to May, 2019
- Student Ambassador for USC Sol Price School for Public Policy – September, 2017 to May, 2019