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BS Community and Regional Planning,
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Work Experience

City of Tillamook, City Planner	June 2021-Present	Administering planning, tax increment financing, and code enforcement programs for a city of 5,000. Supervising one employee and acting as a top-level department head.
ISU College of Design, Undergraduate Research Assistant	Feb. 2019-Aug. 2020	With Community and Regional Planning Prof. Mônica Haddad. Grant writing, editing, literature review, GIS, qualitative data analysis, and fieldwork.
ISU OPPTAG, Counselor & Resident Assistant	Summer 2018 & 2019	Camp programming for social and emotional development with gifted students grades 3-11.

Projects and Examples of Work

Urban Utopias: Researching, writing, and publishing blog articles covering urban design, government, and socioeconomic theory. Active Sep. 2018-Apr. 2021.

Expanding Access to Quality Affordable Housing in Grand Junction, Iowa: Final studio project, a set of proposals for quality affordable housing in a small town in Iowa.

City of Adel Downtown Plan: Survey design, writing, editing, and layout design before and after graduate studio, with Prof. Mônica Haddad. Adopted Mar. 2020.

Activities and Leadership

ISU Fencing Club	Fall 2017-Spring 2021	Head Coach, 2019-2020. Planning weekly practices and lessons, coaching fencers at competitions.
FIRST Robotics Competition, Team 4646 ASAP	2014-2017	Representation Team Leader and Safety Captain, 2015-2016; Team Co-Captain, 2016-2017. Constructing a competitive robot from scratch, outreach and volunteer work.

Items of Note

Software Skills: ArcGIS Pro/Online • RStudio • NVivo Qualitative Analysis • Qualtrics Survey Design • Microsoft Office • WordPress • C++ • Python

Honors: AICP Candidate • Exemplary Student Project Award, APA Iowa, 2020 & 2021 (Adel Plan, Affordable Housing in Grand Junction) • APA Outstanding Planning Student Award, 2020 • Chi Epsilon Honor Society

Professional Development: 2023 League of Oregon Cities Spring Conference • ESRI User Conference 2020 & 2021 • 2020 Upper Midwest APA Virtual Conference