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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA | STUART WEITZMAN SCHOOL OF DESIGN | PHILADELPHIA, PA, USA | AUG 2022 - PRES
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in City and Regional Planning | Presidential PhD Fellow | Fontaine Fellow | Class of 2026

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY | SCHOOL OF PUBLIC & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS | PRINCETON, NJ, USA | SEP 2017 - JUN 2019
Master in Public Affairs (MPA), International Development | Class of 2019

FOCUS: Urban policy and planning, informality, sustainable transport, climate resiliency, local economic development

CAPSTONE: Improving Urban Resilience in Accra, Ghana for Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities Initiative

SELECT COURSEWORK:

- Urban Informality: Urban planning in Global South, urban policy, informal economy, informal settlements, informal transport
- Implementing Urban Economic Development: Agglomeration, innovation, real estate, tourism, competitiveness, PPPs, FDI, infrastructure
- Program & Policy Evaluation: M&E, cost-benefit analysis, impact evaluation design, theory of change, logic models, implementation studies
- Economic Analysis of Development: Poverty, foreign aid, health, education, social protections, microcredit, migration, conflict
- Comparative Political Economy of Development: East Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, India, China, globalization, poverty
- Global Environmental Governance: Climate change, international law, UNFCCC, UNCLOS, negotiation design, trade, Arctic, ocean plastics

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME | SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE | NOTRE DAME, IN, USA | AUG 2006 - MAY 2011 (5-YR PROF. DEG.)
Bachelor of Architecture (B.ARCH), *cum laude* | Minor in Italian Language, Literature, and Culture | Class of 2011

FOCUS: Sustainable urban planning, urban design, placemaking, rural-to-urban transect, local building technologies

AWARD-WINNING THESIS: Northeast Neighborhood Redevelopment in South Bend, Indiana

- Jane Jacobs Award with Prize: Inaugural recipient for demonstrated commitment to community building and urban planning
- Designed a 17-acre (69,000 m²) neighborhood redevelopment plan to regenerate land and spur local economic development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK | HUMAN SETTLEMENTS EXPERT (CONSULTANT) | JAKARTA, INDONESIA | JAN 2020 - AUG 2022
FULL-TIME | PAID | TEAM LEADER

- Led a pilot study of city livability in two Indonesian cities. Managed an 8-person team, plus 22 locally based survey enumerators.
- Led program design and processing of the Livable Settlements Investment Project (LSIP), a potential US\$150 million multi-year loan program that would finance climate-resilient slum improvements in Indonesian cities. Managed an 11-person global team in a diverse and bilingual working environment and conducted duties with cultural sensitivity.
- Provided research and analysis of program related issues including urban poverty, informality, affordable housing, water and sanitation, social protections, climate change, nature-based solutions, smart cities, digital innovation, and the new capital city.
- Developed performance monitoring systems and indicators to communicate program inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes.
- Coordinated activities across multiple offices and trust funds, including Southeast Asia Urban Development Water, Sustainable Development & Climate Change, NGO & Civil Society Center, ASEAN Australia Smart Cities Trust Fund, and Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund.
- Presented findings and recommendations to internal and external partners, including upper management, governments, and private sector.
- Translated urban development strategies, analyses, and concepts into functional statements of work and knowledge products, including budget estimates, processing schedules, work plans, presentations, policy memos, reports, book chapters, and blogs.
- Supported management of assistance instruments and contracts, including preparation of required lending documents for departmental review.
- Communicated in a foreign language (Indonesian) during internal meetings and select external meetings with local government partners.

THE WORLD BANK | URBAN DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (CONSULTANT) | JAKARTA, INDONESIA | JUL 2021 - JUL 2022
PART-TIME | PAID | TEAM MEMBER

- Provided research and writing for forthcoming reports including the Indonesia Country Climate and Development Report.
- Provided technical inputs and analysis on topical urban development issues in Indonesia and globally.

STEVEN W. SPANDLE ARCHITECT | ARCHITECT (CONSULTANT) | REMOTE WORK | JUL 2019 - JAN 2020

PART-TIME | PAID | TEAM MEMBER

- Drafted construction documents and reviewed construction submittals for the new tennis pavilion at the White House.
- Produced technical drawings for design development, bidding, and construction for various alterations and new construction projects.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION'S 100 RESILIENT CITIES (100RC) | GRADUATE CONSULTANT | ACCRA, GHANA | SEP 2018 - JAN 2019

PART-TIME | UNPAID | TEAM LEADER

- **Developed a new graduate course on urban informality and consulting project for 100RC that provided research, policy analysis, and urban design services to Accra city government (AMA) to strengthen urban mobility while supporting informal livelihoods of street vendors.** The city incorporated these recommendations into its [Accra Resilience Strategy](#), adopted in 2019.
- Conducted a fact-finding mission to Accra to collect and analyze primary data on transport and spatial conditions of two major intersections.
- Facilitated a participatory planning workshop in diverse working environment that included host-country government officials, private sector, international experts, and community organizations to present findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- Advised local government on inclusive public space and street design improvements that would prioritize urban mobility for vulnerable populations, such as pedestrians, along with legal and regulatory frameworks that would recognize informal street vending as a livelihood.
- Translated project concepts into functional statements of work including logframes, schedules, and work plans for the 12-person team.

UN-HABITAT (UN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME) | URBAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH ASST | HANOI, VIETNAM | JUN - SEP 2018

FULL-TIME | UNPAID | TEAM MEMBER

- **Developed a transboundary project for knowledge exchange of climate resilient building methods in communities along the Lower Mekong Basin, including in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.**
- Provided research on potential motorbike reduction strategies to support Hanoi city government's target to ban motorbikes by 2030.
- Provided research on local economic development based on R&D of green technologies for Ho Chi Minh City's innovation district.
- Supported project implementation of V-LED (low-emission development) capacity building workshops in Vietnam.
- Translated project concepts into functional statements of work including logframes and budget estimates to apply for funding.
- Communicated in a foreign language (Vietnamese) and conducted duties with cultural sensitivity toward differing forms of government.

FAIRFAX AND SAMMONS ARCHITECTS | JOB CAPTAIN | NEW YORK, NY, USA | APR 2015 - MAY 2017

FULL-TIME | PAID | TEAM LEADER

- **Designed and modeled an urban expansion master plan for an international urban planning competition in Andalusia for the Spanish Ministry of Public Works & Transport, balancing the need for development with preservation of land.** Directed a 6-person design team that included junior and senior staff. Integrated affordable housing, walkable streets, and public spaces into the Andalusian cliffside while preserving 85% of virgin land. Project was selected for a top prize.
- Drafted and supervised construction documents for a US\$30 million project.

CITY FABRICK | PROGRAM COORDINATOR | LONG BEACH, CA, USA | JUL 2014 - MAR 2015

FULL-TIME | PAID | TEAM MEMBER

City Fabrick is a urban design NGO that advises governments on urban design, housing, and transport policies and projects.

- **Researched and analyzed walkability and food access for a USDA-funded pedestrian plan and street design toolkit to improve health and urban planning in low-income neighborhoods.** The city adopted the [CX3 Pedestrian Plan](#) in 2017 as a technical appendix to its Mobility Element (planning document).
- Conducted public walk audits and workshops with residents and university students in 10 low-income and SNAP-Education eligible neighborhoods to assess the quality of urban mobility as a measure of access to nutritious food options.
- Partnered with local retailers, organizations, and institutions on advocacy and education campaigns on healthy eating and walkability.
- Managed assistance instruments and contracts, such as grant and subgrant reports to state and local health departments.
- Administered the Walk Long Beach program, a partnership with the local YMCA to advocate walkability and the pedestrian environment.

STUDIO ONE ELEVEN | DESIGNER III | LONG BEACH, CA, USA | DEC 2011 - JUL 2014

FULL-TIME | PAID | TEAM LEADER & TEAM MEMBER

Studio One Eleven is an architecture and urban planning firm that works with governments and developers on urban infill, transit-oriented development, and affordable housing projects.

- **Wrote the Downey Civic Center Master Plan, a 67-page planning document to regenerate 8-acres of underutilized parking lot into public green open space to stimulate civic and economic activity in the downtown area.** Surveyed civic institutions, local businesses, and churches to include community input. The city adopted the master plan in 2013 and has since begun construction.
- Managed project contract and client relations for a public space beautification project called Fierman Walkway, a pedestrian alleyway connecting a Los Angeles neighborhood to the downtown business district.
- Translated project concepts into 3D renderings to facilitate participatory planning at public workshops in diverse neighborhoods.
- Produced and coordinated technical drawings for a LEED certified green building called The EcoHouse, a daycare for homeless children.
- Provided design services for incubator spaces for microenterprises and over 300 affordable housing units for artists and seniors.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS | RESEARCH ASST | NOTRE DAME, IN, USA | NOV 2010 - MAY 2011

PART-TIME | PAID | TEAM MEMBER

- Researched program related topics such as neighborhood revitalization, community organization, education, violence prevention, and social entrepreneurship for the Director of Community Engagement.

ROBINSON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER | ADMINISTRATIVE ASST | NOTRE DAME, IN, USA | AUG 2009 - DEC 2010

PART-TIME | PAID | TEAM MEMBER

- Facilitated community development programs for local seniors, adults, and children including English as a Second Language classes, computer classes, tutoring, tax assistance, violence prevention, arts, and literacy.
- Managed the front desk and reception area including telephone communications and other administrative tasks.

LEADERSHIP, TEACHING, & SERVICE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT | SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR | PRINCETON UNIVERSITY | JAN 2018 - JAN 2019

Coordinated activities with Office of Sustainability, environmental departments, and student organizations for holistic program implementation.

UNITED NATIONS DAY | ORGANIZER | PRINCETON UNIVERSITY | OCT 2017

Initiated annual student visit to UN headquarters for inter-agency briefings from diplomats and senior policy advisors. Program now entering its 5th year.

INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE | TEACHING ASSISTANT | NEW YORK, NY, USA | JUN 2017

Assisted classes of 25-30 students in mastering the fundamental concepts and skills of classical architectural theory and design.

THE UNI PROJECT | VOLUNTEER | NEW YORK, NY, USA | MAY 2015 - AUG 2017

Enlivened public spaces in low-income communities across all five boroughs using a mobile library of children's books to encourage reading.

ARCH 11021 GRAPHICS II: DRAFTING | TEACHING ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME | FEB - MAY 2011

Mentored six students in the fundamental skills of architecture. Assisted faculty lead in reviewing and grading student assignments.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS | PRESIDENT | UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME | AUG 2009 - MAY 2010

Created four new club positions; organized the first annual student tour of architecture firms; and established the local chapter for Freedom by Design, an program that provides volunteer architectural services to the community.

BARAKA BOUTS WOMEN'S BOXING CLUB | MEMBER | UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME | AUG - NOV 2009

Boxed competitively to fundraise \$1,000 for the Holy Cross Missions (Catholic charities) in districts of Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

AMOR MINISTRIES | VOLUNTEER | BAJA CALIFORNIA PENINSULA, MEXICO | MAR 2008

One-week service trip with 25 architecture students to construct two wings of a church.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Das, A., van Etten, J., & Tran, T. (2021). Policies and programs for the urban poor: A focus on slum upgrading. *Informal services in Asian cities: Lessons for urban planning and management during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Asian Development Bank. Manuscript in preparation.
- Singh, G. & Tran, T. (2021). Towards sustainable cities: Digital development opportunities for climate action in urban areas. *Digital Development and Climate Change Flagship Report*. The World Bank. Manuscript in preparation.
- Tran, T. (17 November 2021). "Slums and the city: Enabling community-level interventions in Cirebon City, Indonesia." Resilience for the Urban Poor Forum. Asian Development Bank.
- Tran, T. (24 April 2019). "Intersections as Ecosystems." Why Cities? Informality as a Way of Life: Challenges to Sustainable Urban Development. University of Pennsylvania.
- van Etten, J. & Tran, T. (2020). To survive the pandemic, Indonesia's urban poor need economic support and help with basic services. *Navigating COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific*, 102-104. Asian Development Bank.
- van Etten, J. & Tran, T. (2020). "To bounce back from COVID-19, make space for Indonesia's urban poor." *Asian Development Blog*.

LANGUAGES, SKILLS, & CERTIFICATIONS

English (Native) | Vietnamese (Advanced) | Indonesian (Intermediate) | French (Elementary) | Italian (Intermediate)
Autodesk AutoCAD (Advanced) | Google Sketchup/Earth (Advanced) | ArcGIS & QGIS (Basic) | Stata (Basic) | MAXQDA (Basic)
Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator/InDesign (Advanced) | Freehand Drawing (Advanced) | Watercolor, Digital Rendering (Advanced)
Registered Architect (RA) | New York State | JAN 2020 - PRESENT

TRAVEL

MEDIA LANGUES GUADELOUPE | SAINTE-ANNE, GUADELOUPE | JAN 2019
One-month French language immersion in the French West Indies.

LAS CATALINAS URBAN DESIGN STUDIO | UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME | COSTA RICA & NICARAGUA | AUG 2010
One-week research trip across Costa Rica and Nicaragua to study context for the urban design of a new town in Guanacaste, Costa Rica.

ROME STUDIES PROGRAM | UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME | ROME, ITALY | AUG 2008 - MAY 2009
One-year immersion in Roman architecture, urban planning, and history with extensive travel throughout Italy.

PERSONAL TRAVEL
Traveled to over 25 countries across Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe.