

Students:

Alexandra Reitman ('04)

Originally from Montreal, Canada, Alexandra Reitman has worked in London for an urban planning and design firm and for the City of Tel Aviv in their long-range planning department. Her interests encompass economic development and urban design in large cities, with a specific focus on the revitalization of urban centers through waterfront redevelopment and large-scale development projects. Prior to enrolling in the Master's program in City Planning at MIT, Alexandra spent four years in New York City as a business strategy consultant.

Amy Kohn ('05)

Amy is a first year Masters of City Planning student in MIT's City Design and Development concentration. Before moving to Boston, Amy worked for a regional planning organization and a not-for-profit transportation association. Her primary planning interests include regional governance and urban performance.

Brian Robinson ('05)

Brian is from Atlanta, GA where he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and studied Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. After obtaining his B.S., he joined the Peace Corps and traveled to Chengdu, China to live for 2 years to teach environmental education at Sichuan University. In between and during all this he has interned and worked for the US Forest Service, the Georgia State Legislature, been a research assistant in geophysics and hydrology and worked at the outdoor retailers Patagonia and REI. Brian now is in his first year at MIT studying environmental planning and hopes to focus his studies on urban water resource issues.

Hao Tian ('04)

Hao obtained his Masters in Architecture from McGill University in Montreal. At MIT, he is a candidate of SMArchS degree and focuses are computational design and city design.

Holly Krambeck ('05)

Holly is a Master's degree candidate in urban planning and development economics. After graduating with honors from the University of Virginia (BA international affairs and Asian studies), she spent nearly three years in Beijing, editing a national magazine and working on corporate social responsibility issues with a public affairs firm. After leaving China, Holly studied economics and finance at the University of London, focusing on development issues in East Asia.

Isabelle Yi Xu ('05)

Currently, Isabelle is a Master of City Planning student at MIT. Her research interests focus on the urbanization issues in the process of economic development. She comes from Shanghai China, and is fluent in Mandarin and English. Prior to coming to MIT, she worked with an international management consulting firm in Asia.

Karen Hu ('05)

Karen Hu was born in Guangzhou, China and immigrated to the U.S. with her family when she was seven. After she received her bachelor's degree in Art History from Williams College, she opened and managed SCORE! Educational Centers in for kids from kindergarten to 9th grade in the New York metropolitan area. She is interested in working on waterfront redevelopment and sustainability issues in major metropolitan areas during and after her studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ray Hodges ('04)

As an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, Ray studied psychology, and is interested in the linkages between environment and behavior. His Master in City Planning thesis at MIT will investigate how housing can support the needs of two-member empty-nester households that include one person who has suffered a stroke or other debilitating illness or injury rendering his or her partner a 24-hour-a-day caretaker. Ray has a wider interest in the way the fields of planning and design interplay with people's well-being. Aside from planning, Ray is enthusiastic about travel, a number of sports, and many uses and activities that are supported by bodies of water.

Sarah Williams ('05)

Sarah Williams is currently enrolled in MIT to get her Master's in City Planning, with a focus in City Design and Development. While enrolled at MIT Sarah plans to focus on how to use innovative technologies to design more environmentally conscious cities. Sarah has a BA in Geography and History and some experience in Landscape Architecture. Sarah has worked in the field of Geography Information Systems for many years. After receiving her undergraduate degree she worked as a GIS Analyst for the Clark Labs and then for the Philadelphia Water Department, where she used GIS to analyze alternative stormwater technologies. Prior to enrolling in MIT's program Sarah worked as MIT's Geography Information Specialist (GIS), in this role she taught workshops and assisted researchers with GIS projects.

Tam Doan ('04)

Currently in her second year of the Masters in City Planning program at MIT, Tam is interested in participatory planning, political organizing (particularly in the US) and sustainable development. While at MIT, she has researched global production networks, occupational health in small firms and social networks in immigrant communities. She has worked as a teacher, legal advocate and economic development program manager and holds a BA in Physics from Swarthmore College.

Tell Metzger ('04)

Tell is a Masters of City Planning candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he focuses on real estate and tourism development as drivers of economic growth and social well-being. Previous to graduate school, he worked as a real estate, economic development, and urban planning specialist in San Francisco's public and private sectors. Tell has also worked in business consulting and statistical research, and has BAs in Psychology and in History from Brown University.

Tracy Sayegh ('04)

A second-year planning student in the International Development group, Tracy has broad ranging interests in sustainability, design and economic development. Most recently, she completed an internship with environmental non-profit focused on sustainable urban development and is currently investigating inter-sectoral partnerships in disaster management. Prior to MIT, she conducted research in Damascus, Syria, on gender and labor issues and worked for an international news organization.

Ulla Hester ('04)

Currently an MCP candidate of 2004 in the City Design and Development program, Ulla Hester has a particular interest in sustainable transportation. Her interest in planning and transportation emerged during several years of working in the computer industry in Silicon Valley and watching the area struggle with inadequate transportation systems and policies to accommodate the fast growth. While at MIT she has interned with the Transportation and Land Use Coalition in Oakland, CA, and the Sustainable Europe Research Institute in Vienna, Austria.