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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Sachi Arakawa
Partner, Cascadia Partners

Sachi Arakawa is an urban planner working for Cascadia Partners on issues concerning equity and the environment. She advocates for smart land use and planning that increase livability and minimize negative human impacts on the environment and climate. With a background in both data analysis and community engagement, she utilizes community knowledge alongside data analysis for a more nuanced understanding of complex planning issues.

Colby Brown
CEO and Founder, Manhan Group, LLC

Colby Brown is a transportation planner and spatial data scientist who has developed over two dozen land use forecasting models for a wide variety of regions across the United States. He founded the Manhan Group in 2014 after 10 years in a variety of private and public sector roles. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Wesleyan University and a master's degree from the University of California, Davis, in transportation technology and policy.

Tyler Bump
Partner and Project Director, ECOnorthwest

Tyler Bump is a partner and project director at ECOnorthwest, where his work focuses on the intersection of land use planning and real estate investment that advances equitable housing, and economic and sustainable development. He works with communities to develop and implement creative strategies that leverage public and private sector investment through changes to land use and development standards and outcomes-based programs.

Amy Cotter
Director, Climate Strategies, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Amy Cotter leads the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's strategy on climate change and is a key advisor on its work related to planning practice, scenario planning, and spatial inequality. Previously, she directed the development and implementation of the MetroFuture regional plan with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in Boston, Massachusetts. Amy holds master's degrees in environmental policy and urban and regional planning from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from Tufts University.

Joseph DeAngelis
Research Manager, American Planning Association

Joseph DeAngelis, AICP, is a planner and research manager at the American Planning Association, where he focuses on community resilience and emerging challenges for the future of cities. He is currently working on two NOAA-funded projects related to local climate science integration and community adaptation to climate change impacts. Previously, he was a resiliency planner for the New York City Department of City Planning. He holds a master's degree in urban planning from Hunter College.

Anderson Ribeiro de Figueiredo
Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wyoming

Anderson Ribeiro de Figueiredo is a postdoctoral research associate with the Wyoming Anticipating Climate Transitions (WyACT) project, where he researches scenario building and climate change adaptation and engages communities with meaningful climate science. He is excited to learn more about how scientific models can help Wyoming communities plan and prepare for climate change impacts, and how communities can inform and improve climate change scenarios.

Janelle Franklin
Assistant Town Planner, Town of Hatfield, Massachusetts

Janelle Franklin graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's of science in community development and currently serves as assistant town planner in Hatfield, Massachusetts. She is also pursuing a master's in regional planning at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, to advance her understanding of regional planning and provide transformative housing opportunities.

Robert Goodspeed
Chair and Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan

Robert Goodspeed, AICP, is an associate professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He teaches and conducts research in urban informatics, equitable housing, and scenario planning theory and methods, and is the author of the book Scenario Planning for Cities and Regions: Managing and Envisioning Uncertain Futures. He holds a PhD in urban and regional planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jeff Hamerlinck
Director, Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center

Jeff Hamerlinck, AICP, GISP, is director of the Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center (WyGISC) at the University of Wyoming. His research interests lie at the intersection of geography, community planning, and information and communication technologies, and he applies his insights to address place-based problems in rural settings. He received his PhD in geography from the University of Colorado–Boulder, where he studied the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in rural planning.

Ayano Healy
Senior Associate, Cascadia Partners

Ayano Healy is a public health urban planner who takes an interdisciplinary approach to projects of all scales and settings. Her experience with upstream public health programs led her to urban planning, with the desire to address the root cause of socioeconomic health disparities. She holds a master's in public health from Oregon Health & Science University and a master's in urban and regional planning, along with a graduate certificate in applied social demography, from Portland State University.

Hunza Irfan
Master's Graduate Student, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Hunza Irfan is a human-centric design practitioner currently pursuing a dual master's degree in regional planning and sustainability science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from Habib University. She previously worked as a design researcher in digital banking and freight tech, and her research interests include equitable access to public spaces for young women in South Asia, resilience planning, and active transportation.

Brendan Irsfeld
Senior Management Analyst , Lane County Office of Emergency Management

Brendan Irsfeld manages planning for the Lane County, Oregon, emergency management program, which used scenario planning as an engagement and prioritization tool in its recent update of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. His work includes several multi-department initiatives addressing community resilience, emergency preparedness, climate mitigation, and adaptation. He holds a master's degree in community and regional planning from the University of Oregon.

Mary Keller
Senior Lecturer, University of Wyoming

Mary Keller works at the intersection of feminist theory, postcolonial theory, and Indigenous studies theory, with a focus on the relationship between religion and struggles for meaning and power. She emphasizes the geographical, historical, and social context in which religion is embedded in peoples' lives, focusing on questions of personhood within religious traditions. Her current research examines the role of sacred land in a world of global capital and recent developments in the study of spirit possession.

Domenique Martinelli
Senior Long-Range Planner, City of Vancouver, Washington

Domenique Martinelli, AICP, is a senior long-range planner with a background in land use planning, working with land use codes, and development regulations. She works for the City of Vancouver, Washington, playing a pivotal role updating the City's Comprehensive Plan. She is passionate about systems thinking, engaging and participating in community, and using geovisualization and design methods to communicate with audiences in accessible ways.

Nicole McDermott
Vice President, Planning, WSP

Nicole McDermott is a vice president of planning with WSP, USA, based in the Vancouver, Washington, office. A professional planner for 16 years, she has worked for the last decade in the Pacific Northwest with local communities to envision and plan their futures. Her work focuses on long-range and comprehensive planning and on policy development. She holds a bachelor's degree in architecture and a master's in landscape architecture, both from Auburn University.
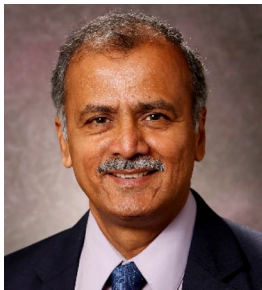
Elizabeth McManus
Managing Principal, Ross Strategic

Elizabeth McManus designs, convenes, and facilitates collaborations among scientists, experts, practitioners, and decision makers so they can have bigger insights, make better choices, and get things done. She focuses mainly on Puget Sound recovery, working across layers of state, federal, tribal, and local governments and synthesizing technical information to help groups gel. She previously worked on hazardous waste cleanup policy for the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Christine Mondor
Principal, evolveEA

Christine Mondor is an architect, educator, and activist who is passionate about the power of design to improve people's lives and our environment. She has led nationally recognized ecodistricts, projects, cities' comprehensive plans, stormwater landscapes, riverfront parks, and civic buildings and infrastructure. Her designs celebrate public life by engaging communities and users and inviting them to cocreate urban futures.

Bhupendra Patel
Director of Modeling, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

Bhupendra Patel is the director of modeling at the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). He has over 40 years of experience in transportation, land use planning, and travel demand forecasting with multicounty metropolitan planning agencies. He has also coordinated transportation and land use planning projects and activities with various local, regional, state, and federal agencies. He holds a PhD in geography from Gujarat University.

Ray Quay
Research Professional , Arizona State University

Ray Quay is a research professional at Arizona State University's Decision Center for a Desert City, where he researches and explores water resources, climate adaptation, and anticipatory planning. He was formerly the assistant director of water services and assistant director of planning for the City of Phoenix, Arizona, as well as assistant director of planning for the City of Arlington, Texas, and director of planning for the City of Galveston, Texas.

Caitlin Ryan
Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wyoming

Caitlin Ryan is a geographer whose research focuses on understanding political and economic processes that drive cooperation and conflict over land, natural resources, and urban-rural development. She is especially interested in connecting scientific and local knowledge to address complex problems, and she has expertise in a range of qualitative methods that prioritize participant-led and collaborative approaches to knowledge production.

Hannah Shafer
Mitigation and Recovery Coordinator , Benton County

Hannah Shafer is the hazard mitigation and recovery coordinator for Benton County, Oregon. She has roots in sustainability and most recently managed the update of Lane County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. She is interested in climate adaptation and community resiliency. She has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oregon and a bachelor's in sustainability and policy from Messiah University.

Heba Shoaib
SPURS/Humphrey Research Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Heba Shoaib is an urban practitioner and academic from Cairo, Egypt, with over 17 years of experience in architecture and urban design. She worked as a project manager at Takween Integrated Community Development, where she led multiple urban development projects with a participatory approach in partnership with a range of international agencies. She was also previously an adjunct assistant professor at Cairo University, Nile University, and Arab Academy for Science and Technology.

Alex Steinberger
Managing Partner, Cascadia Partners

Alex Steinberger is an urban planner and economist with a strong foundation in geographic information systems (GIS). His work focuses on corridor analysis, housing, and economic development, and past projects include redevelopment feasibility analysis for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in San Antonio, Texas, and a station area development strategy for a planned high-capacity transit line in Portland, Oregon. Alex holds a master's in urban and regional planning from Portland State University.

Anne Thebo
Research Scientist, Climate Impacts Group at the University of Washington

Anne Thebo is a research scientist with the Climate Impacts Group at the University of Washington. Her work combines stakeholder engagement with spatial analysis and modeling to assess opportunities, benefits, and tradeoffs of water and climate resilience strategies such as integrated water management, water use efficiency, and water reuse. Anne worked previously as a senior researcher at the Pacific Institute and holds a PhD in environmental engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Anna Reilly Thimons
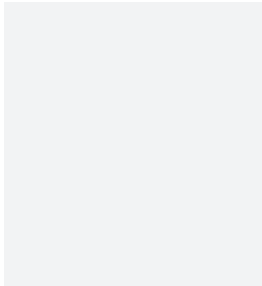*Planning Designer/Manager, Design Workshop Inc.*

Anna Reilly Thimons is a city planner and community engagement specialist with international experience working on large, complex projects in Australia, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and the United States. As an ambassador with the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), Reilly is extremely passionate about designing equitable engagement programs that are strategically looped into comprehensive planning, zoning code updates, and affordable housing projects.

Shelby Thomas
Associate, Ross Strategic

Shelby Thomas has 15 years of experience in collaborative process design and in facilitation, education, and outreach. Her current work focuses on ecosystem protection and recovery in Washington State. She is passionate about working at the intersection of science, policy, and on-the-ground implementation to promote outcomes that best serve people and their landscapes. She holds a master's in public administration from the University of Washington.

Ian Varley
Planning Manager, City Explained, Inc.

Ian Varley, AICP, develops and guides land use scenario planning processes for city, town, and regional planning projects. With over 15 years of experience, he has cultivated expertise in creating, interpreting, and manipulating geospatial and local government data. His comprehensive planning background encompasses transportation planning, conservation planning, fiscal impacts, and climate change. He holds a bachelor's from the University of Montana and a master's degree from Duke University.

Patrick Welch
Policy Analyst, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Patrick Welch is a policy analyst with the climate strategies team at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, contributing to the institute's work on land-based climate finance, equitable climate adaptation and resilience, and scenario planning. He has more than eight years of experience working in planning, international development, and environmental policy at a variety of scales in both the public and private sector, and he was previously a community planner at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center.

Katherine Wyatt
Assistant Science Director, Puget Sound Partnership

Katherine Wyatt is the assistant science director for the Puget Sound Partnership, where she leads the Puget Sound Future Scenarios initiative. The Puget Sound Partnership is the agency that coordinates the restoration of the Puget Sound. In her scenario work, she convenes people from across the region to tackle complex issues and spark big ideas. She has also used scenarios in international sustainable development planning.