

SAMUEL COONS

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EDUCATION

- Master of Regional Planning, Master of Landscape Architecture | Cornell University | GPA: 3.97* 2021
Economic Development Planning, College of Architecture, Art & Planning
Landscape Architecture, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
- Bachelor of Science with Honors | Cornell University | GPA: 4.08* 2017
Urban & Regional Studies, College of Architecture, Art & Planning

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Summer Policy Associate | Department of Planning & Development, City of Detroit* 2019
Conducted comprehensive rewrite and graphic overhaul of the Rosa Parks-Clairmount Neighborhood Revitalization Framework book. Performed research tasks for the Central Region Team as needed.
- Arts & Culture Fellow | The Kresge Foundation* 2018
Produced field scan on intersections of Creative Placemaking, public health, and climate change for the Arts & Culture Program Team. Interviewed 13 portfolio grantees and practitioners, conducted cross-disciplinary literature review, and designed theory of change for equitable solutions.
- Graduate Assistant | CRP Curriculum Committee, Cornell University* 2017 - 2018
Prepared advisory reports, performed administrative duties, and documented student input for the Curriculum Committee of the Department of City & Regional Planning.
- Research Assistant | Department of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University* 2016 - 2017
Surveyed and interviewed 23 national engagement experts to produce report on best practices towards publishing community-engaged research, as part of a university-wide research grant.
- Research Fellow | WIRED! Lab for Digital Art History & Visual Culture, Duke University* 2014
Integrated archival material with augmented reality technology to create interactive educational platforms visualizing spatial histories of activism in Durham, North Carolina.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Co-Chair | CRP Diversity Committee, Cornell University* 2018 - Present
Serve as Co-Chair and student representative in the Diversity Committee of the Department of City & Regional Planning on issues of recruitment, institutional culture, and curriculum.
- Volunteer | Ithaca Underground, Ithaca NY* 2017 - Present
Assist with grant writing and design work for the Development and Outreach Committees of Ithaca Underground, a non-profit music and community development organization.
- Graduate Advisor | Cornell Theme Park Entertainment Group* 2015 - Present
Host the annual Theme Park Design Competition, hosting 44 universities and securing \$6500 in sponsored prizes. Established a partnership with the Themed Entertainment Association, and organized a networking and education series with industry leaders.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Software:* Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, AutoCAD, Rhino, Word, Excel, PowerPoint
Research: Analytical Writing, Qualitative Methods, Historical Research, Copy Editing
Interpersonal: Interviewing, Group Facilitation, Public Speaking

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Department of Landscape Architecture Excellence Award | Cornell University* May 2019
Arch R. Winters Graduate Fellowship | Cornell University May 2019
Kermit C. Parsons & Janice I. Parsons Scholarship | Cornell University May 2017
Urban & Regional Studies Academic Achievement Award | Cornell University May 2017
School of Hotel Administration Writing Award | Cornell University May 2016