

PROFESSIONAL WORK

RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY | *TrailLink Intern*

Feb - Jun 2023 | **remote**

- Crafted, reformatted, and improved mapped content on [TrailLink](#), RTC's web and mobile platform of than 40,000 miles of trail maps and listings across the United States.
- Pursued a dedicated focus on improving the visibility of transit access to trails on the platform.

URBAN DESIGN FORUM | *Communications Manager*

Jan - Dec 2023 | **New York, NY**

- Led communications [showcasing](#) the Forum's work on equitable and sustainable practices in NYC's built environment.
- Oversaw the organization's weekly correspondence to 12,000 email subscribers, and grew its [social media](#) audiences by 23% on Instagram and 25% on LinkedIn, netting a record-high 170,384 unique impressions on LinkedIn in 2023.
- Designed and disseminated high-quality reports, publications, and infographics on our [website](#) and in print.

THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS | *Membership Associate* *Field Assistant*

2022 - 2023 | **remote**

2021 - 2022

- Grew legislative advocacy partnerships among 230+ partners in the nation's oldest and largest civil rights coalition by hosting large virtual briefings for top civil rights leaders, executing new contracts, and dispersing partnership grants.
- Vetted membership applications, revamped the application system, and onboarded 18 new member organizations.

COALITION FOR INCLUSIVE CAPITALISM | *Researcher & Program Assistant*

2021 | **New York, NY**

- Led research for a program to coalesce and deploy public business support for federal infrastructure investment.
- Tracked the political/business landscape of forthcoming infrastructure legislation. Developed and evolved our messaging strategy to garner support from C-suite level executives.

OKLAHOMANS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM | *Organizer & Consultant*

2020 | **Tulsa, OK**

- Grew grassroots support for S.Q. 805, a ballot initiative to curb extreme prison sentencing in Oklahoma.
- Persuaded an ideologically-diverse voter contact universe, routinely converting 60% of undecided voters.
- Developed messaging strategy to focus the narrative on the experience of incarceration and re-entry, and taxpayer cost.

WARREN FOR PRESIDENT | *Field Organizer*

2019 - 2020 | **Little Rock, AR & Manchester, IA**

- Built an on-the-ground presence for Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign in two rural northeastern Iowa counties and in Arkansas's 2nd congressional district. Hosted town halls, rallies, and conducted dedicated interpersonal outreach.
- Made over 22,000 phone calls to voters and knocked on over 5,500 doors, in addition to thousands made by volunteers.
- Recruited and trained 35 volunteer captains who led canvasses, phonebanks, and Get Out The Caucus/Vote centers.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Aug 2024 - present | **Chapel Hill, NC**

- Master of City and Regional Planning degree candidate, with specialization in transportation planning. Projected graduation in spring 2026.

HARVARD COLLEGE | *B.A. in Social Studies, cum laude*

2015 - 2019 | **Cambridge, MA**

- Minor in African American Studies. Focus field in urban development in post-colonial contexts.
- Coursework on identity, race, citizenship, migration, public space, housing and human welfare, and modern art.
- Senior Thesis: "*Urban Labor Migration among Tanzanian Maasai and its Impact on Modern Maasai Life.*"

 FURTHER STUDY

MIGUEL ANGEL ASTURIAS SPANISH SCHOOL

 Mar - Apr 2024 | **Quetzaltenango, Guatemala**

- Five weeks intensive course in Spanish, with 25 hours a week of 1-1 instruction, immersive activities, and homestay.

 VOLUNTEER WORK

RIDERS ALLIANCE | Campaign Committee Member

 2023 - present | **New York, NY**

- Organizing for better public transit in New York City, via grassroots campaigns for more reliable and equitable service.

WRITE A PRISONER | Pen Pal

 2021 - present | **remote**

- Pen-pal with an incarcerated individual in Texas, through regular written correspondence sharing friendship, resources, and advice.

THE UMKHUMBANE SCHOOLS PROJECT | Math Tutor

 2020 | **Durban, South Africa & remote**

- Taught a remote class of fifteen 11th grade math students who were left without instruction due to Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. Pilot program was featured in 2022 book, "Belonging and Changing in Educational Spaces."
- Remote tutoring built upon 2 previous internships held in 2015 and 2016 where I taught in-person math classes and managed a science fair.

 SKILLS

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| • Intermediate Spanish | • Political Advocacy | • Microsoft Office and Google Suites |
| • Strategic Communications | • Public Speaking | • Adobe Creative Suite, including InDesign and Photoshop |
| • Writing/Editorial | • Project Management | • Squarespace, Wordpress, GitLab |
| • Graphic Design | • Administrative Support | • Salesforce, Asana, AirTable |
| • Social Media Marketing | • Event Planning/Facilitation | |
| • Web Design/Management | • Photography and Video | |

 ABOUT ME

Graham Bishai is a first-year Master of City and Regional Planning student at UNC Chapel Hill, specializing in transportation planning. He grew up in Baltimore, Md., and Durban, South Africa.

A patient optimist and observant thinker, Graham believes systems should be built to foster justice. With the people-focused mind of an organizer, and an easy-going work style, he seeks practical solutions to social problems through community-centered planning strategies, accessible place-making, and media.

Graham's interests lie in developing public and active transportation systems that can be generative forces for community development — where transportation is more than just a mode of getting from point A to B, but a way for users to feel more connected to, and invested in, the places they move through.

He is currently looking for a part-time role that he can hold while being a Master's student.