

ABOUT ME

Graham Bishai is an Urbanist, Transportation and Mobility Justice Advocate, Web and Social Media Professional, and Communications Strategist.

A patient optimist and observant thinker, Graham believes systems should work toward justice. With the practical, people-focused mind of an organizer, and an easy-going work style, he works to advance solutions to social problems through people-centered strategies and creative media.

EDUCATION

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, modern art.
- Senior Thesis: *“Urban Labor Migration among Tanzanian Maasai and its Impact on Modern Maasai Life.”*

PROFESSIONAL WORK

RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY | *TrailLink Web Content Intern* Feb - Jun 2023 | **remote**

- Crafting, reformatting and improving content on TrailLink, RTC’s app and website with than 40,000 miles of trail mapping around the U.S.
- Dedicated focus on improving visibility of transit accessibility for trail users.

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 correspondence to 12,000 email subscribers, and grew social media audiences to 50,000+.
- Produced and disseminated high-quality reports, publications and infographics, both digitally and in print.
- Design content for [social media](#) and [website](#): graphics, photo and video, maintaining clear brand identity throughout.

THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE | *Membership Associate* 2022 - 2023 | **remote**
ON CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS | *Field Assistant* 2021 - 2022

- Grew collaborative legislative and advocacy among 230+ partners in the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights coalition.
- Organized and facilitated large virtual meetings for top civil rights leaders. Oversaw contracts and grant fulfillment.
- Wrote episode scripts and booked guests for [Pod For The Cause](#), The Leadership Conference’s award-winning podcast.
- Processed and vetted membership applications, streamlined the application system, and onboarded new organizations.

COALITION FOR INCLUSIVE CAPITALISM | *Researcher & Program Assistant* 2021 | **New York, NY**

- Assistant to coalitional project, to coalesce and deploy public business support for federal infrastructure investment.
- Researched the political/business landscape of the policy. Developing strategy and messaging to garner CEO support.
- Designed and managed trackers and writing project reports to update and coordinate with coalitional partners.
- Prepared pitches in documents and talking points to support team on outreach calls.

OKLAHOMANS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM | *Organizer & Consultant* 2020 | **Tulsa, OK**

- Digitally engaged grassroots support for S.Q. 805, a ballot initiative to curb extreme prison sentencing in Oklahoma.
- Persuaded ideologically diverse direct voter contact universe, routinely converting 60% of undecided voters.
- Worked in coalition to develop messaging, focus on centering the experience of incarceration and re-entry.

WARREN FOR PRESIDENT | *Field Organizer*2019 - 2020 | **Little Rock, AR & Manchester, IA**

- Represented campaign on the ground in rural Delaware and Buchanan Counties in IA, and AR's 2nd Congress. district.
- Delaware Co. yielded Warren's 5th best support margin out of Iowa's 99 counties, despite its conservative skew.
- Made over 22,000 phone calls to voters and knocked on over 5,500 doors, plus thousands more by volunteers.
- Recruited and trained 35 volunteer leaders who led canvasses, phonebanks, and Get Out The Caucus/Vote operations.

LET'S GO, INC. | *Travel Writer*2018 | **West Coast of U.S. and Canada**

- Authored student-oriented travel guide on a solo 4 week travel-research trip down the North American West Coast.
- Self-planned itinerary to review accommodations, restaurants, and attractions featured in print in *Let's Go*, 2019.
- Crafted digital content and social media takeovers to promote the Let's Go brand and showcase attractions.

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO | *Summer Investigative Intern*2017 | **Washington, DC**

- Investigated FL law allowing undocumented workers to be deported when injured on job. Exposé led to FL legislation and was nominated for Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) 2017 Award, Best in "Radio/Audio – Large."
- Post-produced interviews for "Lost Mothers" series, groundbreaking series on maternal mortality among Black mothers.

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

- Pen pal to two incarcerated men, providing regular written correspondence, advice, and books via mail.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL COMMITTEE | *Driver*2021 | **Washington, DC**

- Chauffeured senior White House staff in motorcades and on personal assignments at the inauguration of Joe Biden.
- Provided effective and safe transportation amid extraordinary security and health safety measures.

THE UMKHUMBANE SCHOOLS PROJECT | *Math Tutor*2020 | **Durban, South Africa**

- During Covid-19 pandemic, taught remote class of 15 11th grade math students who were left without instruction due to lockdown. Pilot program was featured in 2022 book, "Belonging and Changing in Educational Spaces."

SKILLS

- Intermediate Spanish
- Strategic Communications
- Graphic Design
- Web Design and Management
- Writing
- Editorial
- Project Management
- Political Advocacy
- Policy Analysis
- Public Speaking
- Administrative Support
- Event Planning and Facilitation
- Photography and Video
- Microsoft Office and Google Suites
- Adobe Creative Suite, including InDesign and Photoshop
- SquareSpace, Wordpress, GitLab
- Salesforce, Asana, AirTable