

In its second year, the Etkin Johnson Student Scholarship Program is designed to immerse its participants into the thriving real estate industry in Colorado. From September, 2016 through May 2017 the participants will attend ULI Colorado events, committees, become volunteers, shadow developers and network with ULI members to enhance their scholastic endeavors and learn the benefits of ULI membership.

### ***2016/2017 Etkin Johnson Student Scholars***

#### **Roxanne Borzo Bertrand**



I am pursuing a master's degree at the University of Colorado Denver in the Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) program, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2017. I was exposed to planning by way of grassroots organizing on Chicago's South Side, which led to an understanding of transportation and access issues in an urban context.

In addition to my studies, since moving to Denver in January 2015, I have worked at CDOT as a Multimodal Planning Branch Intern and am currently the Transportation Planning Intern at Toole Design Group. The MURP program has exposed me to the opportunities that exist in addressing social and environmental issues via the design and development of the built environment. Thus, I am looking forward to expanding upon my transportation-focused planning experiences as one of ULI's 2016 Etkin Johnson Student Scholars

#### **Ashley Dancer**



Ashley Dancer is a former Air Force Captain with over five years of active duty service. She graduated summa cum laude from Arizona State University with a B.S. in Meteorology, and commissioned into the Air Force as a Weather Officer.

Now a civilian, Ashley is pursuing dual MBA/MS degrees in Real Estate Development Management and Environmental Policy through Leeds School of Business and the ENVS graduate program at the University of Colorado. She has completed the first of three years for her dual degree program.

Ashley currently resides in Boulder with her long-time boyfriend Brad, who will soon be attending engineering school. In her free-time, Ashley enjoys rock climbing, the occasional night out, sky diving, and hitting the gym.

### **Yekaterina Golyenko**



My name is Katya Golyenko and I am in my final year at the Leeds School of Business. I am pursuing a finance degree alongside a Real Estate Certificate. Just this past summer I worked at HFF, and it had exposed me to a lot of different moving pieces in commercial real estate industry. During the school year, I am involved with the CU Real Estate Club and the Professional Mentorship Program at Leeds.

In my free time, I like to spend as much time as I can outdoors. Whether it is camping, biking, or hiking I try to do something on every weekend. I blame my addiction on the fact that I am practically a Colorado native. I am originally from Ukraine, but have lived in Colorado for almost 18 years.

### **Karl Onsager**



I am a Colorado native and have a BA in International Relations Theory from Marlboro College, Vermont. Upon my return to Denver I worked as a paralegal for six years in commercial insolvency. There I became very familiar with cash-flow, debt and liabilities, and the foreclosure process. My interest in real estate began when I purchased my first house in the West Colfax neighborhood. I now own and manage three rental properties in Denver and continue to examine rental and ownership market trends.

My passion for land use and real estate began when I sought to further understand of the rapid transition and development of the previously neglected West Colfax neighborhood. The process of reading and learning led me to my current path and acceptance into the dual degree Master of Public Administration and Master of Urban and Regional Planning programs at CU Denver. I greatly look forward to drawing upon my experience in commercial insolvency, rental property management, and interest in Denver real estate and applying it to the best practices for effective and sustainable land use.

### **Jim Presley**



My name is Jim Presley, and since transferring to the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2014, by way of full scholarship from the amazing Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, I have elected to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Economics, with a minor in Business from the Leeds School of Business at CU, as well as the Leeds Real Estate certificate. I'll be entering my senior year, this fall, and am excited to meet real estate professionals and discover the path through which I might attain my career goals.

As a late bloomer of sorts, graduating next May at the age of forty, I am more motivated than ever to make my mark, to make a positive difference, to manifest dreams and goals into reality, and make the most of the time I have left. I am grateful to Etkin Johnson and the Urban Land Institute for generously offering me an avenue for this passion of mine. I am so looking forward to becoming a part of this community.

## Zareen Tasneem



My name is Zareen Tasneem. In fall 2016, I will begin my second (and hopefully final) year in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at University of Colorado Denver.

A native New Yorker, I moved to Colorado last year for graduate school and for the change in scenery. Fun fact: I did not even know urban planning was a field of study until about three years ago when I began working for a small nonprofit community development organization that provides affordable housing.

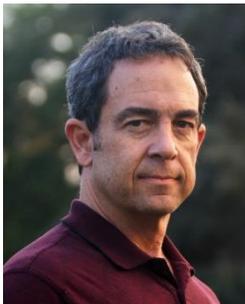
## Dillon Teske



Dillon Teske is an MBA Candidate at University of Colorado, Boulder, concentrating in Real Estate and Finance. He received an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies and Geography from Macalester College in 2009.

Before beginning graduate school, he worked as an AmeriCorps volunteer, in business development for a building material salvage/job training organization, and as a carpenter for an energy-efficient design-build firm. He is passionate about creating places that enrich the urban environment.

## Brian Veatch



Brian Veatch is a man with many experiences and several titles. He is currently a student in the executive master's program at the University of Denver, a real estate broker for Keller Williams Commercial Division, an Engineer / Firefighter for South Metro Fire Rescue and the president of Veatch Development.

Brian's primary focus is working with doctors, dentists and other business owners to acquire and in some cases build their own commercial real estate. He has worked on assemblages, condominiumizations and development to help his clients and partners achieve their goals.

## **Stacey Voigt**



Stacey Voigt is a University of Colorado, Denver, Master of Urban and Regional Planning 2016 Graduate. She is currently interning with the Loveland Downtown Partnership assisting in project development. Since 2011, she has been involved with the City of Edgewater Parks, Recreation, and Historical Board and is acting as the current Vice President.

She was honored to help with community and economic development for Native American Tribes, communities and projects across the nation for two years with Spirit of the Sun. Stacey's experiences have led her to being involved in sustainable TOD, Mixed-use, infill and underutilized land development. Her other interests are site selection and acquisition, negotiations strategies, design management, project financing, the entitlement process and construction/contracting management.

## **Megan Yonke**



Megan is a second-year Masters of Urban Planning student at the University of Colorado Denver. Her graduate studies are focused on finding innovative, market-based and strategic public investment approaches to social-purpose real estate development, especially in the provision of affordable housing and shared space options for community-focused uses.

Prior to graduate school, she worked for seven years in international business roles, in geospatial and business service consulting industries, and has a BA in Economics and International Relations from Michigan State University. As a participant in the 2016 ULI Colorado Student Scholarship Program, she is excited to work with real estate leaders throughout the state to learn more about the competitive real estate landscape and to investigate tools that are successful in other states and internationally to encourage innovative real estate development here in Colorado.