

# DANIEL BARUSCH

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## OBJECTIVE

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To obtain a position in the firm or organization in which my past education, personal communication abilities, teamwork and leadership skills, and my sincere passion for planning and design would benefit me, my colleagues, the business and even the community.

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## SKILLS

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- Goal oriented, diligent, loyal and hard working
- Good team player and excellent leader
- Proficient in computer programs such as Microsoft Office and Adobe programs
- Great presentation and communication skills; exceptional time management
- Passionate and affluent about all fields of design specifically Urban Planning
- Good business mind, can interface with all disciplines
- Can read, interpret and draw up certain construction and architectural drawings
- Wide range of design knowledge from architecture to art to interior and landscape
- Good knowledge of socioeconomic and demographic data analysis
- Working knowledge of design related computer programs such as ArcGIS, SketchUp, and AutoCAD
- Interested in Urban Planning research, specifically areas of Community Development

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## EDUCATION

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- Master's in Urban/ Environmental Planning, Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ) May 2014
  - Current GPA: 4.0 (Candidate)
  - Relevant Coursework: Planning history, theory and ethics; planning law and land use planning; international planning; GIS, socioeconomic and demographic analysis; placemaking, urban design and sustainable urbanism; public finance and policy, urban economic analysis.
- Bachelor's of Arts, Design Studies, Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ) May 2012
  - Overall GPA: 3.75, awarded Magna cum Laude
  - Relevant Coursework: Urban planning theory and Urban Design theory; industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, housing and community development.
- Associates of Applied Science, Architectural Technology, SUNY Delhi (Delhi, NY) May 2010
  - Overall GPA: 3.3
  - Relevant Coursework: Architectural history, architectural drafting and design studio, construction and materials, environmental systems, computer aided drawing, public speaking.

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## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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Saratoga Associates, P.C. - Saratoga Springs, NY Summer 2013- Planning and design intern. Worked at the firm's upstate office, also went and trained for a few days in NYC office. Assisted with projects such as Brownfield Opportunity Area program grants, Connectivity studies, Visioning and Downtown Development Plans and Design Standards/ Guidelines. Did a great deal of socioeconomic and demographic research, attended public meetings, and helped write major sections of federally and state funded documents and reports that may be voted on to become policy.

Development and Sustainability Department- Mesa, AZ January 2013- May 2013- Intern for Planning and Sustainability departments. Assisted in studies of shade and urban heat island, creating possible proposals for shading and urban forest implementations, helped with revision and update of general plan, completed Tree City USA application, helped Sustainable Cities Network with an Urban and Community Forestry Community Challenge grant throughout the metropolitan region.

Arizona State University- Tempe, AZ August 2012-Present- Teaching Assistant: Cities in Cinema & Introduction to Urban Planning. Job duties include attending all class sessions, assisting the professor with attendance, presentations and slideshows, grading assignments and tests, and assist professor with helping students during office hours.

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## GRADUATE PROJECTS

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"Warehouse District Activation Plan", Downtown Phoenix, AZ January 2014- May 2014- student in the graduate level Urban Design Workshop/ Studio in which 20 graduate students will be completing a Visioning and "Activation Plan" for the Warehouse District in downtown Phoenix. I spearheaded the projects' start by connecting the land owners with the Faculty at SGSUP, cementing an urban design workshop course at the first meeting and helping with the scope of services.

"Downtown Heritage Design Plan", Wickenburg, AZ January 2014-May 2014- A team lead for the graduate level capstone course in which 15 graduate students will be completing a Downtown Heritage Design Plan for the Town of Wickenburg, Arizona. It will include Economic Development and Design Guideline components as well as conceptual designs. I spearheaded the project from start by finding the municipality (Wickenburg) to work for, and writing the scope of services and initial project schedule.

"Innovation Square"- Urban Plaza in Downtown Mesa, AZ January 2013-May 2013- Worked on Phase 1 of the project which included survey of existing conditions and analysis of downtown area, analyzing demographic data and defining strategies for placemaking as required.

"Complete Neighborhoods" Report- Project for Livable Communities January 2013-May 2013- Identification of key elements that contribute to livable neighborhoods, studying best practices and case studies related to those elements and identifying effective methods for measuring the beneficial impacts of those elements. Full document is 200 pages and available online.

Graduate Study Research Papers- “Public Intervention at Cabrini Green”, “Children and Parks: Analysis of Park Use Among different Child Demographics”, “Frederick Law Olmsted and the American Park”, “Sustainable Cities and Development”, “New Urbanism in Western Europe”, “Neighborhood and Community Planning in the United States”, “Characteristics of New York City Immigrant Clusters in 2000: A GIS Study”, “Albany, NY Redevelopment Plan: A Socioeconomic and Demographic Study”, “The Need for Trees: Benefits and Impacts of the Urban Forest”, “Sustainability in New York City: A review of PlaNYC 2030”, “Effect of Ethnic Enclave Growth on Urban Labor Markets: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of New York City and Boston”.

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## ACTIVITIES/ ORGANIZATIONS

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- American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter (APA), Student Member
- Association of Collegiate Schools in Planning (ACSP), Student Member
- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), Advocate/ Student Member
- Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) at ASU, Assembly Member, Social Sciences
- Graduate Student Committee (GSC), ASU SGSUP, Planning Representative
- Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH), Student Member
- Student Planning Association at ASU (SPA), President
- Students for the New Urbanism at ASU (SNU), Vice President
- Upsilon Rho Beta (URB), Urban Planning Honor Society, Alpha Chapter, Service Project Coordinator

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## ACHIEVEMENTS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- Team Leader, Arizona State Team, the 12<sup>th</sup> ULI Gerald D. Hines Urban Design Competition, 1/2014
- Nominated and elected to serve as GPSA Assemblyman for CLAS: Social Sciences, 11/2013
- “Arizona State’s New Planning Honor Society”, Publication in APA’s *New Planner*, 11/ 2013
  - Featured in a SGSUP News Story about the *New Planner* article on URB- 11/2013
- The “Daniel Barusch Leadership Award”, namesake/ recipient of URB’s peer to peer award, 10/2013
- AZ-APA Conference Planners Choice Award, “Walk Mesa/ Walk Tempe” Student Poster, 09/2013
- Arizona Association of County Planning Directors Scholarship, AZ-APA Conference, 09/2013
- Helped spearhead AZ-APA/ Student Planning Association Mentorship Program, 2013
  - Featured: APA Interact e-newsletter, APA-AZ Vision e-newsletter (5 times)
- Working with SNU, Councilmember and planning staff on “Walk Queen Creek”, 2013- 2014
- Assisted with Jeff Speck Walking Tour with Saratoga Associates, Glens Falls, NY, 06/2013
- Assisted with Jeff Speck Urban Tactic Symposium, Phoenix Urban Design Week, 04/2013
- “Walk Mesa/ Walk Tempe” with SNU, “Walk Your City” wayfinding project, 2013
  - Featured: [ASU State Press Article](#), [CNU Article 1](#), [CNU Article 2](#)
- Featured in a SGSUP News Story about the revitalization of SPA- 07/2013
- Dean’s List, ASU: Spring 2011, fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2012, spring 2013, fall 2013
- Dean’s List, SUNY Delhi: Fall 2009
- Invited to National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C., 2007