

# INDIA SOLOMON

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## EDUCATION

### The University of Michigan

2019 Master of Urban & Regional Planning  
*Physical Planning & Design*

2019 Certificate in Real Estate Development  
*Housing & Community Development*

2017 Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy  
*Urban Policy & Sustainable Development*

Urban planner, analytical problem-solver and adept storyteller passionate about cultivating sustainable, equitable and engaged communities. Skilled in project management, strategic communication, development finance and policy analysis.

## SKILLS

Policy Analysis 

Organization 

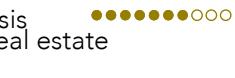
Research 

Writing (Multi-Platform) 

Public Speaking 

Effective Leadership 

Project Management 

Financial Analysis   
(budgeting & real estate finance)

Technical: Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, R Statistical Software, ArcGIS, U.S. Census Data Analysis

## AWARDS & HONORS

2018 Judith McManus Price Scholar, American Planning Association

2017 Rackham Merit Fellow

2017 Taubman Merit Scholar

2016 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

2015 Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

2015 Champion of Diversity

2015 James B. Angell Scholar- Academic Excellence

2013 Leadership, Excellence, Achievement and Diversity Scholar

2013 Michigan Competitive Scholar

## EXPERIENCE

Current  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Detroit, MI

**Research Assistant II—**  
City of Detroit Affordable Housing Preservation Framework, University of Michigan Poverty Solutions

Selected by Taubman College faculty to work in partnership with the Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department to develop a database of national best practices in prioritization frameworks for affordable housing preservation.

Current  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Graduate Student Instructor—**  
Spatial Thinking and Environmental Systems, Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning

Co-teach a course of 40 Master of Urban and Regional Planning students; implement curricula related to equitable development, zoning, site planning, landscape design, environmental impact and public infrastructure.

Summer '18  
Detroit, MI

**Neighborhood Development Fellow—**  
Fitzgerald Neighborhood Revitalization Project Implementation, Century Forward, Detroit, MI

Worked beside the Executive Director to plan and design the development of 25 public spaces in the neighborhood; developed capacity-building partnerships and designed community engagement strategies; demonstrated leadership and ability to collaborate in efforts related to grant writing, volunteer engagement and strategic communications.

Summer '18  
Detroit, MI

**Development Finance Consultant—**  
Brush Park Form-Based Code Development Feasibility Analysis, City of Detroit, Planning & Development Department

Conducted comparative analysis of nationwide form-based codes and tested the financial impact of a form-based code on housing costs in Detroit's Brush Park Neighborhood; generated financial projections and collaborated with stakeholders across city agencies to make recommendations to inform form-based code design and future land marketing strategies.

# LEADERSHIP

2018 **Student Representative**, Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) Board of Directors

2018 **Co-President**, Taubman College Urban Planning Student Association

2018 **President**, Urban Planning MLK Symposium Planning Committee

2018 **Staff Editor**, Agora Journal of Urban Planning & Design

2017 **Grant Review Committee Member**, University of Michigan Bicentennial

# PRESENTATIONS & ARTICLES

2018 Taubman College Victors for Michigan Campaign Brunch - Remarks

2018 Brush Park Form-Based Code: Development Feasibility Analysis  
*City of Detroit Planning & Development Department, June 27, 2018*

Taubman College, "Financing Equitable Development" course, September 24, 2018

Taubman College, "Spatial Thinking and Environmental Systems" course, September 26, 2018

Taubman College, Lunch- Up Professional Development Program, October 4, 2018

2018 Fitzgerald Neighborhood Revitalization Project: A Case Study in Comprehensive, Equitable Neighborhood Redevelopment  
*GM Student Corps Internship Visit, Century Partners, July 13, 2018*

Humanity in Action Lecture Series, July 16, 2018

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, "The Architecture of Development" course, October 17, 2018

2018 Public Housing in Retrospect: Understanding the Early Foresight of Historical Visionaries, *Agora Journal of Urban Planning & Design, Blog Publication*

2018 Inclusionary Zoning for Michigan's Communities, *Agora Journal of Urban Planning & Design, Blog Publication*

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## EXPERIENCE (cont'd)

2012-2018 **Editorial Consultant—**  
*What I Wish I Knew Then: Becoming a Social Entrepreneur*, a book by Michael Gordon, Director, Ross School of Business Center for Social Impact

Provided editorial and narrative consulting services to support upcoming publication on global social entrepreneurship; exercised attention to detail and keen organizational skills in managing 400-page publication.

Summer '17 **Civic Innovations Intern—**  
Arlington, VA Deriving Best Practices from the Ashoka Fellowship, Ashoka-Innovators for the Public

Worked in a team of three under the Director of Global Media Partnerships to develop and execute research methodology to document best practices of 500 social entrepreneurs; developed final report and high-impact presentation to be presented to Fortune 500 companies; research was featured in report titled "The Bottom Up Media Revolution" published by the Ross Center for Social Impact.

2015-2016 **Probation Clerk & Criminal Justice Policy Intern —**  
Hazel Park, MI 43rd District Court Probation Department

Created partnerships to expand health and educational programs for low-income probationers, youth and survivors of domestic violence; supervised and offered resource support to a caseload of 15 individuals serving probation terms; worked with government stakeholders to carry out criminal justice procedures, including pre-sentence interviews, reports and court orders.

2015 - 2017 Additional Positions

**Geographic Information Systems Intern**, School of Public Health, Youth Violence Prevention Center

**Teaching Fellow**, Department of Statistics

**Program Outreach Associate**, Semester in Detroit Program

**Civil Liberties Intern**, American Civil Liberties Union

**Student Reporter**, Alumni Association of the University of Michigan