

## ASLA Colorado 2022-2023 Executive Board Candidate Biographies

Note by virtue of their current positions Sara Bonacquist will become President, and Daniel Morgan will become Past President. The Treasurer position is a two-year position and will not be voted on this year, Jennifer Shagin will continue in that role for the second year. The Trustee position is a three-year position and Gretchen Wilson will serve her second year.

### **Audrey Sorensen for President-Elect**

Audrey is a member of the Landscape Architecture team at Sasaki's Denver office. Before joining the Landscape Architecture profession, Audrey was heavily involved in the Archaeological field, performing Archaeological research in the intermountain region for a decade. A passion for art media and experience as a graphic designer has given her a reputation for visually engaging, high-detail design solutions and engaging storytelling.

Additionally, Audrey has established the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives within Dig Studio and now at Sasaki. As VP of Communications of the Colorado/Wyoming chapter of ASLA is working closely with committees to advance a framework for equity in design, forward facing marketing strategies and collaborative community meetups for Landscape Architects and students.

In her work as President-Elect, Audrey will continue to promote cultural awareness, increase visibility of the Design profession, and broaden collaboration on programs that emphasizes community-interest design, socio-economic equity, LGBTQ representation and a fundamental understanding of our past, and future.

### **Kim Case for Vice President of Programming (2nd Term)**

Kim Case is a positive and committed Associate Landscape Architect in Design Workshop's Denver studio. Her desire to contribute to the broader landscape architecture community led her to volunteer with ASLA CO/WY as a social media coordinator. Over the last year, her role transitioned to Vice President of Programs, where she has coordinated member outreach & engagement, panel discussions, networking socials, and award events, with additional program opportunities in the pipeline. Her vision is to increase participation with the chapter and expand its presence as a resource for everyone in and adjacent to the profession. Kim believes she can continue this vision during a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Vice President of Programs.

### **Areti Athanopoulos for Vice President Government Affairs (2nd Term)**

Areti Athanasopoulos has master's degrees in Landscape Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning from CU Denver, and bachelor's degrees in French and Italian from CU Boulder. In early 2022, Areti launched her own nonprofit, **ReGeneration Now**, which focuses on designing and building regenerative food production spaces for low-income and refugee communities. Previously she worked at Design Workshop as a designer and planner and developed her skills on an assortment of projects of varying scales. She was also formerly an educator with the nonprofit, TreePeople, and is very passionate about the health of our environment. Areti is currently collaborating on a design-build of a community garden at Ellis Elementary school in South Denver that will benefit students, community members, and recently

resettled refugees. She has served on the board of ASLA Colorado for two years as VP of Govt. Affairs, and volunteered as the Awards Coordinator. She wishes to continue serving as VP of Govt. Affairs in order to build our strength as an organization and to advocate for the issues that are most important to the chapter and to the landscape architecture profession as a whole.

### **Chelsea Gieryc for Vice President of Communications (1st Term)**

Chelsea is a recent graduate from the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) where she earned her Master of Landscape Architecture and Master of Urban and Regional Planning. She served as president of the CU Denver American Society of Landscape Architects Student Chapter and coordinated social media efforts, including a launch of the student chapters Instagram and branding efforts. She currently works as a landscape designer at Livable Cities Studio where she combines her passions for integrating research, public engagement, and artistic intervention to design places for communities and the environment.

### **Sarah Konradi for Secretary (1<sup>st</sup> Term)**

Sarah Konradi, PLA, ASLA, is Executive Director of Design Workshop Foundation in Denver, CO. She has practiced in NC and CO, and has led the programming and design of a wide range of outdoor spaces, including schools, parks, child care facilities, community centers, libraries and public gardens around the U.S. Sarah has dedicated her career to developing and scaling evidence-based initiatives that advance equitable access to nature. In June 2018, Sarah delivered a TEDxMileHigh talk, “Designing playgrounds for happier, healthier kids”, to draw attention to the need for innovation in parks and playgrounds so that children can more authentically connect with nature.

Sarah holds a BFA from Savannah College of Art and Design (2005) and an MLA from NC State University (2011), where she served as SASLA secretary for two years. Prior to joining Design Workshop in 2022, she was Director of Design and Engagement at National Wildlife Federation, and previously worked as a Research and Design Associate for NC State University’s College of Design/ Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. Sarah lives in Centennial, CO with her husband and three children, and enjoys hiking, skiing, and gardening.