




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Laura Keil</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member at Large</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>	<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 9/1/2021 <b>to</b> 8/31/2022  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Phinney Ridge</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98103</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Drawing from ecological restoration, cartography, and art, Laura's work synthesizes a breadth of information to create enduring multifunctional spaces. Laura received her Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture at the University of Washington where she focused on researching how ecological, geographic, and cultural narratives shape the natural and built environments for resilient futures. While interning with the Seattle Department of Transportation Urban Forestry Division, Laura conducted field research quantifying the impact of Seattle's urban forest on quality of life. Green infrastructure (urban tree canopy being a key example) plays an important role in revising the current rhetoric of the built environment. Laura intends to continue working to illuminate how systems of privilege can be shifted for a more equitable and sustainable world, and make these changes tangible through physical design interventions. She currently practices the art of balancing science and design through interdisciplinary collaboration as a Landscape/Mitigation Designer at Talasaea Consultants. Laura looks forward to participating in public dialogue as a member of the Urban Forestry Commission. When communities are engaged meaningfully, green spaces become drivers of increased social equity.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>    <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 3/7/2022	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i>  <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.



# LAURA KEIL

## work experience

### GIS/GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN

*Fehr & Peers (2020 - present)*

Translate complex technical concepts into intuitive visuals and narratives in an interdisciplinary transportation planning/engineering firm. Prepare project graphics that are professional and effective tools of communication

### TREE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT INTERN

*Seattle Department of Transportation (Summer 2019)*

Quantified the environmental, social, and economic benefits and potential of Seattle's street trees through field research and GIS analysis

### ILLUSTRATOR

*The Daily Newspaper UW (2019 - 2021)*

Communicated with writers to enhance the idea of their article with an editorial illustration while working within quick deadlines

### LEAD USHER

*Meany Center For The Performing Arts (2017 - 2021)*

Led front-of-house team using strategic problem-solving, interpersonal communication, and teamwork skills

## activities

### COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH OFFICER

*UW Society for Ecological Restoration (2019 - 2021)*

Led event organization, collaborated with environmental groups, and participated in ecological restoration work parties. Drafted newsletters, ran social media, and designed promotional materials

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

*UW//LA Department Professional Advisory Council (2020 - 2021)*

Attended monthly meetings as the voice of the student body

### SECRETARY

*UW Chapter of ASLA (2019 - 2020)*

Oversaw club recordkeeping; served as a peer leader and encouraged involvement and sense of community within the landscape department

### LEAD ILLUSTRATOR

*Voyage UW Magazine (2018 - 2021)*

Lead artist for a travel magazine that seeks to inspire adventure and increase cultural and geographic awareness

## awards & honors

NATIONAL ASLA CONFERENCE STIPEND (2021)

NATIONAL ASLA STUDENT HONOR AWARD (2020)

DONALD K. SAKUMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2019)

SCAN|DESIGN FELLOWSHIP (2018)

## contact



## education

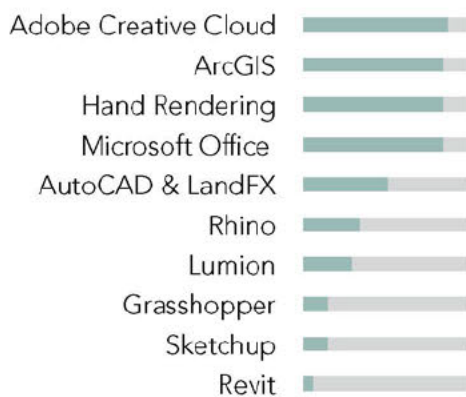
### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture 2021  
Minor in Environmental Science  
GPA 3.8

### UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

Study Abroad 2018  
Independently researched the impacts of climate change on Copenhagen's built landscape; exploration sponsored by the Scan|Design Foundation

## technical skills



## interests

I am passionate about visual and auditory communication, particularly through the mediums of ink illustration, cartography, and music. I enjoy working with my hands be it playing cello in a musical pit orchestra, baking unusual pastries, or participating in restoration work parties. I am happiest when exploring cities on bicycle and traveling to new places.

# Urban Forestry Commission

6-1-21

13 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	6	1.	Wildlife Biologist	Julia Michalak	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Council
6	NB	2	2.	Urban Ecologist	Elby Jones	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M	6	3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	4/1/19	3/31/22	2	Council
			4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Vacant	4/1/21	3/31/24		Mayor
6	M	4	5.	Arborist	Stuart Niven	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Council
			6.	Landscape Architect	Vacant	4/1/21	3/31/24		Mayor
6	M	3	7.	NGO Representative	Joshua N. Morris	4/1/19	3/31/22	1	Council
6	M	7	8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	David Moehring	4/19/21	3/31/22	1	Mayor
6	M	n/a	9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Blake Voorhees	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Commission
9	F	7	10.	Get Engaged Member	Laura Keil	9/1/21	8/31/22	1	Mayor
9	F	4	11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	Jessica Hernandez	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Council
6	F	7	12	Public Health Rep.	Jessica Jones	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
			13	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Vacant	4/1/18	3/31/24		Council

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	2		Non-Binary						4			
Council	3	2								4			1
Other	1									1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>						<b>9</b>			<b>1</b>

### Key:

- \*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List gender, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.