

ALPINE Summer Institute Participant Bios

Robin Austin is originally from Durango, CO, but moved to Massachusetts to attend Smith College. She graduated with a degree in Geosciences in 2018. She is currently serving a TerraCorps/AmeriCorps term with North County Land Trust in Leominster, MA. Previously, she served as an AmeriCorps member with the San Juan Forest Service in their Abandoned Mine Lands division. Her interests are land stewardship, sustainability, and climate change resiliency. In her free time, you can find her hiking, reading, listening to podcasts, or starting a new craft project.



Colby Bosley-Smith grew up in Washington, DC and was interested in nature while exploring various ecosystems in Rock Creek Park and the Chesapeake Bay. She is currently a rising senior at the University of Vermont, pursuing a degree in Environmental Sciences with a concentration in Conservation Biology and Biodiversity and a minor in Forestry. This summer she is excited to be working as a research technician for the Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change (ASCC) project, which is testing various silvicultural approaches to climate change adaptation at five study sites across the country. She is working on several research initiatives for the ASCC project at the Dartmouth Second College Grant in New Hampshire. Moving forward, she hopes to continue to engage in forestry research while spending as much time outside as possible.



Jonathan Brown grew up in Hanover, NH. He took a gap year before college and returned to Hanover to go to Dartmouth, where he studied mechanical engineering. His first job after college was as a manufacturing engineer for a biotech startup in San Francisco. Seeking a pivot, he moved to Costa Rica summer of 2017 and spent eight months volunteering for a variety of environmental projects. Summer of 2018, he worked as a backpacking trip leader in Alaska for Overland Summers. Then he moved to Cambridge, MA and began an internship at The Charles River Watershed Association to help them with their initiative to design, plan, and install more green infrastructure projects in the Boston Area.



Kayla Dorey graduated from the University of Vermont in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with a focus in Ecology and Conservation. Currently, she is a teaching assistant in the Special Education department at Ipswich High School as well as a graduate student at Salem State University studying Geo-Information Science. She will be interning this summer with Essex County Greenbelt Association to learn more about the application of GIS for local conservation.



Jacob Freedman is a rising Junior at Middlebury College in Vermont majoring in Environmental Studies and Geography. He is originally from Worcester, Massachusetts, and this community has inspired him to care about local conservation. He is a co-founder of the Wild Middlebury Project, an organization that seeks to connect and engage young people with local and place-based environmental initiatives. This summer, he will be working with ALPINE to create a toolkit for other colleges and universities to start similar organizations in their own communities. He is excited to attend the ALPINE Summer Institute and learn from my peers in conservation across New England. In his spare time, he enjoys teaching skiing, exploring Addison county with his 7-year-old mentee, discussing local Worcester politics, and sharing in the passions and interests of others.



Joe Hazleton is graduating from the University of Michigan in August. He is originally from Arlington, MA, and is now living in northern Michigan studying plants, and later in the summer interning at the Kennebec Land Trust studying GIS and Abenaki culture in Maine. In the next few years, he'll try to find his way to grad school on the law and policy-side of environmentalism. For green free time reading, he digs Gary Snyder—The Real Work is worth flipping through if you ever catch it at a thrift store or library. He likes to swim and bike and run marathons, but triathlons sound a little extra, maybe one day.



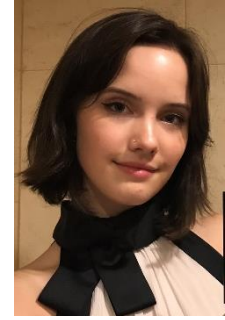
Katherine Lange is a graduate student at the University of Connecticut pursuing her Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in environmental policy. She currently works as the Sandy Breslin Conservation Fellow for the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, where she assists with advocacy efforts on state policies, particularly within the land trust community. In the fall, she will begin working for the Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound based in New Haven. She is from Lebanon, CT, earned a B.A. in Political Science and Human Rights from the University of Connecticut in 2018 and enjoys hiking and camping.



Mattea Powers grew up in Skowhegan, Maine and is a rising senior at Plymouth State University studying Environmental Science & Policy and earning a GIS certificate. As a reflection of these skills, she is currently interning at Harvard Forest in Petersham, Massachusetts. In the future, she is interested in pursuing a career in conservation ecology with an emphasis on GIS.



Madison Shaw started a grassroots organization in 2013 and became enveloped in the world of public health. For the last seven years, she has dedicated her life to advocacy on behalf of the rare disease community. Now, as a sophomore in college, she is studying Political Communications and Environmental Studies at Emerson College in the hopes of carrying this work into her career. She is always working to understand the symbiotic relationship between conservation and public health and finding an intersection at which great change can be made. Madison will be working with Spencer Meyer at the Highstead Foundation and Marianne Jorgensen on a health and the environment project this summer.



Anna Therein is a student at Westfield State University. She is majoring in Regional Planning and Environmental Science with a minor in GIS. This summer she is interning at Harvard Forest in Petersham, Massachusetts.



Danielle Wards is a rising senior at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, where she is majoring in English and environmental studies. After graduating, she hopes to pursue a career in science communication. Specifically, she is interested in land conservation because it is an ideal platform for educating non-academic audiences on environmental issues. Outside of her academic interests, she enjoys rock climbing, going to the beach, and backpacking.



Sabrina Guihong Wei is a professor of law at Beijing Forestry University in Beijing, China. She is also the director of the Law and Policy Institute for State-Owned Forest Farms and the editor in chief of the State-Owned Forest Farms Journal, which publishes research on the practice of sustainable management and forest operations for 4,855 state-owned forest farms in China. While at the Lincoln Institute, Sabrina is studying the history and application of the conservation easement as a legal tool to advance land protection in the United States. She is also studying how the practice might be relevant in China. She will continue her work remotely with the network of civic land conservation practitioners in China.

