



MASTER OF  
**LANDSCAPE  
ARCHITECTURE**

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**DEGREE(S):**

B.S. in Urban & Regional  
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**HOMETOWN:**

Chula Vista, California

**Why did you choose to pursue a master's degree in landscape architecture?**

I wanted to design things, and I wanted it to be related to landscapes. More importantly, I felt limited to policy-related work with my planning degree, and pursuing a master's degree in landscape architecture would give me the skills I needed to solve problems in which I was interested.

**Why did you choose the Knowlton School at Ohio State?**

I chose the Knowlton School because I was interested in the momentum of the program that I saw demonstrated in the faculty, their research and student work.

**What have been some of the most valuable opportunities you've experienced at Knowlton?**

The two most valuable opportunities I have had are attending the Baumer Lecture Series and asking questions. The Baumer lectures have brought very interesting perspectives to Knowlton and have exposed me to different perspectives that have pushed me to question my own work. They have also given me the opportunity to learn more about architecture and city planning, and see how people's backgrounds influence their research. Lastly, I asked a lot of questions and had very interesting discussions with both professors and my peers that have pushed me to think about things in a different way.

**Briefly describe your studio experiences and how they have been integral to your learning.**

Although the Autumn and Spring studios were very different (one about making things and the other about master-planning), they both taught me that it is important to test my ideas, fail, learn from my mistakes, and try again. I have learned much more from what I have done wrong, than what I have done right. I have also learned as much from my classmates as I have from the professors because we often work together to solve problems and critique each other's work in process.

**Describe your experience as a graduate associate and how it has been beneficial in your education and future career.**

I have thoroughly enjoyed being a Graduate Associate. Not only do I have the opportunity to share my thoughts with students, but I have learned so much from speaking with professors and teaching students.