

# Consortium for Scenario Planning Conference 2025

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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### **Sulabh Aryal, Transportation Planning Manager, PlanRVA**

**Sulabh Aryal** serves as the transportation planning manager for PlanRVA, the regional planning agency and MPO for Virginia's Richmond region. He has more than 15 years of experience in transportation planning and leads long-range planning and scenario planning activities. He has been pivotal in implementing the region's performance-based project prioritization process and its first exploratory scenario planning process, "Pathways to the Future." Other professional interests include the development of innovative analytical tools and predictive models for various regional planning

applications. He has a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Virginia Commonwealth University.



### **Uri Avin, Consultant and Affiliate, National Center for Smart Growth, University of Maryland**

**Uri Avin** consults with cities, counties, and MPOs on scenario planning. Previously, he taught and researched at the University of Maryland, was a consultant with several large national and international firms and directed county planning departments in Maryland. He has worked with numerous clients across the US, applying tools to develop scenario-based approaches for actionable plans.



### **Rebecca Bicksler, PhD Candidate, University of Nottingham**

**Rebecca Bicksler** is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. Drawing on critical disaster studies, her PhD project uses systems thinking to explore disaster vulnerability in Southwest Florida. With a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois, Becca started her career in floodplain mapping for the Illinois State Water Survey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She has done research and heritage preservation in flood-prone Northern Thailand, researched risk communication for the Natural Hurricane Center,

and developed disaster risk reduction strategies with the World Bank. Having lived and worked in Asia, Europe, and North America, she has a global perspective on the intersection of disaster risk, urban complexity, heritage preservation, and community development.



**James Carras, Principal, Carras Community Investment Inc.**

**James Carras**, the principal of Carras Community Investment Inc., has been a trusted consultant for mission-driven organizations, government agencies, financial institutions, and developers for more than 35 years. His expertise has been instrumental in creating and capitalizing over 50 community development corporations (CDCs), development financial institutions (CDFIs), and public-private partnership initiatives. Recently, he was an Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow at Harvard University, where he has also taught courses on equitable development policy and financing community economic development for the past 11 years. Previously, he served as a community development advisor to the mayor of Boston and as the executive director of the Massachusetts Urban Reinvestment Advisory Group. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in urban sociology from Suffolk University, completed graduate work at Tufts University's Department of Urban and Environmental Policy, and received a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



**Senna Catenacci, Research Associate, American Planning Association**

**Senna Catenacci** is a graduate of the University of Michigan with bachelor's degrees in environment and political science, and she currently works at the American Planning Association in Chicago, where she conducts research for APA's grant-funded projects and Foresight initiative, primarily in helping develop the annual *Trend Report for Planners*.



**Kira Clingen, Daniel Urban Kiley Fellow, Lecturer in Landscape Architecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design**

**Kira Bre Clingen** is the '23-'25 Daniel Urban Kiley Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Landscape Architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, and cofounder of the climate design research practice APOCATOPIA. Her research uses a place-based scenario planning methodology to build climate landscape literacy in cultural landscapes and assist decision-makers in adapting to the climate emergency. She was born, raised, and works in the Gulf of Maine watershed.



**Anderson De Figueiredo, Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wyoming**

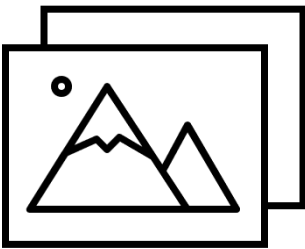
**Anderson de Figueiredo** is a postdoctoral research associate with the Wyoming Anticipating Climate Transitions (WyACT) project, where he is responsible for codesigning scenario-building interviews, focus groups, and community deliberations with community members and understanding more about the community's needs, responses, and strategies to adapt to climatic change. He also researches scenario building and climate change adaptation, engaging communities with meaningful climate science and how scientific models can help Wyoming communities plan and prepare for climate change impacts and how communities can inform and improve climate change scenarios.



**Emma Dodsworth, Research Assistant, Virginia Institute of Marine Science**

**Emma Dodsworth** is a research assistant at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). She received her master’s degrees from VIMS in August 2024, after developing an online modeling tool for living shorelines to compute their nutrient and sediment removals. She also spent her time working with tribal nations to assess vulnerabilities to sea level rise through GIS analyses. Currently, she works with communities, tribal nations, and land use planners on scenario planning and resilience in the face of climate change.

**Allison Driedger, MCIP, Principal, Bluestem Development**



**Allison Driedger** is a professional planner with over 20 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. She is currently the principal at Bluestem Development, a private consultancy firm that specializes in land use development. She is a sessional lecturer in the Department of City Planning at the University of Manitoba, teaching the introductory studio course and the housing and urban revitalization course, and an active member of LAHRK Consulting, a worker cooperative that specializes in community-based planning.

Previously, she spent 10 years working for the Province of Manitoba as a community planner. She earned her master’s degree from the University of Manitoba Department of City Planning and is actively involved in her community, volunteering for the food bank, with newcomer families, and for the local recreation board.



**Zhenia Dulko, Foresight Manager, American Planning Association**

**Zhenia Dulko**, a planner and researcher with a master’s degree in city/urban, community, and regional planning from the University of Illinois Chicago, is currently a foresight manager at the American Planning Association. In her role, she focuses on developing the annual *Trend Report for Planners* and advancing the application of strategic foresight in the planning profession.



**Libertad Figuereo, Senior Policy Analyst, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**

**Libertad Figuereo** is a senior policy analyst at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy on the Equity and Opportunity team. In her role, she leads the Legacy Cities Initiative, which supports local leaders, scholars, and stakeholders in their efforts to revitalize equitable and sustainable cities. She is a graduate of the University at Buffalo with a master’s degree in urban planning and a graduate certificate in historic preservation.



**Cirse Gonzalez, Coastal Training Program Coordinator,  
Chesapeake Bay NERR and Virginia Institute of Marine Science**

**Cirse Gonzalez** works to inform and empower decision-making in coastal resource management through capacity building, technical assistance, and community engagement as coastal training program coordinator with Chesapeake Bay NERR in Virginia. She brings experience in communications and outreach, natural resource management, responsible recreation, and marine science. Her work and research history includes serving as executive director of the US Federal Recreation Council (aka FICOR); at NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, where she worked in outreach, constituent, and legislative affairs; in five US marine laboratories, where she studied the ecology and physiology of algae and crabs; and at the Hispanic Access Foundation, for which she recently wrote a report on Latinos and the ocean. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from Duke University and a master's degree in marine affairs from the University of Washington.



**Heather Saucedo Hannon, Director of Planning Practice and  
Scenario Planning, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**

**Heather Saucedo Hannon** runs the Consortium for Scenario Planning and advances planning practices through its initiatives. Previously, she was a transportation planner consulting for the US Department of Transportation. She has also worked in regional and state planning at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and in campus planning at Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts Boston. She earned her AB in architecture from Princeton University and her master's degree in urban planning from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.



**Madeline Hiller, Program Coordinator, Planning Practice and  
Scenario Planning, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**

**Madeline Hiller** supports the Consortium for Scenario Planning and advances planning practices through its initiatives. Prior to joining Lincoln, she worked with Rights and Democracy Vermont on its Housing for All campaign. She has also interned with EXPLORA Valparaiso (Chile) and NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in environmental studies from Middlebury College.



**Nicola Ianeselli, Innovation and Virtual Design and  
Construction Leader, WGI**

**Nico Ianeselli** brings more than a decade of expertise in the construction and engineering sector to harnessing and advancing Building Information Modeling (BIM), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Blockchain technologies to construct innovative, efficient, and forward-thinking solutions for the built environment. His background includes key technology positions for international logistics companies, ports, and marine operations. As COO of NuShore LLC, he executed operations for fortifying coastlines against erosion using research and technologies to enhance marine conservation and environmental

sustainability. At WGI, he is responsible for analyzing and implementing the latest technological advances in the engineering industry. This role involves integrating cutting-edge solutions in AI, Large Language Models (LLM), and automation to improve operational efficiency and drive innovation. The position requires a commitment to leveraging advanced technology to achieve superior results in virtual design and construction.



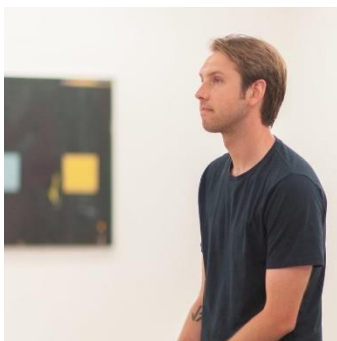
**Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer, Deputy Department Director, Broward County Government**

**Jennifer Jurado** leads climate resilience and environmental planning initiatives for Broward County, Florida, regarding sea level rise adaptation, sustainable water resource management, shoreline protection, coastal resource conservation, and clean energy projects. She works extensively with internal and regional stakeholders to advance countywide resilience planning informed by future conditions scenarios, including resilient infrastructure design standards and redevelopment strategies; she also fosters public-private partnerships key to large-scale initiatives. Current priorities involve the application of climate information and economic risk assessments to inform a basin-level countywide resilience plan. She has been a participant in the four-county Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact since its formation in 2009 and serves on the board of directors for the American Society of Adaptation Professionals and the American Geophysical Union's Thriving Earth Exchange. She earned her PhD in marine biology and fisheries from the University of Miami.



**Raul Marino Zamudio, Principal Professor at the Faculty of International, Political, and Urban Studies, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá**

**Raul Marino Zamudio** has served as principal professor at the Faculty of International, Political and Urban Studies, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia, since 2021. Previously, he was a postdoctoral research fellow in project Water Sensitive Cities in Indonesia directed by Monash Art, Design Architecture Faculty (MADA) Melbourne, and the Australian-Indonesian Centre's Urban Water Cluster program (2017–2019). He also served as strategic planning advisor for the City of Bucaramanga (Colombia) Planning Department, Spatial Planning Group from 2020 to 2021. He has a PhD in urban sustainability from the Melbourne School of Design, University of Melbourne, and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).



**Justin Marsh, Designer and Project Coordinator, University of California, Davis**

**Justin Marsh** is a multidisciplinary artist and designer with a background in exhibitions and visual art. He has inaugurated multiple visual art institutions in Northern California, including at the Crocker Art Museum and the Anderson Collection at Stanford University, and he specializes in the development, design, and management of museum exhibitions. His current research focuses on social and critical design community campaigns that engage complex heritage sites, where multiple modalities and interests intersect, often manifesting tumultuous and ephemeral landscapes.



**Brett Milligan, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Davis**

**Brett Milligan** is a landscape architect and professor of landscape architecture and environmental design at the University of California, Davis. He is a cofounder of the Dredge Research Collaborative, a nonprofit organization dedicated to exploring the human alteration and design of sedimentary landscapes; at UC Davis, he is the director of the Metamorphic Landscapes Lab, dedicated to prototyping landscape-based adaptations to accelerated climatic and environmental change through

transdisciplinary design research. Much of his work is based in California and the Bay-Delta region, undoing and reworking colonial legacies of land reclamation, water infrastructure, flood control, and fire suppression.



**Lisa Nisenson, VP, New Mobility and Connected Communities, WGI**

**Lisa Nisenson** develops next-generation planning for new mobility and integrated placemaking for WGI; this work incorporates trends such as micromobility, new technologies, and data analytics into projects. She is currently updating APA's 2010 PAS report *Complete Streets*, focusing on design and tried-and-true policy, lessons learned, and what's on the horizon. She is also developing performance-based planning for climate action, mobility, and

parking clients to meet strict performance targets. Her career began in the US Environmental Protection Agency's Smart Growth office, working on forward-looking infrastructure and regulatory standards for topics such as transit-oriented development and green infrastructure. In 2016, she joined Alta Planning and Design to build its New Mobility portfolio. She is currently on the board of the Consortium for Scenario Planning and several nonprofits in West Palm Beach. In 2015, she delivered a TEDx Talk in Arlington, Virginia, on mobility and technology.



**Carolina Passet, Coordinator, Observatory of Argentine Foreign Policy at the National University of Rosario, and Coordinator, Casa del Sur/Encuentro**

**Carolina Passet** has a degree in international relations from the National University of Rosario and is a specialist in political management of climate change at the university. She has a master's degree in integration and international cooperation from the National University of Rosario (UNR), as well as experience in executive administration with the Municipality of Llambi Campbell–Environmental Area and the Municipality of Rosario–Municipal

Institute of Women and in legislative administration with the Municipal Council of Santa Fe. She is also a member of the “Casa del Sur/Encuentro” team, coordinates the Observatory of Argentine Foreign Policy at UNR and is a researcher at the Argentina 1.5 Foundation. Her area of study is climate change, gender, and Indigenous communities.



**Giovanni Pérez, Independent Consultant**

**Giovanni Pérez** is a Colombian lawyer based in Argentina and a trained Scrum Master (CSM), Agile teams facilitator, and LEGO® Serious Play® facilitator. He is also consultant and researcher interested in the use of strategic foresight, serious games, and applying the Agile framework in public policies and citizens' engagement processes.



**Roberto Ponce-Lopez, Professor and Researcher, Center for the Future of Cities, Tecnológico de Monterrey**

**Roberto Ponce-Lopez** is a professor and researcher at Tecnológico de Monterrey's School of Government and in the Center for the Future of Cities. He leads a 10-member Urban Science team, focusing on urban information systems for land use and transport policy. He holds a PhD in urban studies and planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and publishes in urban computational studies.



**Caitlin Ryan, Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wyoming**

**Caitlin Ryan**, a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Wyoming, is a geographer whose research focuses on understanding political and economic processes that drive cooperation and conflict over land, natural resources, and urban-rural development. She is especially interested in connecting scientific and local knowledge to address complex problems, and she has expertise in a range of qualitative methods that prioritize participant-led and collaborative approaches to knowledge

production.



**Marcel Sanchez Prieto, Associate Professor of Architecture, University of San Diego**

**Marcel Sanchez Prieto** is an associate professor of architecture at the University of San Diego and cofounder of CRO Studio, an architectural practice focused on social impact and urban transformation. His work explores the intersections of architecture, urban planning, and social justice, particularly within border regions. He is the founder of the Transborder Association of Architectural Education (TAAE), an initiative aimed at fostering cross-border collaboration and dialogue through architectural education in the

US-Mexico borderlands. He previously served as faculty director of the Arcus Social Justice Corps at UC Berkeley, where he led initiatives that addressed issues of inequality and exclusion. He has received the Rome Prize in Architecture and recognition from the Progressive Architecture Awards. His research and practice advocate for architecture as a catalyst for social cohesion, especially in regions with deep political and cultural divides.



**Julia C. Sarniotti, Advisor to the Municipal Council of Santa Fe, Argentina, and Coordinator, Casa del Sur/Encuentro**

**Julia Sarniotti** is an architect–urban designer specializing in environmental management (National University of Litoral, Santa Fe), with a master’s in urban economics from the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires and a 2019 diploma in democratic innovation from Asuntos del Sur. She has experience in executive administration with the Municipality of Santa Fe, having served under the secretary of urban development from 2021 to 2023. Since 2020, she has advised the Honorable Municipal Council of Santa Fe

on topics including urban–environmental ordering and planning, urban economics, building sustainability, and participatory management.



**Brandon Saurber, Executive Director of Strategy & Personnel, City of Hamilton, Ohio**

**Brandon Saurber** is the executive director of Strategy & Personnel for the City of Hamilton, Ohio. In this role, he supports organization-wide efforts to align work to meet broad objectives, create a winning culture, and produce measurable results. A proud, lifelong, seventh-generation Hamiltonian, Saurber received his bachelor of arts degree in organizational communications from Miami University and his master of arts in management and change leadership from Antioch University. Saurber has worked for the City of Hamilton

since early 2011 in a variety of leadership roles, including economic development, marketing communications, community development, neighborhoods, data and performance measurement. He currently resides in Hamilton’s German Village historic district with his wife and two teenage children.



**Christian Stewart, Geospatial Technologies Specialist, WGI**

**Christian Stewart** is responsible for the planning, collection, and processing of mobile LiDAR. He is proficient with both time-of-flight and phase-based mobile LiDAR systems such as the Leica Pegasus 2 Ultimate and the Riegl VMX-2HA and is one of the most proficient Mobile mapping professionals in the industry, having used a variety of collection platforms such as car, truck, boat, HiRail, UAV, and pedestrian LiDAR backpacks. He is also responsible for various surveying assignments, including LiDAR data extraction, plans preparation, and survey calculations related to route surveys,

boundary surveys, topographic surveys, and as-built surveys. He is proficient in using Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) and automated data collection and is familiar with a variety of total stations and digital levels. His project experience includes highway design projects, major environmental restoration projects, airport and railway surveys, and construction surveys.





**Levi Stewart-Figueroa, Senior Transportation Planner, Broward MPO**

**Levi Stewart-Figueroa** is the resiliency coordinator at the Broward MPO. He specializes in planning, designing, and implementing transportation systems that respond to climate change and withstand extreme weather events. He became interested in resiliency planning while at the University of New Orleans, after seeing the impacts of Hurricane Katrina. He has been with the MPO for five years; previously, he worked with the City of Miami Beach’s transportation team.



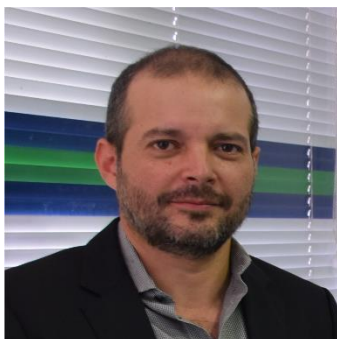
**Jose Antonio Torre, Director, Center for the Future of Cities, Tecnológico de Monterrey**

**Jose Antonio Torre** is the director of Tecnológico de Monterrey’s Center for the Future of Cities, promoting interdisciplinary research and innovation in urban challenges. Formerly a federal government official and entrepreneur, he holds an industrial engineering degree from Tec de Monterrey and an MBA from Harvard. Chair of Consejo Nuevo León’s Sustainability Commission, he was also the head of a major urban renewal initiative in Monterrey called DistritoTec and led by Tecnológico de Monterrey.



**Srin Varanasi, Vice President, The Corradino Group**

**Srin Varanasi** serves as a vice president for the Corradino Group’s nationwide transportation systems planning practice. He has 16 years of experience in travel demand models development and applications and serves as project manager and task leader in several transportation planning and forecasting contracts. He has successfully completed several multiresolution modeling applications for various corridor and subarea studies, including several managed lanes modeling applications in Florida. He has a master’s degree in civil engineering from Louisiana State University and a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Andhra University, India.



**Elkin Vargas López, Professor and Cofounder, Buro DAP (Development + Architecture + Planning)**

**Elkin Vargas López**, is an international consultant, professor, and cofounder of Buro DAP (Development + Architecture + Planning), an international agency with headquarters in Colombia and India. Buro DAP promotes urban sustainability in cities of the Global South by facilitating dialogue and collaboration between local communities and public and private actors. He is a leader of Congreso Internacional Ciudades resilientes: Diálogos desde el Sur Global, the academic and professional dialogue in urban resilience and has led research projects on urban issues and formulated and assessed mobility and housing policies and sustainable urban planning that considers climate change. He has three master’s degrees: in international cooperation and urban development, sustainable and emergency architecture, and planning and management of urban development.



**Eric Zamft, Director of Planning, Neighborhoods & Development, City of Cleveland Height, Ohio**

Eric Zamft is an American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)–certified planner with over 20 years of experience in housing, planning, transportation, land use, zoning, community development, and sustainability in both the public and private sectors. Eric worked in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the New York City metropolitan area prior to his family’s move to Cleveland Heights, Ohio, in January 2021.