

MUGS 2022 Sat. April 23, 2022

Panel Session: Future Geographers and Geographies
11:30 am - 12:30 pm in Nobel Hall 2220 (Wallenberg Auditorium)



During his time at Gustavus, **Elliot Mohler** was immediately drawn to courses focusing on urban geographies, social justice, and environmental sustainability. After graduating from Gustavus in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Geography and Environmental Studies, Elliot pursued his Masters in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. While there, he worked on student-led projects related to community impact statements, the development of cultural corridors in St. Paul, and envisioning the role of autonomous vehicles in urban, suburban, and rural landscapes. Elliot is now employed as a Planner for Olmsted County where he works on a wide breadth of projects. Some of his recent accomplishments have included starting the process of developing a county-wide parks and open space plan, updating the general land use plan, and collaborating on a free and fair redistricting process for county commissioner districts.



Rachel Belvedere graduated summa cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College with a BA in Geography and Environmental Studies in 2020. Rachel cherished her time at Gustavus where she learned "the why of where" (thanks, Joaquin), developed leadership and critical thinking skills, and built meaningful relationships with friends, faculty, and staff. After graduating, Rachel joined the Origination team at US Solar, a developer, owner, and operator of solar generation and storage projects based in Minneapolis. She oversees communications with community solar subscribers and collaborates with the Asset Management team to execute solar garden allocations and billing. As an environmental justice advocate and farmer's granddaughter, she is passionate about promoting energy resources that diversify rural economies, speed the transition to a renewable energy future, and provide the environmental and health benefits of clean, local energy to all.



Quincy Yang is a proud Hmong American who graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College last spring (2021). He considers himself a budding human geographer who is interested in environmental ethics, politics, and justice. As an undergrad, he was a Doris Duke Conservation Scholar at the University of Washington-Seattle where he worked on conservation projects across the Pacific Northwest. Additionally, he spent a semester studying climate change, geopolitics, and migration in Nepal and India. Since graduating, he has worked with The Trust for Public Land in Seattle, WA and The Southeast Diaspora Project in Minneapolis, MN.

This fall, Quincy is attending Yale University to pursue a Masters of Environmental Management. He is excited to join the community of geographers and environmental justice leaders at Yale who are linking scholarship with on-the-ground initiatives to achieve global sustainability.



Shauna Capron is a Water Resources Specialist at the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District in Prior Lake, MN. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A. in Geography and Environmental Studies in 2020.

Shauna's interest in natural water resources emerged from a number of formative experiences during her time at Gustavus, beginning with a program in Beijing, China. In this program, she explored the outlook for sustainability amidst the environmental and human impacts of rapid global development and population growth. Upon returning to Minnesota, she conducted water quality research in the Seven Mile Creek watershed, and she participated in hydrological research in glacial watersheds of the Ecuadorian Andes.

Her most recent interests include limnology, ecohydrology, and watershed management, with plans to pursue a graduate degree in a related field in the near future.