

# Kyra Gmoser-Daskalakis

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## EDUCATION

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**Master of Urban and Regional Planning**, *University of California Los Angeles, 2019*

GPA: 4.00 | Environmental Analysis and Policy Concentration

Capstone: Incentivizing Private Property Green Infrastructure: Recommendations for Los Angeles County

Capstone Advisor: Dr. J.R. DeShazo

**B.S. Environmental Economics and Policy**, *University of California Berkeley, 2016*

GPA: 4.00 | Minors: Anthropology and City & Regional Planning

Graduation with Highest Distinction (Summa Cum Laude) | Dean's List 2012-2016

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Researcher and Project Manager

Jun 2019-Sept 2020

*UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation*

- Researcher and project manager for the Luskin Center's Urban Greening and Sustainable Water initiatives. Tasks included data analysis, research, writing, editing, and project management.
- Projects included a study of stormwater management and awareness across the five southern UC campuses, a comparative analysis of green infrastructure adoption in three U.S. cities, an assessment of drinking water systems in Los Angeles County, and an inventory of equitable park access programs and funding in California.

### Graduate Student Researcher

Jun 2017-Jun 2019

*UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation*

- Research assistant on projects in the Center's Urban Greening and Sustainable Water initiatives. Tasks included report research and writing, literature reviews, and survey deployment.
- Projects included SMART Parks: A Toolkit, a visitor use survey for NPS in the Santa Monica Mountains, and an equity analysis of a proposed desalination plant in Orange County.

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

Spring 2015/2016

*Dr. Malo Hutson*

- Assisted Dr. Malo Hutson with two separate research projects while at UC Berkeley.
- The first (Spring 2015) involved background research on housing, transit-oriented development, sustainable development, and community organizing in four U.S. cities for Dr. Hutson's book "The Urban Struggle for Economic, Environmental and Social Justice: Deepening Their Roots".
- The second project (Spring 2016) was a literature review on gentrification and health to provide summary and background on the topic for a forthcoming academic publication.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Pierce, G., & **Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.** (2020). "Los Angeles County Community Water Systems: Performance Policy Guide". *Luskin Center for Innovation Report*.

Pierce, G., **Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.**, & Chow, N. (2020). "Water Affordability in California: Challenges and Policy Solutions". *California Policy Options 2020*. Ed. Daniel Mitchell. UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

Pierce, G., Chow, N., **Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.**, & DeShazo, J.R. (2020). “Recommendations for Implementation of a Statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program”. *State Water Resources Control Board Report*.

Pierce, G., McOmber, B., **Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.**, DeShazo, J.R. (2020). “Understanding the Needs of Diverse Park Users: A Briefing Paper Summarizing Results of a Visitor Survey in the Largest U.S. National Urban Park: The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area”. *Luskin Center for Innovation Report*.

**Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.** (2019). “Incentivizing Private Property Green Infrastructure: Recommendations for Los Angeles County”. *Capstone Project Published by Luskin Center For Innovation*.

Pierce, G., Chow, N., **Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.**, Roquemore, P., & Heil, N. (2019). “Analyzing Southern California Supply Investments from a Human Right to Water Perspective: The Proposed Poseidon Ocean Water Desalination Plant in Orange County”. *Luskin Center for Innovation Report*.

Pierce, G., **Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.**, & Jessup, K. (2019). “Cities within Cities or Square Pegs in Round Holes? University Stormwater Management within an Urban Environmental Regulatory Regime”. *Journal Article Under Review*.

Loukaitou-Sideris, A., Jessup, K., **Gmoser-Daskalakis, K.**, Hum, C., & Ferdman, R. (2018). “SMART Parks: A Toolkit”. *Luskin Center for Innovation Report*.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Urban Planning Academic Excellence Award**, *UCLA*, June 2019

**National Planning Achievement Award for Best Practice Silver**, *APA*, April 2019  
(Awarded to “SMART Parks: A Toolkit”)

**Academic Award of Merit**, *APA California Chapter*, October 2018  
(Awarded to “SMART Parks: A Toolkit”)

**Luskin Fellow**, *UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs*, 2017-2019

**Department Citation Award**, *UC Berkeley Natural Resource Economics Department*, May 2016

**Quantedge Award for Academic Excellence**, *UC Berkeley*, August 2015

**Kraft Award for Freshman**, *UC Berkeley*, January 2013

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Project Management Assistant** Mar 2017-May 2017

*Mental Health by Design*

- Provided remote administrative support and project management assistance for architect Karen Kubey who coordinated 9 mental health related urban design projects in New York City public schools as part of the Mental Health by Design program.

**Sacramento Area Outreach and Mapping Specialist**

Oct 2016-Jan 2017

*Environmental Justice Coalition for Water*

- Assisted the EJCW with various tasks to support their mission of advocating for drinking water equity and environmental justice. Tasks included legislative analysis and GIS mapping.

**Economic Development and Affordable Housing Intern**

Mar 2016- May 2016

*Office of Berkeley City Councilmember Jesse Arreguin*

- Assisted the Office of City Councilmember Arreguin with policy research and development for economic development and affordable housing in the City of Berkeley with a particular focus on developing a small business incentives package.

**Student Design Trainee**

Jun 2015-Aug 2015

*San Francisco Public Utilities Commission*

- Assisted in project management of multi-million dollar projects at wastewater treatment plants as part of the SFPUC's Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP).

**Legislative Intern**

May 2014-Aug 2014

*Sierra Club California*

- Supported legislative advocates working at the California State Capitol to influence policy on behalf of the Sierra Club. Tasks included researching legislation, drafting advocacy letters, and commenting at or reporting on Assembly and Senate committee meetings and hearings.

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

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Languages: Intermediate Norwegian (Bokmål) and Spanish

GIS Mapping (ArcMap), SPSS and Stata (Statistical Software), Microsoft Office Suite

Copy-Editing of Academic Reports and Journal Articles