

Rio de Leon

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Arizona State University MPA Graduate & MUEP Candidate with experience in leadership and urban planning. Expertise with public and non-profit sectors. Seeking urban planning position utilizing skills in public administration, advocacy, with opportunities for growth & leadership development.

EDUCATION

Masters Urban & Environmental Planning (Mar 2020);
Master of Public Administration (Aug 2019);
Bachelor of Science in Planning (Mar 2016)
Arizona State University

HONORS

- National Residence Hall Honorary
- Hal Jackson's Distinguished Leadership Award
- Mary R. Kihl Leadership Award

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- MPA Capstone: Ft. Collins
 - Performed a Cost-Benefit Analysis of fare-free BRT operated by TransFort
- Applied Project: Micro-Mobility
 - Conducted qualitative and quantitative research on electric scooters
- Service: ASU Parking & Transit
 - Served as graduate representative of ASU's Parking & Transit Board

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, Nat'l Association of Graduate-Professional Students **Jan 2019 – Dec 2019**
Washington, DC

- Planned and chaired 2 nation-wide conferences and 1 in-person board meeting. Helped coordinate 5 regional events.
- Led and energized a team of 15 graduate student leaders to embody integrity, accountability, and servant leadership.
- Recruited and trained new national graduate student leaders from 28 different institutions and 19 states.
- Conducted three large scale research efforts, including a first of its kind typology of graduate student government.

Student Worker III (Community Ambassador), Arizona State University **Nov 2018 – May 2019**
Tempe, AZ

- Developed the ASU community for students at the Hyve Apartments and planned events, services, and activities.
- Trained in crisis management, harm mitigation, advising, and mentoring in both academic and personal situations.

Graduate Teaching Assistant & Student Worker IV (Grader), Arizona State University **Aug 2016 – Dec 2018**
Tempe, AZ

- Oversaw and graded material for 5 distinct Urban Planning classes, with sizes ranging from 400+ to 15 students.

Western Region Chair, Nat'l Association of Graduate-Professional Students **Nov 2017 – Dec 2018**
Washington, DC

- Led and coordinated a Regional Board of 9 Directors and represented the Western Region on the NAGPS Board.
- Chaired and planned the 2018 Western Regional Conference at CU – Boulder and the 2019 Conference at the University of Oregon at Portland, both of which had the highest attendance of any Regional Conference those years.
- Compiled a comprehensive database of all 470 graduate student governments, their representatives, and budgets.

Director of Outreach, Arizona State University Graduate & Professional Student Assoc. **Jul 2017 – May 2018**
Phoenix, AZ

- Liaised between GPSA and ten colleges across two campuses, recruited 10 new legislative members to the Assembly, and had the highest turnout of any weekly event series. Hosted Fall & Spring welcome week events.
- Served on ASU's Parking & Transit Advisory Committee & Facilities Fee Committee, providing planning and recommendations for remodeling of the Mercado, and the express shuttle between Tempe and West Campuses.

Gallery Attendant, Phoenix Art Museum **Jul 2016 – Sep 2016**

- Ensured the safety and security of the museum's collection, volunteers, and visitors, while educating patrons.
- Staffed special events, exhibits, and special showings, while maintaining high quality customer service.