

2017 Recipients

For each conference, a small number of Emerging Scholar Awards are given to outstanding graduate students and emerging scholars who have an active academic interest in the conference area. The Award with its accompanying responsibilities provides a strong professional development opportunity for early career academics. The 2017 Emerging Scholar Awardees are listed below.



Donna Carmichael

University of Birmingham, West Midlands,
United Kingdom

Donna is a PhD research student at the Ironbridge International Institute for Cultural Heritage at the University of Birmingham (UK). Her research examines urban regeneration in deindustrialized cities with particular focus on spatial and wealth inequality and the issues related to inclusive growth, and her thesis is entitled "Culture-led Regeneration and Rebranding of Mid-Sized Post-Industrial Cities and the Challenge of Inclusive Growth". Donna holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree from University of Toronto, Master of Business Administration (MBA) from York University in Toronto, and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Regional and Local Economic Development from the University of Dundee in Scotland. Follow her on Twitter - @DonnaHeritage .



Dina Dahood D.

KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

Dina Dahood D. is an architect and urbanist, with seven years of experience at UNRWA. She holds a bachelors and master's degree in architectural engineering from Jordan University of Science and Technology. As an urban planner and a researcher, she's been involved in refugee camp improvement projects. Moreover, she was a part-time lecturer at several universities in Jordan. She is currently a Ph.D. researcher at the Architecture Department of KU Leuven, Belgium. Her doctoral research investigates the agency of transient habitations (namely refugee camps) in the regional development of its hosting spatial systems.



Onyekachi Ekeogu

Arizona State University Tempe, Arizona,
USA

Onyekachi Ekeogu holds a BS in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University, exploring interests related to interpersonal violence, disproportional sentencing, and LGBTQIQ rights. Onyekachi recently gained their MS in Justice Studies (JS) from Arizona State University (ASU), examining the intersections where the MOVE Organization, media representations, and organizational resistance meet during pre-Conflict years for the thesis project. Today, this rising scholar is a doctoral student in the JS program at ASU, investigating forms of resistance in cyberspace for contemporary Black liberation movements. Onyekachi Ekeogu is also a 2014-2015 Interdisciplinary Research Colloquium doctoral fellow. Find them online [here](#).



Anna Labetski

Delft University of Technology, Delft,
Netherlands

Anna Labetski is a PhD Candidate in the 3D Geoinformation group at the Delft University of Technology. Her research focus is on the generalisation of 3D city models, including not only buildings but other city elements such as roads and transportation objects. She holds a Human Geography HBA from the University of Toronto and an MSc in Geospatial Analysis from UCL where she modelled the cycling risk of serious accidents based on roads attributes. She specializes in GIS, statistical analysis, and computational geometry. Her interests include cartographic generalisation, levels of detail, transportation networks, active transportation, and metadata (automation, storage and update). Find her online [here](#).



Asma Mehan

Politecnico di Torino, Turin, Italy

Asma Mehan is an architect, writer and lecturer. She holds a Master in Architectural Studies from Art University of Isfahan (Iran). She later started her PhD in 'Architettura, Storia e Progetto' in Politecnico di Torino (Italy). Asma has worked as visiting research fellow at EPFL (École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne) in Lausanne (Switzerland) and Alfred Deakin Institute (ADI) in Deakin University, Melbourne (Australia). Asma's main research lies in the area of politics of architecture, Transnational Urban Studies and Social Sustainability. Much of her work focuses on Middle East, with projects currently being pursued in Iran, Italy, Germany, United States and United Arab Emirates. Find her work online [here](#).