Zonke Bella Gavrilov

Urban Planner and Researcher |

Personal Information

Birth Date: 29 January 1991
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Education

University of Witwatersrand & Technical University of Berlin //
Sep. 2017 – Dec. 2020

PhD in Urban and Regional Planning
Thesistitles: Negotiating the Processes of Inclusion between the Mini-Bus Taxi Industry and the BRT, Ekurhuleni-South Africa.

University of Witwatersrand //
Feb. 2016 – Dec. 2017

Masters: Development Planning (Applied Design)
Thesis titles: Sustainable development of parks: Investigating the trade-offs in the conflicting development process of parks: The case of the Mshenguville Park, Soweto.

Courses Pursued:

Public Policy and Management
Community Participation in Urban Governance
Research Methods
Philosophies Theories and Methodologies Development
Research Report

University of Witwatersrand //
Feb. 2015 – Apr. 2016

P-Dip: Development Planning
Courses Pursued:

Cities Development and Planning
Spatial Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (Transport major)
Planning Law and Professional Practice
Technologies and Techniques of Planning
Urban and Regional Economic Development
Integrated Development Planning (Transport major)

University of Pretoria //
Feb. 2014 – Apr. 2016

Hons. Applied Science in Architecture
Thesis Title: An analysis of the integration of spatial and wetland policy: the case of urban wetlands zoned as parks in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality

Courses pursued:

Sustainable Settlement Planning & Design
Urban Geography of Southern Africa
Environmental Management and Risk Management
Methods and Techniques of Research
Project Component (Research)
Theory Component (Research)

University of Pretoria //

Feb. 2010 – Apr. 2013

BSc. Landscape Architecture

Courses pursued:

Design
Construction
Plant Sciences
Environmental Studies
History of the Environment
Earth Studies
Practice Management
Business Law

Nigel High School //

Jan. 2005– Nov. 2009

Grade 12 [National Senior Certificate]

Passed with admission to bachelor's degree.

Work Experience

University of Johannesburg//

Jan. 2020-May.2020

Lecturer Transport Economics

- Conducting lecturers on transport in the global south
- Developing Assignments & lecture notes
- Grading and assessments of students work

Andira Urban Services //

Apr. 2017 – Jun. 2017
Jan. 2019-August.2019

Junior Urban Planner

Report writing for spatial development Plan for National Treasury

Stake holder engagement and attending meetings

Policy research

Report writing for Bekkersdal Urban Renewal Project reports Rand West Local Municipality.

Site visits and co-ordinating drone site analysis

Neighbourhood Development Programme inception report

University of Witwatersrand //

Jan.2019-Apr.2019

Sessional Lecturer for ARPL 4027 Transport in the Global South

Assisting main lecturer with co-ordinating students for Maputo project.

Compiling course content for mobility course: The role of paratransit in public transport

Compiling assignment and assessing students work

City of Ekurhuleni //

Jul. 2017 – Mar. 2018

Transport Planning Intern at Transport Department (IRPTN)

Compiling BEC Report for BRT Public Management Unit Tender
Compiling BEC Report for Ekurhuleni Taxi Industry Advisor tender
Administrative support for drafting close out report former Head of IRPTN
Administrative support during meetings with consultants

Administrative support for licensing of mobile kiosk for IRPTN
Administrative support for BRT negotiations between EMM and Taxi Industry

University of Witwatersrand //
Feb. 2016 – Nov 2016

Teaching Assistant for Spatial Planning and Transport

Assisting students with technical skills such as drawing, scaling and graphic presentation.

Assisting students with graphic presentation software such as Adobe in Design and Photoshop.

Marking and evaluation of process and final masterplans

Newtown Landscape Architects //
Jan.2013-June 2013

Junior Landscape Architect

Detail Design Work (Bekkersdal Beautification of Parks)

Snag & SI Lists (BRT South)

Database Registrations

General project administration

Skills & Abilities

Professional Skills
- Policy & Design Research
- Graphic Design
- Technical Documentation
- Written Communication
- Verbal Communication

Proficiency Skills
- AutoCAD
- GIS
- Adobe Suite (Photoshop, InDesign)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Personal Skills
- Public Speaking
- Strategic thinking
- Systems thinking
- Leadership
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Research
- Emotional Intelligence

Volunteer Experience

Café Weit Blick-Kindrecafe //
January 2025 – August 2025

Humanitarian Service
I volunteered to work in a Stadt mission children's café in the neighbourhood serving beverages and food also cleaning,

Real Talks //
Feb 2016-2020

Youth Development Service
Planning and programme co-ordinator for youth talks in the Kempton park community on issues affecting the youth.

Leadership Experience

Real Talks //
Feb. 2016 - Present

Planning and curriculum development
Served on the executive team for planning and co-ordination

Mission Cohort //
Apr. 2016– Aug. 2018

Marketing and public Relations, Committee
Managing public relations, marketing and external communication for non-profit company as well as designing promotional material.

Awards & Additional Experience

Norman Foster //
April 2018

Studio in Madrid
Research and community engagement on future of mobilities.

Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, IFL //
April. 2018
April 2019

Summer School and Publishing
Selected as South African transport research student delegate to participate in workshop for joint publication project to understand the role of informal transport in African countries.

Post Graduate Merit Award //

. 2015

PMA
Funds awarded to students towards academic tuition based on academic merit.

Golden Key Award //
Aug. 2011

Golden key award
Top 15 percent of class.

References

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