

Jamilla Mohamud MCIP, RPP
Associate, Urban Planner



Jamilla is a Registered Professional Planner, researcher and writer with experience working on a range of issues including affordable housing, health equity and gendered rights to the city. Prior to joining the firm, Jamilla developed public health policy recommendations to enable healthier outcomes for communities, supported city-wide public consultations on proposed Inclusionary Zoning policy and contributed to the design and implementation of post-secondary student consultation strategies.

At Urban Strategies Inc., Jamilla has taken on the role of planner and project manager on large-scale redevelopment projects, including plans for the former Downsview Airbase in Toronto, and several campus plans, such as the University of Virginia Grounds Plan and Facilities Master Plan for Aurora College’s transformation into a polytechnic university. In these various roles, Jamilla has demonstrated effective skills in planning policy research, communication with City planning staff, clients and other consultants, community consultation and facilitation and preparation of planning reports and urban design guidelines.

Jamilla volunteers on several committees with the aim of raising awareness of intersecting issues affecting historically disadvantaged populations. In 2022, she received the CIP President’s Award for Young Planner recognizing her contributions to the planning profession. She is also a frequent lecturer, panelist, and media commentator.

EDUCATION

2020
Master of Environmental Studies - Planning
York University
Toronto, ON

2010
BSc, Biology
Toronto Metropolitan University
Toronto, ON

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2020
Member, Canadian Institute of Planners

2020
Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2022 - Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
- 2020 - 2022 Urban Planner, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
- 2020 Graduate Researcher, Joy Connelly Consultancy, Toronto, ON
- 2019 Housing Policy Intern, City Planning, Toronto, ON
- 2019 Graduate Research Assistant – GenUrb, The City Institute at York University, Toronto, ON
- 2018 - 2019 Research Assistant – StudentDwellITO, York University , Toronto, ON
- 2013 - 2017 Education Coordinator/Provincial Strategy Worker – Africans in Partnership Against AIDS

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - Parkdale Hamilton Housing, Hamilton, ON
- 2022 - Markham Age-Friendly Design Guidelines, City of Markham, Markham, ON
- 2022 - B.A.N.D Gallery and Community Centre Renovations, Toronto, ON
- 2021 - University of Virginia Grounds Framework Plan
- 2021 - Northwest Territories Polytechnic University Facilities Master Plan
- 2020 - Downsview Framework Plan, Toronto, ON
- 2020 - 4711 - 4751 Steeles Ave E Employment Conversion Request, Toronto, ON
- 2020 - Saputo/Telus, Burnaby, BC
- 2020 Dan Harrison Project, Toronto, ON*
- 2019 GenURb, Toronto, ON*
- 2018 StudentDwellITO, Toronto, ON*

**completed prior to joining Urban Strategies*

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2023 City of Toronto Urban Design Award of Excellence - Visions & Masterplans: Downsview Framework Plan
- 2022 World Architecture Festival - Master Planning Award: Downsview Framework Plan
- 2022 CIP President’s Award for Young Planner
- 2022 CBC Leading Black Voices: Urban Planning [Leading Black Voices | CBC News](#)
- 2020 CIP Award for Academic Excellence
- 2018 York Graduate Fellowship, York University

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SELECTED VOLUNTEER WORK

2022	Panelist, CUI CityTalk on Black Influence in Urban Planning
2022	Panelist, York University Federation of Urban Studies: The Importance of Public Space During the COVID-19 Pandemic
2021 -	Leadership Committee Member, Tracking Historical Black Displacement in Toronto (ULI Toronto District and Black Planning Project)
2021	Panelist, Urban Space Gallery: YIMBY Festival
2021	Panelist, OAA Panel: Inclusive Design/Exclusive Design
2021	Panelist, OPPI Friday Forum: Amplifying More Voices in Planning
2021	Panelist, Toronto Metropolitan Urban Planning Career Week Panel: Social Issues
2020 -	Member, OPPI Anti-Black Racism in Planning Task Force
2020 - 2022	Guest Speaker, York University Faculty of Environmental Studies
2019 -	Member, Black Planners and Urbanist Association (BPUA)

PUBLICATIONS

- [Sound System – Live Magazine](#)
- [Creating a community hub is crucial to Toronto's Somali community | The Star](#)
- [Anti-Black Racism in the Liveable City and Canada | OPPI \(ontarioplanners.ca\)](#)
- [The pandemic as political emergency: Studies in Political Economy: Vol 102, No 3 \(tandfonline.com\)](#)
- [The Paradox of Black Life: Discourses of Urban \(Un\)livability \(yorku.ca\)](#)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS:

- [Toronto is introducing 'cultural districts,' but who gets to determine the culture? | The Star](#)
- [How to fix Toronto's housing affordability crisis? Four urban planning students share their solutions | The Star](#)
- [A city divided: Who voted for and against the Toronto police budget cut | TVO.org](#)
- [Who are city parks really for? | TVO.org](#)
- [Putting a fresh face on Toronto's leadership - The Globe and Mail](#)