

# Adams Carroll

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## Curriculum Vitae

Born October 22, 1986 - Nashville, TN.

Languages: English (native); Russian (fluent); Spanish (limited proficiency).

## Education

Vanderbilt University Peabody College, Nashville, TN — Masters of Education, Community Development and Action; 2015

Thesis: Once and For All: Program Evaluation and Policy Solutions for Nashville's Sidewalks Problem

Community Development. August 2015. Prof. Sarah Suiter, Advisor.

Reed College, Portland, OR — Bachelor of Arts, Russian Literature and Language; 2009

Thesis: Уезжает последний трамвай: The Symbology of the Streetcar in 20th Century Russian Literature. April 2009. Prof. Anna Yatsenko, Advisor.

Smolny College, St. Petersburg, Russia — intensive summer language study; 2008

Portland State University, Portland, OR — summer study; 2006

## Professional Experience

Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department, Active Mobility Planner; January 2015 to present

I work with community members to create transportation-related planning and regulatory products that foster meaningful transportation choices in support of healthy and active living, including long range transportation plans, major thoroughfare plans, strategic bicycle and pedestrian plans, model legislation, and capital fund programming. In addition, I review development applications, write grants to fund active transportation infrastructure, participate in interdisciplinary Road Safety Audits, and promote active transportation through service on related boards and commissions.

Walk/Bike Nashville, Program Manager; January 2012 - August 2014

I developed and administered community programs that promote active transportation; organized massive community events; performed fundraising and communications duties; liaised with community, government, and media; and performed ongoing administrative tasks. Notable accomplishments include receipt of a 600,000 dollar, 4 year federal grant for bicycle and pedestrian safety programming.

Hands On Nashville, Urban Agriculture Coordinator; November 2011 - February 2013

As an AmeriCorps VISTA, I created curricula for a food security and social justice educational program at an urban farm and recruited and managed students and employees for the same. Upon the completion of my VISTA term, I was retained as a contractor to create garden based

curriculum units for youth and adult volunteers, train new staff members, and develop and administer the ReCYCLE for Kids program.

**Bard College, International Program Manager; December 2009 - June 2011**

I directed the exchange of highly qualified North American students at Smolny College in St. Petersburg, Russia. Among other duties, I supervised two full time staff members, created budgets, performed accounting, oversaw student well-being, directed admissions, implemented outbound (Russian students to the US) exchange programs, and contributed to the development of Smolny College.

**BikePortland.org, News Intern; November 2009 - December 2009**

As news intern, I produced compelling imagery and articles for this widely read news blog while adhering to strict deadlines. My position frequently required me to conduct interviews and help organize events like town hall meetings and craft fairs.

**Bard-Smolny Program, Program Intern; summer 2009**

I worked in St. Petersburg, Russia as an intern for an intensive summer language institute at Smolny College. My tasks included translation, website development, assistance with the daily operations of the program's office, and oversight of student integration.

**Reed College Russian Department, Research Assistant; 2008-2009 school year**

I collected articles and print materials from the Reed College library for digital distribution to the department's students and professors. My position required that I be punctual and focused so that students and professors could adhere to tight deadlines.

## **Service**

**Commissioner, Greenways Commission, Nashville, TN; October 2015 - Present**

I represent Metro Planning on the Greenways Commission, which is charged with the planning and development of greenways throughout Nashville.

**Project Coordinator, Hands On Nashville, Nashville, TN; February 2013 - December 2014**

I used my expertise in volunteer coordination to facilitate successful community-wide days of service like Global Youth Service Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Make a Difference Day, and Hands On Nashville Day.

**Mechanic, The Oasis Bike Workshop, Nashville, TN; December 2011 - January 2014**

I volunteer at the Workshop at Oasis Center, a community bike shop open to low-income and at risk youth. At the workshop, I help teach a six week bike overhaul course to teens. The program also encourages young people to become advocates in their communities, be physically active, and embrace sustainable practices. I am proud to serve as a member of the Oasis Bike Workshop Advisory Board since 2014.

**Founding Mechanic, Bike Shop, St. Petersburg, Russia; October 2009 - June 2011**

Bike Shop is a free, weekly community bike repair workshop in St. Petersburg, Russia. The St. Petersburg, Russia chapter of Bike Shop is still in operation, removing barriers to active

transportation by providing free repairs, knowledge, and advice to all comers. As founding mechanic, I created and marketed the organization and lead weekly meetings until my departure from St. Petersburg in June 2011.

**Mechanic, Community Cycling Center, Portland, OR; November 2009 - December 2009**

I assembled children's bicycles for the Community Cycling Center's Holiday Bike Drive, which provides children in low-income families with their first bicycle. On the day of the Holiday Bike Drive, I interpreted safety and bike-fitting seminars for Russian speaking families.

**Translator, Catholic Charities, Portland, OR; November 2008 - February 2009**

In the fall of 2008, I volunteered for Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services as a translator, rendering a resource guide for immigrant victims of abuse from English into Russian. I also assisted with case research, reception, and other administrative duties.

**Mentor, Russian Oregon Social Services, Portland, OR; June 2007 - June 2008**

I met with a Russian speaking high school student once a week over the course of a year to offer homework help and English language practice. Additionally, my mentee and I would attend sports and community events.

## **Associations**

**Urban Land Institute** - associate member; 2015 to present

**Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals** - member; 2015 to present

**League of American Bicyclists** - member; 2014 to present; LCI #4722

**International Mountain Bicycling Association** - member; 2014 to present

**Walk/Bike Nashville, Nashville, TN** - member; 2011 to present. board member; 2015 to present

**Nashville Civic Design Center, Nashville, TN** - member; 2011 to present

**Bicycle Transportation Alliance, Portland, OR** - member; 2007 - 2009

## **Professional Development**

**League of American Bicyclists - Certified Instructor Training.** Nashville, TN. March 2015.

*Competencies developed:* Bicycle safety education teaching and demonstration techniques.

**League of American Bicyclists - National Bike Summit.** Washington, DC. March 2015.

*Competencies developed:* participatory decision making, communication of technical concepts to non-specialists, *Vision Zero* theory and implementation.

**Environmental Protection Agency - Building Blocks Training Academy.** Washington, DC. December 2014.

*Competencies developed:* complete and green streets, sustainable land use, walkability audits.

**Center for Nonprofit Management - Strategic Planning Clinic.** Nashville, TN. July 2013.

*Competencies developed:* management, planning, and evaluation.

**YMCA Center for Asset Development - goLEAD training.** Nashville, TN. August 2012.

*Competencies developed:* youth leadership, service learning, skill building.

**The Food Project - Winter Institute.** Lincoln and Boston, MA. February 2012.

*Competencies developed:* youth empowerment, mission-based management, urban agriculture.

**Americorps VISTA - Pre Service Orientation.** Atlanta, GA. November 2011.

*Competencies developed:* mobilization of resources, organizational capacity building, community involvement, asset mapping.

## **Honors and Awards**

Nominee - Mary Catherine Strobel Community Impact Volunteer Award. Presented by Hands On Nashville. Nashville, TN. 2014.

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Volunteer of the Year. Presented by Walk/Bike Nashville. Nashville, TN. 2011.

Commendation for Excellence in Scholarship. Presented by the Faculty of Reed College. Portland, OR. 2008.

## **Publications and Presentations**

“Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety at Construction Sites.” *Tennessee Bike Summit*. Knoxville, TN. April 23, 2015.

“Sidewalks in Nashville. Once and for All.” *Nashville Civic Design Center*. Nashville, TN. April 10, 2015

“Nashville’s Active Mobility Past, Present, and Future.” *Walk/Bike Nashville Ambassador Orientation*. Nashville, TN. March 4, 2014; October 5, 2015.

“Sidewalks and Stormwater.” *Nashville Civic Design Center*. Nashville, TN. February 19, 2014.

“Walk Safe, Walk Smart. Walking School Bus Resources for Parents and Instructors in Davidson County.” *Metro Nashville Public Schools Parent University*. Nashville, TN. August 17, 2013.

English translation. *Okhrannik Spravok Ne Daet*. Volume 1-2. 2010.

“How To Ride A Bike: Notes on Winter Cycling from Russia.” *The Fader*. December 14, 2010.

Various Articles. *BikePortland.org*. November, 2009 to December, 2009.

“Blok’s Apocalypse: A Poet’s Elusive Revolution.” *The Birch*. Winter 2008. 23-36.