



Standing 841 feet from street to roofline, this iconic structure has since 1970 ranked as Pittsburgh's tallest building. Although the U. S. Steel Tower does not rank among the 100 tallest buildings in terms of height or number of floors, its roof is the largest, highest flat space on top of any building in the entire world!

The evolving vision is to transform this presently empty platform into a publicly accessible, four-season, self-sustaining facility that will contribute to civic well-being while also demonstrating cutting-edge sustainable design.

The investigative process will involve a Systems Synthesis Project, outside professional consultants, and myriad other interested parties. The Systems Synthesis Project team comprises 12 graduate students from the H. John Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University. The Systems Synthesis Project is a capstone for all graduating Heinz College students.

Project Manager



Brett Wiewiora - MSPPM: Social Entrepreneurship and Urban and Regional Economic Development

As a Pittsburgh native, Brett is primarily interested in working to strengthen the economic transformation that Pittsburgh has been experiencing over the last few decades. Prior to coming to Heinz, Brett worked as a Workforce Development Consultant both in Pittsburgh and Washington, DC.



High Point Park Systems Project Advisor

David Bear

Now an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College and a Fellow in CMU's STUDIO for Creative Inquiry, David Bear served as travel editor for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette from 1998 through 2008, and his award-winning articles have appeared in newspapers across the U.S. He also pioneered the Post-Gazette's podcasting efforts.

Bear is also the creative force behind THE TRAVELER'S JOURNAL, a web site and series of "audio postcards"

heard daily for a decade on public radio stations across the country. Bear has also produced and hosted several public radio series, including "A Century of Heroes" for the Carnegie Hero Fund, and "Dinosaurs and More" for the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Bear has spent much of his professional life as a writer, with extensive experience in marketing communications and public relations. He is a published novelist (Keeping Time) whose articles and short stories have appeared in numerous national publications. His resume also includes stints as a travel agent, tour guide, sales executive for a European travel company, and researcher for the Loch Ness Investigation Bureau.

Community Impact Team



Lauren Andrews - MSPPM: Policy Analysis and Management

Lauren's professional background has focused on nonprofit program development and fundraising for youth development and disability advocacy organizations, and she plans to continue working in the nonprofit sector, with a specific interest in leveraging public-private partnerships to diversify nonprofit funding streams. Recently she worked developing partnerships with national education and mentoring organizations to implement technology-focused mentoring programs. She graduated with Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Rhetoric from

Binghamton University in New York.



Dave Benitez - MSPPM

Born in St. Louis, Dave completed his undergraduate degree at George Washington University in International Affairs. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic from 2007-09. Currently Dave is working at Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group; an organization committed to economic justice, equitable investment practices and sufficient financial resources to revitalize communities throughout Allegheny County.

Economic Impact Team



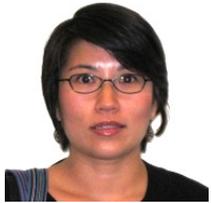
Carolina Almarante-Terrero - MSPPM

As a former Coro Fellow in Public Affairs in 2008 and a graduate student she has spent the last two years obtaining academic training in the area of urban economic policy development and implementation. Born and raised in Washington Heights, NYC, Carolina obtained a B.A. in Public Administration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. After December graduation she is eager to develop sustainable and innovative strategies to address issues within urban communities.



Molly Freedman - MSPPM: International Development Policy

Originally from D.C., Molly spent the last summer working as a Technical Trainer for Peace Corps Bulgaria, after serving there from 2007-2009 as an Education Volunteer. Since becoming a student at Heinz, she has worked as a Program Assistant for Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. She graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in Journalism and Mass Communication.



Catharine Hickey - MSPPM

Kate has worked as a case manager for a domestic violence center in Philadelphia and whole sale insurance agent in Seattle. In 2006 she joined the Peace Corps a Children Youth and Family Services Volunteer in the Philippines. She recently worked for Grow Pittsburgh, and created a corporate development plan and helped establish new restaurant fund raising partnerships. She hopes to work within the local food community after graduation in December.



Star Wilbraham - MSPPM: Urban and Regional Economic Development

Star is active in many CMU initiatives, including how to connect Pittsburgh with students interested in community and economic development. She co-founded and manages the Heinz Forum which organizes student dialogue on current policy topics. She was a Financial and Program Analyst with the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the US Department of the Treasury. Star was a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs in

LA. She also worked with the Center for Policy Alternatives, the US Department of Education, and the US Student Association and Foundation. Star received a Bachelor of Business Administration from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.

History, Context and Operational Team



Alissa Burger - MSPPM

Alissa is pursuing a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management degree at the Heinz College. She received her bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. She believes Heinz College and Pittsburgh can showcase great promise for collaborative innovation in and around the city. Interested in urban farming, the city's use of space for promoting sustainable lifestyles is of particular interest.



Sarah Fink - MSPPM: Environmental Policy

After 3 years of working abroad as a teacher, Peace Corps Volunteer and US State Department Economic Intern in Trinidad and Tobago, Sarah hopes to make Pittsburgh her new home. This summer she worked on a joint municipal planning project for three communities along the Ohio River. After graduation Sarah hopes to pursue a career working to help promote smart growth and planning of the city and surrounding area.

Green Technology Team



Ben Bucher - MSPPM

Ben was a participant in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program from 2005-2006, and worked at the Embassy of Japan from 2007-2009. He completed his first two semesters at Carnegie Mellon's campus in Adelaide, Australia. He is interested in sustainable development and renewable energy and hopes to work in one of these fields after graduation.



Tyler Savage - MSPPM

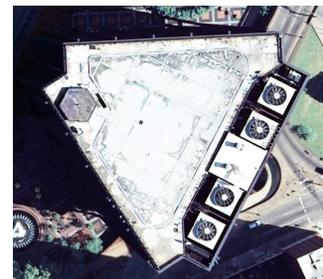
Tyler has enjoyed a wide variety of professional experiences which included being a volunteer firefighter, high school history teacher, and appointee in Governor Schwarzenegger's administration. Since arriving in Pittsburgh Tyler coordinated fundraising efforts with Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience and was the Communications co-chair for the Heinz Smart Growth Club. Recently Tyler was a Program Associate with the Bay Area Climate Collaborative in San Jose, and led

strategic communication efforts and conducted policy research to advance clean technology.



Lee Scott - MSPPM

Lee is the liaison to the Core Committee for the Systems Project. He is currently pursuing a joint program between Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and CMU's Heinz College through which he will receive a Master of Divinity and a MS in Public Policy and Management. He is a 2007 graduate of Westminster College, PA. Lee is very involved with urban and rural agriculture. His policy interests are in energy, agriculture, and community development. He is pursuing ordination in the Presbyterian Church, USA.



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