



CORNELL UNIVERSITY ICMA STUDENT CHAPTER 2017-2018 Report

Members of cICMA come from both Cornell's masters programs in the City and Regional Planning Department (CRP) and the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs (CIPA). Because of this structure, chapter officers come from both CRP and CIPA, and the chapter leverages a wider reach in collaborative relationships with several other student organizations from both programs.

Chapter Officials:

CRP co-chair, Austin Aldag;
CIPA co-chair, Sarang Mangi;
Outreach chair, Yixin Zhang (CIPA);
Treasurer, Steven Greco (CIPA);
Chapter advisor, Professor Mildred Warner;
Mentor, Tompkins County Administrator Jason Molino.

Notable events during the Fall, 2017:

CRP Co-chair Austin Aldag presented at the 2017 ICMA conference in San Antonio. He presented during the Research Seminar for Practitioners and Students, and his presentation was entitled "The Impacts of State Austerity on Local Governments in New York State."

A group of chapter members have been active in researching local government topics ranging from the tax cap in New York State, emergency financial management in Michigan, and local responses to address both fiscal stress and social equity. With this body of work, the student chapter helped organize the "State Austerity and Local Fiscal Stress" conference on campus on December 1st. Over 80 local and state officials were in attendance. Below shows co-chair Austin Aldag presenting with fellow student members.



Notable events during the Spring, 2018:

On March 23rd, the chapter co-sponsored the CRP Student Organization Dinner along with five other student groups. Over 50 students were in attendance and they learned about cICMA and the benefits on joining.

CRP Co-chair Austin Aldag and chapter advisor Professor Mildred Warner received a \$5,000 grant from Engaged Cornell for a "research road show." With this grant, student cICMA members have presented local government research at the following events:

1. Albany Law School Blight Conference
2. NYS Association of Counties Annual Conference
3. NYS Association of Towns Annual Conference
4. A Legislative Briefing in Albany for State Legislatures
5. NYS City/County Management Association Conference

For a second consecutive year, cICMA hosted the state ICMA chapter's annual conference on campus from May 8-10th. This event had over 75 attendees and students organized three conference panels. Below is a picture of conference attendees in Ithaca, NY.



Looking Forward:

We aspire to continue to try and build a collaborative network of ICMA student chapters in NYS. To this end, we would like to collaborate to hold more local government research and practical conferences. We also are excited to continue to host the NYSCMA annual conference on Cornell University's campus for the foreseeable future.