

EZRA UNDAG

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2022 – Present* **GRADUATE STUDENT** | The City College of New York - CUNY
New York, New York
- Pursuing a Master's degree in Sustainability in the Urban Environment with a focus on waste management
- Jan 2024 – Present* **RESEARCHER** | UKAI Initiative by Little Manila Queens Bayanihan Arts
New York, New York
- Conducting a research project on clothing and textile waste in New York City and the second-hand economy that exports it to the Philippines, and their implications for climate justice
- April 2023 – Present* **MARKETING SPECIALIST** | Verizon Communications Inc.
New York, New York
- Responsible for developing software systems and automations to streamline multichannel communications with telecommunication consumers
- Sept 2019 – March 2023* **PROGRAM MANAGER** | NYC Department of Sanitation
New York, New York
- Designed and led the development of workflows and solutions for sustainable waste management in New York City
 - Supported IT contract management

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- April 2025* **2025 International Conference on Urban Affairs**
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Research Title: "Mapping Transnational Pathways in the Second-Hand Clothing Exchange and Informal Economies in Filipino Communities in the Diaspora and the Philippines"
- Feb 2025* **CUNY Climate Justice Summit**
New York, New York
- Research Title: "Count Those Trucks: A Roadmap for Tracking Commercial Truck Traffic and Its Impacts on the Residents of Hunts Point"
- Nov 2024* **Dialogo: Philippine Studies Goes Global | International Conference on Philippine Studies**
Manila, Philippines
- Research Title: "Mapping Transnational Pathways in the Second-Hand Clothing Exchange and Informal Economies in Filipino Communities in the Diaspora and the Philippines"

COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS

- Feb 2024– Present* **Kumukutikutitap Project**
New York + Philippines
- A collaborative project that explores the cultural, economic and environmental significance of Capiz (windowpane oyster) shells and the ecological pressures caused by rising demand
- Jan 2024– Present* **The UKAI Initiative**
New York + Philippines
- A transnational environmental justice project that explores waste colonialism and climate change, and pathways to address them through art, culture and community-building

EDUCATION

- Masters in Sustainability in the Urban Environment**
The City College of New York - City University of New York
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology**
Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology, Philippines

AFFILIATIONS

- Graduate Education and Training in Southeast Asian Studies (GETSEA)**
Graduate Student Council
- Urban Affairs Association (UAA)**
Student Member
- Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)**
Student Member
- Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB)**
Board Member

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- From Global Discards to Local Struggles**
Organizer and Moderator on July 2025 supported by GETSEA and SUNY/CUNY SEAC

AAPI in Planning

- Panelist on May 2025 hosted by the NYC Department of City Planning

Earth Day Environmental Justice Summit

- Panelist on April 2025 hosted by The City College of New York and Columbia University

COURSE WORK

- Sites and Spaces of Mobilization**
SUNY/CUNY Southeast Asia Consortium
Queens College - City University of New York

Environmental Justice

- The City College of New York - City University of New York

Energy security, climate change and society

- The City College of New York - City University of New York

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent) • Filipino (Native) • Bisaya (Native)