



# Brandon R. Chambers

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Brandon is a Junior Associate engaged in projects involving consensus-building around natural resources, climate resilience, social policy, and advocacy. His work involves designing and facilitating collaborative processes, writing and supporting proposals, synthesizing reports and meeting summaries, and conducting and assisting with stakeholder assessments.

## EXPERIENCE

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| 2021-Present | Consensus Building Institute<br><i>Junior Associate</i>                     | Cambridge, MA |
| 2018-2021    | Yale University Office of Development<br><i>Prospect Research Assistant</i> | New Haven, CT |
- Designed and researched financial analyses of current and prospective donors to the university.
  - Engaged with prospect managers and senior researchers to overhaul and streamline the student reporting system for the office.

## EDUCATION

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| 2017-2021 | Yale University<br><i>BA in Ethics, Politics, and Economics</i> | New Haven, CT |
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- Distinction in major
  - Senior Essay: 'Difference Makers: The Windrush Generation and the British State'
  - Nakanishi Prize for leadership in enhancing race and/or ethnic relations (nominee)

## OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

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| 2022 | Trained Mediator |
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- Completed forty-hours of mediation training in accordance with M.G.L. ch.233 § 23C with MWI in Boston, MA.

## SELECT PROJECTS

### CLIMATE RESILIENCE & PLANNING

**Cambridge Net-Zero Transportation Plan Community Engagement**, Cambridge, MA, ongoing. Support community engagement and facilitation of group of community-based organizations advising the City on the development of plan to reach net-zero emissions from transportation by 2050. The outreach process is informed by the [Nexus Framework](#) developed by the Urban Sustainability Directors Network which

centers racial equity in climate planning. Providing support with community outreach and engagement, facilitation, planning, note-taking, stakeholder assessments, synthesis, and logistics.

**Path to 2050 Collaborative: Clean & Equitable Power Sector**, New England, US, ongoing. Support The Nature Conservancy with convening a broad network of environmental groups, labor organizations, working lands users, and public utilities entities aiming to decarbonize the electric grid in New England by 2050. The group hopes to develop a coalition that is able to pursue advocacy at the regional level. Providing support with facilitation, note-taking, stakeholder assessments, synthesis, and coalition management.

## ECONOMIC & SOCIAL POLICY

**Partners Aligned to Heighten Broad Participation in STEM (PATHS)**, Greater Boston, MA, ongoing. Support a network of K-12, higher education, STEM non-profits, and industry stakeholders seeking to create and enhance pathways to engineering and STEM for students from diverse backgrounds. The network is convened by UMass Boston and Bunker Hill Community College (which are Minority-Serving Institutions), and CBI supports the network with incorporating and assessing Collective Impact. Providing support with facilitation, note-taking, stakeholder assessments, synthesis, and logistics.

**Michigan Criminal/Legal Data Integration**, Michigan, US, ongoing. Support a group of stakeholders seeking to integrate criminal/legal data across courts, jails, corrections, and juvenile justice. The group of representatives from the systems, advocacy groups, and academics developed a blueprint for data integration and is preparing to proceed with cross-system integration. Providing support with facilitation, note-taking, stakeholder assessments, synthesis, and logistics.

## AGRICULTURE

**Vermont Payment for Ecosystem Services and Soil Health Working Group**, Vermont, US, ongoing. Support a Working Group charged by the state Legislature with developing a program to pay farmers for ecosystem services from agricultural activities and incentivize stewardship of their land. The group is developing a pilot program for launch in 2023. Providing support with facilitation, note-taking, synthesis, and logistics.

**Governor's Commission on the Future of Vermont Agriculture**, Vermont, US, ongoing. Support a Commission charged by the Governor with studying and strategizing about how best to grow agriculture in Vermont. The group submitted its Action Plan to the Governor in November 2021 with a suite of strategies and recommendations and will be making further recommendations in subsequent years. Providing support with facilitation, note-taking, synthesis, and logistics.

## ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

**Forest For All NYC**, New York, NY, ongoing. Support facilitation of a diverse coalition of advocacy groups, community organizations, and civil servants aiming to increase tree canopy cover in New York City to 30 percent by 2035. The group is currently implementing its vision across several action teams covering goal-setting, workforce development, policy and funding, and tree stewardship. Providing facilitation, note-taking, synthesizing, and coalition-management support.

**Avian Solar Work Group**, National, US, ongoing. Support facilitation of a collaborative group of representatives from environmental organizations and solar industry stakeholders. The group seeks to

advance scientific research to better understand how birds interact with PV solar facilities. Providing support with facilitation, planning, note-taking, synthesis, and logistics for virtual and hybrid meetings.

**Water Forum 2.0 Negotiation**, Sacramento, CA, 2021-2022. Support a diverse group of business interests, citizen groups, environmental groups, water purveyors, and local government entities negotiating an agreement to sustainably manage the Lower American River. CBI is assisting the Water Forum as it negotiates a successor to its multi-stakeholder agreement that will seek to balance the need for a reliable and safe water supply for the region and the need to preserve ecological and aesthetic values of the river. Provided note-taking, synthesizing, and other logistical support.

**Newtown Creek Community Advisory Group**, New York, NY, ongoing. Support facilitation of the community advisory group for the EPA Superfund site. The site is 3.5-mile long tributary on the border of Brooklyn and Queens that was historically used for industrial purposes. The site was added to EPA's National Priority List in 2010. CBI facilitates and helps plan and review meetings between community stakeholders and agency personnel. Providing support with facilitation, note-taking, synthesis, logistics, and web management.

**McLouth Steel Community Advisory Group**, Trenton, MI, ongoing. Support facilitation of the community advisory group for the EPA Superfund site. The site is a former steel mill that was added to EPA's National Priority List in 2019. CBI facilitates and helps plan and review meetings between community stakeholders and agency personnel. Providing support with note-taking, synthesis, logistics, and web management.

**Housatonic Citizens Coordinating Council & Community Outreach**, Western Massachusetts & Connecticut, US, ongoing. Support facilitation of the community advisory group for the EPA GE-Pittsfield Housatonic River cleanup. CBI facilitates and assists with organization and review of meetings between community stakeholders and EPA personnel. CBI also supports outreach to community stakeholders as EPA prepares remediation of the 125-mile Rest of River. Providing planning, note-taking, synthesizing, and logistical support, along with support of community outreach activities.

**Pike & Mulberry Streets Community Advisory Group**, Martinsville, IN, 2021-2022. Support facilitation of the community advisory group for the EPA Superfund site. The site contains a 38-acre plume of chlorinated solvents and was added to EPA's National Priority List in 2013. CBI facilitates and assists with organization and review of meetings between community stakeholders and EPA personnel. Providing planning, note-taking, synthesizing, and logistical support.

**Massachusetts and Rhode Island Stormwater Tracking and Accounting**, Southeast New England, 2021-2022. Supported a cohort of four municipalities with developing consistent methods of tracking and accounting data related to pollutant loads from stormwater runoff. The goal is to develop a common standard for EPA's Southeast New England Program (SNEP). Providing support with logistics, note-taking, and synthesis.