

Kari Chael Named URISA Young Professional of the Year



The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) has named Kari Chael as its Young Professional of the Year in recognition of her outstanding contributions as part of [URISA's Vanguard Cabinet](#). Kari Chael is a GIS specialist with CDM Smith in Chicago, USA.

She said serving on the Vanguard Cabinet has been a truly rewarding experience. She feels fortunate to have collaborated with other motivated GIS professionals while they worked towards building a better future for URISA and the geospatial community, she added. Chael also serves on the planning committee for GIS-Pro, URISA's annual conference and is active locally in the URISA Chicagoland Chapter.

The Vanguard Cabinet (VC) is a URISA initiative which debuted in 2011 to engage young GIS practitioners (35 and under), increase their numbers in the organisation, and better understand the concerns facing these future leaders of the GIS community. The Cabinet's mission is to collaborate with URISA's board of directors and committees in creating and promoting programs and policies of benefit to young professionals. Comprised entirely of passionate young members selected from different geospatial disciplines, the Cabinet aims to position URISA as the centre of opportunities for creative young professionals who are committed to improving URISA and the geospatial profession via innovation, collaboration, networking, and professional development.

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