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Mike Harrington (he/him): Alright, so Hello Danny, thank you for joining us today to talk about.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): dating the first errands and fellow so just kind of have a few questions to ask and yeah i'll probably have some follow up questions as we're talking but feel free to add anything that you'd like.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And yeah for the first question, I would like you to tell me or tell us your name the school you're in and what you're studying.

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Dani Lam: hey my name is Danny lamb.

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Dani Lam: I am in the as interior design program at parsons i'm just about done it's my last semester.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And what is what.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): What are you studying I mean like what is the what isn't a I actually don't know what that is I mean I sort of heard their acronym but i'm not sure what that means.

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Dani Lam: So it's a program for design for career changers so actually a lot of people find interior design later in life.

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Dani Lam: So a lot of people are interested in this program because they come from different backgrounds, for example, my background my undergrad was in environmental studies.

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Dani Lam: So coming into the as interior design Program.

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Dani Lam: I make sure it was a priority of mine to focus on sustainable design and.

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Dani Lam: I think that parsons is really interested in that type of designs.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And what I mean is actually interesting what made you want to do interior design what what what made you want to go back to school and study that.

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Dani Lam: When I was doing my undergrad in environmental studies, I just found that every research project that I embarked on it was somehow related to the built environment.

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Dani Lam: And I was really interested interested in that intersection of environment and design, so I mean it's perfect for the tishman Center, which is exactly that that intersection.

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Dani Lam: But I realized that I really liked to design, especially.

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Dani Lam: home designs and.

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Dani Lam: maximizing floor plans and being able to live in a sustainable way within your own home, so that is what sort of spurred that transition to interior design, with a focus on sustainability.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh yeah thanks thanks for answering and that's actually a great segue into.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): into what we're talking about today is the aronson fellowship, which is a fellowship that we started in 2020 this has been Center basically to work with students.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And that are they're doing some sort of work in the sustainability field and the climate justice field, so I wanted to know a little bit about what your project was for the errands and fellowship and yeah he's just tell us a little bit about that.

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Dani Lam: sure.

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Dani Lam: So my aronson fellowship project focused on how tiny houses could address American demand for new sustainable housing my research entails studying the housing stock and seeing how it didn't meet the demands of the American demographics, it also involved looking at.

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Dani Lam: Climate and sustainability issues new regards to housing and finding how tiny houses could intervene.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And could you tell me a little bit about what a tiny house, he is just to define what that means.

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Dani Lam: mm hmm so tiny houses.

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Dani Lam: there's the typical one is on a trailer it's a conventionally built home, except for the fact that it's on a trailer so it's got like the regular stick framing that a conventional home could have it's got a roof it's got.

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Dani Lam: Its got a little kitchen it's got bathroom everything is just in a condensed space and usually they're meant to be mobile,

which is what it is on a trailer form.

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Dani Lam: And, but there's also a tiny houses that are on permanent fine foundations, but the overall theme is that they're much smaller than regular homes.

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Dani Lam: And they also are a little bit more creative in the way they you space, for example, a lot of tiny houses utilize sleeping lofts or maybe there's stairs or a little funky maybe it's not necessarily have to code.

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Dani Lam: But it's you know, maybe the bathroom smaller maybe it actually are tiny houses also embrace a lot of green technologies such as composting toilets or grey water reuse systems so it's a form of alternative housing that's been.

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Dani Lam: gaining a lot of traction.

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Dani Lam: As well and sorry.

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Dani Lam: I forgot the square footage.

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Dani Lam: So a typical tiny house.

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Dani Lam: Typical it's usually under 400 square feet and, of course, that that can vary, and some people argue, you know even houses that are like up to 1000 square feet qualify as a small home or they.

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Dani Lam: You know, there has been tiny houses as small as like I don't know 100 square feet, it really is a wide range but it's definitely smaller than a commercial home, which is around, I want to say 2300 square feet on average, so at least half of that, if not like

a small percentage of that.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And what tiny houses, how did you feel that.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): researching them and would it would help with the climate crisis and address environmental justice issues.

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Dani Lam: So i'm going to start with, with how I sort of got into tiny houses, because that will help answer the question of how tiny houses are related to like environmental things.

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Dani Lam: I did a couple summers ago I did a tiny house design build course at guesser morrow design school in Vermont and.

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Dani Lam: we're really struck me about the tiny house movement was that it was grounded in very strong values.

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Dani Lam: That supported their environment that question, the status quo of real estate and housing and really just questioned you know how much do we really need to live, how much how much how many resources, do we really need to take up just to live to have a place to put our heads down at nine.

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Dani Lam: So I thought that those values in the tiny house movement had a lot of potential to create change for a bigger environmental implications.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And for our these are tiny houses, because in, and I know regarding a bit off a script but, like in.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Especially in the last message, but in the US there's a lot of disparity in terms of income there's a lot of

inequality, do you think tiny houses.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Are way to address some of that like in terms of affordability for people, because I think the average depending on what city, you were in like we're in New York, like buying a house is is ridiculously expensive.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And it's and it's probably like that all across the country, so do you think that there is a way or do you feel the time have you seen the research that targeting homes to be a way to address housing inequality in the US.

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Dani Lam: Yes, so a lot of people they feel that pressure of the real estate market being insurmountable and they turn to tiny houses instead because it's it's a custom it's usually custom home, it can fit all of your needs if you design it that way and.

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Dani Lam: it's significantly cheaper than building a conventional a size home or buying a conventionally size.

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Dani Lam: home.

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Dani Lam: So yes, a lot of people do use it as a way to sort of get on the property ladder.

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Dani Lam: But the the movement does have its origins and sort of a rebellion against.

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Dani Lam: skyrocketing real estate prices and it's you know people basically what people are saying with tiny homes is like I deserve to live.

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Dani Lam: I deserve a nice place to call home and i'm going to build it and i'm going to live there, and if it's not necessarily up to conventional standards or if it's not.

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Dani Lam: Fully legal even sometimes I still deserve a place to live, so that has a lot of implications for housing justice and it's being out of tiny houses are being used to help address homelessness.

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Dani Lam: But it's also a.

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Dani Lam: Strong way to have your own agency within like where you can live and what you call him.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): and

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Mike Harrington (he/him): I guess the last, probably for a while last question about your research is what are some of the I mean you've mentioned the.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): questionable legality of tiny homes in some some cases, what are some of the challenges or barriers that you came up with in your research on tiny homes on on you know your were to see I saw some of the some of the barriers and some of the.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): challenges that you see that you came across.

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Dani Lam: And so there's in terms of legalities there have been there has been a lot of progress for tiny homes, they have been integrated into the international building code, but only the ones that aren't on permanent foundations and less than 400 square feet.

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Dani Lam: But some of the issues in terms of legalities is.

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Dani Lam: It depends on the mentality and and the county it's really varies from place to place some places it's not legal to live full time and trailer it's not some some places, not even legal to park here for an extended period of time.

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Dani Lam: Some places, you need you know building, you need building code inspections and approvals if it's up to a certain size, so the tiny house movement does at least in its origin did try to circumvent some of the legalities and zoning and building building codes.

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Dani Lam: But yeah the biggest one, I would say is like where to park your tiny home where it can this tiny home be legally allowed to exist without the city, you know, trying to affect you.

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Dani Lam: But a lot of people are you that.

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Dani Lam: The right to build shelter is a human right, and since tiny homes originally started as a DIY movement people were just building their own houses and just moving them as a pleased you know that that is a it's a valid point.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh, and one other quick question to follow up, so what would you hope.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): People will take away from the research that you've done on tiny homes like how what sort of tangible, do you think there's any sort of tangible benefits that could come from it, or.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): yeah well in in your ideal world if people saw your research what how could they use it.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): You, how would you envision them using it toward.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Like a.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): benefit.

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Dani Lam: I would say the biggest takeaway of my research is.

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Dani Lam: it's not like everyone has to live in a tiny home it's that tiny homes have potential to address a lot of our housing issues.

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Dani Lam: Be it, you know, having more sustainable housing or even housing that meets our demands are having housing set don't consume so many resources.

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Dani Lam: I think the takeaway is that tiny houses are a viable option for more sustainable, housing and for even just new housing that people are interested in that is.

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Dani Lam: Not the norm of conventional housing, there are other options, and I think that tiny homes, is a viable option that people should explore to meet their own housing needs.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh yeah yeah I agree, I think it's the I really in reading your research was very interesting and seeing how different different ways that people use tiny homes, for instance, I think you talked about.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): The young younger people who don't really have a lot of money and they you know they may build a tiny house on

their parents land or if people.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): The reverse it's like you have elderly parents and they kind of want their own space they don't want to be in such a bigger home a tiny home is a is a good alternative, I believe that that came up in your research correct.

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Dani Lam: Yes, that's right, so there is a lot of evidence of intergenerational living with tiny houses and how tiny houses are actually really beneficial for Internet generation living, especially as the housing market is like red hot right now and it's it's putting a lot of pressure on.

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Dani Lam: Both young home owners that want will they want to be Homeowners but it's really affordable and older generations that.

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Dani Lam: can't afford to live on their own anymore, so there, there are a lot of possibilities like you said with tiny houses, is not just for young people, in fact, the the biggest demographic for tiny house dollars are boomers people that want to retire people that are trying to downsize.

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Dani Lam: Baby baby baby boomers.

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Dani Lam: So it's, not just for young people it's for a wide range of people that are looking for financial and housing independence.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Or, thank you for, thank you for that great explanation of your work, so, then I now, I want to switch them talk a little bit more about unless there's something else you wanted to add about tidy home because I know it's something you're passionate about.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): If if you don't want to add anything else, I wanted to just ask a few questions about the fellowship if so, whether

whether it was there anything you wanted to add about tiny homes.

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Dani Lam: I think, as an interior designer i'm very interested in tiny homes because they are custom.

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Dani Lam: And they are a custom tailored to me or one demands and a lot of research has shown that, even just the act of downsizing into a tiny home.

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Dani Lam: you're more likely to live a more sustainable lifetime to have more sustainable habits like composting or maybe you're driving more fuel efficient car.

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Dani Lam: So yeah I would, firstly, I would recommend it to people just say just consider it as an option that it is a very interesting way to live your values out.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh yeah and certainly there are certainly bigger than a lot of New York City apartment.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): is well for what I.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): See.

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Dani Lam: and their customers so.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): So what I wanted to ask next is about the errands and fellowship so I wanted to know.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): When you when you were selected, how did it,

you are you're the first Aaron said fellow so you're really.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): a trailblazing here, and I think setting a good example, so how did you feel to be selected as the inaugural aronson fellow.

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Dani Lam: I was really new to this.

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Dani Lam: I get even yeah I mean fishing the being the first one, it was like no pressure.

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Dani Lam: But I would say that I felt really confident that my project was in line with the tissue and centers values of rhino justice and design, and so I felt confident in that way, but I was pretty nervous about.

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Dani Lam: just doing the whole project and making the decisions that are proud.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh, what did you feel What did you feel nervous about.

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Dani Lam: I mean.

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Dani Lam: My work is going to be representing the Center so I just wanted it to be good.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh well, yeah Of course I mean like well we you know we went through a pretty I would say, a pretty rigorous process of of.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): like an application process and interview process and yeah we felt that your your project.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): yeah it does it does talk about some of the stuff that we do as a Center like you said, the environmental justice part and the design part as well, so yeah I think it was really.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): I think we're all looking forward to seeing the the research and seeing how you were able to integrate those values into your research because yeah we do, I think it was a great project to do for the first fellow.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): So could you talk about some of the highlights of being an errand being the first sentence is our being and aronson follow in general.

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Dani Lam: My biggest highlight of being an aronson fellow would definitely be reaching out and talking to people that I normally would not have a and dish the tissue and Center did a great job of connecting me to some experts on some topics that I was unfamiliar with such as climate migration.

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Dani Lam: And then I also reached out for the sake of the project to some some people in the tiny house world, and I mean connecting with people on like learning their expertise, a little bit about their expertise and I think that that exchange of ideas, was my favorite part of the fellowship.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And, did you.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Were there any skills or I sounds like you've made some maybe made some connections were there any sort of skills or or anything else, that the fellowship tell you to develop or anything that you were looking to develop as an errand say fellow.

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Dani Lam: I will say it's been a while, since I wrote a research paper um so I did have to work on and that I did work on that skill through the fellowship.

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Dani Lam: But yeah I mean also just making connections with people, I think that was a strong skill that I at the fellowship helped me with.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And what are some of the challenges that you face during the fellowship or working with the Center.

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Dani Lam: I would say that I had two challenges, so one of them was working by myself.

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Dani Lam: Because I feel like doing a research project for a year, sometimes you like lose a little momentum and.

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Dani Lam: yeah I think just working, I think I work better in a group at because I have more sustained energy for a long term project, and then the other thing that I would say, was a challenge for me was.

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Dani Lam: scope, I think I got really excited about the topic and I wanted to write about everything I wanted to include everything, and you know when it comes down to it, you just it's it's very difficult, and so I would say, like narrowing my scope constantly was always that was always a challenge.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Right yeah I think that's that is very common with research, because I think a lot of time we you're.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Like you are passionate about tiny houses, a lot of times you're passionate about something you're like Oh, I get to work on this.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And it's sort of up to you to figure out what you want to do I think it's easy to just get excited and say, well, I want to write about everything about this and then.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): You know you sort of have to like you said narrow the scope and figure out what you can do and what's possible.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): So with That being said, so you did have to narrow scope you narrow your scope, a bit with this project, but do you plan on doing more research or work or design around the tiny house field Is this something that you want to continue doing.

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Dani Lam: yeah I mean the tiny house movement is one one part of what I would call and what a lot of people call the alternative living movement.

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Dani Lam: And that includes a lot of things that I think are very interesting as a designer but also as a person who is interested in the environment and living better, more sustainably, so I mean examples of that include like your words or very small Atrium cabins or geodesic domes or tree houses.

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Dani Lam: or even that you know hashtag van life like there's there's a whole world beyond just tiny houses.

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Dani Lam: That are very interesting design wise but also could be a really interesting viable option for living in an alternative way that benefits the environment.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): that's that's interesting, so what got you into the alternative living movement was that did that come out of your environmental studies background or were there other things that that.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): That influence that at all.

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Dani Lam: yeah I think it definitely came from my environmental studies background because that's what's at the core of it all is like.

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Dani Lam: How can we find different ways to live, such that it's not so burdensome on their environment on our resources.

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Dani Lam: And just living a minimalist lifestyle, I think, also is very interesting for the environment.

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Dani Lam: And yeah I mean the tiny houses, I would say, was my biggest introduction to the alternative lifestyle movement and I I plan on just continuing down that road, and keep exploring all those ways of living.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And what is.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Like if you if you could, if you didn't have to worry about if you if it's something that you like if if if you were just given the chance to do it i'm.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Like yeah what is what would your next step be in working either in like the alternative of living move it or like working on the tiny house movement like your ideal the ideal.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Like something that you didn't want to like that you feel passionate about that you'd want to do if you didn't have like any sort of barriers or have to worry about anything else.



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Dani Lam: I would say that my lifelong dream is to build a lot of amazing.

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Dani Lam: homes that are like different right, so I mean.

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Dani Lam: yeah d like teepees like limping like that's a whole sphere.

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Dani Lam: and

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Dani Lam: Just other types of classes tiny houses, maybe like even adobe houses.

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Dani Lam: thing also like looking into vernacular architecture which is like.

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Dani Lam: Architecture, that is, climate and geographically appropriate anything that has been lost through a lot through technology.

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Dani Lam: Like you know now that you have AC you can build any type of house in the desert instead of like the best house for the for the climate, so.

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Dani Lam: yeah like I want to keep I want to keep building like really cool things like that, like an adobe house in the desert or an a frame somewhere in the mountain region and just keep exploring as a designer just things that are vernacular climate appropriate.

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Dani Lam: I think those are really interesting design challenges.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh that's and that's that's really cool to hear and that's also that also ties in a lot into one of the another focus area of attachment Center which is, which is indigent at, so I think a lot of those practices are indigenous practices is that something.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Is that something that you've studied a lot, or is it something that you want that you've like plan to look into more or yeah I just like to hear a little bit more about that.

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Dani Lam: yeah I mean I think if you are going to do TVs, then you have to be respectful of its origins and investigate that and.

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Dani Lam: sort of learn how it's actually made by indigenous people and not just try to you know copy it.

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Dani Lam: For your own profit.

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Dani Lam: And the same is the same goes for you know traditional.

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Dani Lam: Building strength of the building strategies are techniques, it helps to it helps to learn, like the the origins of it and just do it right um by honoring the treats.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh yeah yeah I think that's yeah that's great to actually be mindful of those practices and of the people that they created those practices and.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): yeah I agree with that so just have a few more questions um So if you could go back to when you were told you were getting the fellowship.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): What are some things that you, you would do differently if you already I mean I know it's impossible to do this, but like what are some things that you would have done differently if you want to realize, you know if you knew what the experience would be like.

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Dani Lam: I would, maybe.

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Dani Lam: find someone who would want to do it with me like partner up.

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Dani Lam: Just to maintain like energy together and like momentum um.

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Dani Lam: I think yeah I think just working more collaborative with people I mean I already did reach out to a lot of people, but it felt like more like I was interviewing them instead of like.

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Dani Lam: Like you know, like we're working on this project together like like move it forward so, even though there are plenty of.

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Dani Lam: like people to reach out to I think also just having someone to do it with you would be really great um and then also time management, I mean that's always that's always like you could implement on that much more.

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Dani Lam: But I try I try my best with the time management, but it always you know, at the end, it always like doesn't feel like enough time.

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Dani Lam: Oh, you could write about it forever so.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): yeah and I think.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Exit that's a hopefully this question isn't too difficult, but now I think about it yeah it is co creation is very I think that's a great great way to work together i've done it before, and it was like great, but unfortunately you became the fellow during the pandemic.

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Dani Lam: So, yes there's also.

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Dani Lam: That attitude, because.

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Dani Lam: i'm by myself at home, doing the research myself, so it just kind of feels like.

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Dani Lam: i'm like you get a little stir crazy, you know, so I feel like it would have been different if I even if I worked by myself, where did not depend on me, I think it would have been different.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Well yeah I mean, I think you did a great job, despite those challenges and yeah usually we.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): We do have a space that you would like, we have been working in you probably have had your own desk at the taste of incentive to do your work in so apologies for that that we weren't able to.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): To offer that but I think, despite that you are able to do your research in and produce produce a paper, which is, which is quite impressive.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Considering the circumstances.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And I think the last question I wanted to ask is what advice would you want to give the future errands and fellow so I mean the future is still kind of unknown, but I know.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And you know it's not helpful for you, but we will be back on campus in a limited way, but like what advice would you give for fellows because we plan to have more we don't know what shape that's going to take, but what would you say to them.

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Dani Lam: I would say that.

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Dani Lam: Your connections are they're going to be the funnest part of this and it's going to be really valuable to you to create momentum and energy in your project so reach out to as many people as you can.

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Dani Lam: And also.

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Dani Lam: I don't know about time management I don't know how to help time management, but I mean, even if you write.

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Dani Lam: Just one paragraph, or one page if you give it to someone to give you feedback that also gives you energy to like keep writing so I would say, like even if you have a little bit of progress just share it and it'll keep you going.

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Dani Lam: Because otherwise, if you just wait until you have like a whole lot of a lot of progress to show someone um it just won't, be it won't be as as dynamic, a process and then yeah.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): And is there anything that you want to share

already any other words that you wanted to say any like you know criticisms hot takes or anything that you think would be yeah is there anything else any other thoughts in your head about the fellowship.

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Dani Lam: yeah i'm really mad I didn't get my own desk now.

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Dani Lam: No, I mean the Center was really supportive, especially you Mike.

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Dani Lam: You gave me a lot of feedback throughout the whole process um yeah I mean I can't really say anything.

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Dani Lam: can really think of anything.

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Mike Harrington (he/him): Oh no you don't have to you don't have to say anything Okay, I think I think that's it unless you you yeah sorry don't hit your own desk I can stop recording now.