## Bike Infrastructure and Gentrification Katie Draeger, Class of 2024

Last summer, I worked as an intern with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. I developed an independent project to explore the relationship between bike infrastructure and gentrificationô the widened economic inequity and raised cost-of-living in the regions where certain infrastructure is installed. This summer, I had the opportunity to more deeply explore this relationship with funding provided through the Bowdoin Student Fellowships and Research office. I continued and expanded upon with

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experience the implementation of new bicycle infrastructure, focusing on the perception of such infrastructure increasing or impeding equity in their community.

I began my research in June by crafting a literature review to illuminate the current discourses around bicycle infrastructure and gentrification. Then, starting in July, I began interviewing bicycle advocates, urban planners, and community members who had experience with bicycle infrastructure projects in various cities across the United States. In the interviews, I asked respondents about how they define gentrification, whether they consider there to be a correlation or causality between bike infrastructure and gentrification, what discourses and concerns they had heard from or held with