John W. Koza Leadership Fellows

PREA is pleased to announce the **2020 recipients** of the John W. Koza Leadership Fellows Program.

Christie Chen

Oxford Properties Group

Chen is an Investment Associate at Oxford Properties Group, where she is responsible for sourcing and underwriting both debt and equity investments. She joined Oxford in 2019 after earning an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Oxford, Chen was with W.P. Carey, where she focused on hospitality, and the Blackstone Group, where she specialized in real estate debt capital markets. Chen started her career on BlackRock's fixed income investments team after graduating summa cum laude from New York University in 2011. She is a CFA charterholder and a ULI New York member.

Karen Li

Oxford Properties Group

Li is an Associate on the Investments team at Oxford Properties Group. She joined Oxford's New York team in 2019 and is responsible for evaluating investment opportunities across both equity and debt positions and covers various markets in the US. Prior to joining Oxford, Li was a Vice President at Deutsche Bank, working on large loan originations targeted for both CMBS and balance sheet executions in the commercial real estate group. Li holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Matt Meads

Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System

Meads is a Director within the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) Real Estate team. His responsibilities include sourcing and underwriting new private equity real estate investments as well as monitoring existing investments. In addition, Meads assists with asset allocation and risk management across the total plan. Prior to his current role, he served as a Senior Analyst across all asset classes within SERS and was an Asset Management Analyst at PFM. Meads earned a BS in Finance from Messiah College, holds the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designation, and is a level three candidate of the Chartered Financial Analyst Program.
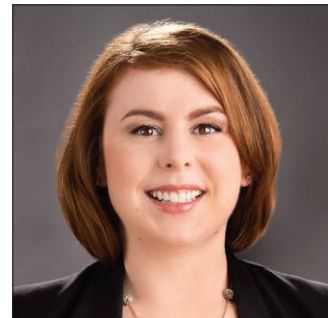
Eduardo Park

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System

Park is an Investment Officer with the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Pension Plan and has held this position since 2014. As an Investment Officer, he has helped oversee various asset classes ranging from fixed income to private equity. In 2018, he was tasked with overseeing the private real estate portfolio for the plan. Prior to joining the City of Los Angeles, Park worked as an Analyst for Wedbush Securities, Inc., for eight years. He holds a Bachelor of Administration in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Annie Haas SooHoo

Allstate Investments

SooHoo works in the Real Estate Equity group at Allstate Investments in Chicago, where she focuses on direct investments across asset classes in the United States. Her responsibilities include acquisitions analysis, new deal sourcing, joint venture structuring, investment strategy, and portfolio management. Prior to Allstate, SooHoo worked in the Real Estate and Infrastructure group at the Mubadala Investment Company in Abu Dhabi, and she started her career at Clark Construction in Washington, DC. SooHoo graduated with honors from the University of Virginia with a BS in Architecture and has an MBA from Columbia Business School.

Ben Walker

Utah Retirement Systems

Walker is a Senior Investment Analyst at Utah Retirement Systems (URS). His responsibilities include specialty sector investments, such as self-storage, timber, and agriculture. He also has been heavily involved with asset allocation and leverage strategy for the real estate portfolio. Prior to his time with URS, Walker earned an MBA from the University of Notre Dame. In addition, he holds BA and BS degrees from Westminster College in Salt Lake City. Walker is a CFA charterholder..

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