

## Mallory Bateman, Utah

### 1) Brief biography.

I'm Mallory Bateman, a Senior Research Analyst and the State Data Center Coordinator for Utah. The State Data Center is housed at the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, part of the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah. I've found that my favorite elements of my role are those where I'm either interacting with stakeholders or digging for information that is tricky to find. For the research portion of my job, I focus in on smaller geographies in the state to provide insights into how a community's demographics are changing. Personal hobbies include traveling, eating good food, getting too many books from the library, and arguing with people about population data at brunch.

### 2) What special perspective or goals would the nominee bring as a Steering Committee member?

This year I have been lucky to have some very enthusiastic and engaged partners at the Census Bureau, who I feel have connected me to the opportunity to learn more about the processes and programs for the decennial and other Census programming. I want to leverage these relationships to increase collaboration and communication between the Census Bureau and the SDC network, particularly for 2020.

Although I'm nearing three whole years in my role as the SDC Coordinator for Utah, I still feel relatively new to the network. With so many new members coming into the network (I believe nearly half at our last meeting), I feel this newcomer perspective is valuable to the Steering Committee. On a more technical side, I have spent the last year or so monitoring the Federal Register for the network, which I feel provides me with additional insight into the less forward-facing operations at the Bureau.

I have been a part of the Steering Committee since the end of 2018, when I took over for Melissa Stefanini. I have enjoyed being a part of the Steering Committee for the great people involved, the heightened awareness of Census Bureau happenings, and the opportunity to share the issues that new SDC members have experienced. While I have enjoyed fulfilling my duties as a runner-up, I would love to serve a full term on the Steering Committee.

### 3) What aspects of the SDC program do you value most?

I really appreciate the collaborative environment that exists throughout the network. Everyone I have interacted with is excited, smart, and engaged in their communities and their work. This year, I've developed a better understanding of how the network works with local partners and the Census Bureau to create a better situation for everyone. I'm proud to be a part of the network, and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish in this big, exciting year.