



News



Fatima Matos: Visiting Scholar at School of Planning

Dr. Fatima Matos, Professor of Geography at the University of Porto, Portugal, is a Visiting Scholar at the School of Planning between March 1 and March 15, 2016. During her stay Dr. Matos will be collaborating with Dr. David Varady, Professor at SOP, on a paper comparing public housing revitalization in Portugal and the US, to be presented at the International Urban Planning and Environment Association (IUPEA) Symposium, May 31-June 3, 2016.

Highlights of Dr. Matos' stay in Cincinnati include:

- Guest lecture "Social Housing in Porto" in Dr. Varady's class "Social Justice and the City." View the powerpoint [here](#).
- Guest lecture "More than Porto: Historic Preservation in Porto" in Dr. Nnamdi Elleh and Dr. Mayhar Arefi's PhD Symposium, Planning/Architecture." View the powerpoint [here](#).
- Field trip to CityWest (a HOPE VI site in the West End) with Dr. Varady;
- Field trip to Over-the-Rhine with Dr. Varady and Ryan Dyson (second year MCP student);
- Field trip to Toyota plant (Georgetown, KY) and Shakerdown with Dr. Elleh;
- Field trip to Columbus, IN with Dr. Elleh.

"La Haine" Cinema in the City Showing and Discussion

Thank you to everyone who came to the second installment of the Cinema in the City film series last Wednesday! The next film in the series will be, "La Haine" at the Esquire Theatre on Wednesday March 16th. This 1995 French film directed by Mathieu Kassovitz takes place during a 24-hour period in the housing projects or 'banlieues' outside of Paris, and focuses on the tense, often riotous relationship between disenfranchised French youth and the police. SOP Professor David Edelman will begin this event with an introduction, and further discussion will follow the film. If you are interested in a free student ticket contact Conrad Kickert (conrad.kickert@uc.edu).

The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Foundation Fellowship Accepting Submissions

The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation is accepting submissions for the 2016 SOM Prize and Travel Fellowship for Architecture, Design and Urban Design. Two awards will be available, one is a \$50,000 Research and Travel Fellowship and the other is a \$20,000 Travel Research Fellowship. Program guidelines can be found [here](#). The deadline for intent to submit is April 18, 2016 and final submissions are due July 18, 2016. The winner will be notified no later than July 29, 2016. Contact Nancy A. Abshire AIA RIBA with any questions at nomfoundation@som.com.

Student Accomplishment

Stephen Diko Selected for Graduate Student Research Fellowship

PhD student, Stephen Diko, has had his proposal selected by the University Research Council (URC) Graduate Student Research Fellowship program to be funded. They received 109 applications and were only able to fund 22% of the proposals reviewed. He will receive \$3,000.00 for his research. Congratulations!

Faculty Accomplishment

Professor Jan Marie Fritz Delivers Keynote Address

Professor Jan Marie Fritz gave the keynote address "Social Justice for Women and Girls: Global Pacts, Unmet Goals, Environmental Issues" at the international conference on Globalization, Environment and Social Justice held at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University in Lucknow, India. She also gave a presentation on the Cities for CEDAW initiative.

Professor Conrad Kickert to Speak at Summit

SOP Assistant Professor of Urban Design Conrad Kickert was invited to be a featured speaker at the ninth edition of The Catalytic Fund's Housing and Development Summit held on February 24th at the Life Learning Center in Covington. The Housing Summit is a community-development initiative by The Catalytic Fund to give local officials, city and nonprofit staff access to real estate trends and best practices. Professor Kickert discussed creative placemaking practices and ideas specific to Northern Kentucky's unique urban center. The Catalytic Development Funding Corporation of Northern Kentucky (The Catalytic Fund) is a private sector, not for profit organization providing financing assistance and related services for developers of quality residential and commercial real estate projects in Northern Kentucky's urban cities of Ludlow, Covington, Newport, Bellevue, and Dayton. Its mission is to accelerate Northern Kentucky's urban renaissance through targeted investments in catalytic real estate development and redevelopment projects in urban neighborhoods.

Job Opportunities

Design Associate Position Open

buildingcommunityWORKSHOP (bcw), a non-profit in Washington, D.C., is seeking a Design Associate. People Organizing Place (POP) is the participatory city shaping initiative of bcw. In collaboration with designers, professionals, nonprofits, and citizen groups, POP positions local stakeholders as experts to proactively shape their neighborhood's future. Please email interest letter, resume, and work samples (10mb maximum file size) to: [Trena Lechleitner](mailto:Trena.Lechleitner) (no phone calls please) at trena@bcworkshop.org. Please reference "2016 POP Planning Associate" in the subject line of your email. For more information on the position click [here](#).

Position Open with Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County has an opening for the position of Service Evaluation Analyst II. This position will develop plans, execute evaluations, compile easy-to-understand results of transit ridership/service evaluation by analyzing large amounts of data, and measure the effectiveness of services. The position closes April 1, 2016 at 11:59 PM. For more information click [here](#).

Community Planning Extension Specialist Opening

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University Extension has an opening for the position of Community Planning Extension Specialist. Responsibilities include supporting and advancing sustainable community programming efforts for Purdue Extension and the Illinois Indiana Sea Grant (IISG) college program. This team is providing outreach education and technical assistance to state, regional (multi-county) and county level community agencies and organizations across the state of Indiana and beyond. Work with community decision makers, citizen groups and committees, state and federal agency officials, IISG and Extension staff, and university scientists to develop and deliver science-based publications, products, and programs. Click [here](#) to apply! Search for the Community Planning Extension Specialist position number 1600335. The closing date for applications is Friday, March 25, 2016.

Code Compliance Coordinator Position Open

The City of Piqua has an immediate opening for a Code Compliance Coordinator. The successful candidate will have completed a two (2) year post-secondary education in urban affairs with five (5) years experience in a similar position; or a four (4) year degree in urban affairs or similar program is preferred. Training and experience with computer aided drafting, cartography, planning and zoning, management, and geographic information systems; or, an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience is also desired. This position will perform inspections and code enforcement duties, assist with the duties and responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning office, and will create, edit, and maintain GIS. Please send letter of interest, 3 business references, salary requirements, and application to 201 West Water Street, Human Resources Department 2nd floor, Piqua, Ohio 45356. Visit their [website](#) to download an application. Deadline for applications is April 8, 2016.

Associate Director for Research Position Open

The University of Utah College of Architecture + Planning seeks to fill the position of Associate Director for Research (ADR) at the Metropolitan Research Center (MRC). The MRC is the lead research unit in the college and one of the leading research centers on the U of U campus. The ADR reports to the MRC's Executive Director and develops, oversees, and implements policies, programs, and financial objectives in relation to research functions, including (but not limited to) research and development, statistical methods, technical writing and reporting, and outcomes publishing. The ADR participates in preparing department budgets and in setting department goals, and maintains and cultivates research relationships with other units on campus and with non-university partners. To read more click [here](#).

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You can find the link [here](#).

Job Spreadsheet

An excel spreadsheet compiled by Emily Bere can be downloaded [here](#).

Newsletter Submissions

For the faculty, students and alumni that wish to provide information about upcoming events or accomplishments in an issue of the newsletter, please send an email to: sopnews@ucmail.uc.edu. In order to be included in the next newsletter, information must be received by Wednesday at noon and sopnews@ucmail.uc.edu is the only email that will be used for newsletter correspondence. Additionally, the newsletter editors will select the information that will be included in the DAAP School of Planning newsletter.

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