

Veterans and Housing Policy: Current Research



Kerry Spitzer

Visiting Scholar, Mount Holyoke College
PhD Candidate, MIT

Kerry Spitzer is a Ph.D. student at MIT in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Her research focuses on affordable housing policy and incarceration in the United States. Prior to coming to MIT, Kerry worked for over four years in New York City government. As a budget and policy analyst at the NYC Independent Budget Office she authored reports on the city's juvenile justice system, jails, and supportive housing programs. Prior to her work at IBO, she was a project manager at the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development in the Inclusionary Housing Program. In addition, she has conducted research for the NYC Department of Homeless Services and Department of Corrections on the population of individuals who cycle between the jail and shelter system. She has also worked for the Supportive Housing Network of New York and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, where she co-authored an article on Latino small business. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from NYU Wagner and a Bachelors in Government from Cornell University.

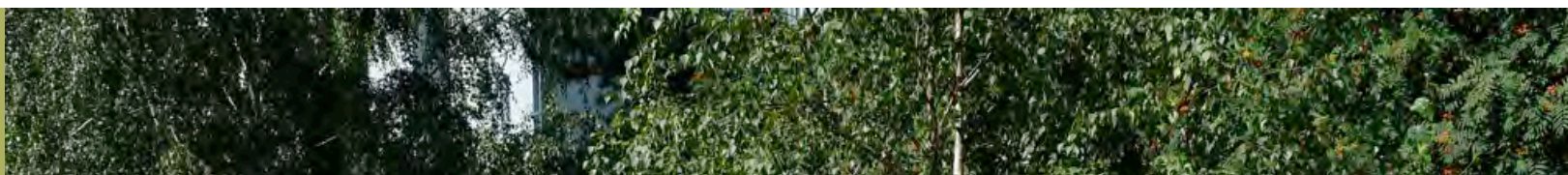
Thursday, September 18, 2014

4:00 pm

Procopio Room, Hills 105

Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning

Zube Lecture Series



Urban Agriculture: Is it really about food security?



Elizabeth Brabec

**Professor of Landscape Architecture
Department of Landscape Architecture
and Regional Planning
UMass Amherst**

Elizabeth Brabec is a Professor and past Department Head in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. With a Master in Landscape Architecture from the University of Guelph, Canada, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland, she founded and managed the landscape planning firm, Land Ethics, Inc. in Washington, D.C. and Annapolis, Maryland. She has also taught at the University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, and was Department Head at Utah State University, Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. Her research is focused on land conservation and the design and planning of sustainable open space. As a life-long gardener, she is interested in the social and cultural reasons for the current popularity of urban agriculture.



Thursday, September 25, 2014

4:00 pm

Fine Art Center 465

Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning



Coordinating Cars and Transit in to Relieve Congestion in Cities



Dr. Eric Gonzales

Assistant Professor, College of Engineering
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Dr. Eric J. Gonzales joined the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as an Assistant Professor in January 2014. Dr. Gonzales has a research background in modeling of urban street networks, and his interests are in the operation, management, and design of large-scale multimodal transportation systems. He has research experience with modeling large-scale logistics systems including freight and transit networks, modeling and analysis of different structures of public transit networks and services, and analyzing the dynamics of traffic congestion in street networks. Dr. Gonzales was an Assistant Professor at Rutgers following completion of a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2011. He has been recognized with numerous awards including the University of California Transportation Center's Outstanding Student of the Year Award for 2010-11 and the Gordon F. Newell Award for Excellence in Transportation Science. He was also an Eno Transportation Foundation Fellow in 2010.

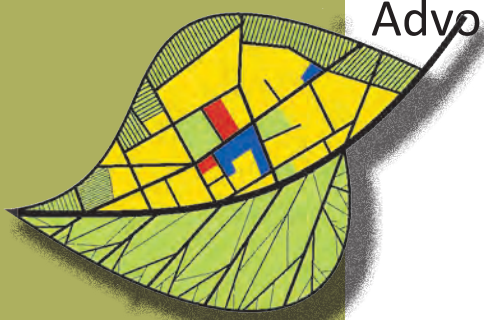
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4:00 pm

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LUMINOUS HOUSE

Pari Bhatti Architects Inc.
52 Blue Hills Road . Amherst . Ma . 01002 . t: 417.399.3147
Design team: Pari Bhatti, principal • Sunny Lee • Visualization: Sarah Parzianmoghadam

The project aims at maximizing the potentials of the site to the extreme by creating a bright, efficient and spacious house. To do so two sets of decisions have been made: In footprint, the project builds upon the boundaries dictated by the setbacks by locating itself within the designated areas. Then, pulling the Southwestern corner in, the plan opens up to allow for a more generous back and side yard. The southern façade benefits from the sun exposure while being mindful of the neighbor's close proximity by an array of punctured windows. The Northern wall, which faces the conservation area, opens up on the top floor to allow for a continuous series of clearstories, which bring light and view to the house. The organization is simple and efficient: there is a circulation area in tandem with the North façade that allows for a flexible space connecting the different components of the house, and a more programmed configuration along the south wall for more public (living, dining, kitchen and office) on the ground floor and the bedrooms on the upper fl.

CONCEPT PHASES

Small lots, Small units, BIG IDEAS.

*Development that promotes the walkable
and sustainable city*

SITE PLAN

GROUND FLOOR PLAN



Wayne Feiden

Planning Director, City of Northampton, MA
Adjunct Faculty, LARP

Wayne Feiden is Director of Planning and Sustainability for Northampton, MA. He led that city to earn the nation's first 5-STAR Community rating for sustainability and the highest "Commonwealth Capital" score.

Wayne's areas of interest includes downtown and urban revitalization, multi-modal transportation, open space preservation, and sustainability and assessing sustainability. At the University of Massachusetts he teaches Planning Tools and Techniques and co-teaches Planning and Judicial Law. Wayne's Management of Local Government Planning is in press and his most recent publication was Assessing Sustainability (American Planning Association). He has also written on, planning issues of onsite wastewater treatment, financial performance guarantees, and planning on Native American reservations.

Wayne has led or served on 23 American Institute for Architects design assessment teams as well as other assessment efforts from Vermont to Haiti. Wayne's current German Marshall Fund Urban and Regional Policy Fellowship focuses on revitalizing small post-industrial cities. His past Eisenhower Fellowship to Hungary and Fulbright Specialist fellowships to South Africa and to New Zealand all focused on urban revitalization and sustainability.

Wayne is a fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. His other awards include honorary member of Western Mass AIA, professional planner and advocacy planner awards from APA-MA, and American Trails Advocacy Award.

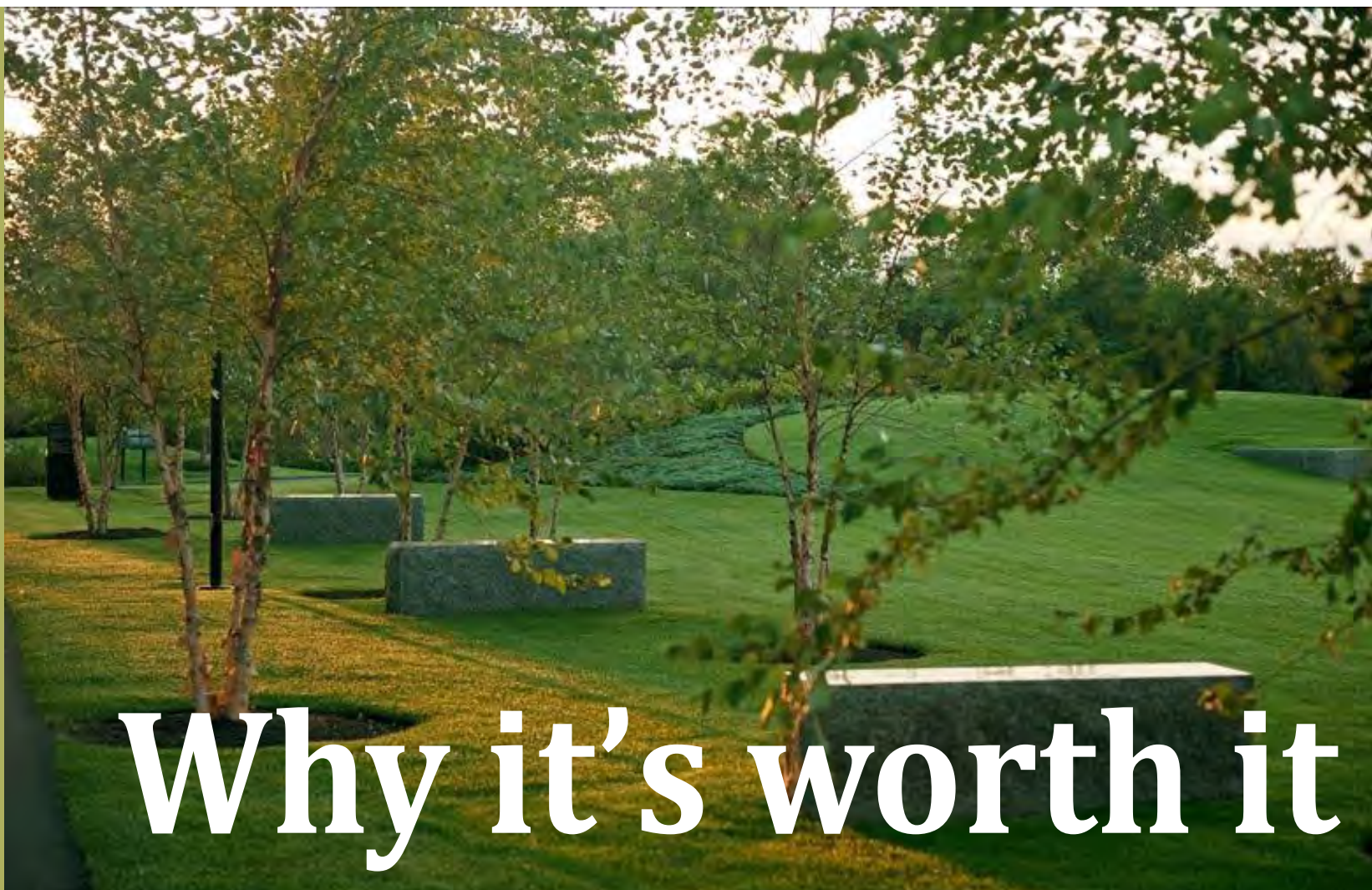
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Why it's worth it



J.P. Shadley FASLA

Founding Principal

Shadley Associates Landscape Architects

For 30 years, Shadley has created landscapes that contribute substantially to the quality of life, environmental health, and vibrancy of the public realm. His projects become compelling places that balance experiential design, the public interest, and sustainability. Shadley received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon and his Master of Landscape Architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

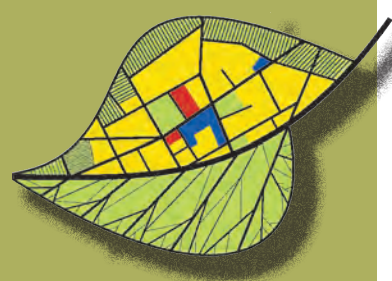
Mr. Shadley has landscape architectural experience on a wide range of project types such as open space analysis and planning, urban design, streetscape design, park design, historic landscapes, tourism landscapes, corporate and institutional landscapes, museums and visitors centers, and residential estates. Many of his projects are Brownfields and waterfront developments, and sustainable design is a cornerstone of his work. Mr. Shadley brings to his role a wealth of experience in planning and implementing many complex projects with competing interests. His projects often include wide community involvement and extensive public participation. Mr. Shadley is a past President of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects and he represented the BSLA on the Mayor's Central Artery Completion Task Force, providing design review for the parks that have transformed downtown Boston.

Thursday, October 23, 2014

4:00 pm

Procopio Room, Hills 105

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An Olfactory Landscape

City Building in Nineteenth-Century
New York and the Case of Harlem Flats



Steven T. Moga *Ph.D.*

Assistant Professor

Landscape Studies at Smith College

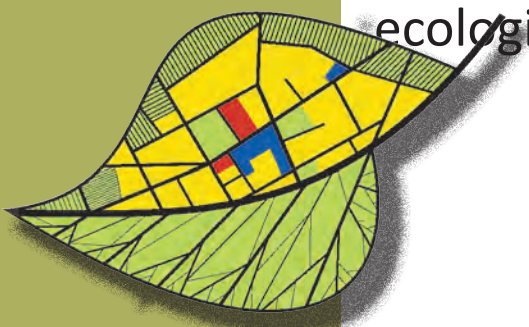
Steven Moga is an Assistant Professor of Landscape Studies at Smith College. He received his PhD in urban and regional planning from MIT, and an MA in urban planning from UCLA. His research examines the design of cities, suburbs, and metropolitan areas, with a specific focus on the social and cultural history of urban landscapes and the built environment. He has ten years of professional experience working in ethnically, economically, and socially diverse metropolitan settings on cultural landscape and historic preservation projects—work that has greatly informed his intellectual approach, research methods, and teaching strategies. He is completing a book about the history of low-lying, flood-prone, and topographically-segregated urban neighborhoods in the United States, titled “Bottoms, Hollows, and Flats.”

Thursday, October 30, 2014

4:00 pm

Procopio Room, Hills 105

Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning



Sonja Deppisch Dr.-Ing

Head of Research Group
HafenCity Universität Hamburg



Urban Regions Faced With Climate Change Impacts *Towards resilient land-use planning*

The specific local climate change impacts on coastal urban regions are uncertain and difficult to predict. Nevertheless, manifold problems can be expected which can be caused for instance by temperature rise, sea-level-rise or more intense extreme weather events. To develop strategies in urban and regional planning on how to deal with these potential climate change impacts, a variety of contextual factors as well as social-ecological interdependencies have to be taken into account.

This lecture presents the approach and results of a four years research endeavor. A team of natural, social and planning scientists collaborated to answer the main questions (1) which challenges does land-use planning face due to the specific characteristics of climate change, (2) which challenges arise especially if we consider urban regions as social-ecological systems and (3) how can urban and regional planning deal with these challenges? The interdisciplinary research was structured by these common research questions and by the use of a shared conceptual notion through applying social-ecological resilience thinking as bridging concept.

Thursday, November 6, 2014

4:00 pm

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Protection, Recreation, Occupation Setting recovery priorities in Rockaway, Queens after Superstorm Sandy



Leigh Graham *PhD*

*Assistant Professor
Urban Affairs, John Jay College, CUNY
Doctoral faculty
Environmental Psychology, CUNY Graduate Center*

Graham's scholarship focuses on organizational, strategic and cultural conflict in urban development and during periods of crisis and change including after disasters. Her work has been published in *Housing Policy Debate*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Industrial & Corporate Change*, *Solutions*, and on the *Poverty in America* blog (now *Economic Justice*) at Change.org.

She spent five years as a consultant on housing and neighborhood recovery in the post-Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast. She has also advised non-profit clients on economic development issues and political advocacy efforts. Her clients have included The Ford Foundation, The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, Alternatives for Community & Environment in Roxbury, MA, and the Women's Dignity Project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

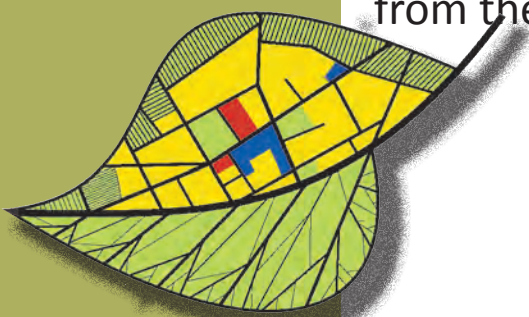
Graham also lead a technical assistance program for small businesses in Lower Manhattan after September 11th and was the Subject Matter Expert on small business recovery for the 9/11 United Services Group. Professor Graham has a Ph.D. in Urban Studies and Planning from MIT, an MBA from NYU, and a BA in Sociology from Brandeis University.

Thursday, November 13, 2014

4:00 pm

Procopio Room, Hills 105

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Planning in the Global South: *Building the capacity of communities in Belize*

James Kostaras

Senior Fellow

Institute for International Urban Development (I2UD)



James Kostaras is an urban development expert at the Institute for International Urban Development in Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA). He has advised on projects, funded by UN-HABITAT, the World Bank, the European Union and other organizations, in Haiti, Bolivia, Belize, Mexico, Chile and North Africa. Urban climate adaptation and resiliency through urban planning and sustainable community development is a major focus of his work. Mr. Kostaras lectures frequently at international conferences and universities worldwide, most recently at the 2012 UN World Urban Forum in Naples in September 2012 on the climate change-driven water crisis and urbanization in La Paz / El Alto, Bolivia, a research project funded by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; and the 2013 Smart City Business Conference in Recife, Brazil on innovative urban development strategies.


As an urban planner at the Boston Redevelopment Authority and former city-planning director in Massachusetts for over 20 years, he launched major urban regeneration projects in cities and neighborhoods challenged by poverty and economic decline. His projects have been recognized with the 2001 American Institute of Architects Honor Award for Urban Design; the American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter Award for Comprehensive Planning and the Congress for the New Urbanism Charter Award of Excellence. From 1998-2008, Mr. Kostaras was a Lecturer and Design Critic in Urban Planning and Design at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. He is a registered architect in the USA, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He received his B.Arch. from RISD and his master of architecture in urban design from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Thursday, November 20, 2014

4:00 pm

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Ziying Tang, Co-founder/Principal
Dong Zhang, Co-founder/Principal
LARP MLA 2005

Z+T Studio, Shanghai, China

Z+T Studio

Landscape Architecture

We see Landscape Design as a way
to increase the happiness of
people and society.

We see Landscape Design as a way
to convey our vision of a
meaningful and fulfilling way of life.

We use diversified spaces and
programs to enrich cultural and
recreational activities.

We use minimal design to
encourage appreciation of sunlight,
shade, rainwater and plants.

We deliver a unique outdoor
experience through our skilled use
of materials and craftsmanship.

Ziying received a Master degree of Landscape Architecture from University of Massachusetts, Amherst in the USA, and a Master degree of Urban Planning and Environmental Design from Peking University in China. She worked in Stephen Stimson Associate (SSA), Landscape Architecture, MA, and Martha Schwartz Inc., Boston until 2008.

Dong received a Bachelor degree and a Master degree in Landscape Architecture from Chongqing University, School of Architecture. He also received a Master degree in Landscape Architecture from University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. He had worked at Chongqing Landscape Institute, Turenscape and EDSA Orient in Beijing; Stephen Stimson Associate in Cape Cod, MA; Martha Schwartz Inc, Boston, MA.

In 2009, Dong and Ziying founded Z+T Studio, Landscape Architecture in Shanghai, China. Z+T studio is seeking a design approach for

creating landscape based on specific site both domestically and internationally. This method is based on the core of Chinese philosophy – subordinate to nature. We refine nature by reproduce infrastructure (pragmatic demand of engineer) based on reinforced culture (by space, symbol, and form).

Z+T studio will keep in traditional hand-craft mode of production, which is a small size of studio for custom design. Designers need to be in company with whole procedure from concept design to site inspiration, and coordinate with specialists and proficient in different disciplines in details.

Tuesday 11/25/14