

History of the Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development (MUPDD) Program

The MUPDD program was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents in 1990. It has since been accredited and re-accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board, joining accredited graduate urban and regional planning programs in Ohio at Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati. It cooperates with Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative in offering the Urban Design Seminar. The MUPDD Program graduated its first class of six in 1992. As of May, 2010, more than 250 students have graduated with the MUPDD degree. It currently enrolls about 60 students.

The program focuses primarily on regional issues and those affecting cities like Cleveland in transition from its industrial past to an emerging future. The program offers six specializations: economic development, housing and neighborhood development, historic preservation, environmental sustainability, geographic information systems (GIS), and real estate development and finance. Planetizen has ranked the first two specializations among the top fifteen in the United States. There is a dual degree program with the Cleveland-Marshall CSU College of Law (coordinated by Alan Weinstein). There is also dual degree program with the Regional Planning program of Chung Ang University in Seoul, South Korea (coordinated by Sugie Lee).

The MUPDD faculty members have distinguished themselves. Norm Krumholz has served as president of both the American Planning Association (APA) and also the American Institute of City Planning (AICP) and currently serves on the Cleveland City Planning Commission and the Ohio APA Board of Trustees. Alan Weinstein has been the chair of APA's Planning Law Division. Sanda Kaufman has served on the board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Dennis Keating was president of the Housing Research Council of the International Sociological Association. Roby Simons is president-elect of the American Real Estate Society. Ned Hill is the Dean of the Levin College and Wendy Kellogg is the Chair of the Department of Urban Studies and Associate Dean of the Levin College and served for years on the Ohio APA Board of Trustees. The faculty have published widely, been active in professional groups like the Ohio chapter of APA, participated in academic and professional conferences in the United States and internationally, served on the boards of numerous community and professional organizations, and assisted governmental and community organizations.

The MUPDD Program has had four directors: Dennis Keating (the first and current director), Mittie Davis Jones, Roby Simons (also coordinator of the real estate development and finance specialization and certificate), and Wendy Kellogg.

The MUPDD program has a scholarship for its students honoring Norm Krumholz and another funded primarily by the family of Roby Simons. There is an annual AICP award for outstanding MUPDD students and another honoring Wallace Teare (a Cleveland architect who long served on the Cleveland City Planning Commission). The MUPDD program has a very active student chapter of the APA. In 2009, the MUPDD Capstone Seminar class won the Ohio APA student project award for "Cleveland Lakefront Revitalization". Numerous MUPDD students have served as interns in urban planning, community development, and urban and real estate development organizations.

MUPDD graduates work in a wide variety of public and private (non-profit and for-profit) agencies and firms. A small sample of just a few of the MUPDD graduates demonstrates this:

- Chris Ronayne, President, University Circle, Inc. (UCI) and former Planning Director, City of Cleveland
- Valerie McCall, Chief, Governmental Affairs, Mayor's Office, Cleveland
- Christine Zuniga Eadie, City of Cleveland manager, West Side Market
- James DeRosa, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
- Chris Alvarado, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
- Ann Klavora, Shaker Heights Planning Department
- Mark McDermott, Vice-President, Enterprise Community Partners
- Richard Seifritz, Team NEO
- A.J. Magner, Senior Vice-President, Jones, Lang, Lasalle
- Diana Golob, Colliers Ostendorf-Morris
- Chris Norman, Director, Crown Point Ecology Center
- Tom Starinsky, Historic Gateway Neighborhood
- Dale Case, Director, Land Use Department, Boulder County, Colorado
- Michelle Mooney, National Development Council, New York
- Professor Sarah Coffin, Department of Public Policy Studies, St. Louis University
- Kara Lubischer, St. Louis County
- Ben Limmer, Valley Metro Rail (Phoenix)

For more information on the MUPDD program, please consult the webpage of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs: www.urban.csuohio.edu