

September 2017 Newsletter

Fall Lecture: October 4, 2017

CHANDIGARH, INDIA: A Place Where Architecture, Planning, Preservation and Development Come Alive!



The four disciplines of the School - Architecture, Planning, Preservation & Development - meet up in India. Don't miss the lecture on October 4, 2017, by architect Surinder Bahga on the City of Chandigarh -- India's first planned city -- as designed by Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier.

You won't want to miss the lecture by working architect, city official and avid preservationist, Surinder Bahga.

Bahga was instrumental as a City Councillor in completing the development of Chandigarh as planned by Le Corbusier, overseeing the construction of the remaining unfinished development of downtown Chandigarh, as well as preserving the working studios, now a charming museum, of Le Corbusier's workshop in Chandigarh as the City was built out over 10 years. Le Corbusier conceived the master plan of Chandigarh, the capital of the State of Punjab post partition with Pakistan, 70 years ago.

Join us for a reception from 6:15-7 pm and lecture to follow from 7:15-8:15 pm. Please RSVP to Carrie Chard cchard@umd.edu.

New Director of the MRED Program



Dr. Maria Day-Marshall

The Colvin Institute is pleased to announce the arrival of **Dr. Maria Day-Marshall** as the new director of the school's Real Estate Development Program. Prior to joining the program, Dr. Day-Marshall was the interim executive director and general counsel for D.C.'s Housing Finance Agency.

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She has held leadership, development, and advisory positions for several housing and financial groups including Maryland's housing finance agency, the Community Development Administration, as well as with Fannie Mae and the Columbia Equity Financial Corporation. Early in her career she served as Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Debt Manager for the District of Columbia. Day-Marshall holds a Juris Doctor from the Catholic University of America and a Master of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University.

Day-Marshall has taught a graduate-level course on capital markets and real estate investments for the Colvin Institute. Her depth and breadth of experience position her as an expert in the rapidly-growing D.C. region, affording students valuable perspectives on affordable housing, government finance, and debt management.

Founding Director, **Dr. Margaret McFarland**, is retiring in February 2018 and is working to keep the program and Colvin Institute strong through this transition semester. Launched in 2006, UMD's program was only the sixth program of its kind in the United States. McFarland says, "I am so delighted that the MRED program will continue to evolve to best serve students and the real estate industry under the capable hands of my much admired colleague, Maria Day-Marshall."

Fall MRED Incoming Student Class



The Fall 2017 incoming MRED students took their first steps in the ARCH Building on August 18-20 for the MRED Orientation and Assessment Program. The two days kicked off with a casual dinner Friday night as the new students and faculty shared conversation over food and libations. The all day Saturday orientation and assessment gave the students feedback on baseline skills in Business Writing, Oral Presentations, and Excel for Real Estate. Sunday, students got an introduction to the campus, the program, resources and tips on how to survive and thrive in the MRED program. Pictured above with **Dr. Maria Day-Marshall** (front row left) and Lecturer, **Lisa Wiersma** (second row right), are 15 of the incoming class of 23 new students.

South Africa Visits the Colvin Institute



This summer, UMD's Colvin Institute hosted a delegation of affordable housing officials from South Africa along with two members of the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission to discuss UMD's real estate education model, and the potential for future student exchanges and scholarships. MRED and the School's Urban Planning Program are working on a study abroad option for students in the Summer of 2019. A shout out to **Stacy Spann**, Executive Director of HOC, for making this connection for the Colvin Institute.

