Welcome the Associate Director

After lecturing for the Master of Real Estate Development Program at the University of Maryland College Park for 5 years, Germano Gomez joined the program staff as the Associate Director of the Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development in July 2014. His current responsibilities include developing relationships with local and national real estate industry organizations, planning and marketing symposia and lectures, as well as preparing annual plans and reports for the Institute.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Gomez worked in private sector commercial real estate development for over 10 years. Most recently, Mr. Gomez served as a Development Specialist for Jair Lynch Development partners in Washington, D.C. managing a substantial affordable housing rehabilitation project and participating in the development of high-rise mixed-use construction in the District. Mr. Gomez also worked as Development Director for Howard County based Orchard Development Corporation managing the construction of Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects from application through design and acquisition. While at Orchard, Germano managed the development of a market rate multifamily community in Historic Gettysburg. Mr. Gomez gained early experience with the design, entitlement, financing, and construction of a wide variety residential product types with firms such as Bozzuto Homes and Shelter Development Corporation.
Mr. Gomez is a member of the District of Columbia Builders Industry Association and the Urban Land Institute.

Faculty Profile: Robert McClennan

We are delighted to introduce Robert McClennan who is teaching a class on construction methods and materials this summer. Robert grew up in the small town of Scotia, just outside of Albany, New York. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from the University of Virginia and his Master of Architecture degree from the University of Maryland. Robert traces his love of urban design and planning to professor Karl Du Puy, now professor emeritus of architecture. His work with developer clients has informed his teaching of real estate development students.

Robert has been involved in multiple projects throughout his career. Currently, Rob is senior project architect at Bonstra/Haresign Architects. He is involved on such projects as 11141 Georgia Ave—a residential adaptive reuse development of an existing office building. Robert also played a key role on the Jackson Crossing project in Alexandria, VA where he increased density and building height through a development special use permit to allow for 78 affordable housing units. While working for Torti Gallas, Robert worked on such projects as a military housing and town center development in Fort Irwin and 193 townhome development at Moffet Field.

MRED students and alums all rave about the courses they have had with Rob McClennan—a designer who gets developers and helps them productively use their design team.

Faculty Profile: Tyler Shymansky

We are pleased to welcome Tyler Shymansky as our newest instructor teaching the ARGUS financial analysis software class this summer. “The essential part to ARGUS is having experience with the software and being able to maneuver within it--this capability makes candid-...
highly marketable to any employer."

While getting his degree in finance, real estate and marketing at the University of South Carolina, Tyler took an internship at Hogan Companies, a commercial brokerage firm.

He then moved to the Washington Real Estate Investment Trust in their acquisitions group. He has been directly involved in transactions in excess of $1billion, including approximately $350M in industrial portfolio disposition as well as $500M of medical office portfolio disposition.

Tyler is a skilled instructor and he is making a major contribution, helping MRED students obtain commercial designations that will not only enhance their Capstone projects, but make them more "marketable" as future employees.

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