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School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Maryland's Built Environment School

UMD Team Advances to Final Four in 2024 ULI Hines Competition!



By Christine Cestello Hinojosa / Feb 23, 2024

The University of Maryland College Park team advances to the final four in the 2024 ULI Hines Student Urban Design Competition with its entry, "The Cascades," a \$1.76 Billion, forward-thinking metropolitan revitalization project that revolutionizes an existing community in Downtown Seattle from business-oriented to people-focused, while addressing critical issues of equity through connectivity, sustainability and socioeconomic growth.

This neighborhood redesign envisions vibrancy and usability for a greener, more accessible and more active community with the underserved population at its core. This mixed-use neighborhood facilitates an accessible and exciting downtown experience with six housing structures, retail and restaurants.

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NAIOP Capital Challenge Team

The NAIOP Capital Challenge team has been hard at work prepping for their big competition. Student teams are provided with a challenging property or case study, including essential information and/or assumptions. Teams must formulate a "highest and best use" investment strategy and develop a comprehensive analysis to maximize the potential of the property from both a quantitative (financial) and qualitative (feasibility) standpoint.



Members of the NAIOP team gathered for the kick-off, site visit and charrette session to discuss the project's development. Under the leadership of Professor **Ron McDonald**, MRED students **Khaleef Bradford**, **Jaye Nelson**, **Angie Malca Llanos** and **Brianna Rifle** will compete against Georgetown University, George Mason University and Howard University on April 12, 2024. Thank you to all the wonderful consultants and alumni for their dedication and time to our students.



Career & Internship Fair 2024



On February 16th, students had an opportunity to meet with 70 prospective employers at the University Career Fair held at Riggs Alumni Center on the UMD campus.

MAPP Career Services works with employers to promote job and internship opportunities by connecting with alumni and students through on-campus programs, such as “intern for a day,” mentorships and related activities. If you or your organization is interested in getting involved, please visit the [Career Services](#) website .

Professors Tanya Bansal and John Park met up with a few of our alumni, including Robby Bessette MRED '23 and Andrea De Carlo ARDV '19.



Spring Lecture: Buildings for People

The Colvin Spring Lecture & Book Signing

Buildings for People: Responsible Real Estate Development and Planning

March 28, 2024
Architecture Building Auditorium



Justin Hollander, PhD, FAICP
Professor in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University

Justin B. Hollander is a professor of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University. His research and teaching are in the areas of physical planning, real estate development, technology, shrinking cities, and the intersection between cognitive science and the design of cities. He co-edited the book *Urban Experience and Design: Contemporary Perspectives on Improving the Public Realm* (Routledge, 2020) and is the author of ten other books on urban planning and design, including *Cognitive Architecture: Designing for How We Respond to the Built Environment* (with Ann Sussman) and *Urban Social Learning: Potential and Pitfalls for Using Microblogging Data in Studying Cities*. He was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and hosts the Apple podcast “Cognitive Urbanism.”



SCHEDULE
6:15 pm - 7 pm - Reception & Book Signing
7 pm - 8:15 pm - Lecture and Q&A

Please join us for the Colvin Institute's Spring Lecture Series on March 28th presented by **Dr. Justin Hollander** PhD, FAICP, Professor in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University and author of *Buildings for People: Responsible Real Estate Development and Planning*.

Lecture: *Buildings for People: Responsible Real Estate Development and Planning*. The lecture will explore how to balance social concerns with financial and investment considerations without sacrificing profit.

Reception & Book Signing*: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Location: Architecture Building Auditorium, 3835 Campus Drive, College Park, MD

The lecture is FREE!

The first 20 attendees will receive a free signed copy of **Buildings for People: Responsible Real Estate Development and Planning.*



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