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MASTER IN URBAN PLANNING (MUP)

2022

Colley, Emma. “Sticking Together: Community Controlled Housing in New York City.” (Advisor: Jennifer Molinsky)


Flynn, Briana. “Big Tech's Emerging Roles in Local Housing Delivery: Two Case Studies of Corporate Affordable Housing Initiatives.” (Advisor: James Stockard)

Geschwindt, Mary. “Biking is Labor: App-Based Food Delivery Cyclists and Infrastructure as Justice in New York City.” (Advisor: Abby Spinak)

Lesser, Aron. “Parallel Participation: A New Way to Engage in Mexico City's Urban Planning.” (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Mitch, Nicholas. “Sea Level Rise and Housing Affordability in Small Coastal Communities.” (Advisor: Chris Herbert)


2021


Griffeth, Carlee. “Charging America: car access & incentive in a decarbonized future.” (Advisor: Carole Voulgaris)

Gu, Steven. “Lost in Translation: Creative Urban Regeneration in Bangkok, Thailand.” (Advisor: Diane Davis)


Tufano, Nora. “Planning Climate Philanthropy.” (Advisor: Matthew Keifer)

2020
Braga, Patrick. “New Housing in Shrinking Cities.” (Advisor: Chris Herbert)


Ogiemwanye, Emma. “Internet City: Conceptualizing Digital Space to Engender Freedom.” (Advisor: Lily Song)


Pilipovic-Wengler, Nevena. “Financing the Climate Crisis: What the Technical and Social Realms of a 2013 Massachusetts Green Bond Can Teach Us About the Governance of the Climate Crisis.” (Advisor: Abby Spinak)

2019
Gourley, Katie. “It Starts with a Seed: Exploring Socio-ecological Care and Alternative Economies in Community Seed Saving Initiatives.” (Advisor: Lily Song)

Hicks, Natasha. “Bounded: Toward a Framework for Revolutionary Design.” (Advisors: Toni L. Griffin, Abby Spinak)


Ndam Njoya, Amirah. “Public Markets the Stage of Food Distribution and Urban Dialogues— The Case of Mfoundi Market.” (Advisor: Sai Balakrishnan)


Rouse, Chandra. “Race, Space and the Poetics of Planning: Toward a Black Feminist Space-
Making Practice.” (Advisors: Toni L. Griffin, Lily Song)


**2018**


**2017**

Jean-Francois, Jessica. “Setting the Scene for Inclusive Growth in Small Island Development States (SIDS): Lessons from Montserrat for Pro-Poor Economic Diversification.” (Advisor: Michael Hooper)


Kim, Mina. “Misaligned, Tangled, Yet Buoyant: Making Sense of Cultural Districts.” (Advisors: Ann Forsyth, Susan Nigra Snyder, and George Thomas)


**2016**


Janson, Nathalie. “Maintaining the Working Waterfront: The Divergent Paths of the Port of
Seattle and Port of Boston.” (Advisor: Laura Wolf-Powers)

Lara Garcia, Francisco. “Te Vas O Te Quedas? Explaining Housing Abandonment in Tijuana, México.” (Advisor: Diane Davis)


Michell, Cara. “Performing Spatial Justice.” (Advisors: Teman Evans, Teran Evans)


Ramsey, Rebecca. “Becoming Better Neighbors: Exploring the Processes of Engagement Between Non-Profit Hospitals, Local Communities and Cities.” (Advisor: Ann Forsyth)

White, Annie. “Community After Coal: Transitioning an Appalachian Kentucky Mining Economy to Healthier Industries.” (Advisor: Dan D’Oca)

2015

Deutsch, Owen. “Institutional Strategies for Upholding Affordable Housing Agreements: New York City as a Case Study.” (Advisors: Laurie Goldman, Michael Hooper)


Pym, Martha. “Understanding Tensions around the Application of Global Standards in Post-Disaster Scenarios.” (Advisor: Michael Hooper)

2014

Barrera, Mariana. “Añelo, Argentina, and the Urban Challenges of a Shale Boom Town.” (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Hwang, Christine. “Ungluing Detroit’s Stained-Glass Mosaic: Parochial Schools as Spaces of Contention.” (Advisor: Jana Cephas)


2013

Brown, Alice. “Reimagining Roadways: An American City’s Shift Towards Non-Automotive Uses of Street Space.” (Advisor: Tony Gomez-Ibanez)

Cummings, Jason. “Confronting the Favela Chic: Gentrification of Informal Settlements in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.” (Advisor: Michael Hooper)


McDonald, Kevin. “Generating Revenue, Congestion Relief and Controversy: Managed Lanes as a Solution to Urban Highway Challenges.” (Advisor: Tony Gomez-Ibanez)

Pickard, Justin. “Can We ‘Trust’ More in Inner City Neighborhoods? Doing Economic Development with Community Land Trusts.” (Advisor: James Stockard)


Yang, Regina. “Pre- and Post-Disaster Migration and Settlement Patterns in Port au Prince, Haiti.” (Advisor: Joyce Rosenthal)

2012


Lempel, Diana. “Producing Authenticity: Redevelopment and Boston’s Haymarket.”
Sachs, Jaclyn. “Innovating through Institutional Design: Mexico City’s Autoridad del Espacio Publico.” (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Stern, Justin. “Chaebol Urbanism: Diversified Corporate Conglomerates as Agents of Urban Transformation in the Seoul Metropolitan Region.” (Advisor: Peter Rowe)


2011
Balug, Kate. “Place-Based Collective Identity and Art: An Experiment in Dorchester.” (Advisor: Michael Hooper)


MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE IN URBAN DESIGN (MAUD)

2022
Averbeck, Anthony. “Small Town Matters: Toward a Phenomenology of American Townscapes.” (Advisor: Peter Rowe, Eve Blau)


Yang, Le. “Design the Middle Scale: Post Industrial City in Contemporary World.” (Advisor: Ann Forsyth)

2021
Borkenhagen, Craig. “Making Mobility: Shifting the Urban Milieu of Oklahoma City” (Advisor: Peter Rowe)


2020
Cawley, Justin. “Rescaling the University: Vertical Campuses and Postindustrial Urban Restructuring in Western Sydney.” (Advisor: Eve Blau)

Chao, Weihsiang. “Curative Space: Re-Sensualize the Healing Role of Urban Design in Kaohsiung City.” (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

Marengoni, Rafael. “Extrametropolis: Urban Design Across the Scales of the Paulista Metropolis.” (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

Park, Bomin. “A Field of Passages.” (Advisors: Peter Rowe, Ron Witte)


2019

Sen, Sudeshna. “Interrogating Smart Imaginaries in India.” (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)


Wang, Shenting. “Urban Regeneration—Rethinking housing typologies in Shekou”. (Advisors: Peter Rowe, Stephen Gray)
Ward, Austin. “Philanthropic Catalytic Patronage and the Making of a Region.” (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

2018
Bouliari, Foteini. “Sustainable Urban Mobility in Athens: Learning from Paradigmatic Cases.” (Advisor: Joan Busquets)


Yuen, Alex. “From Pipeline to Platform: Imagining Innovation in the Rust Belt.” (Advisor: Felipe Correa, Peter Rowe)

2017
Izquierdo, Juan Diego. “Agricultural Valley Towns: Searching for a Development Catalyzer.” (Advisor: Felipe Correa)


Ma, Siwen. “Shibuya Redevelopment: A New Vision of Commercial Sub-City Centers in Tokyo City.” (Advisor: Mark Mulligan)

Smith, Caroline. “Logistics Urbanism: The Socio-Spatial Project of China’s One Belt, One Road Initiative.” (Advisors: Sai Balakrishnan, Eve Blau)


2016
Hyun, Seunghoon. “Diasporic Landscape: Reimagining the Air-Infrastructure of Small Islands.” (Advisor: Rahul Mehrotra)

Yinan Wang, Trax. “City Challenges: The Shifting Architectural Attitude of City Halls from Surface to Type.” (Advisor: Felipe Correa)

2015


2014


Lundell Garver, Beth. “Sweet Limin[AL]ity: Reframing Public Space in the Post-Panamax Port City of the American South.” (Advisors: Alex Krieger, Peter Rowe)


Song, Minkyung. “Reforming Seoul’s Waterfront: A Design Strategy to Transform the Han River into an Urban Asset.” (Advisors: Alex Krieger, Peter Rowe)

Stathopoulou, Afrodit. “Spectral Forms: Persistent Trajectories and the Imprint of
Transformation in the Athens, Attica Region.” (Advisors: Hashim Sarkis, Luis Callejas)


2013
Araujo, Fabiana. “Projecting Rio.” (Advisor: Joan Busquets)


Farag, Farida. “A City Remade: Rethinking the Nile in Urban Cairo.” (Advisor: Hashim Sarkis)

Ferdandez Gutierrez, Raquel. “Spanish Gypsies and Itinerant Trading: Formalizing Identity Through the Street Politics of Recognition.” (Advisor: Diane Davis)

Fung, Amy. “Industrial Processes: Socio-Spatial Conditions of Migrant Workers in Dongguan, China.” (Advisor: Alex Krieger)


Malaspina, Oscar. “Cities in Contemporary Hydraulic Landscapes.” (Advisor: Felipe Correa)


2012

Garcia-Velez, Carlos. “Concrete Matter: Beyond Stillbirth Infrastructure.” (Advisor: Felipe Correa)


Panoli, Neelima. “The Urban Housing Code: Responding to Immigrant Geographies.” (Advisor: James Stockard)

Tang, Catherine. “Urban Restructuring of Metropolitan Detroit.” (Advisors: Toni Griffin, Michael Hooper)

2011

Linkus, Jonathan. “Liminiscape: Leveraging the Distant Ecologies of Infrastructure.” (Advisor: Chris Reed)


MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN URBAN DESIGN (MLAUD)

2022
Harkison, Natasha. “Migrant Middle: Revealing the South-Asian Diaspora through Community Making in Shrewsbury.” (Advisor: Peter Rowe, Rahul Mehrotra)

2021
Mekies, Adam. “Aggregate, Aggregation + Geotechnical Urbanism.” (Advisor: Stephen Ervin)

2018
Zhou, Zhangkan. “From Political Agenda to Design in Xiong ‘An: Realizing President Xi’s Vision for an Ecological Civilization.” (Advisor: Peter Rowe)

2016

2015
Seol, Won Joon. “Mountain Valley Urbanism: In Search of a New Paradigm of Urbanization in South Korea.” (Advisor: David Mah)

2014
Huffman, Cheryl. “Stacking the Nexus: Green Networks, Agriculture and Urbanism in the Changping District, Beijing.” (Advisor: Peter Rowe)


2013

Zhang, Lu. “Creative Re-Fabrication of Traditional Urban Grids: Shanghai’s Traditional Lilong Neighborhoods in a Modern Context.” (Advisor: Alex Krieger)