

## **History of the Master of Urban Planning & Development (MUPD) Program:**

The MUPD Program in the Department of Urban Studies at Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents and enrolled students beginning in 1990. The program's first class graduated in 1992. In Fall 2015, the program name changed from the Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development (MUPDD) to the Master of Urban Planning and Development (MUPD).

The curriculum includes twelve courses (eight core requirements and four electives) and offers six specializations; the most recently added is Historic Preservation. It also includes four certificates - Urban Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Real Estate Development and Finance (in cooperation with the Finance Department of CSU's Ahuja College of Business), Urban Economic Development, and Historic Preservation. A dual degree program with CSU's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is also offered and there is an agreement for a dual degree with the Department of Urban Planning, Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea. The MUPD program is currently accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board through 2019. When Planetizen was ranking urban planning programs, the MUPD Program was ranked among the top fifteen planning programs in Community Development and in Economic Development.

To date, the MUPD Program has graduated 354 students. Its alumni include:

- Chris Ronayne, Executive Director of University Circle, Inc. (UCI), former Planning Director of the City of Cleveland, Board member of the Ohio chapter of the American Planning Association (APA), and Emeritus member and past Chair of the Levin College Visiting Committee
- Ann Klavara, a planner with the City of Shaker Heights; past President of the Ohio chapter of the American Planning Association (APA)
- Chris Dersi, a planning consultant and staff director of the Ohio chapter of the American Planning Association (APA).

MUPD alums have been active with both the Ohio and Cleveland chapters of the American Planning Association, as have MUPD faculty. There is also a very active student chapter of the American Planning Association at the Levin College that organizes a speakers program and conducts community-based projects. Its members participate in Ohio and Cleveland APA conferences and many attend the annual national APA conference.

MUPD faculty have national and international reputations. They present their research at the annual Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) conference and other academic and professional meetings. They have published widely and have served the profession, including on the boards of academic associations and journals. Examples include:

- Norm Krumholz (Emeritus faculty) served as president of the APA and the AICP and has been recognized by both for his landmark work on Equity Planning

- Sanda Kaufman served on the board of ACSP for many years, was president of FWIG from 2005-2008, and organizes a track for the ACSP conference each year
- Roby Simons was president of the American Real Estate Society
- Alan Weinstein chaired the APA's Planning law Division
- Dennis Keating headed the Housing and Built Environment Research Council of the American Sociological Association.

In recent years, the MUPD Program has added new faculty to its ranks including Stephanie Ryberg-Webster, who is the current Program Director and oversees the Historic Preservation specialization and certificate. She joined the Levin College and MUPD program in 2010 and earned tenure in March 2016. In 2014, Rosie Tighe joined the MUPD faculty. She specializes in housing policy and shrinking cities and also serves on the Ph.D. Steering Committee in the College.

MUPD Program faculty have received academic awards and been visiting scholars. Examples include Norm Krumholz, who was a winner of the Rome Prize at the American Academy in 1987-1988. In 2003, Dennis Keating was a Visiting Scholar at the Department of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow, Scotland. Roby Simons was a Lady Davis Scholar at the Technion in Haifa, Israel in 2010-2011 and previously was a Fulbright Scholar at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa. Brian Mikelbank was a Visiting Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in 2007-2008. Additionally, MUPD faculty have worked with various research centers at the Levin College, including the Center for Community Planning and Development and the Center for Economic Development.

In 2010, the program held a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary forum honoring Norm Krumholz and featuring Professor Susan Fainstein of Harvard University discussing her work on "The Just City." MUPD students received the 2009 Ohio APA student project award for the studio project entitled "Cleveland Lakefront Revitalization." MUPD students regularly participate with KSU architecture and urban design students in the Urban Land Institute (ULI)'s annual Urban Design competition (winning honorable mention in 2013). Professor Roby Simons conducts two annual competitions for the best students in his real estate classes, judged by a panel of professionals. There are two scholarship funds directed toward urban planning students named for Professor Krumholz and the Simons family (which funded it). There is also annual recognition of outstanding planning students via the Wallace Teare Prize (named for a Cleveland architect/planner), the AICP Award for an outstanding student, and a Cleveland APA award for an outstanding mid-program student (created in 2016).

The first director of the MUPD Program was Dennis Keating. Other MUPD Program directors have been: Mittie Davis Jones (now Chair of the Department of Urban Studies and formerly Director of the Urban Child Research Center); Roby Simons (coordinator of the real estate development and finance specialization); and Wendy Kellogg (now Associate Dean of the Levin College and former Chair of the Department of Urban Studies). Stephanie Ryberg-Webster became the current director of the MUPD program in July 2015. Ned Hill retired as

the Dean of the Levin College in May 2015, with Professor Bob Gleeson serving as interim Dean during the 2015-2016 academic year. In July 2016, Roland Anglin will begin as the new Dean of the Levin College. Brian Mikelbank directs the Master of Science in Urban Studies Program (and formerly directed the Housing Policy Program). Sanda Kaufman directs the Master of Environmental Studies Program. Alan Weinstein directs the Law and Public Policy Program in the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Dennis Keating has served in many administrative positions in the Levin College, including Chair of the Department of Urban Studies, Associate Dean, Acting Director of the Urban Center, and Acting Dean among others, prior to his retirement in May 2015.