

# Master in Urban Planning Alumni News Fall 2015



Dear Urban Planning Alumni,

We extend our best wishes for the holidays and share some news from faculty and students.

Best, Professor Ann Forsyth, Director of the Master in Urban Planning Degree Program

### **Alumni Events**



MUP Alumni are an active group and in the past few years they have been connecting with each other more often. Below we list some of the highlights from the past two years. The GSD Alumni Relations Office is able to assist alumni in sharing information about upcoming gatherings with targeted emails and event listings on their website, www.groundedvisionaries.org. If you are interested in organizing an open

alumni event, please contact alumni@gsd.harvard.edu for more information.

**February 2014**: Alumni Insights reception with Bill Anderson MCR '83 and Mitchell Silver (APA current and past presidents) before their public lecture at GSD.

**April 2014**: NY-based planners attended the Broadway musical If/Then starring Idina Menzel playing the role of an urban planner, after a private Planning alumni reception and Q+A with the composer, an event shepherded by Edith Hsu-Chen MUP '97 and Frank Ruchala MArch '05, MUP '05.

April 2014: APA reception in Atlanta.

**November 2014**: Boston-area MUP alumni and students happy hour, organized by Holly Masek MUP '13.

March 2015: Event for NYC MUP alumni, organized by Trevor Johnson MUP '14 with Dan D'Oca MUP '02.

April 2015: APA reception in Seattle.

October 2015: MUP alumni happy hour in NYC, organized by Trevor Johnson MUP '14.

#### Student News

**GSD Student Joins APA Council:** Paige Peltzer MUP '16 has been elected to the American Planning Association's Student

### **Professional News**



Learn what's happening with your classmates and keep them up-to-date on your activities.

### **Get Certified!**



Apply now to take the <u>AICP</u> <u>Comprehensive Planning</u> <u>Exam</u> in May. The final application deadline is December 31.

### **Alumni Events**



Save the date for the MUP alumni gathering at APA on 4/4, and check out other alumni events here!

# More from the Planning Department at GSD

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Representatives Council <u>Executive</u> Committee.

GSD team travels to UAE to present at Ajman Urban Planning
Conference: A student team of three planners, an architect, and a landscape architect present their proposal for a cultural district in the Ajman, UAE. The team's proposal offered a new vision for sustainable urbanization and dense living in the

Gulf region.

**Second semester core studio wins AICP award:** In a studio led by Dan D'Oca MUP '02, students addressed the evolving suburbia of Long Island, NY by taking seriously its residents' own urban interventions and <u>upscaling those practices through targeted, viable government support</u>.

Students participate in annual PARK(ing) Day activities:
Urban Planning and Design students used bales of hay and other
DIY interventions to transform a Cambridge parking space into a
miniature park. Their effort was part of an international day of
activism and celebration called PARK(ing) Day, which is marked by
such transformations.

## **Faculty News**



This fall, faculty from the GSD's Urban Planning department delivered lectures around the globe and published articles on current research in notable journals.

Read more for the latest updates about Urban Planning and Design faculty.

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<u>Urban Planning GSD</u> <u>website</u>

#### LinkedIn

Join the official GSD LinkedIn Group, which provides a fantastic forum to share career-related knowledge, information, referrals, and advice with alumni, current students, and other members of the GSD community.

### **Contact Us**

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