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Welcoming New Faculty



Jesse Saginor, AICP, is an associate professor and assistant director of graduate students in the Real Estate Development Program. He holds a Ph.D. in Urban Studies and Public Affairs with a concentration in real estate and economic development from Cleveland State University. He also has a Master of Public Administration from the Ohio State University. Saginor worked as an assistant professor for seven years at Texas A&M University and most recently served as both program chair and associate dean at Florida Atlantic University.



John Park joins the Real Estate Development program this fall as an assistant professor. He earned his Ph.D. in Urban Planning from Texas A&M University, an M.S. from the University of Texas at Austin and M.S. and B.S. degrees from Hanyang University in Seoul, South Korea. After earning his doctorate, John worked as a senior research fellow at Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research and was a visiting assistant professor at Tulane University.

College Park community land trust celebrates first home purchase!



By Maximo Legaspi, Diamondback
September 21, 2023

The College Park Community Preservation Trust celebrated its first home sale Wednesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the residence, marking the group's first major accomplishment in making home ownership more affordable in the city.

Alum Tawfuq Abdul-Karim 'MRED 2022 senior associate at the trust, was on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony!

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Natalie Washington Receives 2023 Todd A. Lee Scholarship

MRED student **Natalie Washington** is one of six recipients of the 2023 [Todd A. Lee Scholarship](#), which commemorates Todd A. Lee, who led the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency, and honors his commitment to both affordable housing and education. Founded in 2020, the scholarship is given to undergraduate and graduate students who aspire to be future contributors to the field of affordable housing in the District.

Remembering Leslie Mostow



It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that **Leslie Mostow** passed away over the summer. Leslie retired as an Accounting, Tax and Business Consulting Principal at CohnReznick, LLP. He worked in public accounting for over 50 years and was a life member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Maryland Association of CPA's. He represented clients in many industries providing services in areas relating to taxation, accounting, business planning and operations. He was an accomplished adjunct professor for the University of Maryland's Master of Real Estate Program and the Smith School of Business. In addition to bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience, Leslie will be missed for his dedication to students and his optimistic outlook even during his health challenges.

New Student Orientation & Excel Bootcamp



The MRED Orientation and Assessment Program was held on August 19th and 20th. The two-day program kicked off virtually on Saturday with an overview of the program, industry speakers and survival skills. On Sunday, the program continued virtually, where students received feedback on baseline skills in business writing by Lecturer **Ronald McDonald**. The following weekend the students participated in an intensive Excel workshop taught by Instructor **Nader Shishechi**.



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