

COMMUNITY DESIGN: THE SURVIVORS

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University-based community design programs are an effective means for architectural education to bridge the gap between the academy and the public. They offer students an enriched educational experience while serving the public in areas of architecture, urban design, community development, and planning. At their best, they are potent vehicles through which the context and audience of architectural education can be broadened.

Currently there is a renewed commitment to the public realm and to proactive social responsibility at schools of architecture in North America. Many new approaches to community design, programs and initiatives have been created in recent years. There is a long tradition of community design in architectural education, however, and there are a number of long-established programs that continue to thrive and serve their communities.

This session will provide perspectives on contemporary community design programs with a particular focus on programs that have been sustainable over the long term. Issues such as educational standards, organizational models, project selection criteria, project methodology, student pay and credit concerns, liability issues, scheduling, and deliverables will be addressed — with a particular focus on the overall educational and service goals of community design.

The panelists will make short presentations, which will be followed by questions and discussion. This is an opportunity for educators involved in community design to share experiences and network, and for those considering establishing a community design program to be introduced to a variety of choices. Copies of the *ACSA Sourcebook of Community Design Programs at Schools of Architecture in North America* will be available. The session will be followed by a tour of The Neighborhood Design Center in Baltimore.