

Baltimore Avenue Connected Communities: Smart Cities Roundtable

Friday, November 10, 2023, from 12:00-1:30 pm

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Agenda: NCSG New Director Introduction and Neighborhood Walkability Research

1. Tara Burke, UMD Smart Cities Initiative 12:05-12:10 pm
Welcome and Introduction
2. **Kathryn Howell**, Director, National Center for Smart Growth 12:10-12:35 pm
Research and Education



Kathryn Howell is the Director of the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and an Associate Professor, Urban Studies & Planning Program. Prior to coming to NCSG, she was the co-founder and co-director of the RVA Eviction Lab and an associate professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Howell's research unpacks concepts of physical and cultural displacement and power in changing communities and investigates ways that policy and planning can be used to address these issues. Specifically, she interrogates the policies, governance structures and roles of tenants and advocacy in the preservation of affordable housing. Further, she investigates ways that redevelopment, implementation and maintenance of cultural landscapes can facilitate or abridge the right to the city for communities of color.

Her book, *Affordable Housing Preservation in Washington, DC: A Framework for Local Funding, Collaborative Governance and Community Organizing for Change* focuses on the ways tenants can be centered in policies and practices that keep housing affordable as cities change. As the co-founder of the RVA Eviction Lab, a community-responsive data initiative at VCU, she engaged with community partners to ensure data supported housing justice efforts of organizers, service providers and policy advocates.

Before pursuing a Ph.D., Dr. Howell worked for Maryland and Washington, DC housing and community development agencies on affordable housing preservation, state program monitoring and inclusionary zoning.

3. **Chester Harvey**, Director, Transportation Research Policy Group (TPRG) 12:35-1:20 pm
& **Mariela Alfonzo**, Founder/CEO, State of Place

Chester Harvey is the Director of NCSG's Transportation Policy Research Group. His work bridges the allied fields of transportation and urban design with implications for shaping more active, accessible, and equitable cities. Harvey's professional background in transportation planning and urban analytics informs his research on the behavioral impacts of walkable design and opportunities to offer reasonable alternatives to automobility. At NCSG, he also leads an annual travel survey project with MDOT to understand commuting and congestion trends, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the impact of flexible work schedules on transit demand, whether working from home has resulted in more localized and active travel, and the barriers that keep people from living close to where they work.



Harvey holds a doctorate in City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, where he examined transportation decision making, accessibility, active transportation infrastructure, and pedestrian psychology and behavior. He previously worked as a consultant with WSP's Systems Analysis Group and at Alta Planning and Design.



Bridging the worlds of academia, practice, and entrepreneurship, Dr. **Mariela Alfonzo** is an internationally-renowned thought-leader and speaker, with 20+ years of experience on the nexus between urban design, behavior, and the quadruple-bottom line. For over two decades, her work has focused on quantifying how the micro-scale aspects of the built environment affect our behaviors, perceptions, and decisions, and in turn, how these impact a broad spectrum of quality of life outcomes, across individual, community, civic, and environmental domains. Dr. Alfonzo is the Founder and CEO of State of Place, an AI-driven, urban design data and predictive analytics software that helps citymakers create more just, thriving communities more effectively, cost-efficiently, and inclusively. State of Place helps city-makers harness the power of street-level urban design data, evidence-based recommendation engine,

scenario modeling, and forecasting tools to co-create more livable, equitable, and sustainable communities that optimize social, health, environmental, and economic value, while building community trust, facilitating collaboration and co-creation, and driving the consensus needed for real change.

Dr. Alfonzo was named one of Urban Land Institute's 40 under 40 best young land use professionals around the globe in 2014; is a New Cities Foundation Placemaking Fellow; is a Fulbright Scholar; and a Research Professor at NYU Tandon's School of Engineering. She holds a Ph.D. in urban planning from UC Irvine, as well as a Masters in Urban Planning, and a BA from University of Miami in psychology and architecture.

4. Round Robin: discussion, announcements, events, adjourn 1:20–1:30 pm

RSVP by category, alpha

Jurisdictions/Municipal/County/State

- Lauren Belle - M-NCPPC – Prince George’s County Parks
- Kevin Cabrera – M-NCPPC – Historical Resources (maybe)
- Kayla Carter – City of College Park (maybe)
- Katrina Dodro – New Carrollton
- Sonja Ewing - M-NCPPC – Prince George’s County Parks (maybe)
- Andrew Facey – New Carrollton
- Bill Gardiner – College Park
- Alex J. Hirtle – Prince George’s County
- Takisha James – Bladensburg, Mayor
- Denise Mitchell – College Park
- Jenese Jones Oden – New Carrollton
- Petrella Robinson – North Brentwood (maybe)
- Dale Worley – Greenbelt (maybe)

Industry/Organizations

- Mariela Alfonzo – State of Place
- Susan Cargill-Collura - Cisco
- Sam Dupont – BG&E (maybe)
- Donald Eaddy – YMCA in Central Maryland (maybe)
- Susan Slingluff Hartmann - College Park City-University Partnership
- Lora Katz - USDA
- John Leibovitz – Passage Safety (maybe)
- Jordan Montoya - Margrave Strategies (maybe)
- Scott Pomeroy – Smart City Media
- Tony Ruffin – Pepco (maybe)
- Kevin Thompson - Exelon
- Valarie Woodall – College Park City – University Partnership
- Lexi Assunto – Clearworld

UMD

- Thomas Abt – BSOS – Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Jordan Angeloro – Office of International Affairs
- John Baras – ENGR - Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Institute for Systems Research
- Samantha Berenschot-Bucciero - UMD
- Darleen Joy Bucciero – AGNR, Ag Extension
- Tara Burke – MAPP - Smart Cities Initiative
- Niambi Michele Carter – School of Public Policy
- Abhiram Cheerla – UMD student
- Jen Cotting – UMD- Environmental Finance Center (maybe)
- Qingbin Cui – ENGR – Civil and Environmental Engineering (maybe)
- Tanisha Lee – ENGR – Engineering Information Technology
- Andrew Fellows – iSchool - Campus Community Connection; iConsultancy
- Vanessa Frias-Martinez – iSchool, UMIACS, Urban Computing Lab
- Reza Ghodssi – ENGR-ECE
- Jeff Hall - CMNS
- Chester Harvey – MAPP - NCSG
- J. Hibbitt – UMD student

- Lina Hofmann – UMD student
- Kathryn Howell – National Center for Smart Growth
- Mike Hunninghake – EFC, Sustainable Maryland
- Hiro Iseki, MAPP-Urban Studies and Planning (maybe)
- Virinchi Juttukonda - VPR-Econ Dev-UM Ventures, College Park
- Gerrit Knaap – MAPP -National Center for Smart Growth
- Roy Kohn- VPR
- Tanisha Lee – ENRG – Engineering Information Technology
- Carrie Leonard – AGNR – Animal and Avian Sciences
- Ira Levy – UMD
- Wayne Lutters - iSchool
- Christine Mail – AGNR-UME
- Dani Moore - AGNR
- Roddy Moscoso – ENGR - Center for Advanced Transportation Technology
- Axel Persaud – Division of Information Technology
- Sammy Popat - VPR-Economic Development & Innovation
- Gabe Pickett – Smith School of Business
- Catherine Roach – Facilities Management
- Kaveh Sadabadi – ENGR - Center for Advanced Transportation Technology
- Brian Joseh Sanders – Office of General Counsel
- Tracey Skinner – Office of General Counsel
- Tina Squibb – AGNR – Family and Consumer Sciences
- Zhuosen Wang – CMNS-ESSIC
- Gary White – UMD _ Libraries (maybe)
- Susan Winter – iSchool
- William Kevin Wyliee – MAPP - Architecture
- Xianfeng Yang - ENGR-Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Wei-Kuo Yen ENGR-Aerospace Engineering