

2009 Levin College Capstone Studio Participants



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Eli Auerbach, MUPDD

Eli Auerbach is a graduate of Cleveland State University. He received his Bachelors in Urban Affairs in 2007. He will receive his Masters in Urban Planning Design and Development, May of 2009. He has also attained certifications in Geographical Information Systems and Economic Development. Currently, Mr. Auerbach works at the Levin College of Urban Affairs as a graduate research assistant.

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Michelle K. Besteder, M.A.

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Michael G. Cook, Jr., 2009 MUPDD

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Millicent "Millie" Davis

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Blair Elledge

Blair Elledge has been in the real estate industry for the previous eight years. The last 5 years Blair has worked for a local developer as the VP of Sales. Two years ago he determined that additional education would be needed to further his real estate career. Blair is excited to graduate in May with his degree in Masters of Urban Planning, Design and Development program in addition to the Certificate Program in Real Estate

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Edison L. Ellenberger

Edison L. Ellenberger will graduate from the Master of Urban Planning, Design & Development program in 2009. Planning history, waterfront development, bicycle planning, and historic preservation are some of his planning-related interests. He is a Quality Assurance Advisor at a law firm in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Michelle L. Johnson

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Thomas Jordan

Thomas will be graduating from Cleveland State in May of 2009 with a Masters Degree in Urban Planning. His interests include GIS, planning for bicycles and pedestrians, applying new technologies to planning problems, and analyzing planning methods with the aim of improving the equity and efficiency of the outcomes of the planning process.

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Emil N. Liszniansky is a student in the Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development program at the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is employed as a consulting civil engineer specializing in transportation planning and design and is registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio

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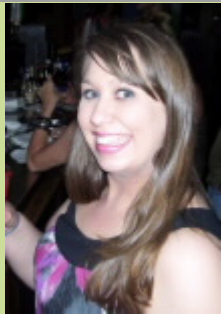
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Jessica L. Morrison is a Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development candidate who also received her Bachelor's in Urban Studies at Cleveland State University. She is currently interning at Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity where she has been for the past two and half years.

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Wendy Hoge Naylor, J.D.

Wendy Naylor currently works part time as an attorney for the investment banking firm of Naylor Capital Corporation. She has worked in the areas of business strategic planning, community development, design, and historic preservation. She serves in her community of Chagrin Falls as Co-Chair of the Police Station Design Committee, Co-Chair of the Mayor's Paper Mill Vision Committee, Co-Chair of the Parks Beautification Committee and on the Board of Your Hometown Chagrin Falls. She will graduate from Cleveland State with a M.U.P.D.D. in May 2009.

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Leah J. Pesek is a two-time graduate of Cleveland State University, receiving her undergraduate degree in Environmental Science from the College of Science and her Master's Degree in Urban Planning, Design, and Development from the College of Urban Affairs. While completing her Master's Degree requirements she also received her Certification in Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S).

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Jason M. Russell

Jason Russell, currently holds a Bachelors of Arts in Urban Studies from Lehigh University. He is pursuing a Masters degree in Urban Planning, Design, and Development at Cleveland State University with a concentration in Neighborhood Development. Jason currently serves as president of the student chapter of the American Planning Association. He is also a graduate assistant for the AHANA program, which provides support for minority freshmen students.

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Derek Taylor

Derek Taylor will be earning a certification in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and plans to pursue a job after graduation that utilizes these skills. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from Hiram College and currently works as a research assistant with the radio news staff of WCPN 90.3 Ideastream.

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Todd Wilson

Todd Wilson will earn a Masters Degree from the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University in the summer of 2009. Todd earned a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from Occidental College in Los Angeles. After graduation, Todd intends on starting a small food business in Cleveland so he can devote more time to social justice issues that deeply concern him. Todd plans on being elected as Cleveland's Mayor in 2014

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Edward Winkfield is a graduate student in the Masters of Urban Planning, Design, and Development Program. His focus of study is in Real Estate Development Finance and Marketing Analytics. Edward is a career manager and leader of people. He is currently employed with the State of Ohio in the Business Enterprise Program. His job is coordinating activities which place visually impaired entrepreneurs in state supported food service businesses many of which are on city, state, and federal properties.

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Tanesha Woodall

While pursuing a Master's Degree in Urban Planning, Design and Development, she holds a full time position as a Real Estate Agent for Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. For the past 3 years while pursuing a degree and working, she has been able to become a million dollar top producer which has taught her how to overcome personal and business challenges. She also holds a Master's of Business Administration degree as well. With her excellent knowledge of the Real Estate Industry and higher education, there is nothing that she can't or will not accomplish. With a passion for developing urban cities and selling real estate, there was no other field of study that would interest her more.

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Christine Zuniga

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