

2010 WINTER LECTURE EVENTS

Department of Landscape Architecture :: College of Built Environments
University of Washington

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The Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Washington will sponsor two free lecture events this February: **Seattle Mayor Michael McGinn on February 8th and Mark Johnson, FASLA, a leading landscape architect and founding principal of Civitas Inc. on February 17th.** This is an exciting pair of lectures focused on Sustainable Urbanism at the local level with McGinn and the national level with Johnson.

Information about these events can be found on the website of the Department of Landscape Architecture:
<http://larch.be.washington.edu/>

Planning and Design for a Great City: A Dialogue with Mayor McGinn

Monday, February 8, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Architecture Hall 147, UW Seattle Campus

Mike McGinn got his start in politics as an advocate for safe sidewalks in his Greenwood neighborhood. His commitment to healthy communities grew as he founded *Great City* and led campaigns for transit, parks, and other green infrastructure. Mike's grassroots mayoral campaign was successful in large part because he brought diverse people together around a vision for an equitable, green, and urban Seattle. He considers excellent planning and design to be critical to creating this future and will be visiting the College of Built Environments to exchange ideas about how we get there.

In Search of Sustainable Urbanism: Systems and Territories with Mark Johnson, FASLA

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Architecture Hall 147, UW Seattle Campus

This event is co-sponsored by *Great City* <http://www.greatcity.org/>

Mark Johnson, FASLA, will discuss the development of both theory and projects, shedding light on the most current work and thinking about what it really takes to design cities for the next generation of urban life. His work is currently addressing significant waterfront regeneration in San Diego, Los Angeles, Miami, St. Louis and New York; projects that reveal his thinking on the *systems* that make cities healthy and the *territories* that we design for living.

Mark Johnson, FASLA, is a leading urbanist, designer of public space and strategist for the re-generation of core cities. He is currently leading the re-generation of the Northside of downtown St. Louis, the design of the North Embarcadero in San Diego, the design of Museum Park on the Miami waterfront and a revitalization plan for the waterfront on the Harlem River in Manhattan. As a founding principal of Civitas Inc., Mr. Johnson has led many complex projects that have had a transformative impact on cities: three riverfront parks in Denver; 20 years leading the redevelopment of Stapleton International Airport; a master plan for Balboa Park in San Diego; a waterfront plan for Memphis; and a corridor plan to connect historic neighborhoods along Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue. He recently completed the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, a project that immediately gained national recognition for its economic, social and environmental impact. With Civitas he has focused on the design of healthier, more livable and more sustainable cities for 25 years. His projects have been at the leading edge of both the theory and practice of urban regeneration and landscape urbanism, with major transformative interventions achieved across the country.