

Call for Presentations

Giving Voice, Being Seen: Community Agency and Design Action in a Time of Climate Change

PhD in the Built Environment Symposium
April 26, 2018
Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center
University of Washington

Climate change affects everyone, but it does not impact all communities equally. These differences may be most evident in the built environment and the shared spaces such as parks, streets, schools, homes, which we experience and move through daily. In seeking to inspire more collaborative, inclusive and creative responses to climate change in the built environment, the interdisciplinary PhD in the Built Environment at UW is organizing a one-day symposium around the theme of "Giving Voice, Being Seen: Community Agency and Design Action in a Time of Climate Change." This symposium provides a forum for examining the intersections of climate change, urbanism, and environmental justice, and the ways in which diverse voices contribute to or are excluded from climate change conversations. The symposium invites presentations and projects that are addressing the ways in which diverse communities are being affected by climate change, and the role of diverse communities in design and climate change.

The interdisciplinary PhD in the Built Environment houses students in various spatial disciplines: architecture, landscape architecture, urban design and planning, real estate, and construction management. Recognizing the value of the diversity of disciplines, methodologies, and epistemological approaches within our program, this symposium invites an interdisciplinary conversation among graduate students, community members, and faculty from around the University of Washington. We encourage presentations, conversations, and works-in-progress that feature collaborative conversations between designers and non-designers and emphasize ways in which more diverse voices can participate in these conversations.

To be considered for participation, please submit electronically (Word or PDF) a 300-word abstract with a preliminary presentation title and include your name, department/field/program, title or role, and presentation format (panel, paper, interview, informal conversation, performance, poster, short film) by Monday, March 12, 2018 to sjjj@uw.edu. For further information, please contact: sjjj@uw.edu.