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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Urban & Regional Planning & Design. University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. 2006.
Specialization: Urban Design *Minor:* Land use planning
- M. Arch.** Institute of Architecture & Planning. Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland. 1998.
- B. Arch.** School of Architecture, Institute of Environmental Design. Gujarat, India. 1990.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2006 – present Assistant Professor, School of Architecture and Community Design, University of South Florida.
- 2006 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, Wentworth Institute of Technology.
- 2004 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Urban Studies and Planning Program, University of Maryland.
- 2004 Graduate Advisor, Landscape Architecture Program, University of Maryland.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Mehta, V. (in press, forthcoming 2011). “**Small Businesses and the Vitality of Main Street.**” *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*.
- Mehta, V. and Bosson, J. K. (2010). “**Third Places and the Social Life of Streets.**” *Environment and Behavior*, 42 (6), 779-805.
- Mehta, V. (2009). “**A Tale of Two Streets: Comparative Experiences on Streets in the East and West.**” *Design Principles and Practices: An International Journal*, 3 (5), 231-242.
- Mehta, V. (2009). “**Look Closely and You Will See, Listen Carefully and You Will Hear: Urban Design and Social Interaction on Streets.**” *Journal of Urban Design*, 14 (1), 29-64.
- Mehta, V. (2008). “**Walkable Streets: Pedestrian Behavior, Perceptions and Attitudes.**” *Journal of Urbanism*, 1 (3), 217–245.
- Mehta, V. (2007). “**Lively Streets: Determining Environmental Characteristics to support Social Behavior.**” *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 27 (2), 165-187.

Book Chapters

Mehta, V. (forthcoming 2011). “**Lively Streets: Determining Environmental Characteristics to support Social Behavior.**” In Weiping, W., Dongquan, L. and Hibbard, M. (eds.) *Best of Recent North American Planning Scholarship: Selections from Journal of Planning Education and Research* translated in Chinese. One of only nine articles selected by editors to reach a broader audience.

Manuscripts in Review

Mehta, V. and Nguyen, D. (In review). “**Territoriality and Social Interaction in Public Space**” for the journal *Urban Design International*.

Mehta, V. (In review). “**Sense of Place in Everyday Spaces**” for the journal *Places*.

Mehta, V. (In review). “**Evaluating Public Space**” for the journal *Environment and Planning B*.

Book Manuscript in Review

Mehta, V. (In review). “**The Street: a quintessential social public space**”. Various publishers.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

Mehta, V. (2010). “**Re-stitching the Urban Pattern of Ybor City: A typo-morphological analysis.**” *Proceedings of the International Seminar of Urban Form (ISUF) Conference*. Hamburg, Germany. August 2010.

Mehta, V. (2009). “**The Phenomena of Everyday Places in the City.**” *Proceedings of the 2nd Architecture and Phenomenology Conference*. Kyoto, Japan. June 2009.

Mehta, V. (2009). “**Sense of Place in Everyday Spaces: Lessons for Urban Design.**” *Proceedings of the Architectural Research Centers Consortium Conference - Leadership in Architectural Research, between academia and the profession*. San Antonio, Texas. April 2009.

Mehta, V. (2007). “**A Toolkit for Performance Measures of Public Space.**” *Proceedings of the 43rd International Planning Congress of The International Society of City and Regional Planners*. Antwerp, Belgium. September 2007.

Mehta, V. (2007). “**Streets for People: Determining Urban Design Characteristics using Behavior Mapping and User Interviews.**” *Proceedings of European Spatial Development Planning, International Conference*. New Concepts and Approaches for Urban and Regional Policy and Planning. Leuven, Belgium. April 2007.

REPORTS

Mehta, V. (2006). “**Lively Streets: Exploring the Relationship between Built Environment and Social Behavior**”. Active Living Research Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

BOOK MONOGRAPHS of Studio Works (Teaching + Research + Design)

Mehta, V. (Ed.) (2010). "**Tampa Urban Design Studio 2009**". School of Architecture and Community Design, University of South Florida.

Mehta, V. (Ed.) (2010). "**Education Abroad - India: Design Studios 2008**". School of Architecture and Community Design, University of South Florida.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS + SELECTED PAPERS

Re-stitching the Urban Pattern of Ybor City: A typo-morphological analysis. Paper presented at the International Seminar of Urban Form Conference. Hamburg, Germany. August 2010.

Integrating Landscape in the Urban Design Curriculum. Paper presented at the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference. Maastricht, The Netherlands. May 2010.

Evaluating Public Space. Paper presented at the 50th National Conference of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Crystal City, Virginia. October 2009.

Resolving Sustainability at the Lot, Block and Neighborhood levels. Work from the 2009 Tampa Urban Design Studio. Presented at the Campus and Community Sustainability Conference. Tampa, FL. October 2009.

The Phenomena of Everyday Places in the City. Paper presented at the 2nd Architecture and Phenomenology Conference. Kyoto, Japan. June 2009.

Small Changes for a Smart Future: redesigning existing streets for socialization. Paper selected for the City Futures '09: International Conference on globalism and urban change. Madrid, Spain. June 2009.

Reclaiming and Revitalizing the Urban Core: urban design alternatives. Work from the 2009 Tampa Urban Design Studio. Part of the session on Retooling Development in these Economic Times. Presented at the Florida Planning and Zoning Association Conference. Tampa, FL. June 2009.

Urban Design Lessons from a Third Place. Paper presented at the 47th International Making Cities Livable Conference. Portland, Oregon. May 2009.

Designing the Main Street for Children. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Environmental Design Research Association. Kansas City, Missouri. May 2009.

Sense of Place in Everyday Spaces: Lessons for Urban Design. Paper presented at the Architectural Research Centers Consortium Conference 2009 - Leadership in Architectural Research, between academia and the profession. San Antonio, Texas. April 2009.

A Tale of Two Streets: Comparative Experiences on Streets in the East and West. Paper presented (virtual presentation) at the Design Conference 2009: Third International Conference on Design Principles and Practices. Berlin, Germany. February 2009.

Public Space for Social Well-being: The Main Street as a Place of Casual Leisure. Paper selected for the 20th International Association for People-Environment Studies Conference. Rome, Italy. July-August 2008.

Territoriality and Social Interaction on Main Streets. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Environmental Design Research Association. Veracruz, Mexico. May 2008.

Small Businesses and the Vitality of Main Street. Paper presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Baltimore, Maryland. April 2008.

Third Places and Social Life of Streets. Paper presented at the 48th National Conference of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Milwaukee. Wisconsin. October 2007.

A Toolkit for Performance Measures of Public Space. Paper selected for the 43rd International Planning Congress of The International Society of City and Regional Planners. Antwerp, Belgium. September 2007.

Streets for People: Determining Urban Design Characteristics using Behavior Mapping and User Interviews. Paper presented at the International Conference of European Spatial Development Planning, Leuven, Belgium. April 2007.

Performance Measures of Good Public Space. Paper selected for presentation at the National Conference of the Association of European Schools of Planning. Napoli, Italy. July 2007.

Design Characteristics of Public Streets and Walkability. Invited to present research at the Active Living Research Conference of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. San Diego, California. February 2007.

Lively Streets: Exploring the Relationship between Built Environment and Social Behavior. Paper presented at the 47th National Conference of Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Fortworth, Texas. November 2006.

Built Environment, Social Activity and Walking Behavior. Poster presentation for the Active Living Research Grantee Meeting and Annual Conference. Coronado, San Diego, California. February 2006.

Lively Streets: Exploring the Relationship between Built Environment and Social Behavior. Paper selected for the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* Writing Workshop. University of California, Berkeley, California. August 2005.

From Open Spaces to Public Places. One of five student papers selected nationally for presentation. Paper presented at the American Planning Association National Conference. Washington, D.C. April 2004.

ACADEMIC HONORS, GRANTS + AWARDS

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| 2009-10 | Faculty Research Grant. College of The Arts, University of South Florida. (\$1,500) |
| 2009 | Provost's Summer Research Grant. College of The Arts, University of South Florida. (\$7,500) |
| 2009 | Innovative Learning-Centered Grant: Faculty Creativity in Teaching. University of South Florida. (\$4,000) |
| 2008 | Chester Rapkin Award - Honorable Mention for Best Research Paper of the year in the <i>Journal of Planning Education and Research</i> . Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. |
| 2008-09 | Faculty Research Grant. College of The Arts, University of South Florida. (\$2,500) |
| 2005-06 | Active Living Research Program's Doctoral Dissertation Grant. (\$24,077) |

- Active Living Research Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- 2004-05 **Doctoral Tuition Scholarship Award.** University of Maryland.
- 2004-05 **Doctoral Fellowship Award.** University of Maryland.
- 2003-04 **Doctoral Fellowship Award.** University of Maryland.
- 2004 **Travel Grant** to Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference. Fannie Mae Foundation.
- 1998 **Alumni Design Award for Graduate Thesis Project.** Morgan State University.
- 1998 **Merit based Scholarship Award** for Graduate studies. Morgan State University.
- 1990 **Best Overall Performance Award for Major** (Architectural Design Studio) School of Architecture, Institute of Environmental Design, Gujarat, India.
- 1988 **Best Performance Award & Scholarship** for Architectural Design Studio VIII School of Architecture, Institute of Environmental Design, Gujarat, India.
- 1986 **Best Performance Award & Scholarship** for Architectural Design Studio V School of Architecture, Institute of Environmental Design, Gujarat, India.
- 1986 **Best Performance Award & Scholarship** for Architectural Design Studio IV School of Architecture, Institute of Environmental Design, Gujarat, India.

FUNDED RESEARCH + OUTREACH

- 2007-08 City of Seminole Commercial Corridor Architectural and Urban Design Standards. In collaboration with Florida Institute of Government, University of South Florida. Co-Principal Investigator. (\$126,292)

INVITED LECTURES, TALKS + PRESENTATIONS

St. Petersburg Waterfront Urban Design Critique. Interviewed by The St. Petersburg Times newspaper to systematically critique the urban design and architecture that surrounds the downtown waterfront. April 2010. Article published on May 3, 2010.

Urban Vitality for a Sustainable Future. Lecture and panel discussion as part of Earth Day sustainability forum. Sponsored by Anthropology Club, Academic Initiatives and Student Environmental Association, University of South Florida. April 2009.

Historic Preservation. Interviewed on WUSF-TV for the program "Florida Matters: Historic Preservation." April 2009.

Public Space-Sociability-Walking. School of Art and Art History. College of The Arts, University of South Florida. March 2009.

The Street as Place. Humanities Institute, New Faculty Research Panel, University of South Florida, February 2009.

Urban Design and Community Development. Interdisciplinary Graduate Course on Community Development, Department of Geography, University of South Florida, February 2008, February 2009, February 2010.

Planning, Design, and the Urban Environment. Environmental Research Interdisciplinary Colloquium. Inter-college seminar series at University of South Florida, November 2007.

Streets as People-Places. Lecture and Presentation at the “Designing Our Region – Tampa: Small Medium Large” Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL. 2007.

Public Space in Urban India. Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2006.

SCHOLARLY WORK and RESEARCH in PROGRESS

Mapping as Cultural Research and Analysis

Images of the Oriental Sidewalk

The limits of Landscape Urbanism in the realm of Urban Design

Repairing and Reconstructing the Urban Structure of Ybor City, Florida

Place-based Sense of Community in the Neighborhood

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Resilient Tampa Bay 2011: an exchange with Dutch Experts, February, 2011. Conference and Workshop at Patel Center, USF, Tampa to understanding of the vulnerability of Tampa Bay, recommend flood control practices within a framework of integrated water and land management including the Dutch concept of “living with water” and develop concrete recommendations for improving resiliency for the Tampa Bay region.

ETH Studio Basel research on urbanization in Florida. Spring 2011 semester. USF MUCD + MArch Urban Design Studio and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) – Department of Architecture, Network City and Landscape collaboration.

Auroville, India Urban Design Plan. Summer 2008. USF MArch Urban Design Studio. Developed urban design vision and plan with Auroville planners, urban designers and architects.

AWARDS FOR STUDENTS' WORK

INTERNATIONAL

2008-09 **Green Community, International Student Design Competition. Third Place** to Amalia Bamis, Kirsten Dahlquist, & Li Yu for Urban Design Studio project *Urban Green Community: Revitalizing the South Nebraska District*. Competition organized by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the National Building Museum. 1322 students and approximately 200 faculty members from 76 Universities in 15 countries submitted 260 projects.

2008-09 **Green Community, International Student Design Competition. Project Citation** to Lidiya Angelova, Monika Blazenovic, & Thao Nguyen for Urban Design Studio project *Reclaiming*. Competition organized by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the National Building Museum. 1322 students and approximately 200 faculty members from 76 Universities in 15 countries submitted 260 projects.

2008-09 **Concrete Thinking for a Sustainable World, International Student Design Competition. Honorable Mention** to Wesley Bradley and Timothy Keepers for Advanced Design B Studio project *Public Transportation Center*. Competition sponsored by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Portland Cement Association and the National Ready Mix Concrete Association. 300 students from 55 schools of architecture around the world participated.

REGIONAL

2009-10 **Planning Commission Community Design Award** to Amalia Bamis, Kirsten Dahlquist, & Li Yu for Urban Design Studio project *Urban Green Community: Revitalizing the South Nebraska District*.

2009-10 **Planning Commission Community Design Award** to Alberto Rodriguez, Ashley Verbanic, Erica Williams for Urban Design Studio project *Revitalizing the Franklin Corridor*

2008 **Sustainable Design Scholarship Award** to Richard Peterika for Advanced Design B Studio project *Co-housing in Tampa*. American Institute of Architects, Tampa Bay Chapter.

COURSES TAUGHT

Urban Design Studio (Graduate and Undergraduate)

Life Between Buildings: Public Space in the City (Graduate)

Introduction to Community and Urban Design (Graduate)

The Neighborhood (Graduate)

Sustainable Neighborhood Development (Graduate, Spring 2011)

Architectural Research Methods (Graduate)

Masters Project Planning (Graduate)

Architecture of India: Ancient to Contemporary (Graduate)

Advanced Design Studio B (Graduate)

Design Studio III (Graduate)

Education Abroad Urban Design Studio C – India (Graduate)

Education Abroad Advanced Design Studio A – India (Graduate)

Planning Studio with Alex Chen (Graduate)

Urban Design for Non-Architects with Sidney Brower (Graduate and Undergraduate)

Community Development (Guest Lecturer for Graduate and Undergraduate course in the Urban Planning dept.)

NEW COURSES DEVELOPED

Sustainable Neighborhood Development

Life Between Buildings: Public Space in the City

Introduction to Community and Urban Design

The Neighborhood

Urban Design Seminar: Exploring the aspects of Urban Design

Sensing and Representing the Experience of Place: Skills for the Urban Designer and Planner

Architectural Research Methods

Architecture of India: Ancient to Contemporary

ACADEMIC + PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Reviewer, *Journal of Urban Design*, 2010.

Reviewer, *Environment and Planning B journal*, 2010.

Reviewer, *Design Principles and Practices: An International Journal*, 2009.

Reviewer, for revising the second edition of the book *Architectural Research Methods* by L. Groat and D. Wang, Wiley, 2010.

Reviewer, urban design abstracts and papers, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference, Los Angeles. Forthcoming March 2011.

Track Chair and Reviewer, Environment and Ecology: Place/Identity session, Subtropical Cities Conference Florida Atlantic University and Queensland University of Technology, Australia. Forthcoming March 2011.

Moderator, Evaluating the Public Realm session, *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference*, Crystal City, Virginia. October 2009.

Juror, Urban Design Awards, Orange County, Florida, 2007.

Member, Public Realm Committee, Tampa Downtown Partnership and City of Tampa. 2009, 2010.

Adviser, to develop strategies to improve the public realm in Downtown Tampa. 2008 onward.

Member, Urban Charrette, a non-profit organization of urban designers, architects and planners focused on advocacy, education, awareness and visioning for City of Tampa. 2007 onward.

Organizing Committee Member for Tampa Design Forum with Florida Chapter of American Planning Association (FAPA). Children's School Board, Ybor City, Tampa, FL. October 2007.

Member, Urban Design Committee, American Institute of Architects, Baltimore, MD. 2001, 2002, 2003.

Pro bono Group Member, Neighborhood Design Center, for Milton/Montford Rehabilitation project, Baltimore, MD. 2001.

SERVICE at UNIVERSITY of SOUTH FLORIDA

Member, Research Committee, College of The Arts, University of South Florida, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Chair, Professional Development Leave Program Committee, College of The Arts, University of South Florida, 2010.

Member, USF Task Force on Faculty Roles, Responsibilities and Rewards, University of South Florida, 2008, 2009.

Member, Committee to develop new Master of Community & Urban Design program, University of South Florida, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Member, Urban Researchers Group, Patel Center for Global Solutions, University of South Florida, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Chair, Thesis Committee, School of Architecture and Community Design, University of South Florida, 2007.

Member, Director Search Committee, School of Architecture and Community Design, University of South Florida, 2008-09.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, School of Architecture and Community Design, University of South Florida, 2006-07.

Member, Committee to revise M.Arch. Curriculum, School of Architecture and Community Design, University of

South Florida, 2006-07.

Research Faculty Member, Florida Center for Community Design + Research, University of South Florida. 2006 onward.

Founding Member, India Studies Center, University of South Florida. 2008 onward.

Member, USF Sustainability Transportation Subcommittee, University of South Florida. 2008 onward.

Member, Planning for Tampa's Future: A Tampa Comprehensive Plan Workshop, University of South Florida. 2008 onward.

Graduate Thesis Committees (M. Arch.), School Architecture + Community Design, University of South Florida

Robert Hott. 2010. *Re-tooling an American Metropolis*. (Chair)

Alberto Rodriguez. 2010. *The Third Realm: suburban identity through the transformation of the Main Street*. (Chair)

Diego Duran. 2010. *Re-connecting: revitalizing downtown Clearwater with environmental sensibility*. (Chair)

Camilo Lopez. 2009. *Condition / Recondition: reconstruction of the city and its collective memory*. (Chair)

Greg Novatnak. 2008. *Assisted Living as an Address, Not a Room Number: a community within a community*. (Chair)

Nicole Dodd. 2008. *Supportive Permanent Housing in Tampa: facilitating transition through programming and design*. (Chair)

Raul Mayta. 2008. *Socializing Housing: phased early response to impromptu migrant encampments in Lima, Peru*. (Chair)

Mathew Suarez. 2008. *Reside, Commute, Visit: a shared place of transition to develop a sense of community*. (Chair)

Steven Rogers. 2008. *Transit oriented development: a viable option for Tampa*. (Chair)

Adam Ladd. 2008. *Land vs. landform: a boundary of experience*. (Chair)

Josue Robles. 2007. *A Sensorial Infuse of the City: a revival of Bayamon core*. (Chair)

Alexander Andreakos. 2007. *Urban Soundscape*. (Chair)

Matthew Ferguson. 2007. *An Obligation to Reveal the Situation: giving back to the valley*. (Chair)

Jason Abrams. 2010. (Committee member)

Monika Blazenovic. *Architecture as Canvas*. 2010. (Committee member)

Hannah Sebastian. 2008. *Re-establishing Place Through Knowledge; A Facility for Earth Construction Education in Pisco, Peru*. (Committee member)

Jeremy Hughes. 2008. *Re-establishing the Neighborhood - Investigating the Social Nature of the Single Family Home within the Larger Context of Neighborhood Planning*. (Committee member)

Jason Taylor. 2007. *A heart transplant: a mixed-use residential and commercial development solution: the Bradenton City Center Bradenton, Florida*. (Committee member)

Graduate Thesis Committee (M.U.R.P.), Department of Geography, University of South Florida

Alana Brasier. 2010-11. *The Potential Impact of the Selmon Greenway on the Redevelopment of Downtown Tampa*. (Committee member)

Graduate Thesis Committee (Ph.D. in Geography and Environmental Science and Policy), Department of Geography, University of South Florida

Richard Carlson. 2010-12. *Assessing the Impact of Buildings on the Sustainability of Spatial Human-Ecological Systems*. (Committee member)

ACADEMIC + PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE + MEMBERSHIPS

2010 onward	Member, International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF)
2008 onward	Member, Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)
1994 onward	Licensed Architect in India
2003 – 2005	Student Member, American Planning Association
2000 – 2004	Board Member, Design Corps
1998 – 2003	Associate Member, American Institute of Architects
1991 – 1997	Member, Indian Institute of Architects

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS + EXPERIENCE

2001 - 2003	Architect & Project Manager	RCG Architects, Baltimore, MD
1998 - 2001	Architect & Project Manager	GWWO Architects, Baltimore, MD
1994 - 1997	Principal Architect	In-house Architecture Office, Somaiya Trust, Bombay, India
1993 - 1994	Principal Architect	Private Practice, New Delhi, India
1991 - 1993	Architect	A. B. Lall Architects, New Delhi, India
1990 - 1991	Architect	Design Atelier, New Delhi, India

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

2004	American Institute of Architects, Maryland Design Award For Flag House Museum, Baltimore, MD. Project Manager and Architect with RCG Architects.
2004	Baltimore Heritage Preservation Award For Stieff Silver Building Adaptive Reuse + Renovation, Baltimore, MD. Project Manager and Architect with GWWO Architects.
2003	US Glass Magazine Design Award for Innovation in Glass Design For Flag House Museum, Baltimore, MD. Project Manager and Architect with RCG Architects.
2003	Masonry Institute of Maryland Design Award For Flag House Museum, Baltimore, MD. Project Manager and Architect with RCG Architects.
1992	Commendation Award For National Competition for Education and Convention Center, Bangalore, India. Architect with A. B. Lall Architects, New Delhi, India.
1991	Second Place Award For National Competition for Gujarat Energy Development Agency Campus Design. Architectural Intern with A. B. Lall Architects, New Delhi, India.