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December 5, 2017
3–4:30 P.M.
University of Michigan Law School
THE PROBLEM

WORKING AS A GROUP, STUDENTS WERE TASKED WITH DESIGNING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO TACKLE THE CRISIS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN DETROIT, ADDRESSING, AS APPROPRIATE, ISSUES OF LAW, POLICY, PUBLIC HEALTH, URBAN PLANNING, FINANCING, AND OTHER MATTERS.

AGENDA

3 P.M. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Alicia Davis
Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Professor of Law

3:05 P.M. DESCRIPTION OF THE CHALLENGE
Samuel Bagenstos
Frank G. Millard Professor of Law

3:10 P.M. STUDENT PRESENTATION

3:40 P.M. PANEL Q&A AND COMMENTS

4:10 P.M. AUDIENCE Q&A AND COMMENTS
MODERATOR
Karyn Lacy
Associate Professor of Sociology

4:30 P.M. CLOSING
KIMBERLY DOWDELL
Partner, Century Partners
Lecturer in Architecture, University of Michigan

Kimberly Dowdell is an architect, a native of Detroit, a partner of Century Partners, and a lecturer at the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan. She grew up with an ambition to revitalize cities using real estate development and sustainable design as tools for renewal. She served on the City of Detroit’s Housing and Revitalization team, and she established the annual community service project for the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), which has hosted projects in eight cities throughout the U.S. She recently was elected first vice president/president-elect of NOMA, commencing her two-year term in 2019. In 2005, she co-founded SEED (Social Economic Environmental Design) to identify, measure, and address “Triple Bottom Line” issues during the design process. Dowdell’s contributions to public service were honored with her recognition as one of the top 100 national leaders in Public Interest Design, 2012, by PublicInterestDesign.org (now named ImpactDesignHub.org). Her career also was profiled in the third edition of Dr. Lee Waldrep’s acclaimed book, Becoming An Architect: A Guide to Careers in Design (2014). She has designed or managed more than $100 million in assets as a licensed architect, real estate project manager, and city government official.

She earned a Bachelor of Architecture at Cornell University’s College of Architecture, Art and Planning, where she currently serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council. Her graduate degree is from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, where she earned a Mid-Career Master of Public Administration as a Sheila C. Johnson Leadership Fellow in the Center for Public Leadership.

AMINA KIRK
Legal Advisor
Detroit People’s Platform

Amina Kirk has a bachelor’s degree from Georgia State University, a master’s degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Kirk has experience working on property rehabilitation projects and litigation and community activism centered on racial equality, urban land justice, and affordable housing. She currently works at Detroit People’s Platform, which brings together social justice organizations, activists, and residents to address problems such as poverty and inequality, the lack of affordable housing, the need for neighborhood revitalization, and access to mass transit for all people.
MARC NORMAN  
Founder, Ideas and Action  
Associate Professor of Practice in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan

Marc Norman is the founder of Ideas and Action, a multidisciplinary consultancy that focuses on housing and economic development. Norman was trained as an urban planner, and he has worked in the field of community development and finance for more than 20 years. Norman has degrees in political economics (University of California Berkeley, BA 1989) and urban planning (University of California, Los Angeles, MA 1992), and he has collaborated in the development and financing of more than 2,000 units totaling more than $400 million in total development costs.

Norman has worked for for-profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as consulting firms and investment banks, and he was a Harvard Loeb Fellow for the 2014–2015 year at the Graduate School of Design. Norman also has taught courses on real estate and housing policy in the Syracuse School of Architecture and implementing initiatives at UPSTATE in collaboration with city, state, and university partners. He currently is associate professor of practice in urban and regional planning at U-M's Taubman College.

MICHAEL STEINBERG  
Legal Director  
American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan

Michael J. Steinberg has served as the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan since 1997 and oversees all ACLU litigation in the state. He has litigated dozens of high-impact, high-profile cases on a wide range of civil liberties issues, including freedom of speech and expression, racial justice, LGBT rights, post-9/11 issues, police misconduct, women's rights, reproductive freedom, voting rights, religious freedom, right to counsel, prisoner rights, and the rights of the poor. Six cases on which he worked have reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

Steinberg is the founding director of the Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Clinic at Wayne State University Law School. He often speaks about civil liberties at universities and conferences across the country and is interviewed frequently by local and national media. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Harvard Law School's Wasserstein Public Interest Fellowship and Wayne State University Law School's Treasure of Detroit Award.

Steinberg earned a bachelor's degree with honors from Wesleyan University in 1983 and graduated cum laude and Order of the Coif from Wayne State Law School in 1989. Following law school, he clerked for the Hon. Marilyn Kelly on the Michigan Court of Appeals. Before joining the ACLU staff, he worked in private practice for seven years, specializing in civil rights litigation and civil and criminal appeals. Steinberg is a former high school teacher and coach, community organizer, board member of the Michigan Coalition on Human Rights, and president of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. He also is a founding board member of Michigan Peace Action.
SAMUEL BAGENSTOS
Frank G. Millard Professor of Law
University of Michigan Law School

Samuel Bagenstos specializes in constitutional and civil rights litigation. From 2009 to 2011, he was a political appointee in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served as the principal deputy assistant attorney general for civil rights, the No. 2 official in the civil rights division. His accomplishments included the promulgation of the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations—the first comprehensive update of those regulations since they were first promulgated in 1991—and the reinvention of the division's enforcement of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, which guarantees people with disabilities the right to live and receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate. He led the negotiations of significant *Olmstead* settlements with the states of Delaware and Georgia, which guarantee appropriate, community-based services to thousands of people with disabilities. He also personally argued major cases in federal district courts and courts of appeals.

As an academic, Bagenstos has published articles in journals such as the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Stanford Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *California Law Review*, the *Virginia Law Review*, the *Cornell Law Review*, the *Georgetown Law Journal*, and many others. He also has published two books: *Law and the Contradictions of the Disability Rights Movement* (Yale University Press, 2009) and *Disability Rights Law: Cases and Materials* (Foundation Press, 2010), and he has written articles for non-academic audiences in publications such as *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, The American Prospect, The Washington Monthly*, and *The New Republic*.

Bagenstos frequently consults with civil rights organizations and remains an active appellate and U.S. Supreme Court litigator in civil rights and federalism cases. He has argued four cases before the Supreme Court, including *Young v. United Parcel Service*, 135 S. Ct 1338 (2015), which established new protections for pregnant workers, and *United States v. Georgia*, 546 U.S. 151 (2006), which upheld, as applied to his client's case, the constitutionality of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Bagenstos also has testified before Congress on several occasions, including in support of the Fair Pay Restoration Act, the ADA Amendments Act, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, as well as on the application of the ADA to advancing technology and the problem of mental illness in prisons.

Prior to joining the Michigan Law faculty, Bagenstos was a professor of law and, from 2007 to 2008, also associate dean for research and faculty development at Washington University School of Law. He has been on the faculty of Harvard Law School and was a visiting professor at UCLA School of Law. He clerked for the Hon. Stephen Reinhardt on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for one year, then joined the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Following that position, he served as a law clerk for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court.

KARYN LACY
Associate Professor, Sociology
University of Michigan

Karyn Lacy is an associate professor of sociology at the University of Michigan. She was the MLK Visiting Professor at MIT from 1999 to 2000. She previously was a Ford Fellow and a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation. Her book *Blue-Chip Black: Race, Class, and Status in the New Black Middle Class* (University of California Press) received the Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award from the American Sociological Association's section on racial and ethnic minorities. Lacy's current work explores the construction and reproduction of racial and class-based identities among members of an elite social organization.
ALICIA J. DAVIS
Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives
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Since joining the Michigan Law faculty in fall 2004, Professor Alicia J. Davis has taught Enterprise Organization, Mergers and Acquisitions, Investor Protection, and the Law and Economics Workshop. She also serves as the associate dean for strategic initiatives. Her current research includes projects in corporate governance and securities regulation. Before coming to Michigan Law, Davis practiced law at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Washington, D.C., where she represented public and private companies and private equity firms in mergers and acquisitions and leveraged buyout transactions. Her professional experience also includes time as an investment banker, first with Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York—where her clients included Fortune 100 companies pursuing equity and debt financings—and later with Raymond James Associates in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she served as a vice president and represented public and private companies in middle market mergers and acquisitions transactions. Davis served as a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School in fall 2010, and she is a member of the Florida and District of Columbia Bars. She earned her BS in business administration, summa cum laude, from Florida A&M University, her MBA from Harvard Business School, and her JD from Yale Law School.

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