



DEAN SCHWARTZ ANNOUNCES MAURICE COX AS ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIRECTOR OF TULANE CITY CENTER

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Associate Professor Maurice Cox as a tenured faculty member at the Tulane School of Architecture in New Orleans, Louisiana. Professor Cox assumed a newly created role as Associate Dean for Community Engagement on July 1, 2012, where he will oversee a wide range of initiatives with the School faculty and students throughout the New Orleans community.

He will be working with the highly successful programs of the Tulane City Center, URBANbuild, the Tulane Regional Urban Design Center, the Preservation program, and the School's new Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development program. He is also assuming responsibility as Director of the Tulane City Center following five years of remarkable leadership by Associate Professor Scott Bernhard.



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Maurice Cox

Associate Dean for Community Engagement

Maurice Cox is unique among architectural educators. While his background includes a rigorous design education under his mentor, John Hejduk, and others at the Cooper Union in New York (1983), he has since moved into the areas of urban design, community development and empowerment through design and distinguished civic leadership. Professor Cox won the prestigious Loeb Fellowship at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design where he was in residence in 2004-2005. Cox has received national acclaim for his ability to incorporate active citizen participation into the design process while achieving the highest quality of design excellence, leading *Fast Company* business magazine to name him one of America's "20 Masters of Design" for his practice of "democratic design."

Cox's appreciation of the civic process led him to serve as city council member and then mayor of the City of Charlottesville from 1996-2004. During Cox's mayoral term (2002-2004) the city was ranked as the "#1 Best Place to Live in the USA & Canada" by *Frommer's Cities Ranked and Rated*. The city was also the smallest in America to maintain a AAA-bond rating for excellence in fiscal management with a municipi-

pal city budget of \$100 million. Under his leadership, Charlottesville completed several large projects, including the passage of an award-winning zoning ordinance in support of mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented development, new infill residential neighborhoods and mixed-income, higher-density housing, and the design of a two-mile, federally funded parkway entrance into the city.

Professor Cox comes to Tulane from the faculty of the University of Virginia and, in addition to his distinguished teaching career as a full-time faculty member at UVA, Cox is also a national leader in the public-interest design movement. He is a co-founder of the national SEED (Social, Economic, Environmental, Design) Network, and also served as the design director of the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, DC from 2007-2010. In that capacity, he led the Mayor's Institute on City Design, the Governor's Institute on Community Design and oversaw the award of more than \$2 million/year in NEA Design Grants across the United States.

In his new role at Tulane and in New Orleans, Maurice Cox looks forward to continuing his passion for civic involvement and design:

I am arriving at Tulane during a fascinating time in the history of the School of Architecture and this city. New Orleans is in the process of realizing its aspiration to lead the nation in democratic practices of design. I believe Tulane University, the School of Architecture and the Tulane City Center will continue to play an important role in partnering with the city and its residents in making that dream a reality.