2013 MSRED BOOK AWARDS

Darell Yee Yeng Koh received the Academic Distinction Award, presented to the student with the highest grade point average over the course of the entire one year program, thereby demonstrating her comprehensive understanding of the sustainable real estate development curriculum.

Regina Rose La Macchia received the MSRED Service to the Program Award presented to the student who, in the faculty’s assessment, exemplifies the qualities and mission of the program including promoting sustainable practices in real estate development through programming and outreach to the real estate industry.

Sarah Suzanne Hargrove received the MSRED Leadership Award, voted by her peers who has shown leadership throughout the program demonstrating the ability to support the overall success of herself and her classmates.

2013 GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Six students were awarded Graduate Research Assistantships. Each research assistantship allowed the students to work with faculty to develop aspects of the program and outreach.

KATHRYN FRATTAROLI Research Database and RE Finance Conference, assisted in the development of the Green Finance conference held in November 2012 at Tulane University. This was a joint conference and ongoing partnership with Harvard University’s Initiative for Responsible Investment, The Presidio School of Management, the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and the University of Denver and MIT’s Department of Urban Studies and Planning. HENRY HOPKINS Liaison to ULI Louisiana “What’s REALLY Going On?” Conference, acted as the program’s Urban Land Institute Louisiana liaison supporting programming throughout the year and recruiting students and faculty to assist in this conference in March 2013. Other programming opportunities young leadership programming and mentor dinners. DANIELLE VACHON Sustainability and Globalization (S+G) Lecture Series and Public Private Partnership (PPP) Series, supported the ongoing S+G lecture series held once monthly throughout the year in coordination with the World Trade Center, University of New Orleans Regional and Urban Studies and Planning Department, Loyola University’s Environmental Law Department and the MSRED program and supported the PPP Series sponsored by Enterprise Community Partners. DARELL KOH Directed Research/ Industry Partnerships, worked with the Directed Research faculty to build a catalog of research topics for the Directed Research component of the program. AUBREY CHAMBERLAIN Center for Sustainable RED, assisted with the financing and development of the first commercial URBAN-build project by presenting the architecture students with a single page proforma and discussing the basic concepts of how the design would affect the viability of developing the project. JASMOND ANDERSON USGBC student chapter support and liaison to Global Green, supported the development of the US Green Building Council student chapter that was created in the 2011-12 academic year by MSRED students. Through this organization, the research assistant managed a curriculum of educational sessions on LEED Green Associate and LEED AP certification.

DIRECTED RESEARCH FOR THE 2012-13 YEAR

• Hank Hopkins, A Market Analysis of Multifamily Rental Housing in Downtown Baton Rouge, 5thFloor Company, New Orleans, LA

• Sarah Hargrove, Using Development to Support the Creation of a Cultural District, Center for Planning Excellence, Baton Rouge, LA

• Laquanda Smith, Developing an Arts and Innovation Center, Community Solutions, New York City, NY

• Gina LaMacchia, An Analysis of Programs To Reintroduce Vacant Properties Into Productive Use, Louisiana Land Trust, New Orleans, LA

• Darell Koh, An Analysis of Market and Regulatory Barriers to Net Zero Energy Development, Mithun, Seattle, WA

• Dominic Ozanne, Analysis of Private Sector Support for Cook County Land Bank, Jones Lang LaSalle, Chicago, IL

• Jasmond Anderson, The Creation of a Mixed-Use Development District Under the Claiborne Street Overpass, Strategic Development Partners, New Orleans, LA


• Aubrey Chamberlain, Valuing Project and Community Resilience in Real Estate Transactions, U.S. Green Building Council, Washington, DC

• Danielle Vachon, Best Practices for Sustainability Based on Projects in the ULI Greenprint Performance Report, ULI Greenprint Center New York City, NY

• Katie Fratteroli, An Analysis of the Value of Green Residential Buildings in the Secondary Market, Walker & Dunlop, Needham, MA

• Trevor Dowd, A Review and Assessment of the Open Market ESCo (an Initiative of the HUD Energy Innovation Loan Fund), Winn Development, Boston, MA.

• Three projects received recognition.

• Three project received Honorable Mentions.

These six projects will be presented to the incoming class at a reception on June 26, 2013.
CURRICULUM

Through a rigorous Summer, Fall and Spring the students are exposed in and outside of class to the real estate development process.

SUMMER SEMESTER

During the summer program the students are introduced to finance, legal issues, design and the New Orleans real estate market.

SRED 6200 Introduction to Sustainable Design
As early as the Introduction to Sustainable Design course with Professor Andrew Liles in the summer, students made, for some, their first efforts, at site planning and environmental design by designing a Center for Sustainable Real Estate Development.

SRED 6300 Introduction to New Orleans Real Estate
Also in the summer semester, MSRED students studied the LaSalle corridor to determine what the market might be for a new commercial building that would be the centerpiece for the Fall URBANbuild design studio. Proposals included a Dunkin Donuts, a boxing gym, a coffee shop, and emergent care facility, food truck ports, a pop up grocery store and many others.

FALL SEMESTER

SRED 6310 Sustainable Design and Development
The final project was designed to teach students to combine Sustainable Design and Development analysis.

Darell Koh, Center for Sustainable Real Estate Development

SRED 6410 and SRED 6320 Case Studies in Sustainable Real Estate Development

SPRING SEMESTER

SRED 6020-01 Directed Research

Left: Sarah Hargrove’s proposal for pop up retail as part of her Directed Research project: Pop Upstart: Making the Case for Pop-Up Placemaking in Old South Baton Rouge prepared for: The Center for Planning Excellence. Right: Katie Frattaroli’s proposal for Green Building in the Multifamily Mortgage Backed Securities Market prepared for: Walker and Dunlop
SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SEMINAR

Sponsored by Enterprise Community Partners, the Public Private Partnership series provides students with the opportunity to hear first hand how the many mechanisms available are used by the public and private sector to make complex real estate development projects happen.

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS INCLUDED: Mixed Finance Redevelopment - Public Housing, HOPE VI and Choice Neighborhoods, DORIS KOO, Founder Enterprise Green Communities and ED of Seattle Housing Authority and MATT MORRIN, Enterprise Community Partners New Orleans; Public Sector Financing - Tax Increment Financing and Tax Exempt Bonds, KEVIN HANNA, Director of Real Estate at the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority; Energy Efficiency Financing - Renewable and Energy Efficiency Energy Tax Credits, EEBG, Public Utility Benefit Funds, Retrofit Programs, JACKIE DEDAKIS, Clean Energy Solutions; Revitalizing Historic Properties - State and Federal Historic Tax Credits, JOHN LEITH TETRAULT, President, National Trust Community Investment Corporation; Public Financing Mechanisms and Urban Infill Development, JEFFREY HEBERT, Executive Director of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority; Community Development Grants - CDBG, NSP, HOME and Sustainable Communities, BRIAN LAWLOR, Director of Housing Policy and Community Development, City of New Orleans; Low Income Housing Tax Credits - 4% and 9% credits, TERRI NORTH, President of Providence Community Housing; Economic Development - New Markets Tax Credits, Fresh Food Initiatives, JOE WESOLOWSKI, Enterprise Community Investments.

CONFERENCES

Sustainability and Globalization Lecture Series

A public lecture series held at Tulane once monthly throughout the year in coordination with the World Trade Center, University of New Orleans Regional and Urban Studies and Planning Department, Loyola University’s Environmental Law Department and the Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development program.

SPEAKERS INCLUDED: MICHAEL BEN-ELI, Founder and Director of The Sustainability Lab; TOM MURPHY, Senior Resident Fellow at the Urban Land Institute; MAYOR SVANTE MYRICK, Mayor, City of Ithaca; DAVID WAGGONNER, President, Waggonner & Ball Architects, Dutch Dialogues; GARY LAGRANGE, President and CEO, Port of New Orleans; JOHN FRECE, Director of the Office of Sustainable Communities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Investing in Sustainable Cities Conference

Tulane University, October 2012

This is joint conference with Harvard University’s Initiative for Responsible Investment, The Presidio School of Management, the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, the University of Denver and MIT’s Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

“What’s REALLY Going On?” Conference

The World War II Museum, New Orleans, March 2013

The theme for the fifth annual conference was “How Infrastructure Creates Markets.” Keynote Speakers included CHRIS COES of LOCUS and AARON MIRIPOLE of Urban Land Conservancy. ULI Louisiana in collaboration with the Sustainable Real Estate Development program at Tulane University and the Transportation Institute of the University of New Orleans presented the conference.

New Orleans’ Second Annual Housing & Community Development Conference

Tulane University, May 2013

In coordination with the Louisiana Association of Affordable Housing Providers, the Tulane Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development is hosting the second annual conference.

NYU Schack Institute in New Orleans

Hosted by the Tulane Master of Sustainable Real Estate Program, January 2013

The MSRED program assisted the NYU Schack Institute in preparing presentations and tours of the New Orleans real estate market. MSRED and NYU students were able to interact and discuss the similarities and differences in the approach to recovery after Katrina and the recent events with Superstorm Sandy in the New York region.

Photos from top to bottom

LaQuanda Smith, MSRED’13 participating in the Investing in Sustainable Cities Conference; Doris Koo, Founder of Enterprise Green Communities, Speaking to the students during the Public Private Partnership Seminar series.
**Travel With the Program**

**Washington DC and New York City**

At the end of the summer program, the MSRED Class of 2013 travelled with Professor’s Pealer and Stroud to Washington DC and New York City to meet with industry partners in development, policy, and finance. Presentations included DC Department of Housing and Community Development, PolicyLink, the District Department of the Environment, Forest City Ratner Companies, the General Services Administration, JBG Companies, CoStar Group, Citigroup, FX Fowle Architects, Alloy Development, the National Building Museum, Bowman Consulting, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, MDF Development, NYU Schack Institute, Perkins and Will, Two Trees Development, and Jonathan Rose Companies and touched on neighborhoods in DC and New York including Southwest, Southeast, and the U Street corridor in the District of Columbia and Bryant Park, Times Square and DUMBO in Brooklyn, NY.

**ULI Denver**

The MSRED Class of 2013 travelled to the Urban Land Institute Fall Conference in Denver in October 2012. The students, along with Director Stroud and MSRED Faculty member Prisca Weems toured a variety of development projects in addition to attending the conference, having a Tulane Alumni and Prospective Student event at Corridor 44 in Denver and having a booth for the program. The students toured: The National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado; Highland Garden Village Denver Dry Goods Building with Partner Chuck Perry and Janna Humphries of Perry Rose Development; 2020 Lawrence with Zocolo Development, in Denver; Benedict Park Place and Curtis/Block H projects with Chris Parr of Executive Director of the Denver Housing Authority; The Holiday Neighborhood and the Zero Energy Homes Project in Boulder, Colorado with planner and architect George Watt and Boulder Housing Partners.

**Internships and Other Projects**

Darell Koh, MSRED’13 became Vice President of Business Development for the Tulane Real Estate Club in July of 2012. In addition Darell passed the LEED Green Associate exam in March of 2013.

Aubrey Chamberlain, MSRED’13 completed her LEED Green Associate certification in March of 2013.

Regina LaMacchia, MSRED’13 passed the LEED GA exam in Spring 2013.

In July 2012, Darell Koh, MSRED ‘13 worked with Charlotte Bourgeois, Executive Director of LAAHP, to successfully organize and execute the 5th Annual LAAHP Conference held on October 11th, 2012 in Baton Rouge, LA. In April 2013, Darell received an offer to be an EDF Climate Corps Fellow for the American International Group Inc. (AIG)/CBRE in Houston, TX.

Regina LaMacchia, MSRED ’13 is worked with the Master of Preservation students on the Treme Market Branch Building Project. The students worked on different uses of the building and the St. Ann block between Louis Armstrong Park and N Claiborne. Ms. LaMacchia has been working with the owner of the building to do some financial analysis to rehabilitate the building and to successfully put it back into commerce.

Regina also participated in Urban Land Institute Louisiana’s Young Leaders Group and assisted in putting together the “Equitable Economic Development” Guiding Lights Dinner Series on March 18, 2013.

**Photos from top to bottom, left to right**

George Watt of Holiday Development, Boulder, CO; Touring the Highline with Matt Frank TSA ’91; David Zucker with Zocolo Development at 2020 Lawrence, Denver; Perry Rose tour; Touring DUMBO with Two Trees Development; ULI Conference in Denver; MSRED in Washington DC.
**LaQuanda Smith**, MSRED ’13 interned with Perez APC as a Development Project Manager. She is assisting with the Holy Cross redevelopment project, as well as the Cheniere project. LaQuanda has also created Très Chic Ladies Society. This is a mission-driven, nonprofit organization to help advocate for poverty, homelessness, and health awareness issues.

**Katherine Frattaroli**, MSRED ’13 interned with Wisznia Architecture + Development while still in school.

**Danielle Vachon**, MSRED ’13 and **Regina LaMacchia** MSRED ’13 interned at the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority on Alternative Land Use and Water Management Strategies.

In February 2013, **Darell Koh**, MSRED ’13 successfully organized a social mixer featuring developer Peter Gardner and his new O.C. Haley Blvd project together with **Hank Hopkins** MSRED ’13 as part of the ULI Louisiana Young Leaders Group Committee. Over 40 people attended the small but engaged evening event, exceeding our expectations.

**Brennan Fournerat**, MSRED ’13 has continued with real estate development while in the Master of Sustainable Real Estate program at Tulane’s School of Architecture. Brennan renovated a fifth duplex in the Broadmoor area and purchased his first commercial building.

**Dominic Ozanne**, MSRED ’13 was included in an article in Crains Cleveland Business in October 2012, highlighting him and the MSRED program as part of a profile on his father’s construction company Ozanne Construction affiliated with Sustainability.

**Jasmond Anderson**, MSRED ’13 in coordination with the Tulane City Center’s Scott Ruff, Amber Wiley, Maurice Cox and with help from the Deans Excellence Fund is working on a project on Bayou Road where four buildings on Bayou Road near Broad Street will be restored in an effort to be seen as a catalyst for economic growth and support in the form of physical space for the local community.

**LaQuanda Smith**, MSRED ’13 accepted a position upon graduation as a Development Project Manager at Perez APC in New Orleans.

**Trevor Dowd**, MSRED ’13 accepted a position upon graduation as a financial analyst at Historic Restorations Inc. in New Orleans.

**Sarah Hargrove**, MSRED ’13, will remain in New Orleans but continue to work with her previous employer, Trinity Works, a relationship-driven development company that brings world class expertise to nontraditional real estate projects in the communities they serve.

**Aubrey Chamberlain**, MSRED ’13 has accepted a position as Associate Director of Facilities for Uncommon Schools. Uncommon Schools is a charter school management organization with 32 schools in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Their Real Estate and Facilities team manages the acquisition, renovation and financing of school buildings.

**PLANS AFTER SCHOOL**

**Aubrey Chamberlain** and **Sarah Hargrove**, MSRED ’13 teamed with Barrett Cooper MBA ’13, Whitney Jordan MARCH ’14 and Drew Hauck MARCH ’13. **Trevor Dowd** and **Dominic Ozanne II**, MSRED ’13 teamed with Charlotte Hutton, MARCH ’13, Alison Rodberg MARCH ’13 and Lucien Bruno, University of New Orleans MURP ’14.
While in school, Katie Frattaroli, MSRED ’13 worked behind the scenes with Stonehenge Capital to help them move into the role of developer and build a vertical platform for real estate development. Upon graduation, Katie will continue working with Stonehenge Capital to help the firm explore and develop a real estate development and investment line of business.

Darell Koh, MSRED ’13 has accepted an offer to be a Development Associate with Foremark Ltd. in Dallas, TX. Foremark is a specialized real estate and development company committed to providing emerging restaurant companies a highly consultative and collaborative approach to real estate acquisition, development and national retail concept growth. The firm’s leadership has more than $750 million real estate transactions in the casual dining restaurants category in over 40 US states.

Danielle Vachon, MSRED ’13 has accepted an offer from Boulder Housing Partners, an affordable housing provider located in Boulder, Colorado. She will be working as an Assistant Project Manager. Boulder Housing Partners is the housing authority serving the City of Boulder since 1966. BHP builds, owns, and manages quality affordable housing for low and moderate income Boulder residents, and helps those residents pursue successful, productive, and dignified lives.

Hank Hopkins, MSRED ’13 has been offered a summer internship with the Domain Companies in New Orleans.

Gina LaMacchia, MSRED ’13 has accepted a summer internship with Green Coast Enterprises for the summer.

FACULTY UPDATES

Christopher Calott, AIA has been appointed as Professor of Practice and Director of the MSRED program at the Tulane School of Architecture. Professor Calott will guide the program as it enters its third year, following its highly successful launch under the direction of Alexandra Stroud, AIA, LEED AP.

MSRED Director Alexandra Stroud will speak at the AIA Conference in Denver in June of 2013 on Sustainability Education: Best Practices from the Academy as part of a panel. Glen LeRoy, Dean of the School of Architecture at Lawrence Technological University, will lead the discussion, and Kira Gould, director of communications at William McDonough + Partners, and co-author of AIA Committee on the Environment’s 2006 study, “Ecological Literacy in Design Education,” will moderate. Erin Moore, University of Oregon Department of Architecture; John Quale, Director of Graduate Architecture and EcoMOD programs at the University of Virginia will also participate.

The LSU Stephenson Entrepreneurship Institute has selected Real Estate Finance Professor Rodolfo Aguilar’s real estate consulting company, The Aguilar Group, Inc., as one of LSU 100: Fastest Growing Tiger Businesses.

MSRED Faculty Members Will Bradshaw and Reuben Teague, partners at Green Coast Enterprises, have been working on the redevelopment of a series of four buildings at Washington and Broad. The project is substantially complete as of April 5, 2013. The first parts of the project opened last year, but now all four buildings have been turned over. The intersection and their buildings are looking better than they have in years, and they will be planning a grand opening celebration for late spring or early summer. You can read about the project at www.broad-more.com. As of this writing, there are over 40 companies who are coming to work every day in the project and two new food service options, Laurel Street Bakery and Three Potato Four will open in the next several months.

Finally, Green Coast Enterprises has a number of new staff and partners including opening a new line of business with Ramsey Green who has joined with GCE to build a residential redevelopment business that aims to develop net zero energy historic rental housing.

PROGRAM UPDATES

The Tulane Master of Sustainable Real Estate program was profiled in the December issue of Urban Land Institute Magazine in an article titled “University Real Estate Programs Today: Active and Evolving”

>> http://urbanland.uli.org/Articles/2012/Dec/PorterUniversity
MSRED Faculty Member Will Bradshaw was featured for his firm’s involvement with Propeller: A Force for Social Innovation, in the article “Incubator for socially minded entrepreneurs launches in New Orleans,” by Mark Waller, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune.

MSRED Faculty Member Casius Pealer and the Tulane MSRED Directed Research program was profiled in METROPOLIS Magazine’s July 2012 blog, A Confederacy of Doers

>> www.metropolismag.com/pov/category/a-confederacy-of-doers

MSRED Faculty Member Prisca Weems was invited to join an international team sponsored by Vodafone and hosted by THNK to determine how mobile networking technologies can be leveraged to make smarter, more livable cities. The team will be exploring the science of cities to create innovations that build resiliency, strengthen the social fabric, enhance collective intelligence and drive meaningful change. The challenge runs until September 2013, during which time she will be splitting her time between New Orleans and Amsterdam, the international pilot city chosen for the initiative.

Faculty Member and local developers Neal Morris, worked with the Neighborhood Stabilization program to develop scattered site housing throughout New Orleans. He also redeveloped an old Beauty School building on OC Haley Boulevard which is now the home of his development company Redmellon Development as well as the Tulane City Center’s off-site offices.

In 2012, Redmellon was awarded low income housing tax credits that will generate $10,000,000 for the Iberville Offsite Rehab Project, the largest renovation project of blighted, historic single-family homes currently underway in Louisiana. The 46 units are scheduled for completion by the end of 2013 and will significantly reduce blight in the 7th Ward of New Orleans. NSP2 funds of $610,000 and a contribution of the Developers fee rounded out the sources that are funding the project. Enterprise Community Partners is syndicating the tax credits.

CLASS OF 2012, MSRED ALUMNI

Tyler Antrup, MSRED ’12 joined GCR Consulting in New Orleans as a Planner in the Summer of 2012. He is also working as the Emerging Professional contact for USGBC Louisiana, and also as the New Orleans area volunteer coordinator.

Vann Joines, MSRED ’12, is working to develop the blighted Stone’s Warehouse property east of downtown Raleigh, North Carolina as Raleigh Arts Village. On January 15, 2013 the Raleigh City Council Approved their 99 year ground lease and selected them as the development team (Joines and a Winston-Salem firm that rehabs old buildings). They plan to use a combination of affordable housing and historic preservation tax credits to restore the structures as a 49-unit apartment complex. Read the article “Will artists live in Stone’s Warehouse Arts Village?” on midtownraleighnews.com

Kasey Liedtke, MSRED ’12 and the Tulane MSRED program was profiled in METROPOLIS Magazine’s July 2012 blog, “A Confederacy of Doers: Part 2”

>> www.metropolismag.com/pov/author/kliedtke

Sam Berman, MSRED ’12, has raised a new equity group to purchase a 6300 square foot residential and retail building on the 1500 Block of Magazine Street in New Orleans which includes seven apartments and one retail unit. The group expects to close in the Spring of 2013 and complete a full exterior renovation by early June. They will continue to renovate the interior apartments into luxury units as leases turnover with a plan to have the whole project completed by October and fully stabilized by mid-February 2014.

Photos Opposite page: Green Coast Development Project
This page: Iberville Offsite Rehab Project: Dupre Street before and after by Redmellon (top); Before and after of OC Haley Redevelopment by Redmellon (bottom)
Andrew Mayronne, MSRED '12 joined TD Bank's Community Capital Group in December of 2012 as an Asset Manager. The bank is based in Portland, ME, and most of their interests lie in the northeast. Andrew is located in the NYC region, and manages a section of their CRA portfolio that consists of primarily LIHTC assets.

Tanner Strohschien MSRED '12, joined Wisznia | Architecture + Development as a financial analyst. While a student in the program, Tanner interned at Wisznia, working under the Director of Real Estate Development, assisting in asset management, financial modeling and tax credit compliance issues. After completing the program, Tanner was offered a full time position with the firm.

Deborah Light, MSRED '12 is consulting on the use of tax credits and state and federal grants to help finance LED installations other energy savings for buildings overall including in Puerto Rico. Deborah has become heavily involved the Palm Beach branch of the USGBC where she is on the Green Schools Committee. She has become involved with the SE Florida/Caribbean branch of Urban Land Institute where she is on the steering committee for the Women’s Leadership Initiative with ULI which is a small group of 20-25 women in our SE branch of ULI. She has become involved with the Seven50 conference which is an on-going discussion among developers, planners, engineers and government officials concerning the seven southeastern counties in Florida and what the vision will be for the next 50 years.

Danny Monkton, MSRED '12 is currently working for NTP Wireless in Chicago. The company is a site acquisition and project management firm servicing wireless telecommunications companies across the nation. Danny’s title with NTP Wireless is a Solution’s Specialist. He works primarily on the project management side and is currently working towards becoming a construction/project manager.

In January, John Eskew, MSRED '12 began working at The McDonnel Group in Metairie. John has been working as a Project Engineer. Recent tasks include building a submittal packages for Circle Food Store in Contract Manager, performing closeout duties for St. Margaret’s at Mercy (which includes an ALS floor in partnership with Steve Gleason’s foundation and Chase), and composing submittals and Requests For Information for an office renovation on the 3rd floor of the Jax Millhouse building with The Berger Group.

John has also been very busy with ULI Louisiana including acting as the master of ceremonies at the What’s REALLy Going On in March 2013 at the WWII Museum. He is also working with the planning committee to host a ULI Young Leadership Group Leadership Exchange event that includes Young Leaders from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Chicago, and Detroit who chose NOLA to see new developments. In April, the group visited Spanish Plaza, The Joy Theater, the Loyola Streetcar line(Viola), Hyatt New Orleans, Champions Square, Charity Hospital, the LSU/VA site, Whole Foods on Broad St. (L&M and Broad Street), and City Park (with Bob Becker).

Christian Briere MSRED '12 joined the New Orleans Federal Alliance (NOFA), a local non-profit in charge of the redevelopment of the former Naval Support Activity Westbank, a 200-acre former military site in Algiers. The goal of the project is to use $150MM in state grant money to redevelop the site into a mixed use military-centric development. Christian has essentially taken over for the former VP of development and special projects working directly for President & CEO of NOFA, Gen. David M. Mize.

Since he began, he has worked on various projects on site, specifically the Marine Force Reserve Headquarters, the Federal City Parking Garage and Retail Complex, the Federal City Auditorium, the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, and various others.