

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION**The University of Michigan****A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning**

Gavin M. Shatkin, assistant professor of urban planning, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of urban planning, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Academic Degrees

Ph.D.	2001	Rutgers University
M.U.R.P.	1996	University of Hawaii, Manoa
B.A. (Asian Studies)	1989	University of California, Berkeley

Professional Record:

2001-Present	Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan
2001 – Present	Faculty Associate, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan
2000 – 2001	Visiting Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, School of Planning, University of Cincinnati
1999-2000	Instructor, Department of Urban Studies and Community Health, Rutgers University

*Summary of Evaluation:***Teaching:**

As a teacher, Professor Shatkin has made crucial contributions to the Urban and Regional Planning Program, with highly-praised courses at both the master's and doctoral levels. Moreover, he regularly teaches not only his specialty – planning in developing countries – but also “Fundamentals of Planning Practice” and “Neighborhood Planning,” where he has introduced a much-needed international element into what had previously been entirely American-oriented courses. Professor Shatkin's teaching has been deeply appreciated both by American students seeking to work in developing countries and by international students seeking to learn more about American planning theory and practice.

At the doctoral level, Professor Shatkin completely reconceived the required second year research seminar, which he re-focused on a rigorous process of defining each student's doctoral project proposals. These proposals have often become the basis for prestigious fellowships that funded the dissertation research. Most recently, Professor Shatkin and Professor Fernando Lara (Design Studies, Architecture Program) have secured a \$10,000 grant from the Gilbert Whitaker Fund for an interdisciplinary course tentatively titled “Slum: A Four Letter Word,” which will surely be an important interdisciplinary addition to the College's curriculum.

Research:

The quality and quantity of Professor Shatkin's research are especially impressive given its basis in on-the-ground comparative studies in the three very different contexts of the Philippines, Thailand and Cambodia. His writing provides both an exceptionally nuanced understanding of place as well as detailed investigations of what Professor Shatkin calls the “forgotten places” of the poor that tend to be the most difficult to research. These strengths are aptly demonstrated in Professor Shatkin's book, *Collective Action and Urban Poverty Alleviation: Community Organizations and the Struggle for Shelter in Manila* (2007). The “people power” revolution against Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 paved the way for a decentralization of power in greater Manila and the emergence of community based organizations (CBOs) that promised to secure shelter and other vital urban services for the poorest residents of the metropolitan

area. Professor Shatkin subjects these promises to sympathetic but rigorous empirical investigation. Although the CBOs brought hope, dignity, and sometimes actual shelter to many, Professor Shatkin also shows that the decentralized power structure often meant that power to achieve change was more elusive and fragmented. Professor Shatkin employs extensive interviewing and non-participant observation in addition to surveys. Moreover, the book has served as the springboard for Professor Shatkin's impressive set of wide-ranging comparative and theoretical journal articles, which have made him a well-known, widely read, and extensively cited figure in this field. His enviable publications record since coming to the University of Michigan in 2001 includes eight articles in refereed journals and five chapters in books.

His work has been especially important in placing planning and planning issues at the center of the interdisciplinary debate over globalization. He shows that global development theory, as put forward by economists, cannot be separated from the restructuring of urban space and the privatization of planning that are reshaping the built environment for the millions living in rapidly-developing cities. Professor Shatkin's work has been included in three important anthologies, the importance of which has been further recognized by a \$120,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study "Growth and Inequality in Global City Regions: a comparison of Bangkok and Metro Manila."

Gavin Shatkin has achieved international visibility and intellectual influence in a field whose importance has grown considerably in recent years: planning the cities of Southeast Asia.

Service:

Professor Shatkin's service draws effectively on the expertise he has developed in his research. In the profession, he has been an active member of the Global Planning Educator's Interest Group (GPEIG) of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning where he has served on the membership and governance committee. He has served as a reviewer for a wide range of journals in urban studies, geography, urban planning, and Asian studies.

At the University, he has been especially active as a faculty associate of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) where from 2005 to 2007 he served as an elected member of the Executive Committee. There he has furthered the University of Michigan's longstanding strength in this area through his ties to scholars in the Philippines, Thailand, and elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

In the Urban and Regional Planning Program, Professor Shatkin has made significant contributions as a hard-working member of the curriculum committee and the admissions committee for Ph.D. students. He has also made important contributions to the reform of the doctoral requirements, reforms which have greatly strengthened the Ph.D. program.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Collective Action and Urban Poverty Alleviation: Community Organizations and the Struggle for Shelter in Manila (Aldershot: Ashgate) (2007).

"The City and the Bottom Line: Urban Megaprojects and the Privatization of Planning in Southeast Asia", *Environment and Planning A* (Forthcoming in 2008, published on-line in 2007).

"Global Cities of the South: Perspectives on Growth and Inequality," *Cities* 24:1 (2007).

"Colonial Capital, Modernist Capital, Global Capital: The Changing Political Symbolism of Urban Space in Manila, the Philippines," *Pacific Affairs* 78:4 (2005-2006).

"Planning to Forget: Informal Settlements as 'Forgotten Places' in a Globalizing Metro Manila," *Urban Studies* 41:12 (2004). Reprinted in: Lee, Y.S. and B. Yeoh eds.2006. *Globalization and the Politics of Forgetting*. London: Routledge.

"Globalization and Local Leadership: Growth, Power and Politics in Thailand's Eastern Seaboard," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 28:1 (2004).

“Are Communities Organized?: A Quantitative Examination of Two Cities in Metro Manila,”
International Development Planning Review 25:3 (2003).

“Working with the Community: Dilemmas in Radical Planning,” *Planning Theory and Practice* 3:3
(2002).

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “[Shatkin’s research is] solidly substantial...empirically well grounded and has tremendous bearing on contemporary practices in urban development. It points the way to major areas of concern for scholars and practitioners.”

Reviewer B: “[Shatkin is] a well-known, widely read, and extensively cited figure in this field who has published major articles in *all* of the major international urban studies journals...a publication record that any urbanist would envy. ... [He] makes a contribution to the broader field of urban studies, well beyond the study of Southeast Asian cities.”

Reviewer C: “... he digs very carefully for detailed evidence ... he uses theory clearly and sensibly. ...I would love to have Shatkin here ... he would provide great strength in areas where we could use it. He would be tenured here easily, I am sure.”

Reviewer D: “...he has already made important contributions to the field so far and can be expected to extend himself further in years to come.”

Reviewer E: “Professor Shatkin is already one of the leading scholars of Southeast Asian cities.”

Reviewer F: “Professor Shatkin’s record of scholarship and teaching reflect the creativity and productivity of a superior faculty member who is fully engaged in a top planning program.”

Reviewer G: “His research and writing demonstrate unequivocally a consistent commitment to quality.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Shatkin’s career has been a model of global perspectives and detailed empirical investigation. His research, teaching, and service have been outstanding. These factors merit his promotion. The Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Executive Committee, and I are unanimous in recommending his promotion to associate professor of urban planning, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.



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