Over the past six months, I have been co-developing with AIA Spokane, an Innovative Urbanism Symposium (IUS) for Spokane. We see this as an annual event, where the UD and AIA Spokane showcase what's happening around innovative urban design and development in our region. Rather than seeing design and economic development in isolation, we aim to bring innovators together that are addressing urban development in a thoughtful and integrative manner. This year the focus is on housing and I am thrilled with the lineup of speakers and panelists that we have pulled together.

Each speaker will share how his/her work addresses the housing crisis. Attendees will hear unique perspectives and case studies on topics ranging from the economics of developing housing in transit-oriented neighborhoods, to cooperatively owned housing in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, to culturally informed housing design.

We have created a program that accommodates the professional workday, timing most events to coincide with breakfast, lunch, or after-work schedules . All events will be held at Spokane's newly remodeled and nationally recognized Central Public Library.

Please join us March 2-4. We would love to have you there! Click Here for more information and to register.

Juliet Sinisterra, CEO

Palleroni has worked on housing, sustainable architecture and community design in the developing world since the 1980s including international agencies such as UNESCO, World Bank, and countries globally.

Innovative Urbanism Symposium Keynote Address: Sergio Palleroni

We are honored to welcome IUS keynote speaker Sergio Palleroni, Professor and Senior Fellow at Portland State University's School of Architecture and director for their Center for Public Interest Design (CPID). Sergio launched CPID in 2013, whose mission is "to investigate and promote design practices that are a catalyst for the social, economic and environmental change needed to serve the growing needs of communities both locally and worldwide."
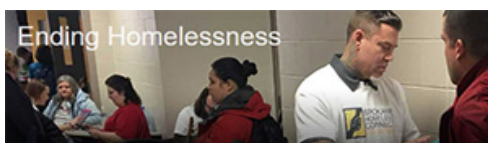
On Friday, March 3, Sergio will talk about his work at CPID in Portland and internationally. He will share more about CPID's project with the City of Portland to develop numerous housing villages for recently homeless populations.

Kenton Village, Portland: A CPID housing village for homeless women. Image courtesy of Catholic Charities of Oregon.

City of Spokane Annual Point-in-Time Count
January 25 – 29

The count is essentially a point-in-time census of the homeless population in Spokane County. This

census is conducted every year to give every federally-funded community a snapshot of homelessness where they live.

Wake Up with Research: Climate Change and your Health
January 31

A hybrid forum where WSU researchers share science with the community. Learn from our researchers as they discover and untangle complex problems to enrich quality of life for us all.

Saranac Art Projects: Random Rules
February 3 – 25

Exhibit features a multi-disciplinary collection of works from the current members of Saranac Art Projects.

Gonzaga Center for Climate, Society, and the Environment
January 30

This lecture, by award-winning author Christopher Presten, will consider arguments for and against geoengineering as a tool for the climate toolbox.

Evergreen Bioscience: Innovation Connection
February 2

The first gathering's theme is Lasers in Medical Devices.

Downtown Spokane Partnership Annual Meeting
February 15

Join us to kick-off 2023 with a celebration of leadership of the Downtown Spokane Partnership and Downtown Spokane Parking and Business Improvement District.