

CAUSES Faculty and Program Staff Profiles



Ralph Belton, RA, CSI, NOMA, ASEE, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Urban Architecture and Community Planning. With over 34 years of experience, Belton is Principal of Belton and Associates, Consulting Architects and since 1983 is licensed to practice in the state of Maryland. Past projects include the Whitelaw Hotel historic preservation rehabilitation; military facility laboratory design; churches and Board of Zoning appeals in the District of Columbia; Architectural advisor/consultant to the Embassy of Grenada and a consultant with the Architectural Research Institute. He served on the Mayor's Commission for Caribbean Affairs and is a founding member of Friends of Grenada, a 501 -c-3 organization. Mr. Belton serves President of Community Empowerment Network, an organization whose goal is self-empowerment of the Haitian people. Academic credentials include a conference presentation "The Role of Current Events and Flexible Course Syllabi: A Case Study." Belton conducted student study tours to Europe and Japan and personal study/tour of Romania – Wooden Gothic Churches of Romania. Prof. Belton holds a Master's Degree in Architecture from Howard University.



Kathy Denise Dixon, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP BD+C, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Urban Architecture and Community Planning and licensed architect with over 20 years of experience. During her career, Kathy has worked on a number of educational facilities in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. She spent several years working on national contracts with the Federal Aviation Administration including Potomac TRACON and several Air Traffic Control facilities. Prior to moving to government and institutional projects, she worked four years with McDonald's Corporation developing new restaurants, site planning, designing commercial kitchens, and creating child oriented play areas. Most recently, she has designed civic facilities and faith -based institutions including fire stations, churches, family life centers, and schools. Prof. Dixon holds a Master's degree in Urban Planning, with a focus on Housing and Community Development. She is certified by the USGBC's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design Program the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, as well as CSI's Certified Documents Technologist program.