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**Civic Culture and Architectural Space:
Sustainable and Equitable Development through Design.**

A Panel Discussion with Bi-State Development Agency, HUD, Sam Fox School and more
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Following yesterday's announcement from Julian Castro that portions of north St. Louis and St. Louis County have been designated as a 'Promise Zone,' CEL Center for Architecture+Design will host a panel discussion titled, "Civic Culture and Architectural Space: Sustainable and Equitable Development through Design.

The discussion will be May 7th, 2015 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at CEL Center for Architecture+Design StL 3307 Washington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63013. It will open with a brief presentation titled, "Evolution of a Sustainable Park: Forest Park in St. Louis" by Dr. John Wagner, Ph.D, Project Manager, Bi-State Development Agency/Metro.

Discussion panelists will include the following:

- Bradley Streeter, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Sylvester Brown, Founder, Founder and Director of The Sweet Potato Project

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- Christine Abbott, Visiting Assistant Professor, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University
- Zeuler Lima, Associate Professor, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University
- Malik Ahmed, Founder and CEO, Better Family Life
- John Wagner, Ph.D., Project Manager, Bi-State Development Agency / Metro
- Don Roe – Cirty St. Louis Planning Director (TBC)

Panelists are invited to address practical ideas for local leaders and the general public:

- Role of civic architecture in reconnecting the disparate places of our region.
- How vacant land (and the spatial disparities it signifies) represents “Interstitial Landscapes” of the region
- How strategic design consideration of spaces and landscapes can lead to a more inclusive city
- How design tools for 'Place-making' work and how projects are financed
- How to move civic architectural initiatives beyond Forest Park, the Arch grounds, etc. to underutilized and/or disinvested spaces in the St. Louis region
- How urban architecture can build community and further empower place-based initiatives
- How civic design can bring marginalized or disinvested neighborhoods into the regional civic society and economy

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This event is sponsored and free to public. There is a suggested donation of \$10+

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