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School of Architecture and Planning

**In Honor of Professor Alfred Price:
His Legacy for Urban Planning Practice and Education**

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Registration & Assembly

Welcome | Dean Julia Czerniak

Reflections | Samina Raja

Alumni Tributes

- James Morrell
- Enjoli Hall
- Eve Holberg
- Dale White

Open Mic Session

Reflections | Robert Shibley

Remarks from Family | Barbara Price

Reception



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Tonight's Program

CHERISHED PROFESSOR



“During my undergraduate years at UB, Al stood out as one of my most cherished professors. In Norton Hall, I had the privilege of taking City Planning. His ability to elucidate the history and concepts surrounding urban landscapes was truly remarkable. The clarity and engagement he brought to the subject left an indelible mark on my understanding.

The insights Al shared about why humans settle, construct, and nurture a city transcend the confines of the classroom. As I travel to different cities, I find the foundations he instilled in me persist in shaping my perspective, even in areas where my knowledge may be limited.

I would always love that he would take the time to chat as our paths crossed over the last 20 years. He was a very special man.”

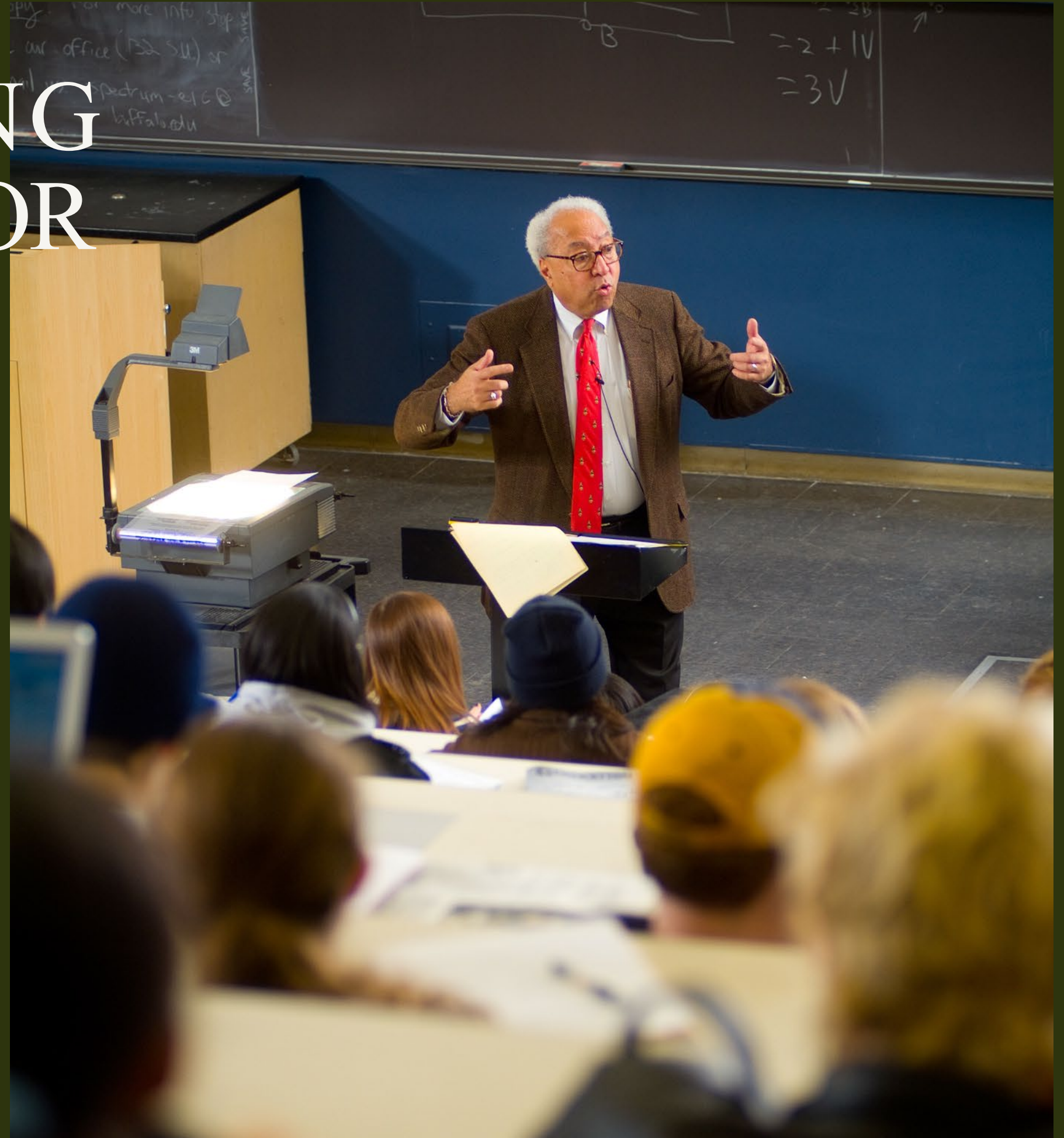
~ Douglas Levere | Alumnus
& UB staff member

CAPTIVATING COMMUNICATOR

I've never known a more compelling professor in a lecture class setting. It was truly a treat walking into his class each day. With regard to how successfully one can communicate in order to teach others, he's a prime example.

Thank you for being an inspiration, Al Price!

~Eric Chambers | Alumnus





INFLUENTIAL DESIGN THINKER

“Al Price was one of my favorite professors in 1977-1978. He was a great and creative teacher in the environmental design program. I have used his approach to planning and design as a tool to approach complex legal cases during my legal/litigation career.”

~ Reed Kellner | Alumnus

SUPPORTIVE ADVISOR

“Al was one of my favorite professors when I attended UB in the late 80's. He was also my thesis advisor. He was smart, articulate, kind, and inspirational. He was also a friend! I will never forget how he affirmed my passion for planning, which I carry with me to this day.”

~Mark Geise | Alumnus



INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATOR

“I still tell people the story of Professor Price giving a lecture about cavemen and finding the seasoning pepper for the first time. How incredible it must have been and how tasty it was. How they probably put it on every single thing they ate because "my god" (he'd animate) "it's delicious". Of course, language hadn't been developed yet but Professor Price had a way of placing you exactly in his stories and in the moment in time he was describing. I graduated in 2015, and I've lived in Colorado for over 8 years since and I still remember that lecture as clear as day. The impact he had is immeasurable. It has inspired me over the years to keep learning and always to stay curious. Thank you, Professor Price, may you rest in peace.”

~ Kyle Vliet | Alumnus

COMPASSIONATE FRIEND



Several good friends had the privilege of sharing membership with Al in a local literary organization, which meets on the second Monday of the month. For many years, Al was our dutiful Secretary and provided us his beautifully written minutes. His grace, humor, loyalty to us and his always dependable service enriched our body. He congratulated our efforts, nudged those who were absent to be more attentive and gently reminded us of our shared purpose. At the end of each meeting, he would invite us all to "the side board" where we shared simple food and drink. Al Price was a gentleman and special friend indeed. When I lost my wife to cancer, he was there to help me. When his wife spoke beautifully on his behalf at the History Museum after his posthumous receipt of the prestigious Red Jacket Award, I was happy to see my friend so properly honored by this community. "Do what thy manhood bids thee do. From none but self expect applause. He noblest lives and is remembered who keeps his self-made laws." That was Al. Fondly and with abiding respect!

~ Jack Walsh | Community member

FAVORITE PROFESSOR

“Dr. Price was quite simply my favorite college professor. I could tell from the moment I met him that he was a "mensch". He treated me with such respect and personal interest. We had such amazing discussions and enjoyed each other's company. He treated his planning students as equals. He was a great professor and a wonderful human being. He is greatly missed.”

~ Benjamin Gembler | Alumnus



A TRUE FRIEND



“Among his many gifts, he had the gift of friendship. He had the ability to see the best in others. We were friends at Princeton when we were students.”

~Diane Sherman | Friend from Princeton University

DEDICATED MENTOR

“Al Price once told me, “Find your lens, the frame through which you see everything.” That is why I pursued a Ph.D. and am now a professor.

Al was a mentor to me. He personally advocated for my acceptance and funding to the M.U.P. program at UB, and guided me when I was his TA for Global Civilizations. He served as my thesis advisor even though the topic was not within his specialty, and assisted me in getting into Cornell for my Ph.D. Watching him lecture in a large auditorium for Global Civilizations taught me so much about enthusiastic teaching, a lesson I am still learning to apply to END 120 now that I lecture in that same room myself.”

~ Annie Schentag | Alumna &
Faculty Member





LOYAL FRIEND

“A great man, a good friend,
a loyal co-conspirator, and a
fun golf partner.”

~ Richard T. Reinhard | Alumnus

INTELLECTUALLY PROFOUND

“Al Price was the ultimate blend of intelligence, wisdom, and spiritual strength, and he mixed humility into all three facets during my friendship with him. A voracious reader across all subjects, with a photographic memory, Al was the go-to guy for a variety of topics on our weekly sojourns to WNY golf courses and beyond. He never met a topic he didn't like or know. Being a long-time delegate and committee member from WNY to the National Episcopal Church, I often called on Al for information and advice on all things church- both on the diocesan and national levels. What he did not know, he could retrieve information from his wife Barbara, who was also tied into doings at both levels. As an Archdeacon, I often relied on his wisdom. He also had one of the strongest faiths I have encountered - pure and humble. He inspired many parishioners by serving on the altar, singing, or reading scripture - expertly in all cases. His faith was especially on display once he was diagnosed with cancer. He exemplified, class, strength, and integrity with the disease, and served as an encouraging example for all. Al made everyone around him better- spiritually, more informed, and smarter. He was a good friend.”

~ Rev. Thomas Tripp



BELOVED MENTOR

“Al Price was amongst a handful of professors and scholars who could lead his students to connect to the topics being presented. His extensive knowledge and experience, his character, and his attitude towards learning was key in expanding so many minds, joining people together, and building something that transcended more than just him and the university.

I had Al Price as a professor for an undergraduate urban planning course. He was always able to make quick work of resolving moments of confusion for students who didn't understand a point and used humor to keep the students entertained. He was a professor who had a major impact on how I view our cities, society, and culture. He will be missed.”

~ James Farrow | Alumnus





MOTIVATING EDUCATOR

“Fond memories of class
with Dr. Price! Always
challenged!”

~ Lucy Cook | Alumna

BEACON OF INSPIRATION

“It is with a heavy heart that I share my testimonial for the late Professor Al Price, who played a pivotal role in shaping not only my academic journey but also the very essence of my professional endeavors.

Professor Price was more than just an educator; he was a beacon of inspiration.

Charisma, engagement, and challenge were the pillars of Professor Price's teaching. His classes were not just about absorbing information; they were an immersive experience that left an indelible mark on the way I perceived the world around me. He had a unique ability to make the complexities of urban planning come alive, painting vivid pictures with words that lingered long after the lecture halls emptied.

The loss of Professor Price is a profound one, as it comes with the realization that the world has bid farewell to an exceptionally knowledgeable and insightful mind. His teachings were not confined to textbooks and lectures; they transcended the academic realm, leaving an enduring impact on the way I approach my work even now, 14-15 years later.

Professor Al Price's legacy will remain alive, though he may be gone, his impact reverberates in every student and alumnus.

~ Marco Ortiz | Alumnus



ESTEEMED PROFESSOR



“One of my favorite professors. I took three of his courses, and I still have all the books, notes and printouts from them. I’m now a planner with the Town of Islip and I refer to the course material regularly.”

~ Robert D. Hayes | Alumnus

A TEACHING INSPIRATION

“I was an English teacher at Bennett High School, and he was an exceptional student, which would be no surprise. Al became a good friend through the years, and his success in his life was a continuation of one amazing gentleman – educator, father, husband, and an inspiration to more than we will ever know. This was the school he loved.”

~ Pamela Ryan Jacobs |
Alumna & SUNY Trustee



COMMUNITY VISIONARY

“Professor Price laid the foundations for me to understand the meaning of community. A community is a place that supports one another and builds upon its strengths for the common good. He was a visionary in a time when cities were being abandoned and urban sprawl was rampant. He believed that urban spaces should be more desirable and are much more efficient than rural areas. He truly made a great impact on many people inside and outside the classroom. I graduated from UB over 30 years ago but he is the one that had the largest impact on my career as a Town Planning Director.

~ Peter Hans | Alumnus



GUIDING INFLUENCE

“What a wonderful professor and mentor Al was. I thoroughly enjoyed his teaching style and demeanor. I recall a brief interaction on the steps of Hayes Hall just before graduation... I asked: "Al, even though I've completed all of my classes in the program...I'd still like to know 'What IS Urban Planning?'" He smiled and replied, "You'll get a job and figure it out yourself." (In the friendliest of ways). That I did and it's been a wonderful journey since. Thanks, Al, for everything you did for Buffalo, for the profession, and for me personally!”



~ Dave Genaway | Alumnus

CHERISHED COLLEAGUE



“I knew Al for a long time. I took his Financing Urban Development class as a graduate student back in 1993. He was a great lecturer and made the class interesting and a lot of fun. Years later, I was able to work alongside him as a colleague when I joined the Center for Urban Studies in 2000. I also need to highlight the Department of Urban and Regional Planning golf tournament he organized for the school every year! Great times...and I actually won it once! Rest in peace, Al.”

~ Jeff Kujawa | Faculty/staff

ESTEEMED INSTRUCTOR

“I took Intro to Urban Planning with Professor Price in the early 1990's. His knowledge, passion and peerless oratory skills held the rapt attention of rows of students in Moot Court on North Campus - and made a lasting impression on me. Professor Price's last lecture of the semester was met with a standing ovation of deep appreciation. To be a part of that moment was energizing and I knew then that it connected me to all of his inspired students -- those who came before me and those that would follow.”

~ Denise Juron-Borgese | Alumna



IMPACTFUL GUIDE



“Professor Price was one of the most influential educators I have ever met. His talent, love for the community, and dedication to his church stood out most. But above all, he was an amazing teacher. I learned so much from him practically. He actually made us do pro formas BY HAND to ensure our understanding of the subject matter.”

~ Anthony Vallone | Alumnus

These featured tributes can be viewed at:

archplan.buffalo.edu/al-price-legacy