

Dr. Asha Kutty and her students study place relations and design qualities of Douglass Park



Douglass Park has been in the news as a “high risk, low income area.” See November 20, 2014 http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=1064753#.VG5QC_nF_To

Dr. Asha Kutty, faculty at MU Architectural Studies, is collaborating with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to study Douglas Park, a neighborhood park in the First Ward neighborhood of Columbia. They are working towards examining place relations and the design qualities of Douglas Park that influence physical and social activity among adults and children. Dr. Kutty explains, “It is at the preliminary ethnographic stage right now, though we would eventually aim to have an outreach component to it. I had students from my place making course get involved in outreach in the First Ward. They collected archival and oral histories about the neighborhood and gave a presentation of their work at the Armory.”

