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DR. MING KUO

Landscapes of Poverty can become Healthy Human Habitats: A Mission for Landscape Architecture

The barren, treeless landscapes typical of poor urban areas aren't just ugly — they're destructive to social, psychological, and physical health. I'll touch on findings on academic underachievement, COVID, health and health care expenditures, and crime and violence — and discuss implications for landscape architecture and allied professions.

Associate Professor Dr. Ming Kuo runs the Landscape and Human Health Lab at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. The lab focuses on the connection between the natural world (trees, grass, flowers, and green space) and outcomes related to healthy human functioning, such as crime and violence; strength of community; well-being and coping; exercise and vitality; and attention, executive-functions, self-control, and learning. Her work helps cities provide a healthy human habitat for their residents by showing the benefits of urban greening.



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