



UC DAVIS CENTER FOR DESIGN IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (dipi)

Design Research

The UC Davis Center for Design In the Public Interest (dipi) offers design solutions to persistent problems affecting the public; researches collaborative, democratic design processes; and shares solutions and findings via Creative Commons licensing and scholarly publications.

The newly launched Center was awarded seed funding through the UC Davis Office of Research Interdisciplinary Frontiers Program. Our multi-disciplinary team includes expertise in the humanities, arts, social sciences, engineering, and technology. It offers an experimental approach plus partnerships with faculty and students from diverse disciplines create unique opportunities to explore new methods and to work at the leading edge of a growing movement that connects human-centered design with social good.

SPECIAL THANKS

Visualization and Interface Design Innovation (ViDi)

www.vidi.cs.ucdavis.edu

CAPTURING PROCESS

Capturing process was a very important component to this project. We decided to use a blog to keep track of the way this project evolved. The bigger question in documenting the process of this project was the question: "How do we document collaborative work?"

<http://documenting-collaborative.tumblr.com/>

TEAM



Susan Verba

Associate Professor, Department of Design, Cluster Leader/PI

Susan brings cross-disciplinary expertise in directing large collaborative project teams and developing innovative design methods, processes, and outcomes. Her academic research focuses on design for public benefit; she is particularly interested in addressing the needs of individuals outside the mainstream, including seniors, beginners, and persons with disabilities.



Yohei Kato

Graduate Student Researcher & MS Candidate, Community & Regional Development

Yohei Kato, a master's student at the UC Davis Community Development Graduate Group. His research interests include youth development and design that empowers community. Yohei works with underrepresented communities: he founded the Youth-led Business Plan Competition in Dhaka, Bangladesh and facilitated local people to establish the Hajimari Art Center in Fukushima, Japan.



Prerna Dudani

Visual/User Experience Designer



Prerna Dudani is a maker and design activist who strongly believes that design solutions can empower people and communities to create meaningful change.