

VIETH INSTITUTE FOR REAL ESTATE LEADERSHIP

Real Estate Minor Launched at Marquette University

Biggest expansion of educational offering in 22 years

Marquette University has officially approved a new Real Estate Minor. Launching in Fall 2026, the minor opens the door for students outside the College of Business Administration to engage with real estate for the first time. Engineering, arts and sciences, and humanities students will now have a pathway into the industry through an interdisciplinary, mission-driven curriculum covering real estate markets, investment, land use, and the ethical and social dimensions of the built environment.

Marquette Today

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Marquette senior gives Wisconsin's real estate students a stage of their own

March 12, 2026



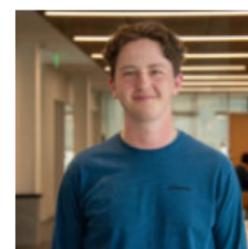
Former Marquette men's basketball, NBA player shares real estate insight with students

February 26, 2026



Jimena Perez's journey comes full circle at real estate immersion program

September 23, 2025



Harnessing AI for Real Estate: A Marquette Student's Journey

September 4, 2025

The momentum we're feeling right now is unlike anything we've experienced. At the heart of it all are our students, the growth we've witnessed, the ambition they bring, and a readiness to lead that inspires everyone around them. We're deeply grateful to the partners and supporters who help us create these opportunities and shape the next generation of real estate leaders.

Message from Executive Director, Andrew Hunt



WE ARE HIRING!



Assistant Director for Engineering

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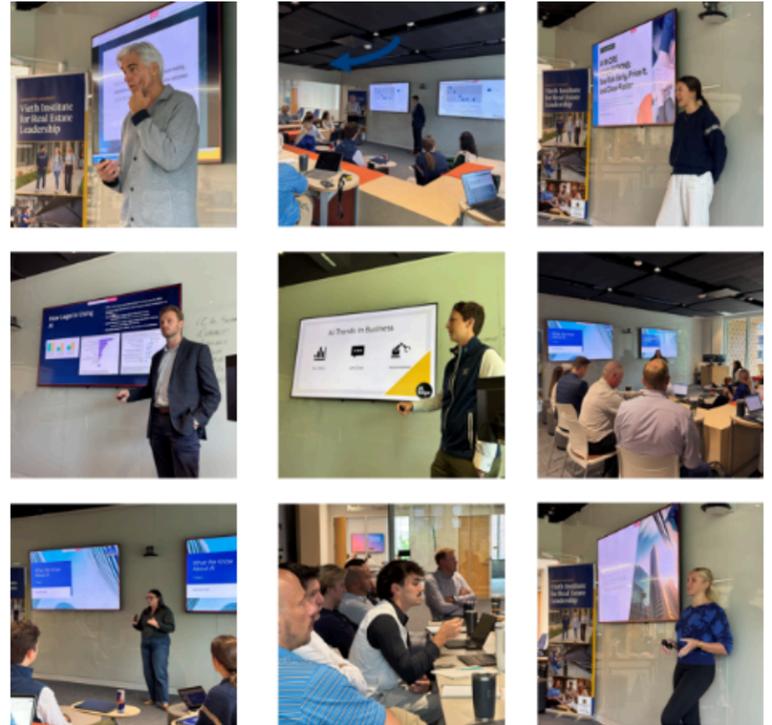
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We provide our students with the greatest educational experience while building a culture of **belonging** and **collaboration** in the real estate, construction, and legal communities.

AI IN REAL ESTATE LAB

The AI in Real Estate Lab is an applied learning and innovation program that pairs Marquette University students with leading real estate companies to explore and implement artificial intelligence solutions. Unlike a class or internship, this is a real-world lab environment where students serve as embedded innovation partners, and companies act as both mentors and co-creators.



WOMEN IN CRE FIELD TRIPS

Our Executive in Residence, Linda Gorens-Levey, and Heather Dorfler-Ringelsetter joined Assistant Director Melanie Ropke to create a meaningful experience for underclassmen, offering an up-close look at women excelling in commercial real estate and the incredible impact they are making in the community.



Real Estate Capstone Teams Tackle Brookfield Shopping Center Redevelopment

Students in REAL 4120, the capstone course for Marquette's real estate majors, presented final redevelopment and repositioning strategies for a Brookfield shopping center as part of the Judgement Day internal case competition. Taught by adjunct professor Scott Schnuckel, the course challenges students to apply everything they've learned across the program to a single strategic investment decision. Thank you to judges Linda Gorens-Levey, Kevin R. Smith, and Peter Glaser for their time and expertise.



15th Annual Real Estate Strategies Conference - April, 30

Dan Letter, CEO of Prologis & Molly Mcshane, CEO The McShane Companies

Milwaukee, WI



Commercial Real Estate Leadership Breakfast- October, 1

Keynote: Michelle Herrick, Head of Commercial Real Estate, JP Morgan Chase

Chicago, IL



8th Annual Golden Eagle Gala - November, 13

Real Estate Alumni Network, The Factory on Barclay, Milwaukee, WI



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Lexie Epperson

Assistant Director - Operations

At the Vieth Institute for Real Estate Leadership at Marquette University, Lexie supports operations, programming, and stakeholder engagement to advance the Institute's mission. Previously, she held multiple roles at Cushman & Wakefield | Boerke, where she built experience in real estate research, business development, transaction coordination, and brokerage support across commercial real estate.



Saani Rawat

Assistant Professor of Finance and Real Estate

Saannidhya (Saani) Rawat holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Cincinnati and brings industry experience from Truist Financial, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, and 84.51°. His research focuses on how public infrastructure funding impacts real estate values. At Marquette, Saani will teach real estate financial modeling and join VIREL as the fourth full-time member of the real estate faculty.



Dr. Matthew Mleczo

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Affiliated Faculty

VIREL is proud to welcome Dr. Matthew Mleczo as an affiliated faculty member. Mleczo is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Marquette whose research focuses on housing politics and policy, zoning, and how housing decisions shape communities. A Princeton Ph.D. and affiliated researcher at Princeton's Eviction Lab, his work on exclusionary zoning and neighborhood integration, including the open-source National Zoning and Land Use Database, brings a critical public policy perspective to the Institute's interdisciplinary approach to real estate education.

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