Welcome to the Spring 2018 Alumni Newsletter for the Master of Historic Preservation Program at the University of Georgia. We love to hear from alumni so keep us updated by emailing Donna Gabriel at dgabriel@uga.edu with any news you would like to share.

Historic Structures Reports

This year’s Building Materials Conservation class worked to complete 4 HSRs and update another under the direction of Dr. Reinberger and alumni Danny Sniff (’11). Sites included Callaway Plantation, Banks County Courthouse, Church of the Advent, the Ward-Copelan House, and the Springfield School.
Alumni News and Updates

Ashley Regan Baumann ('07) works at HNTB Corp in Atlanta as an Environmental Planner and Historian where she works on transportation related projects including project management, NEPA documentation, and Historic Resource Surveys and Reporting. She was recently elected vice chair for the newly formed City of Norcross Historic Preservation Commission.

Kaitlin McShea Messich ('10) was promoted to Public Service Assistant, a PSO faculty position at UGA’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government. She’ll continue to serve as Art Director for master planning projects and also be involved with starting a creative placemaking program at the Institute.

Inger Wood ('12) recently completed a historic resources survey of the perimeter of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield and co-authored an article on the Confederate POW Camp in Blackshear, GA, which was published in the Fall 2017 issue of Early Georgia.

Chris Daniel ('09) recently transitioned from the role of VA Liaison into a Program Analyst position at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. He and his wife also welcomed their first child, Nicholas Jack Daniel (pictured below), on November 3, 2017.

Jennifer Bailey Williams ('13) has been Federal Tax Incentives Coordinator at the Oklahoma SHPO since September 2016. She and her husband, Stephen, recently welcomed their first child, John Elvis Williams (pictured below), on March 6, 2018.

Connie Malone ('94) is the Graduate Student Services Manager for Project Dragonfly, a program within the Department of Biology at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. While no longer in the field of Historic Preservation, she feels that the skills she learned at UGA have helped her as she works to shape and interpret program policy, facilitate conversations with university colleagues and community partners, advocate for programs, and provide services to students. Perhaps the biggest lesson of all though is that through their personal examples, John Waters, Pratt Ciassity, and other faculty taught her the importance of blending professionalism with flawless courtesy, a combination that continues to shape her work ethic and personal philosophy to this day.

William Butler ('11) has been promoted to Planning Manager in Columbia County, Georgia.

UGA has released a new Historic Preservation Master Plan which covers the main campus in Athens as well as other campuses and extension sites. Alumnus Scott Messer ('96), Director of Historic Preservation in the Office of University Architects for Facility Planning, was responsible for plan conceptualization as well as solicitation and procurement of the project’s consultant team. The historic preservation master plan is a combination of inventory and standard operating procedures to direct the University in compliance with the Georgia Environmental Policy Act and the State Stewardship law.

Jennifer Martin Lewis ('02) has been named interim director of the Center for Community Design and Preservation (CCDP) at UGA. She has served as outreach coordinator for CCDP for ten years and has extensive experience in charrette work, historic preservation commission activities, and downtown revitalization programs throughout Georgia. Her responsibilities also include tracking and evaluating CED’s service and outreach activities and collaboration between the college and UGA’s Public Service Outreach units.

Vincent Date ('15) is enrolled in the CE+D’s newest graduate program, the Environmental Design and Planning PhD Program.
Coastal Field Study: Savannah

“Savannah is a unique example of preservation, showing that it is not just buildings or sites, but entire cities that can be successfully preserved to maintain their historic character.” - Student Pearl Howell

MHP students and faculty spent their annual field study in Savannah from February 15-17. Highlights of the trip included visiting historic sites and houses such as the Owens-Thomas House, Fort Pulaski, Tybee Island’s Lighthouse, and Wormsloe Plantation. Students also enjoyed a behind the scenes look at Kehoe Iron Works, an adaptive reuse project along Savannah’s riverfront, and an African American History Tour led by Day Clean Journeys. Meeting with the Chatham County Planning Commission and the Historic Savannah Foundation gave students a look at both the public and non-profit sector’s work in helping to preserve Savannah. The trip, organized by Dr. Brown, also involved a student project called “le flâneur” in which student groups interpreted various sites in Savannah. Students, faculty, and alumni all enjoyed the Happy Hour at the Bierhaus.

SHPO Updates

The Student Historic Preservation Organization rounded out the Fall 2017 semester with two volunteer events. One involved getting their hands dirty helping with demolition at Historic Macon Foundation project sites. The other event involved getting cleaned up to assist Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation with their Heritage Holiday Gala.

Thesis Site Visits

Second year students went all over for thesis research: Chris Jackson went to the Bahamas, Lisa Demarais to Minneapolis, and Maria Rachal to South Louisiana.

Denmark in the Snow

Student Lauren Patterson captured this view of Denmark Hall during a snowfall in January 2018. For more pictures like this, be sure to follow us on Instagram @ugaced
National Trust Conference
15 students participated in this year's National Trust Conference in Chicago. In addition to attending the conference, students were able to see some of Chicago's famous architecture and meet with some of you at our Alumni Happy Hour!

Professor Updates
Dr. Wayde Brown recently gave a paper entitled ‘From Grove to Pier: Memorializing the AIDS Crisis’, at the European Association for American Studies Conference, in London, UK. Also, his book, entitled Reconstructing Historic Landmarks: Fabrication, Negotiation, and Use of the Past, is now ‘in press’ (ie written and in production), and due out by the end of the year, from Routledge Publishers.

Professor James Reap was a delegate and legal advisor to the ICOMOS General Assembly in Delhi, India in December and participated developing a strategic plan for ICOMOS in Paris in March. During spring break he met with officials of the University of Zadar in Croatia to finalize a cooperative agreement with UGA and further plans for a study abroad program there. He has had papers published in proceedings from conferences in Estonia, The Netherlands and China.

While in Paris, Professor Reap learned about the uses of Google's Art and Culture Program

Recruitment, Internships, and Job Placement?
The UGA MHP alumni assist in recruiting prospective students, identifying internship opportunities around the country and informing us of job openings in their community or region. If you can help, or if you have ideas to share with us about how we can strengthen this relationship, please contact Professor James Reap at jreap@uga.edu.

Sigma Pi Kappa Initiation
On April 10, Sigma Pi Kappa Honor Society held its initiation at the Founders House. New members initiated at the ceremony include (from L to R) Chase Klugh, Chris Jackson, Maria Rachal, Pearl Howell, Jackson Beck, Carter Burns, Sean Griffith, Rebekah Helfgot, Daniel White, and Lisa Demarais. Performing the initiation ceremony were James Reap (founding member), Evelyn Reese (‘92 Initiate), and John Waters (President). Dean Dan Nadenicek also spoke at the ceremony which was followed by a reception in the courtyard.