



# DEAN'S DESK

TOP NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENT AND DESIGN @ THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

## Hello friends and colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you in good health as we continue to navigate through these strange times. Our college campus looks quite different this semester, as many classes are partially online, and travel is restricted. However, our commitment to improving the world around us remains as strong as ever. As we put this newsletter together for you, we are reminded that we are as busy as ever -- from planning the college's future, to teaching and practicing design, planning, and preservation; to conducting cutting-edge research; to engaging audiences on new platforms. We all continue to improve the places where people live, work, and play. We are pleased to share with you some of our greatest recent accomplishments.

Dean Sonia Hirt

## News

### VIRTUAL CHARRETTE



#### Hawkinsville Georgia Design Charrette Goes Virtual

The Center for Community Design and Preservation began a virtual charrette this month to envision a brewpub and enhanced river walk for downtown Hawkinsville, GA. After Covid-19 postponed travel, the charrette team has pivoted to exploring the town through pictures and video, meeting locals over Zoom, and holding day-long design blitz sessions on campus.

### PARTNERSHIP



#### Capstone Students Partner with Center for Innovative Teaching

This past summer, fourth year students in Professor Donnie Longenecker's capstone undergraduate landscape architecture studio partnered with the Center for Innovative Teaching (CFIT) in Winder to develop concepts for playground and park designs.

### VIRTUAL REALITY



#### BLA Studio Explores Emerging Technologies and Receives \$25k Grant

Professor Jessica Fernandez's BLA Capstone studio was held fully online this summer, and her students used emerging technologies to explore and analyze their Atlanta BeltLine multimodal trail project from their homes. Additionally, Dr. Fernandez was awarded a \$25k Mega grant from Epic games to purchase additional VR equipment for the college.

### NEW DOUBLE DAWG



#### Anthropology AB/Historic Preservation

The College of Environment and Design's most recent Double Dawg offering is an Anthropology AB/Historic Preservation MHP degree. It prepares students to be leaders in the fields of historic preservation and cultural resource management, as well as providing a pathway into Ph.D. programs in the social sciences and humanities.

### CO-AUTHORS



#### Feeding Futures Framed

In "The Elgar Companion to Geography, Transdisciplinarity and Sustainability" by Fausto O. Sarmiento and Larry M. Frolich, CED Professor James Reap and Associate Professor Eric MacDonald are among the co-authors of a chapter entitled "Feeding Futures Framed: Rediscovering Biocultural Diversity in Sustainable Foodscapes."

### SPOTLIGHT



#### Calabria Featured in Focus on Faculty

Associate Professor Jon Calabria was profiled in Columns for his use of service-learning to benefit communities and prepare students for successful careers. He discusses his favorite classes to teach as service-learning courses, including "Nature and Sustainability Studio" and the "Ecological Restoration" class.

### STUDENT RESEARCH



#### New Historic Preservation Student Publishes Research

Megan McPherson, a first-year Master of Historic Preservation (MHP) student, came to the program with some bona fide research under her belt with the Georgia Museum of Natural History (GMNH).

### STUDENT PODCAST



#### CED Students Launch "Lettus Talk" Podcast

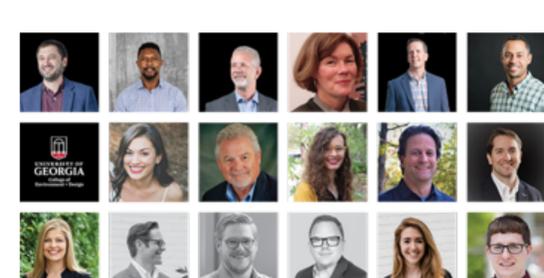
CED students recently launched "Lettus Talk", a podcast to address contemporary issues of urban planning, landscape architecture, and historic preservation. The podcast is available on Spotify, Apple, and Google podcasts.

### TEDxUGA



#### MLA student selected for the Annual Idea Showcase

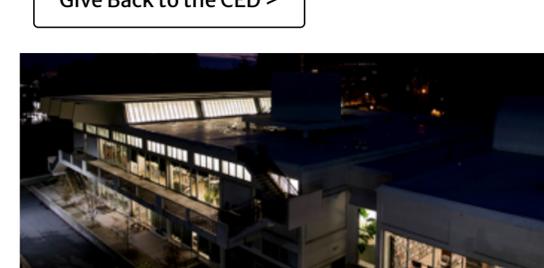
Join us in congratulating James Schulte, MLA student. James is part of the 2020 Student Idea Showcase presenter lineup! Stay tuned to see how they will be featured in the TEDxUGA Salon Series!



### Virtual Mentors

One of the best ways for students to learn about what their career will be like after college is to talk to professionals in the field. This semester the bachelor's and master's students in the Landscape Architecture program spoke via Zoom with CED alumni in landscape architecture and related careers across the country. [READ MORE](#)

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### 2025 Strategic Plan

The [CED 2025 Strategic Plan](#) was prepared by a committee of faculty, staff, and alumni after gathering ideas and input widely. As a professional school, we aim to strengthen instruction, research, and service through the integration of design with science- and evidence-based solutions, holistically addressing society's most urgent problems - especially in Georgia's most vulnerable communities.

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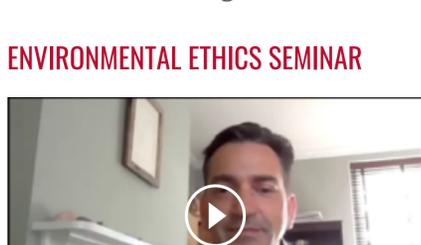
CED's first PhD

Lecture at MIT

Watch it on [YouTube](#)

## Lecture Recordings

### ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS SEMINAR



**Aldo Leopold: Manager or Moralist? A Pragmatist Reading of an Environmentalist Icon**  
DR. PIERS STEPHENS, UGA Philosophy Department

### CED FACULTY LECTURE SERIES



**DAN NADENICEK, Former CED Dean, 1950-70**  
DAN NADENICEK, Former CED Dean and Director of the PhD program in Env. Design and Planning

## Event reminders



**October 27 | 5:30 p.m.**  
**The Ethics of Rare Plant Conservation**, Environmental Ethics Seminar Series  
JENNIFER CESKA, Director of Conservation, State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
[Register here](#)



**October 27 | 6 p.m.**  
**Virtual MHP Alumni Reunion**  
We're featuring several guests including Professor John Waters and several alumni "co-hosts." [Register here](#)



**November 10 | 5:30 p.m.**  
**CSI: Dixie** Investigating the Environmental and Social Justice of Death in the Nineteenth Century South  
Environmental Ethics Seminar Series  
DR. STEPHEN BERRY, Gregory Professor of the Civil War Era  
[Register here](#)



**November 11 | 4:30 p.m.**  
**Delicious Terror!** Gothic Landscapes in Literature, the Arts, and Popular Culture  
CED Faculty Lecture Series  
SHELLEY CANNADY, CED Associate Professor  
[Register here](#)  
The lecture is part of UGA's annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival.



**November 12 | 5:30 p.m.**  
**Croatia** Maymester Information Meeting via Zoom <http://t.uga.edu/6n3>  
Open to UGA and non-UGA undergraduate and graduate students



**Now until November 25**  
**Respite**  
Mural Installation in the [Circle Gallery](#)  
Open to the public  
Jackson Street Building  
285 S. Jackson St.

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Alumni: Update your Info