We’re off on a new academic year and I wanted to update you on some of the activities planned and share some news from around our college. As you will discover, we don’t sit still; we are designers, preservationists, and planners with a lot of work to do and a lot of ground to cover.

Welcome to over 60 new undergraduates to the CED; six new PhD scholars; 17 MLAs, 11 MHPs, and 11 MEPDs. We hope you will quickly feel a part of our vibrant community.

I also want to welcome two new lecturers and one post-doc to our college. John Anderson, a recent MLA graduate and long-time practitioner, will be teaching implementation documents and Bruce Lonnee (MHP ‘99) of the Athens–Clarke Planning Department will be teaching professional practice to our planning students. Lonnee is a senior planner for our city, with many years of hands-on experience to share.

Oscar Sosa Lopez, CED’s first post-doc, comes to us from the University of California Berkeley, and will be working with our PhD students in three classes. Dr. Lopez is interested in the politics of infrastructure and sustainability in Latino communities and focuses his research on social justice.

With her retirement Maureen O’Brien passed the curatorial baton of the Founders Memorial Garden to horticulturalist Paul MacGregor. Caring for the Founders Memorial Garden is a unique and significant stewardship responsibility for our college and Paul comes to CED with many years of experience in the field, both in botanical gardens and in design firms.

For more information or to find out who can help you, see our website and stay tuned via social media. Good luck in the coming year and may your classes open you to new experiences and deeper understanding of our environment.

— Dean Dan Nadenicek
Circle Gallery Opening  
August 23rd, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The Circle Gallery opens August 23rd with a reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. This reception kicks off the college's events calendar with a celebration of landscape architect and planner, Warren H. Manning, who practiced with Frederick Law Olmsted and on his own in the early decades of the last century. The exhibit is excerpted from the new book about Manning from the Library of American Landscape History, recently published by the University of Georgia Press.

Fall Lectures, JSB 123  
September 13th, 5 p.m.  
October 11th, 5 p.m.

This fall's lectures include Stephanie Stuckey, chief resilience officer for the city of Atlanta on Wednesday, Sept. 13th and renowned landscape architects, Warren Byrd and Thomas Woltz on Wednesday, Oct. 11th. Both lectures will be at 5 p.m. in lecture hall 123 in the Jackson Street Building.

I encourage each of you to attend these events, and, of course, our annual football tailgate party in the Founders Memorial Garden later in October. Register for free here: http://t.uga.edu/3tt

Forty-five new graduate students joined the CED this August, among them 11 MEPDs.
Summer 2017 was a successful season of experiential learning:

The annual West Coast trip was a huge success. Nine students explored Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco under the direction of Brad Davis.

Cortona, Italy, remains one of our favorite destinations for a two-month immersion in Italian culture. This year 15 CED students joined David Spooner, taking classes in landscape architecture, art and art history, and Italian language studies.

NASA DEVELOP engaged several of our students this summer, including Manasi Parkhi and Lynn Abdouni, who are both in their second year of the CED PhD program. Both women interned as research consultants for the NASA DEVELOP National Program in NASA’s Earth Sciences division. Lynn and Manasi appreciated the opportunity to work with students from other UGA disciplines including engineering, geography, atmospheric sciences, and geology. “I liked it a lot because we were able to create things that can be put to use,” says Lynn.

Manasi’s team focused on the Costa Rica Oceans project utilizing NASA earth observations to assess shoreline and marine communities at the Isla del Coco Marine Preserve, Costa Rica. Lynn and her co-workers tackled solar farm design in Georgia, specifically for Taylor County in the west central part of the state.

Six Historic Preservation graduate students joined CED graduate Taylor Davis (HP ’11) studying and repairing Moss Cottage on Jekyll Island. Built in 1896 the large painted shingle house was in need of new floor boards, as well as replacing a decorative window cornice. Lots of hands-on learning at Jekyll.
Former CED Dean and Professor Darrel Morrison recently celebrated his 80th birthday. In recognition of his impressive career as both a landscape architect, professor, and dean, the CED will raise at least $25,000 to endow a new fund in support of students who wish to continue Darrel’s tradition of field study of native plant communities of the Southeast through field trips, research, and community outreach. To learn more or make a gift, go to: http://t.uga.edu/3tn

Quynh Pham, BLA ‘15, just obtained her licensure after two years of work in an Atlanta firm and is headed to graduate school at Georgia Tech, where she will be getting dual degrees in architecture and urban planning. Quynh, whose family came to this country as refugees from the Vietnam War, has a strong sense of the value of place in one’s life and hopes to devote her professional life to designing sustainable communities—both physical and emotional—as the guiding force. She credits her education here at CED with getting her to push herself in directions she never expected and plans to stay in touch with her alma mater. Based on her work here at CED, Quynh was also accepted to graduate programs at the University of Illinois (Champaign), the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, and UVA. Congratulations and good luck to Quynh.

CED's Center for Community Design and Preservation collaborated this summer with the Lamar Dodd School of Art and the College of Education. CED's Outreach Programs included Pratt Cassity and Melanie Bowerman taking an active role in CAMP DIVE this summer. Camp DIVE (Discover, Inquire, Voice, Explore) is a partnership between the Clarke County School District, the University of Georgia College of Education, and the Athens-Clarke County community. Cassity and Bowerman also completed a new vision for the Dodd Building's courtyard on east campus. In a special partnership encouraged by UGA Provost Pamela Whitten with CED Associate Dean David Spooner and Lamar Dodd Director Chris Garvin, the project includes a charrette with interior design students and addresses modifications to the Dodd's library and media center.

Environment and Design’s TAILGATE
Join fellow alumni, students, families, faculty, and friends in the garden for fun, games, food, and drinks.

UGA vs. Missouri
Free registration: http://t.uga.edu/3tt
3 hours prior to kick off
Saturday, Oct 14, 2017
@ the Founders Memorial Garden