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Cover Photo: Wild horses grazing by the Dungeness Ruins at Cumberland Island National Seashore. Taken by student Savannah Young while on the Coastal Georgia Field Study Maymester.

# **WELCOME TO THE FALL 2018 EDITION OF THE MHP ALUMNI NEWSLETTER!**

First-year students getting acclimated to classes, the fervor of football season, second-year students digging into their thesis topics, and the changing of seasons in Athens make fall an exciting time to be in the Master of Historic Preservation program. This semester, we are especially excited as we welcome our new dean, Dr. Sonia Hirt, to the College of Environment + Design; unveil two new certificate programs; and celebrate the return of our beloved (if not well-worn) orange couch...but more on that to come. Take time to reminisce on your grad school days and enjoy this glimpse into the lives of our current students and your former classmates.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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## CE+D WELCOMES NEW DEAN

Dean Dr. Sonia Hirt joined the CE+D family this July. Prior to becoming a Dawg, Dr. Hirt served as Dean and Professor at the University of Maryland's School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. Originally from Bulgaria, she earned her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan. Perhaps most exciting for us, she has noted Denmark Hall is in need of a facelift and has been spotted taking measurements.



## STUDENTS HIT THE ROAD

This could be dubbed the Fall of Fieldtrips as the students have been covering ground for a variety of projects. Professor Cari Goetcheus' Cultural Landscape Documentation class spent a weekend at the Salem Campground in Covington surveying the 190-year-old site. Dr. Scott Nesbit's Preservation Planning class is working with the nearby city of Winterville to develop a strategy for their newly-formed HPC to implement a local district and educational tools. Dr. Wayne Brown's Site Interpretation class took a whirlwind tour of the Old Governor's Mansion in Milledgeville, Andersonville prison, Ocmulgee Mounds, and Pasaquan. This year's crop of HSRs for Dr. Mark Reinberger's Building Materials Conservation class are scattered all the way from Augusta to Bowersville. And if that wasn't enough to fill the calendar, SHPO hosted a day of tours in Edgefield, SC featuring antebellum houses, the downtown square, the Outz and Dorn family cemeteries, and Hickory Hill Dairy.



The Cultural Landscape Documentation class brings students from the Landscape Architecture, Forestry, Environmental Planning, and Historic Preservation programs together for service learning. Here they are gathered on the front porch of the Salem Campground hotel.

## THE CLASS OF 2020

Eleven new students from a variety of backgrounds joined the MHP program this fall. Orientation included a day trip to Atlanta where they toured two properties near the Beltline with Neale Nickels, Director of Preservation for the Georgia Trust; strolled through Oakland Cemetery; and heard from Charles Lawrence and the preservation team at architecture firm Lord, Aeck, Sargent. The first-year students have made themselves right at home in Denmark and can often be found sitting around the table in the common area.

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## THE CASE OF THE ORANGE COUCH

The students may have left for the summer but there was no shortage of intrigue for Denmark Hall. The infamous orange couch that has graced (or haunted) the common area for decades was reported stolen in May. After a police investigation and article in the Red & Black student newspaper, the couch was recovered and has resumed its post.



## TWO NEW CERTIFICATES

The MHP program has partnered with other UGA departments to introduce two new certificate programs. The Certificate in Museum Studies, in conjunction with the Department of History, allows undergraduate and graduate students to gain experience in museum operations and collections management. The Certificate in Native American Studies, in conjunction with the Institute for Native American Studies, is available for MHP and MLA students to learn how to incorporate and protect indigenous resources in their practices.

## JEKYLL MAYMESTER

Alumnus and Historic Preservationist for Jekyll Island **Taylor Davis ('11)** took the reins to lead the annual Coastal Georgia Field Study Maymester this year. Students from the MHP, History, Landscape Architecture, and Environmental Planning programs worked together on restoration at Hollybourne Cottage, and documentation at the island welcome towers. Excursions included Cumberland Island National Seashore and Sapelo Island. Dr. Reinberger made sure to pop in to cook the students a feast and provide the occasional off-color joke.



# ALUMNI UPDATES

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**Lynn Jones ('90)** has retired from Brenau University, where she was granted Faculty Emerita status, after 30 years of service. She will be placing more focus on educational consulting work (Photo 2, middle, with the former president of Brenau and his wife).

**Kip Wright ('91)** is performing historic preservation assessments in Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria for the next year (Photo 6).

**Paul Maggioni ('02)** currently works for LG2 Environmental Solutions, an environmental consulting firm based out of Jacksonville. Paul is the head of the Savannah office. Concentrating primarily on federal and military work, projects have involved historic building survey and evaluation, HABS mitigation and recordation, and archaeological site recordation and mitigation. Project locations range from local military bases in Georgia to projects in Alaska and Hawaii.

**Gina Peek ('04)** is now the Associate Department Head of Design, Housing, and Merchandising at Oklahoma State University.

**Brent Runyon ('05)** has been in Providence, RI for nearly five years and recently purchased an 1896 fixer-upper (Photo 4). In September, he delivered a paper

called "Daylighting Place Identity and Sociological Resilience" at the European Association of Urban Historians conference.

**Paul Trudeau ('05)** and his family have relocated back to his hometown of Providence, RI, where he is now the Property Manager for Preserve Rhode Island. As a statewide non-profit, PRI owns or has management services for eight buildings in Rhode Island, some dating back to the early 1700s. He said, "it's pretty fascinating work and I am extremely busy!"



**Traci Clark ('06)** was promoted to Sr. Director of Communications at The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, where she celebrates eleven years. With a bachelor's degree in journalism, Traci handles all of the organization's communications strategies, media relations, and marketing (Photo 1).

**Michael Chapman ('07)** was promoted to the position of Zoning Division Manager in Cherokee County, Georgia in June. He has worked for Cherokee County since January 2008.

**Ashton Mullins Finley ('10)** is now teaching in the Department of Art and Architectural History at the College of Charleston as an adjunct faculty member. She and her husband, Brett, welcomed their second child, Alice Margaret, on July 18 (Photo 5 with brother Chappell).

**Helen Person ('10)** became Vice President/Director of Marketing for Benchmark Community Bank based in Kenbridge, VA in January 2017. Through her role, she gets to concentrate on the unique built heritage of communities as diverse as Farmville, VA and Henderson, NC. Helen and her husband, Darrell, lived in Farmville, where they enjoy the company of their daughter and two grandchildren, as well as five geriatric felines. They are active in local volunteering, Farmville UMC, Lions of Virginia, the local chapter of the DAR, and the Girl Scouts.



# MEETING IN MISSISSIPPI

Recent MHP alumni **Carter Burns** and **Chase Klugh** of Historic Natchez Foundation realized they were in good company when they met with representatives of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to survey state-funded preservation projects. Three members of the project team were also UGA MHP alums. Here the five are pictured in front of the staircase at Auburn, an 1812 Federal-style mansion in Natchez designed by infamous architect Levi Weeks.

Left to right: **Katherine Anderson ('06)**, Mississippi Landmarks Coordinator; **James Bridgforth ('16)**, Historic Resources Specialist; **Claire Cothren Winn ('12)**, Director of Interior Design and Historic Preservation, Waycaster & Associates; **Carter Burns ('18)**, Executive Director, Historic Natchez Foundation; **Chase Klugh ('18)**, Director of Historic Preservation, Historic Natchez Foundation

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**Taylor Davis ('11)** works as the Historic Preservationist for the Jekyll Island Authority, where he directed the recent completion of an enormous exterior rehabilitation of the Hollybourne Cottage (Photo 7). At home, he, wife Morgan, and toddler Susan (2 1/2 years old) are rehabbing their new (to them) house in the south end of Brunswick.

**Kit Candler ('15)** and her husband have moved back to Atlanta from Lexington, KY, where she has started a new job with Environmental Corporation of America (ECA) as a Historian.

**Andrew Stern ('15)** and **Shannon Winterhalter ('17)** were married in September in a gorgeous ceremony near Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. Shannon recently started as an Architectural Historian with Commonwealth Heritage Group in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after previously working as a tax credit reviewer with the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison. Andrew recently transitioned from his position as a Historic Preservation Specialist/Compliance Reviewer with the Wisconsin Historical Society to the Planner for the City of Greenfield in Milwaukee County. Shannon and Andrew recently purchased their first house,

a beautiful Craftsman duplex in the Riverwest neighborhood of Milwaukee, where they reside with their wonderfully spunky pup, Frank (Photo 8).

**Dixie Gallups** is the Assistant Executive Director of the William Harris Homestead in Monroe, GA. Her job involves a variety of different responsibilities, but the aspects she enjoys the most are grant writing and getting to be hands-on with the various preservation projects going on at the Homestead. She found being on the forefront of the recent restoration of a ca. 1825 small farm building incredibly exciting.

**Rebekah Helfgot ('18)** is working as an Architectural Historian for Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. Based in Atlanta, EPEI provides clients with compliance and engineering services for projects based in Georgia that receive federal and/or state funding. Rebekah heads projects comprised of field survey, report production, and mitigation of historic resources. She thoroughly enjoys the application of law, architecture, and survey work that the position entails.

**Daniel White ('18)** started a new position as an Architectural Historian for Janus Research in St. Petersburg, FL. He joins fellow MHP alum **Lauren Waldroop ('17)**, who has been working for the firm since June 2017.

**John Kissane** was recently named the Firefly Trail Development Coordinator. This 39-mile walking, running, and cycling path will run from Athens to Union Point. In his role, John will be coordinating with communities the trail will impact to develop support and awareness.

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# STATE CONFERENCE



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MHP graduates were both attendees and hosts at the State Historic Preservation Conference in Macon on September 12-14. Executive Director of Historic Macon Foundation **Ethiel Garlington ('04)** led a tour through Bealls Hill, an area near Mercer University that HMF has specifically been targeting to remediate blight, attract new residents, and restore the charming shotgun and Queen Anne cottages that are prevalent throughout the neighborhood. **Caity Hungate ('18)** joined HMF in 2017 as the Preservation and Education Coordinator.

**Scott Messer ('96)**, UGA's Director of Historic Preservation, spoke at a conference session about the recently completed university-wide preservation plan. The plan was no small task as the school owns thousands of properties spread throughout the state.

**Sara Dusenberry ('15)**, **Maggie Discher ('15)**, and **Laura Kviklys ('11)** (left to right) caught up with current students after a session discussing preservation in rural communities. As UGA's FindIt Program Coordinator, Laura was busy networking to find new communities in which MHP students can gain their architectural survey chops.

# MHP AT THE NPS

Recent MHP alumnae **Mary Scales English ('17)** and **Maria Rachal ('18)** (left to right) have taken the skills they learned here at UGA to their new jobs in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. In May, Mary began working for Grand Teton National Park as a Cultural Resource Technician where her duties include everything from cultural landscapes and historic structures documentation, Section 106 review (including State Historic Preservation Office consultation), database management, to museum-related tasks as needed. Maria arrived in June to begin her position in which she splits time between working as a Program Assistant for the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum and as a volunteer coordinator for Grand Teton's Hammer Corps Program, a volunteer program dedicated to historic preservation in the park.

Both Mary and Maria took positions in Grand Teton National Park, and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, because of their passion for cultural resource management and stewardship.



Grand Teton offers year-round recreational opportunities and picturesque views that are too incredible to be described. Mary and Maria have both worked tirelessly to develop their professional careers in historic preservation, and credit their preparedness for the professional community to the UGA faculty and staff.

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# FACULTY UPDATES

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Professor Goetcheus with BLA students Kayla Bare and Braden Meadows experimenting with HoloLens augmented reality at Salem Campground in Covington.

## DR. BROWN

Routledge, a British publisher of scholarly works, has just released a book by **Dr. Wayde Brown**. “Reconstructing Historic Landmarks: Fabrication, Negotiation, and the Past” explores ten historic locations in the U.S. and Canada including: New Echota, Georgia; Fort Ticonderoga, New York; La Purisima Mission, California; New Salem, Illinois; Fort Clatsop, Oregon; Fort George, Niagara, Ontario; Graff House, Philadelphia; and Africville Baptist Church, Port Royal Habitation, and Louisburg, Nova Scotia. Looking at how these historic sites have been treated—whether be it to sustain, to challenge, or even subvert a historical narrative, or, with reference to contemporary heritage studies, to reclaim these spaces—Brown explores the very notions of what we mean when we talk about “historic preservation.” Available [here](#).

## PROFESSOR GOETCHEUS

**Associate Professor Cari Goetcheus**, an MHP alumna herself ('96), recently became one of 12 UGA faculty members selected as a 2018-19 Service Learning Fellow for her efforts to establish partnerships with the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department and integrate service-learning components into the MHP curriculum. Her cultural landscape courses have had increased interest from not only MHP students

pursuing a certificate in cultural landscapes, but BLA students pursuing a similar certificate, as well as both undergraduate and graduate students from numerous other majors.

During summer 2018, Goetcheus, along with former National Park Service employees Nora Mitchell and Brenda Barrett, wrote an article entitled, “Evolving values and how they have shaped the U.S. National Park System” to be published in *Built Heritage*, the Chinese heritage conservation journal, in fall 2018. As China begins to develop its own national park system, Goetcheus, Mitchell and Barrett were asked to write an article that provides an overview of the evolution of conservation thought in the NPS, as well as through the lens of cultural landscapes, to potentially influence the development of the Chinese national park system.

For the past four to five years, Goetcheus has done over 40 oral history interviews with early leaders in the development of the field of cultural landscape studies all across the country. Audio and video interviews of key private practitioners, academics and National Park Service employees who were involved in the evolution of the field between the 1960s – 2000s have been captured with the intent to write articles and hopefully create an interactive website from the research findings.

Finally, Goetcheus, along with her Australian colleague Steve Brown, have been contracted by Routledge Publishing to write the *Handbook of Cultural Landscape Practice*. As there is no textbook on cultural landscape studies, this Handbook is intended to fill that gap. If all goes well, it will be published in 2020.

# DR. NESBIT

**Dr. Scott Nesbit** is planning a new Sports Heritage course that will look into the ways that society has preserved and can preserve the tangible and intangible elements of our sports sites and traditions, even as those sports have evolved. The course will range widely in time and geography, from footraces in the Classical Mediterranean to football in Athens, Georgia and include visits to nearby sites of athletics. Among other topics, it will take up the rise of team sports in the modern world, desegregation and Title IX, and the impact of television on the material culture and practice of modern athletics.

# PROFESSOR REAP

**Professor James Reap** will be racking up his travel miles this semester. He's presenting at both the Contemporary Issues on Law, Religion, Heritage and Conservation conference in Jeju, Korea, and the 7th Annual Wuhan Crossover Forum in Suzhou and Wuhan, China; as well as attending the ICOMOS Annual General Assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

# DR. REINBERGER

Thanks to a generous grant by Elaine Collier Neal, **Dr. Mark Reinberger** has been able to undertake the "First Period Houses of Upcountry Georgia" dendrochronology project. Working with Baltimore dendrochronologist Michael Worthington, Dr. Reinberger and team have been using dendrochronology, tree dating through the growth patterns of tree rings, to date first period houses in backcountry Georgia. Dr. Reinberger explained that houses of the period from the American Revolution to about 1825 are typically difficult to date. While the analysis of building technologies and styles can provide an estimated 50 year date range, dendrochronology can determine the exact age of the tree, down to the exact season of the exact year it was used.

So far, the project has had an 80% success rate, with the results often dating houses much later than many owners expected. The earliest house they have sampled was from the Goose Pond Settlement and dated to 1790; a very early date due to the often crude nature of the

settlement's early houses. The house was moved 25 years ago from its original site in Oglethorpe County to where it currently sits in Sandy Creek Nature Center. While the first stage of this project has focused on Northern Georgia and the counties of Oglethorpe, Oconee, Wilkes, McDuffie, Banks, and Lincoln, they hope that future donations will allow them to expand into Augusta, Milledgeville, and Eatonton to encompass the whole backcountry region.

# PROFESSOR WATERS

**Professor Emeritus John Waters** remains tirelessly committed to preserving Athens' neighborhoods. A resident of Five Points since 1972, he continues to rally for a comprehensive local historic district to prevent demolition of the early 1910s-20s streetcar suburb homes. Part of this effort came to fruition with the passage of the Milledge Circle and Castalia Avenue historic districts in June this year. MHP alumni **Amber Eskew** and **Bruce Lonee (both '99)** work in the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department and were instrumental in surveying the neighborhoods, writing the designation reports, and organizing community meetings. Professor Waters will lead an Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation walk through the Milledge Circle Historic District on Saturday, October 20. Information to attend [here](#).



Dr. Reinberger's dendrochronology revealed that this house dates to 1790. Originally located in Oglethorpe County, it is now at the Sandy Creek Nature Center in Athens.

# INTERNSHIPS

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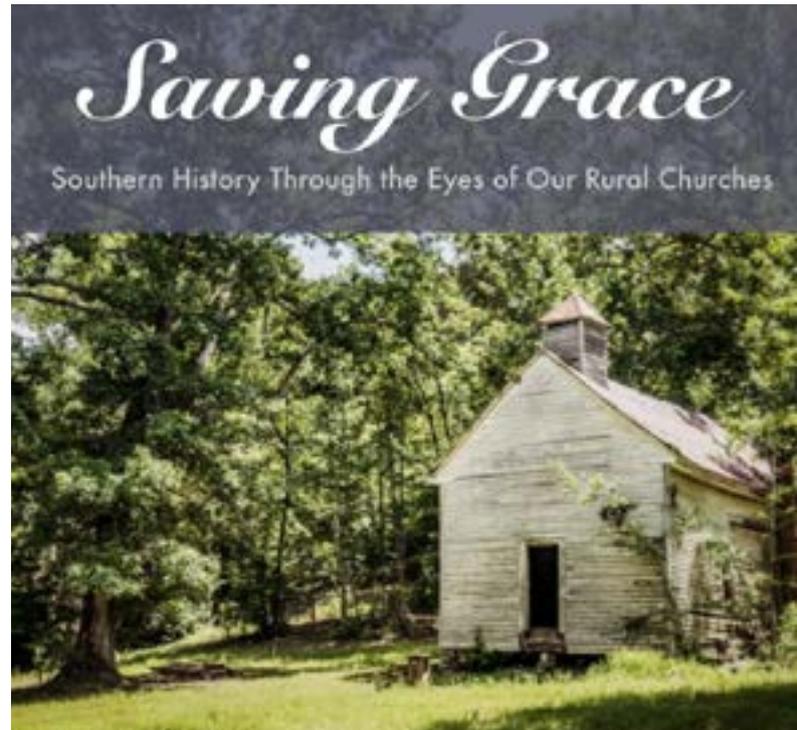
*From right here in Athens to across the country, MHP students have been putting their classroom experience to work through a variety of internships with FindIt, Archway Partnership, The Cannonball House in Macon, Greater Portland Landmarks in Maine, Historic Rural Churches of Georgia, and Thousand Island Park Landmark Society in New York, just to name a few. If you have an internship opportunity to share, e-mail [Professor Reap](#).*

## ENGLISH HINTON



The Anglo-European aspects of Georgia's rich heritage can be told through the churches that dot its rural landscape. For generations many of these churches were the main source of civic organization and social life, as well as religious and spiritual experience. Each structure has a story to tell about its members and their aspirations as a community. First-year MHP student **English Hinton** is working with Historic Rural Churches of Georgia (HRCGA) to do just that.

Through their exciting new project "Saving Grace: Southern History Through the Eyes of Our Rural Churches", HRCGA has partnered with Georgia Public Broadcasting to create a six-episode documentary series



exploring the role that rural churches have played in the state's history. As an intern for HRCGA, English has been working closely with a local marketing firm to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy that will increase exposure for the show and connect with a variety of audiences. Though most of the organization's current work has been research based, they hope with more funding to eventually work on restoration projects to preserve the type of sites Saving Grace highlights.

The first episode aired on Monday, September 10 but can be seen on <http://savinggraceshow.org/> for those who missed it. New episodes will air on Mondays at 9am and re-air on Saturdays at 10:30am on the Georgia Public Broadcasting channel. This program and the research on Georgia's rural churches have their roots in the recently published book, "Historic Rural Churches of Georgia," by Sonny Seals and George S. Hart (UGA Press, 2016).

Prior to starting the MHP program this fall, English received a degree in politics with an emphasis in political philosophy from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan. With her preservation degree, she hopes to pursue a career focusing on the hands-on and business elements of residential preservation.

# CAITLIN PLESHER



## Second-year student Caitlin Plesher on her experience:

“For the past two summers, I have had the privilege to travel up to Thousand Island Park, New York for a summer internship with the Thousand Island Park Landmark Society and Thousand Island Park Corporation. Thousand Island Park is a Methodist campground that was established in 1875 and is remarkable in the preservation of its charming cottages and houses. The campground sits along the St. Lawrence River bordering Canada and still attracts families from all over the Northeast during the summer months. During my two summers there, I was able to get to know this unique community and work alongside them to host a variety of exhibits and lectures, while working on independent research projects.

The Thousand Island Park Landmark Society is a non-profit organization that advocates for preservation

and preservation education within the community. Each summer they host a variety of events to help the community and general public get to know the Park’s architectural heritage and history better. One of my favorite events this summer was a walking tour of all the Craftsman-Bungalow cottages, hosted by a local architect. Every other year the society hosts its Cottage and Garden Tour. Five to six cottages are selected and attendants get to tour the interior of these extraordinary homes. Last year, I helped prepare promotional material as well as archival research for the history of the homes that were included in the tour. The tour functions as the organization’s major fundraising event and brings in hundreds of guests from around the St. Lawrence River area.

Starting next year, the Thousand Island Park Corporation and Landmark Society are working together to re-survey and update the Park’s National Register of Historic Places listing. In addition to re-surveying the community, they will also be including historic boathouses for the first time. My project this past summer was to begin documenting the boathouses, identify owners and past structures, and create a survey template for more detailed records. This project was challenging because the leasing and records maintained on the shoreline are incomplete and inconsistent for the past 150 years. Luckily the area is absolutely beautiful, and gave me some of the best surveying conditions I think I’ve ever had! The work I did parsing out lots and leases for the boathouses will be used as a baseline for the preservation firm coming in next year to complete detailed work and add the boathouses into the updated National Register survey for the Park.

The Thousand Islands area is absolutely gorgeous with a rich history that has been beautifully preserved. I can’t wait to go back soon!”



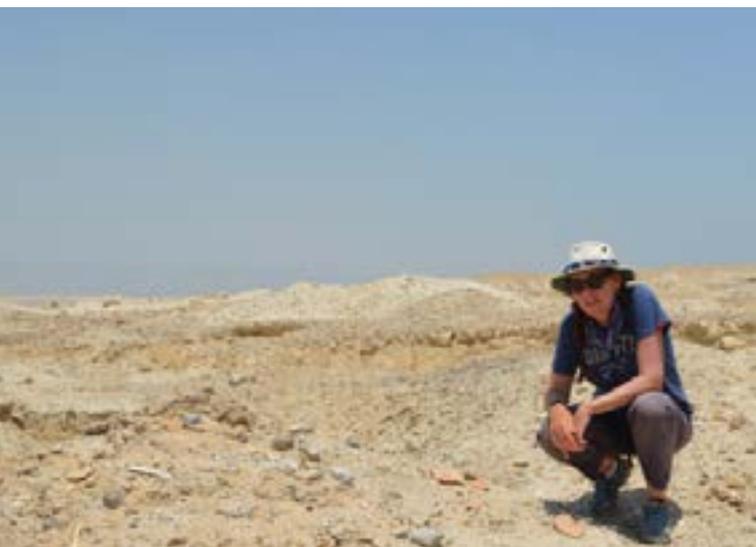
These five historic boathouses are called the “Painted Sisters”. Originally there were six, but a violent storm destroyed the sixth and it was never rebuilt.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## WHO OWNS THE PAST?

*Wednesday, October 24, 5:30pm*



As artifacts travel from the mound to the marketplace, recent research has shown that there are varied buyers with competing claims in the legal antiquities trade. In Israel it is legal to buy and sell artifacts from legally sanctioned dealers, if the collections pre-date the 1978 national ownership law—however, not all aspects of this trade are legal and some items for sale may or may not have a complete or pristine ownership history. Critical to understanding this antiquities market and the individuals involved is the recognition of a common desire – everyone wants to own a piece of the Holy Land (modern Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian Territories).

In her lecture “Who Owns the Past? Competing Claims for Antiquities from the Holy Land,” MHP alumna **Dr. Morag Kersel ('00)** will speak on how over 15 years of research have provided insights on why there is demand for material from the Holy Land and what motivates collectors, both individual and institutional. This interdisciplinary investigation examines the relationship between the demand for Holy Land artifacts and the competing claims to owning the past.

The lecture will take place in **Room 125 at the Jackson Street Building on Wednesday, October 24. It will begin at 5:30 PM, and is free and open to the public.** Dr. Kersel will be giving a Joukowsky Lecture, named for Martha Sharp Joukowsky, past President of the Archaeological Institute of America and Professor of Old World Archaeology at Brown University. The Joukowsky Lectureship is part of the AIA’s National Lecture Program.



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## CED ATLANTA ALUMNI SOCIAL

*Friday, March 1, 6-8pm*

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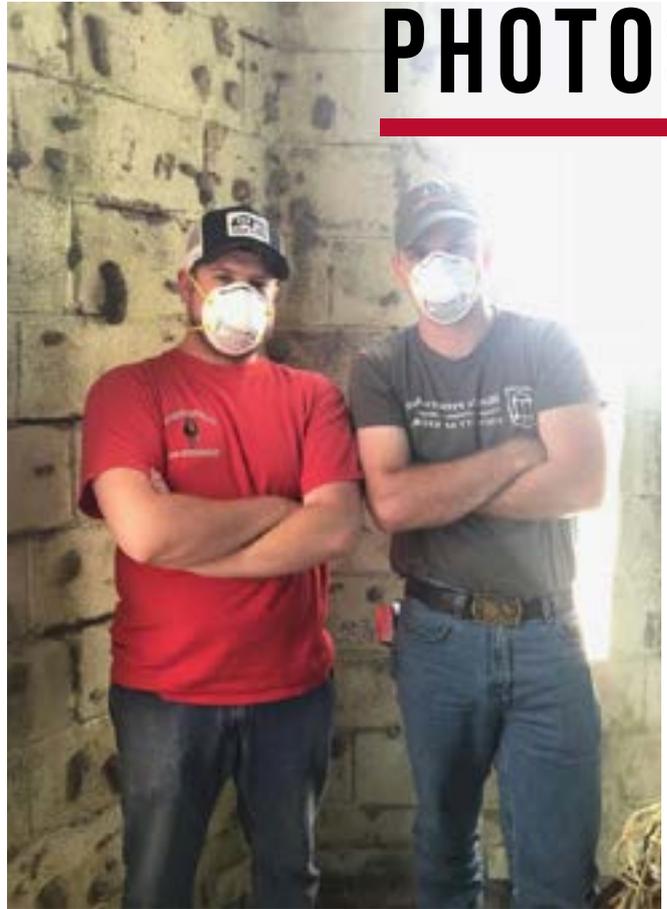
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# PHOTOS



Clockwise from top left: The class of 2019 at the May SHPO Gala; Carter Finch and Mills Dorn inside one of the Jekyll Island welcome towers; Getting down and dirty to see the crawlspace of a 1930s house during Building Materials Construction class; Evelyn Mera, Savannah Young, Caitlin Plesher, and Carter Finch fresh from crawling through the Georgia clay beneath the UGA Chapel; Mills Dorn, Maxwell Nosbisch, and Dr. Brown suiting up at Andersonville Civil War prison.



Clockwise from top left: Noodle, the MHP program’s unofficial mascot; SHPO visiting an antebellum house in Edgefield, SC; Students with Dean Hirt (second from left) after receiving awards at the CE+D Day honors ceremony; High-stepping through a hay field to check out an abandoned house; One of the many fiberglass turkeys positioned around the downtown square in Edgefield, SC, home to the National Wild Turkey Federation; First-year student Elyse Hoganson.

