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# **WELCOME TO THE FALL 2019 EDITION OF THE MHP ALUMNI NEWSLETTER!**

Cheers to another fall semester in the Classic City! This year, we are celebrating the College of Environment and Design's 50th anniversary. In 1982, the Master of Historic Preservation program was established and became an integral part of the College of Environment and Design. In honor of this celebration, there are a number of events, speakers, and even a 50th anniversary exhibit to recognize the college's legacy and plans for the future. In other exciting news, the department is thrilled to share that Denmark was approved and funded for a comprehensive study for renovation. Being the first home of the Landscape Architecture program and the current home of our historic preservation program, Denmark's contribution to our college's story is undeniable, and we are ready to take the next step to ensure its continued use for generations of MHP students to follow. As always, go dawgs!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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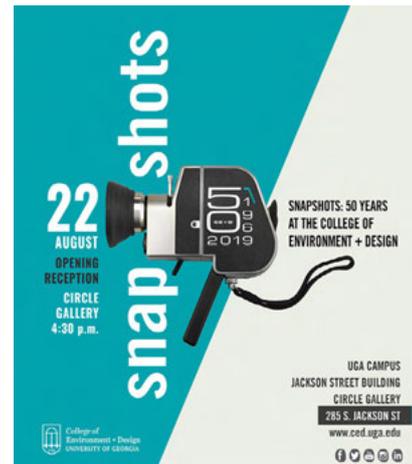
## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Incoming students were able to explore Athens and Madison over the two-day orientation. Professor Brown gave students a tour focusing on the social history of the University of Georgia's campus using some of the university's iconic and lesser known buildings. On the following day, students joined Professor Reap, Professor Goetcheus, and Christine McCauley of the Madison-Morgan Conservancy. Christine gave students a tour of two of Madison's abandoned mansions- Nolan House and the Foster-Thomason-Miller House. Two MHP alumni, Ken Kocher, Madison's information specialist and planner, and Monica Callahan, Director of the planning department, showed students how Madison's planning efforts are dedicated to the preservation of the town's resources like the McDowell Warehouse. To end the day, a state park ranger at Hard Labor Creek State Park showed students the surviving structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps



## SNAPSHOTS: 50 YEARS AT THE CED

On August 22, an opening reception in the circle gallery was held for the 50th anniversary exhibit. A total of 130 guests attended, including President Morehead and Provost Jack Hu. MHP alumni and Chair of the Exhibits committee, Jennifer Lewis, says the exhibit is intended "to showcase all of our disciplines, and express how each decade was tied to what was happening culturally, using artifacts that represent different eras."



## PLANS FOR DENMARK HALL

This fall, the CED's request for a comprehensive study of Denmark Hall was approved. This is the first step in the process to prepare for renovation. In August, Denmark was given a fresh coat of paint. We are excited for Denmark's future!



# CED HONORS DAY

On September 6th, students and faculty gathered to celebrate scholarships, assistantships, and awards. John Waters and James Reap presented Dean Sonia Hirt with honorary chapter member status in Sigma Pi Kappa, the official honor society of the National Council for Preservation Education. Also, a big congratulations to James Reap who received the 2019 CEDAA Distinguished Faculty Award! Several MHP students were honored for scholarships and assistantships including Ashlen Clark, Kyle Fisher, English Hinton, Elizabeth Jones, Caitlyn McSwigan, Shelby Reed, and Darcie Scales.



# SHPO VISITS WASHINGTON, GA

This August, the Student Historic Preservation Organization visited Washington, Georgia. The first stop was Callaway Plantation where students toured a log cabin, the Grey House (pictured below), the Gilmer House, and the Dally Slave Cabin. Following Callaway, students visited the first free public library in Georgia, the Mary Willis Library (1889). The day concluded with a tour of the Robert Toombs house. With an abundance of historic properties and not too far away, Washington is a great resource for preservation students.



# RURAL PRESERVATION FIELD TRIP

On September 21st, Cari Goetcheus took her rural preservation students on a field trip to Sautee and Nacoochee valleys in Northeast Georgia mountains. They read through former CED professor Allen Stovall's Preservation Study for the valleys for context, and visited several historic sites including the Old Sautee Store, the Soseby Home, the Stovall home, a covered bridge, the Nacoochee Center which acts as the community center, and Georgia DNR's Hardman Farm. As an assignment they had to compete a Rural Landscape worksheet identifying the character-defining features of the valleys to assist in determining how one might preserve those features into the future.



Photos above taken by first-year Justin Saren

# 2019 STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation hosted the Statewide Preservation Conference in Rome, GA on September 18th through 20th. The conference provided an opportunity for preservationists to network and attend presentations and workshops. This year, James Reap and Cari Goetcheus provided an overview of several international heritage conservation organizations and discussed how we can support the World Heritage list and other international issues. Lauren Patterson ('19) presented on mid-century commercial architecture. Lauren surveyed local resources and developed a typology for describing characteristics of these often-overlooked but ubiquitous buildings. She was excited to see her thesis advisor, Professor Reap, and committee chair, Professor Goetcheus, in the crowd, as well as fellow MHP students.



Photo of Cari Goetcheus and James Reap taken by second-year Darcie Scales

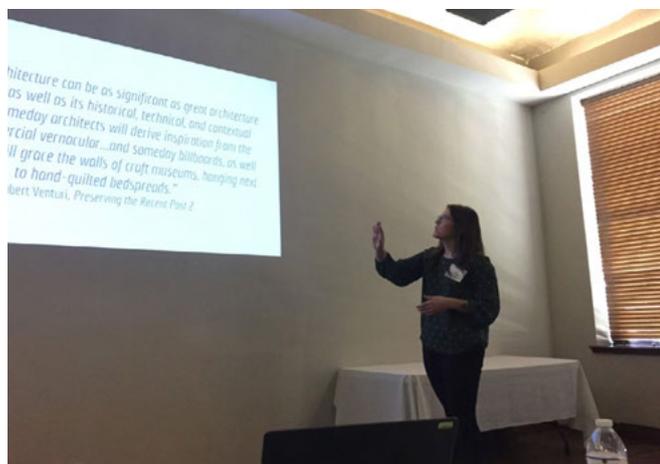


Photo of Lauren Patterson taken by second-year Darcie Scales

# IRINA BOKOVA VISITS ATHENS

On October 1st, Irina Bokova visited James Reap's preservation and planning law class and later gave a lecture as a part of the UGA Signature Lecture Series. She presented on "Preserving Global Cultural Heritage in Times of War and Conflict" at the UGA Chapel. Irina Bokova was the Director-General of UNESCO from 2009 to 2017.



# HISTORIC ATHENS PORCHFEST

Historic Athens launched Porchfest on October 6th from 1pm to 6pm. A total of 67 porches were used with 69 different acts. The Student Historic Preservation Organization sponsored the porch at 135 Park Avenue where the Deaf Condors performed. The event was a huge success for the musicians who entertained and the community members who enjoyed and participated. We are excited to see what Historic Athens has planned next!



Photo taken by second-year Darcie Scales

# FACULTY UPDATES

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## CARI GOETCHEUS

As a member of the ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes, Associate Professor Cari Goetcheus attended the June 2019 annual meeting in Dublin, Ireland which focused on the Irish Rural Landscape. She will continue her role as a U.S. expert member of the group by speaking as part of a panel on the World Rural Landscape Initiative in Marrakesh, Morocco in October.



Jarrad Holbrook ('15) ran into Professor Goetcheus in Marrakesh

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## DANIELA JELINČIĆ

We are excited to welcome Daniela to our program! Daniela is a visiting Fulbright scholar from Croatia. Her research topic is “Sensory Stimuli and their Impact on Basic Emotions in the Experience Economy.” She is a professor at the University of Zagreb where she teaches cultural tourism, cultural heritage management, creative industries, and international cultural cooperation and social innovations.



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## WAYDE BROWN

Professor Brown is heading to Germany in late November, to present a paper at the Ruhr University. His presentation is entitled, “Gay by Design: Memorials, History, and Identity”, and contributes to the larger symposium theme: Metropolitan Masculinities - Narratives of Gender and Urban Space.

## JAMES REAP

Professors Reap and Brown are planning the annual Maymester Study Abroad program in Croatia. A third course has been added to the program this year, in classical archaeology, a complement to the existing courses exploring built heritage and art. In October, Professor Reap will be presenting a paper on “The Role of Local Governments in Managing Cultural Heritage” at an ICOMOS Legal Committee symposium in Gaziantep, Turkey. He will also be attending the 8th ICOMOS- Wuhan Crossover Forum on “Culture, Digitization, and Massification” where he will be presenting a paper on “Cultural Heritage Conservation and Public Participation.” Pictured are students in Croatia last summer.



Students observing a church on a site visit in Croatia

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## MARK REINBERGER

Professor Reinberger continues to work on researching and dating early backcountry Georgia houses, with measuring, archival, and field research from Athens to Augusta. He has secured funding for dendrochronology for a few more houses in Augusta and Wilkes County and continues to look for more (any suggestions from alumni about sources of funding would be most appreciated!). One very exciting part of the project is a newly discovered detached kitchen and slave quarters at the Wright-Blaylock House in Lincolnton, Georgia, on which students are now doing a historic structures report for the preservation class, Building Materials Conservation. An article on the project so far will be published in Spring in Buildings and Landscapes, the scholarly journal of the Vernacular Architecture Forum.



Professor Reinberger inspecting the outbuilding of Wright-Blaylock

# ALUMNI UPDATES

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**Robert Ciucevich** ('94) will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his company, Quatrefoil Consulting based in Savannah, Georgia. Robert recalls his first opportunity as a consultant was given to him by Pratt Cassity, the past director of the College of Environment and Design's Center for Community Design and Preservation. Robert worked with Pratt on historic resources assessments for farms near Monticello, Georgia and a tax project for commercial building in downtown Newnan. Robert believes Pratt's generous leads brought him to his career today. Along with Pratt Cassity, Robert has stayed in touch with John Waters, Mark Reinberger, and many of his fellow classmates. He is looking forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary.

**Jamee Fiore** ('13, below) and her boyfriend Frank moved from Idaho to Kansas for her position as a National Register and Survey Coordinator. Although she left the mountains behind, she is now enjoying the beautiful rolling plains. Jamee and Frank purchased a historic bungalow and added a cat named Bob to their family.



Last spring, **Cynthia Bradley** ('13) became the Preservation Officer in the State Archives and Records Division of North Carolina Department of Natural Cultural Resources. Congrats Cynthia!

In October, **Christopher Daniel** ('09, below) will be celebrating five years at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). On June 27th, Christopher and several staff members attended the ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony for the newly restored Apollo Mission Control Center (MCC) at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. The ACHP participated in the Section 106 consultation on the proposed project and assisted with the funding of the project by managing the \$4 million raised by Space Center Houston and the City of Webster, Texas. NASA cannot accept public donations that have a targeted purpose, but the ACHP has authority to do so. NASA is one of the nine agencies that Christopher oversees as a Program Analyst at the ACHP. He was responsible for overseeing the ACHP involvement in the Section 106 process for the proposed restoration project that resulted in a No Adverse Effect Finding. The picture is himself, wife (Nicole) and son (Nicholas) attending the ribbon cutting ceremony. It took place on the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing.



**Nicole Diehlmann** ('96) "has taken an architectural historian position in the Baltimore office of RK&K, a full-service planning, engineering, environmental, and construction management/inspection firm with a large cultural resources section. At RK&K, Nicole is working on a wide variety of documentation projects in the mid-Atlantic region.

**Kit Candler Trant** ('15) is now working at Environmental Corporation of America as an historian/project manager. She was recently appointed to the Dekalb County Historic Preservation Commission!

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Want to share your news, get updates from the CED, or collaborate with the MHP program? E-mail [Donna Gabriel](#) to get involved, and join our [LinkedIn](#) group for preservation news and job postings.

**Claire Cothren Winn** ('12) and her husband Eustace welcomed their baby girl, Francis Profilet Winn (Frannie) into the world on April 16th. Congrats Claire!

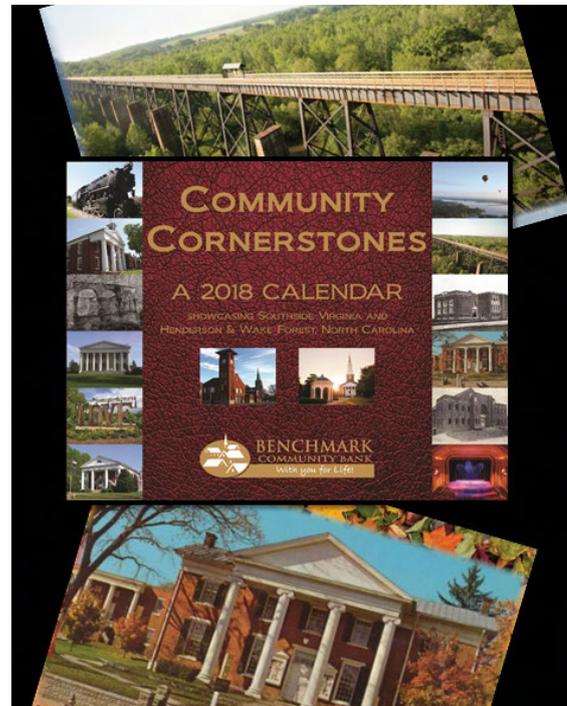


**Gwen Jones** ('11) is working for FEMA in Winchester, VA as a manager on an experimental New Model grant delivery process. She works on Historic Preservation and Environmental compliance reviews and with public assistance to help them quickly integrate EHP requirements into grants so funding to applicants can be achieved more quickly. Outside of work, Gwen loves Winchester and spending time with her dog Wolfie

**Lauren Patterson** ('19) just presented her thesis research on mid-century commercial architecture at the Georgia Statewide Preservation Conference. Lauren now lives in Birmingham, Alabama and works for TerraXplorations, Inc., a cultural resource management firm.



Photo of a clocktower taken by Lauren Patterson at the Georgia Statewide Preservation Conference in Rome



**Helen Person** ('10) is the vice president and director of marketing for Benchmark Community Bank in Kenbridge, Virginia. She believes her MHP degree has aided her greatly when conducting research for annual publications featuring cornerstone buildings and sites in fifteen markets her bank serves throughout Southside Virginia and northern North Carolina. Her company's upcoming calendar "Community Soul," will showcase iconic downtowns in their service footprint. Helen finds that the breadth of MHP learning with regard to historic and cultural research, architectural identification methodologies, and interpretation of historic resources have all come into play as Benchmark Community Bank works to support the communities they serve. In April, the bank invested in Helen's future with Benchmark by sending her to the eight-day American Bankers Association Bank Marketing School at Emory Conference Center. In May, she successfully completed the exam to become a Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP). In October, she will be participating with Barrow Preservation Society's Spirit Tour as they interpret the Broad Street Historic District.

Helen and her family are doing well on their Virginia adventure, but Georgia will always feel like home. Her daughter is a pastry chef at the historic Weyanoke Hotel in Farmville, VA. Helen has two grandchildren, Cassidy (6) and Keegan (8). In her free time, Helen volunteers with the Charlotte County Lion's Club, and she is the chair of the Lion's Eyeglass Recycling Mobile Unit. She is also running a Geriatric Feline Assisted Living facility for her five cats aged 15-18. Helen's wants to remind students that one is never too "mature" to pursue learning. She believes her years at CED enriched her educational and professional foundation more than anyone can imagine

# MHP DESK FROM “SNAPSHOTS: 50 YEARS AT THE CED”

Jennifer Lewis ('02), Director of the Center for Community Design and Preservation and the President of the 50th Anniversary Committee said “the three walls and drafting tables are arranged in a spoke representing our disciplines of landscape architecture, planning and historic preservation as a medium for a montage of plans, photos, drawings, objects representing student and faculty work. The display encompasses multiple decades to express each program’s longevity consistency and evolution as well as to spark familiarity in alumni, faculty, and students.” See what you can recognize!

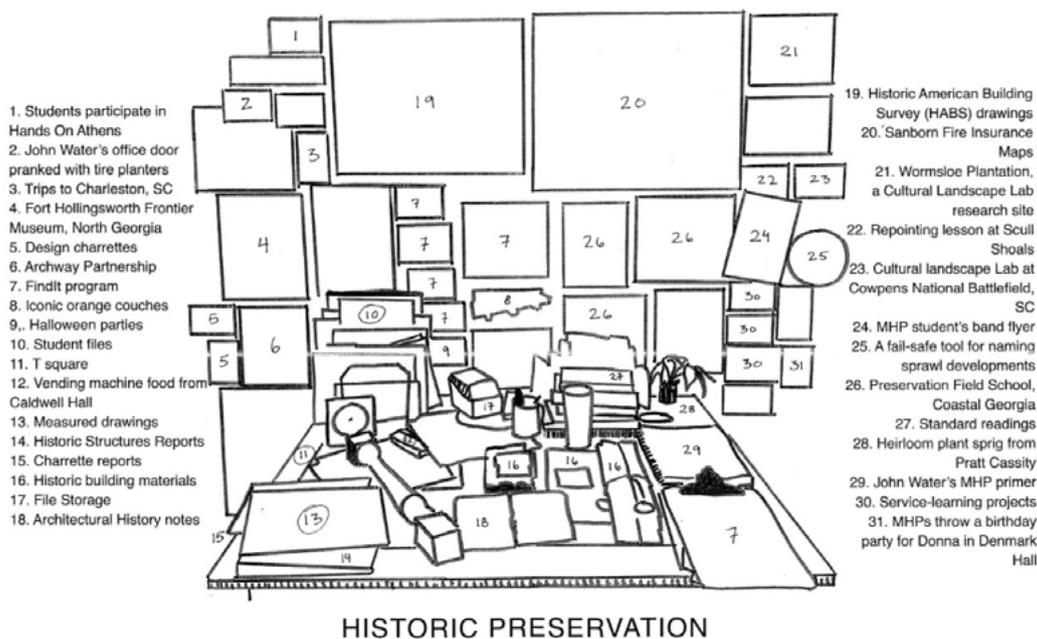


Photo and silhouette guide courtesy of Jennifer Lewis ('02)



## JEKYLL ISLAND COASTAL FIELD STUDY

In May, seven students assisted Taylor Davis on preservation projects for the Jekyll Island Authority. Some of these projects in the historic district included priming, removing rotted wood and mold, restoring windows, and plastering a damaged wall. In addition to learning preservation techniques, students spent time on the surrounding barrier islands like St. Simons, Sapelo, and Cumberland.

# SUMMER 2019 INTERNSHIPS

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This past summer, second-years completed internships and projects in Georgia and across the United States

**Elizabeth Jones** has been leading preservation efforts over the past year at Zion Hill Cemetery in Monroe, Georgia. This year, the National Council for Preservation Education (NCPE) awarded the site with a Communicating the Value of Historic Preservation grant. The NCPE reviewers believe “the project supporting the continued research, cleaning, and interpretation of the Friends of Zion Hill Cemetery to be an excellent example of the type of engaged, interdisciplinary work undertaken by preservationists in the 21st century, and an effective vehicle communicating the value of historic preservation.” Elizabeth has compiled the site’s extensive history to prepare its nomination for the National Register of Historic Places. She has scheduled two clean-up days per month to clear the overgrown site. The significance of the site derives from its history as an African American cemetery for Zion Hill Baptist Church. After the church moved in 1953, the cemetery became abandoned. Elizabeth hopes to continue preserving the cemetery that she believes is integral to Monroe’s cultural history. In the near future, she plans to use ground-penetrating radar to determine burial numbers and locations.



(Above) Photo of Elizabeth Jones and Deacon Johnny Smith. (Below) photo of Zion Hill Cemetery



Photo of Rose Mayo on an easement inspection trip at a low country plantation.

**Rose Mayo** spent the summer of 2019 working with Historic Charleston Foundation in Charleston, SC. As one of two preservation interns, she had the opportunity to assist with a variety of projects while also conducting two significant studies – the first, focusing on technical aspects of preservation as she conducted a window conditions assessment at the Nathaniel Russell; and the second, researching broader aspects of preservation finalized in a report on a few special topics. Additionally, she crafted language for a new website for a historic beach in Charleston County and assisted with preservation easement inspections. Rose greatly enjoyed working in the unique preservation context of Charleston and engaging in the ways the city is tackling the question of “what’s next?”



Victoria and her fellow intern, Max Farley from Middle Tennessee State University

**Victoria Vanhuss** was selected by the National Council of Preservation Education (NCPE) to work as a Historic Preservation Partnerships Intern in the National Park Service’s Midwest Regional Office in Omaha, NE. She worked with the cultural resources staff as the guest-editor and designer of their annual Exceptional Places newsletter for the National Historic Landmark Program. Additionally, she worked with the Regional Web Manager and Tribal Relations/Indian Affairs Manager to begin redesigning the Native American Heritage website. Victoria said “one of the most interesting things I did during my internship was travel through North Dakota and South Dakota to visit several historic sites. The trip ended with a full tour of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, where I witnessed a large archeological dig.” She will be continuing her federal employment throughout this school year as a Virtual Student Federal Services (VSFS) intern with the U.S. Forest Service.

This summer, **English Hinton, Elyse Hoganson, and Darcie Scales** worked for FindIt!, a state-wide cultural resource survey program sponsored by the Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) in partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources- Historic Preservation Division.(DNR-HPD). Elyse Hoganson said, “For our internship with FindIt! we surveyed the Athens neighborhood, Cedar Creek, including all the resources 40 years and older. We assessed the integrity of the houses and entered our assessments, descriptions, and photographs in the state database GNAHRGIS.” Laura Kviklys (‘11) is the program director.



To learn more, check out [FindIt! on the CED website.](#)



Photos of English Hinton, Elyse Hoganson, and Darcie Scales

