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Welcome to the June 2021 Edition of the UGA Historic Preservation Newsletter

This spring, we have been embracing fresh perspectives. The annual field studies course was adapted in response to the on-going pandemic to give the Historic Preservation program a chance to explore neighboring Atlanta. New faculty and staff are bringing unique insights and energy while Professor Mark Reinberger's retirement is inspiring reflections on the Historic Preservation Program's development. Join the Historic Preservation Program as we reflect on these exciting new changes!

What's Happening

Founders Garden Projects Blossom in 2021

The College of Environment and Design has launched The Founders Memorial Garden Endowment Fund in celebration of the Garden's recent 75th anniversary. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places and recognized in one of the top 100 "landscapes of significance" in the United States by the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Garden is also an important teaching tool. This year a number of students were able to get hands-on experience in research and documentation, contributing to a long-term historic study of the garden under the direction of **Professor Cari Goetcheus** supported by a generous grant from the Garden Club of Georgia.

In other news, **Dr. Debbie Mitchell**, an accomplished professional and highly-regarded teacher, will join the College as Founders Memorial Garden Curator and Instructor beginning June 1.

Read more about the project [here](#) and consider supporting this vital campus resource [here](#).



Photo from the Bowdre-Rees-Knox House in the historic Wrightsboro Settlement, a Georgia backcountry house that was dated via dendrochronology.

Dating Around: Dendrochronology Project Continues in Backcountry Georgia

Professor Mark Reinberger recently published an article in *Buildings & Landscapes*, "Using Dendrochronology to Date First Period Houses in the Georgia Backcountry." The article documented three years of research by Professor Reinberger as well as several current and former students including **Vineet Date** (MHP '15) and **John Gordon McBrayer** (MHP '18). The project was supported by generous grants from **Elaine Collier Neal** and others. Dendrochronology is the scientific method of dating tree rings to the year they were formed. This process can give valuable insight into the history of a building by revealing the year in which the timbers used in its construction were felled. Early Georgia structures are often difficult to date, and the findings from this project are creating the framework for further research.

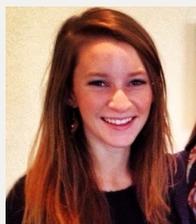
Congratulations, MHP Class of 2021

We are proud of the four Spring graduates and nine students who will be joining them during summer and fall semesters. Watch the Spring Online Commencement Message: [YouTube video](#) Download Booklet: [PDF](#)



Amanda Braithwaite

Thesis title:
Something Blue: A Framework for the Revival of Indigo Culture in the North American South



Maggie Discher

Thesis title:
Elam Alexander: Enduring Architecture in Macon, Georgia



Allison Maier

Thesis title:
The Jimmy Carter National Historic Park: A Presidential Site as a Non-Partisan Space



Caitlyn McSwigan

Thesis title:
Greetings from the Jersey Shore: A Study of the Character-defining Features of Three New Jersey Seaside Resort Towns



MHP Spring

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Maggie Discher
Allison Maier
Caitlyn McSwigan

MHP Summer/Fall

Seth Boles
Katherine Croft
Scott Liverman
Katherine Mitchell
Devon Pawloski
Shelby Reed
Kaitlyn Salley
Olivia Stroud
Anders Yount

Faculty & Staff Updates



Eric Reisman (MHP '09), the new Findit Historic Resource Survey Program coordinator, joined CED in April 2021.

Eric Reisman (MHP '09) joined CED as the new director of the Findit Historic Resource Survey Partnership, a statewide cultural resource survey program created to document historic resources throughout the state of Georgia. An alumnus of UGA's MHP program, Reisman hopes to share his expertise in architectural survey and database management with emerging professionals. This expertise includes his most recent position as survey manager at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, where he worked for almost ten years. Read more about Eric and his work through the CED's blog [here](#).



Christopher Jackson (MHP '18), is the new part-time instructor for Building Materials Conservation.

Set the Record Straight

The Historic Preservation Program invites all alumni, faculty & staff, and current students to set the record straight by sharing personal and career updates to UGAHP@uga.edu (or use [this form](#))

Follow the [MHP LinkedIn](#) group for regular department updates, including news and job postings.

Like [UGA SHPO](#) and the [MHP Alumni Group](#) on Facebook for updates on the day-to-day of the program such as events, lectures, and alumni-student networking events.

Also, please check out the new [UGA MHP](#) Instagram account.

We hope to see you there!



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Chris Jackson (MHP '18) will be joining the faculty as the part-time instructor of Building Materials Conservation this fall. He's excited to step up to the challenge of giving preservation students an introduction to the complicated world of building materials and hands-on experience in analyzing and documenting historic structures.

Graduating from Georgia College in Milledgeville, Jackson worked on rehabilitation of a late 17th century Georgia farm, where he gained hands-on experience in the building trades and an appreciation for historic preservation. "I wanted to study the region's vernacular architecture on an academic level," said Jackson. After graduating from the MHP program, he joined the WLA Studio in Athens as a historic preservation specialist.

Alumni & Student Updates

Stephanie Foell (MHP '96) passed away unexpectedly on [May 6, 2021](#). For the last 13 years, she worked for WSP (formerly Parson Brinckerhoff) and provided Section 106 and historic preservation planning support on various projects across the United States. Stephanie was an excellent researcher, speaker, and writer and presented at numerous conferences during her life. Of particular interest to Stephanie was local Athens architect Fred Orr, and in 2008 Stephanie curated an exhibit on his canon of work. She was a dear friend to many MHP alumni, professors, and members of the greater Athens and historic preservation communities.

Sarah Woodard David (MHP '99) was named Survey and National Register Branch Supervisor at the NC Historic Preservation Office in May, 2019. "That was almost two years ago, but it still feels new to me!" she said in the note sharing her update. "Since graduating, I worked for an architect, then at an environmental consulting firm, and for NCDOT before taking time off with my two sons, now ages 10 and 12. I returned to the workforce with an engineering company before I moved to the NC HPO in 2018. I was promoted to my current position in 2019. Although I had never worked at any HPO prior to 2018, the move to the HPO felt like a homecoming after so many years documenting historic resources in North Carolina."

Rebecca Hager (MHP '09) has leveraged skills she learned through the MHP in her work at the Smithsonian Institution. She is currently working as a member of a National Air and Space Museum team assisting with the move of the collection back to the Mall facility after an extensive

renovation project. After working remotely last year, she's glad to be working onsite again. "Spending in-person time with my classmates and professors was one of my favorite parts of the MHP program at UGA!" A museum professional, Rebecca is excited about UGA's Museums Studies Certificate Program. "My Masters in Historic Preservation has certainly eased my way into the museum field," she said.

Sean Stucker (MHP '09) began a new job starting March 8 as Director of Planning and Development Services for the County of Orange, Virginia. Orange County is in the Virginia Piedmont and home to two historic towns (Orange and Gordonsville), outstanding historic farms and other places, including James Madison's Montpelier and the Germanna-Wilderness area. In sharing the news, Sean said, "I will apply my UGA education to the protection of historic properties in this community, and to the planning for the future of the farms and land. I will soon be hiring, looking for the types of graduates from the College's programs."

Adam Martin (MHP '14) had an article published in the Spring 2021 issue of *Garden Citings*, the journal of the Cherokee Garden Library of the Atlanta History Center. "Snowflakes in Spring" discusses *Leucojum aestivum* and its history as a Southern heirloom plant that has been a favorite of generations of gardeners. Martin, whose Master's thesis was "Heirloom Bulbs: Horticultural Rarities, 'Passalong' Plants, & Biotic Cultural Resources", is a member of the Georgia Perennial Plant Association and volunteers with the Georgia Daffodil Society and Historic Oakland Foundation. He serves on the Southern Garden History Society Board of Directors.

Victoria Vanhuss (MHP '20) has joined US/ICOMOS as Program Coordinator. In this role, Victoria will help coordinate the World Heritage Webinar series and events such as US/ICOMOS' annual International Symposium and Conference.



Victoria Vanhuss is the new US/ICOMOS program coordinator



Miranda Black pictured during a field trip to Atlanta this spring.

Miranda Black, a first-year MHP student, was selected as the 2020 John G. Thorpe Young Professionals and Students Fellowship recipient, a program offered by the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy. As part of the fellowship, Miranda published and presented original research on Wright and his work. Learn more about Miranda’s experience presenting at the Virtual 2020 Conservancy Conference [here](#).

Sierra Beighey, a first-year MHP student, will be serving Preservation Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA as an intern. Through her internship, Sierra will document possible underground railroad sites.

Matthew Crawford, a first year-master of historic preservation student, was awarded the William Manning Knox Scholarship.

Elizabeth Jones, an MHP student, was awarded the William Manning Knox Scholarship.



Megan McPherson will be working with the National Park Service at the Redwood National Park this summer.

Megan McPherson, a first-year MHP student and undergraduate historic certificate recipient, accepted a summer internship through the National Council of Preservation Education (NCPE) and the National Park Service (NPS). She will be working with the Cultural Resources Branch within Redwood National Park to monitor and document cultural landscapes, including the Lady Bird Johnson Grove and Tall Trees Grove. Megan was also awarded a John W. Linley Scholarship.

Sarah Owen, a first-year MHP student, Sarah will also be working through the NCPE and NPS at Fort Scott National Historic Site to create a historic preservation plan.

Olivia Stroud, a second-year MHP student, Olivia tied the knot this March with Frank Guest. Best wishes, Olivia!



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Delilah Reagan, an incoming first-year MHP student, received a College of Environment and Design Alumni Association Scholarship.

Cameron Nesmith, incoming first year student in Fall 2021 participated in the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation’s virtual conference on Preserving Georgia’s African American Resources, held May 6th. Cameron’s participation was sponsored by Athens preservationist Bobbie Epting.

Where Preservation is AT in Atlanta

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Historic Preservation program modified its annual field studies course to focus on a preservation history closer to home—Atlanta, only an hour and a half away from UGA’s main campus. **Professor Cari Goetcheus** led students on multiple day trips to meet preservation professionals and to experience important sites in Atlanta’s preservation history.

Although not the usual agenda for the spring field studies course, students were exposed to the challenges and best practices of preservation in rapidly developing city. They heard directly from a range of passionate people working to ensure preservation in the Atlanta area including city government employees, museum professionals,

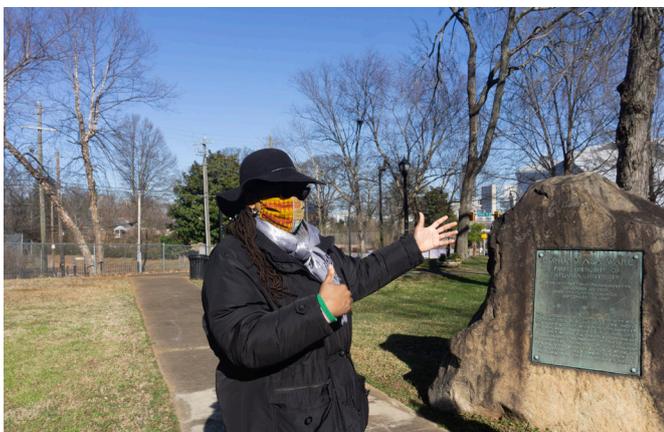
volunteers, non-profit leaders, and grassroots community leaders.

During the first trip, students explored Atlanta’s West End, meeting with professionals and exploring historic sites, including Westview Cemetery Gatehouse, the Wren’s Nest House Museum, and Morris Brown College.

On the second trip, students discussed the City of Decatur’s efforts in preservation with planner and UGA alumna Aileen de la Torre (MHP 2003). Other sites visited in Midtown and Downtown included the Historic Sweet Auburn Neighborhood and the Peachtree Center. During the final trip, students investigated the Atlanta History Center and met with local stakeholders at Hyde Farm in Cobb County.



Hyde Farm is a historic agricultural site managed by the National Park Service and Cobb County Parks Department. A long-time resident explains to HP students how the Hydes used the historic cultural landscape.



Dr. Candy Tate, a board member of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and a Clark Atlanta University scholar and alumna, tells HP students the history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Atlanta.



HP students explore the Westview Cemetery Gatehouse. Landmark Preservation, a historic preservation consultant firm, is conducting a historic resource assessment of the structure.

“Oh, oh Look, Look!”: Professor Reinberger Reflects on His History at UGA



Professor Mark Reinberger enjoying his retirement party.

Professor Mark Reinberger retired at the end of May 2021. Anyone who’s taken a course with Professor Reinberger knows one of his key phrases, “oh, oh look, look.” To celebrate his on-going legacy with the College of Environment and Design and the Historic Preservation Program, we sat down for an interview with him to “look, look” on his time at the University of Georgia.

A trained architectural historian, Professor Reinberger has created a rigorous architectural history curriculum, teaching surveys of American architecture, world architecture, vernacular architecture, twentieth century architecture, and building materials conservation. “I hope I gave my students a bigger view of history and helped them make connections between things,” said Professor Reinberger. “They can’t understand anything about culture (or architecture) without knowing something about history.”

Professor Reinberger is particularly excited for more time with fewer teaching and administrative responsibilities. He plans on working on major research projects including writing a book on merchant exchanges from the sixteenth to nineteenth century and continuing the investigation and dating of houses in the Georgia backcountry using dendrochronology. This fall, he also plans to cruise with his wife Maggie from Amsterdam to Budapest.

Since Professor Reinberger began his career at UGA in 1990s, he has seen the historic preservation program grow. Although the class sizes have gotten smaller in recent years, the department’s research has expanded. “[The UGA MHP] is a good program, and it’s gotten better over time. We have one of the richest range of faculty in terms of disciplines,” said Professor Reinberger.

Although Professor Reinberger will continue to teach as an emeritus professor part-time professor, we will miss him and look forward to more of his “Mark-isms” in the future!



Professor Reinberger (left) speaking to former students during his retirement party this spring.



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