Welcome to the Fall 2017 Alumni Newsletter for the Master of Historic Preservation Program at the University of Georgia. We love to hear from alumni so keep us updated by emailing dgabriel@uga.edu with any news you would like to share.

Meet the Class of 2019

The new class comes from a variety of educational backgrounds with degrees ranging from history and political science to advertising and communications. The new members are listed below:

Amanda Braithwaite - England
MacKenzie Carroll - Sacramento, CA
James Dorn - Edgefield, SC
Casey Emmett - Gainesville, GA
Carter Finch - Greenwood, SC
Nick Moss - Woodstock, GA
Courtland Nation - Buckhead, GA
Lauren Patterson - DeLand, FL
Caitlin Plesher - Suwanee, GA
Sherrie Raleigh - Macon, GA
Jim Rooks - Suwanee, GA
Savannah Young - Port Orange, FL

Before classes began in August, the newest members of the MHP Program participated in a weeklong orientation to introduce them to the program. Orientation included tours around campus and Athens as well as a day trip to Macon, GA, where they met with the Historic Macon Foundation headed by MHP alumni Ethiel Garlington (pictured below).
Michelle Garlington was recently featured in the summer issue of Macon Magazine for her work as an interior designer helping to redefine the interior space of Downtown Macon. Her collaborative design projects include spaces such as NewTown Macon’s office.

Brian Robinson is currently serving a two year Foreign Service tour for the US Department of State as the Supervisory General Services Officer for the US Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan.

Sean Dunlap was recently hired as Historic Preservation Specialist at WLA Studio in Athens, where he works on a variety of projects related to landscape history, cultural landscapes, and town and park planning. His son, Henry (pictured below), recently turned 1.

Inger Wood (’12) is an academic advisor for History and Foreign Language students and an adjunct with the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Georgia Southern University. She also continues contract work as an architectural historian in and around Statesboro.

Kit Candler moved this summer to Lexington, KY and is working with Everything But the House, an online estate sale company. It’s been really interesting for her to get to explore this area of Kentucky by going to estate sales and working with people to get their items processed and ready for online auction. She’s also involved with the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation in Lexington.

Olivia Head (’17) recently started working as the National Register Specialist with the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Hollis Yates (’17) who started the program part time in 2010 defended her thesis in Spring 2017. She currently works as Publications Manager for the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences at UGA.

Caty Rushing DeLaigle welcomed a new preservationist into her family. Her son, Daniel “Rush” DeLaigle (pictured below), was born on August 27, 7 lb 11 oz. Caty works as an independent interior designer under the name Modern Classic Interior Design in Greensboro. She also serves on the HPC for Greensboro where she has purchased a 1906 gabled L farm house.

Kevin Chastine, AICP (’02) accepted the position of Director of Land Planning at Griggs and Maloney, Inc. Griggs and Maloney is an Engineering and Environmental firm based in Murfreesboro, TN that has served communities throughout Tennessee and the Southeast for the past 29 years. Kevin’s responsibilities include providing current and long range planning services as well as cultural resource services to communities throughout the Middle Tennessee Region.

Paul Maggioni (’01) is currently head of the Savannah office of LG2 Environmental Solutions, Inc. As part of his job, he has conducted historic building surveys for the US government in Georgia, New Mexico, Virginia, and Alaska, and has conducted historic research for archaeological investigations at Ft Stewart, GA and for private developers in Florida. He has also worked on several publications this past year for WWII Magazine and Military History Magazine.

Rob Crawford (’05) left his job working for the State of North Carolina and entered the seminary. He is now just a few months away from ordination as a pastor in the Lutheran Church.

Ramona Bartos was elected in March 2017 as board vice president of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. She is currently the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for North Carolina.

Michael Chapman (’07) is working on a grant initiative in the city of Ball Ground in Cherokee County. The program is called the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) and is sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission. LCI is a grant program that encourages cities and communities in the Atlanta region to develop strategies that link residents to shopping, dining, and other activities via sidewalks and bike trails. The City of Ball Ground will use its LCI grant to create a blueprint for new development in its downtown district in a manner compatible with the historic significance of the area.

Amy is currently the Superintendent at Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater, NY. She was one of four NPS Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents chosen to visit parks and heritage sites outside the U.S. in August and September on study trips to engage with colleagues to explore new approaches and share lessons learned in common management issues. Amy spent a week in Scotland learning from colleagues at Historic Environment Scotland where she was able to learn more about the use of technology at historic sites. She was curious to see how sites in Scotland use technology to bring the past to life. For her, there is much to be learned from international colleagues on “how to continue to make our sites relevant, fresh, and welcoming to all cultural groups.”
“Seeing the turn out for our presentation really drove home the importance of community involvement in any preservation activity.”

- Student David Dobbs

Do you remember your first National Register Nomination? As part of Professor Goetcheus's Cultural Resource Assessment Class, students learned about the various aspects of the National Register of Historic Places and the research required to add places to the National Register. Their final project, which was to add the childhood home of famed American author and Putnam County native Alice Walker as well as the surrounding buildings and sites in the district to the National Register, consisted of 2 parts. For the first part, students worked individually or in pairs to complete background research and survey the various resources on site. The second part of the project consisted of each student preparing potential National Register Nominations for this district. Students presented their research and conclusions to the members of the Putnam County community in April. Following the presentation of the proposed National Register district, community members were given time to ask questions and voice opinions.

The club also took a special field trip to the Hurt-Rives Plantation in Hancock County, GA. This National Register listed site is currently owned by Bob and Susan Woodall who run Fort Creek Farms from the property selling sustainably raised grass fed beef, pastured chicken, free range eggs, and pet goats. Second year MHP student and former Fort Creek Farms employee Chris Jackson led a tour around the property including visits to the main house, several slave cabins, the family cemetery, and other outbuildings.
Recruitment, Internships, and Job Placement?

The UGA MHP alumni assist in recruiting prospective students, identifying internship opportunities around the country and informing us of job openings in their community or region. If you can help, or if you have ideas to share with us about how we can strengthen this relationship, please contact Professor James Reap at jreap@uga.edu.

CED Dean Search

With Dean Dan’s upcoming retirement, the search is on for a new Dean of the CED. The four finalists for the position are James LaGro, Patsy Eubanks Owens, Sonia Hirt, and Forster Ndubisi. The finalists will be coming to campus soon and there will be opportunities to meet with them. If you know any of the candidates and want to provide feedback or if you want to learn more, click here. Professor Cari Geotcheus, student Maria Rachal, and alumna Jennifer Messer are all serving on the search committee.

Professor Updates

Dr. Mark Reinberger has been busy working on an HSR and Restoration/Interpretation Plan for Wormsloe Plantation. He also recently presented his research on Merchant Exchanges at the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Conference in Lynchburg, VA. He has recently been named to the Editorial Board of the Georgia University Press and also has recently developed and taught the program's first online course.

Professor Cari Goetcheus recently presented at the Georgia Drone Summit regarding the use of drones for heritage conservation. She was also recently featured in a piece by the NPS for her work in cultural landscapes which recognized her work which “draws upon history, ecology, design, planning, and management” and her use of interdisciplinary learning. Read more from the NPS article by clicking here.

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