Welcome to the UGA Historic Preservation Alumni Newsletter! Find out what your old classmates and professors are up to and the exciting new things happening in the MHP Program. We love to hear from alumni so keep us updated by emailing dgabriel@uga.edu with any news you would like to share.

Staff Updates:

In a White House Press Release, President Obama has expressed his intent to appoint Professor James Reap as a member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee in the Department of State. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting news!

For the last two years, Professor Scott Nesbit’s class on Public History and Technology has focused on exploring the history of enslavement at the University of Georgia. By the beginning of 2017, students from this course will release a website and a public exhibit for Hargrett Special Collections Library.

New Student Spotlight

Yoldez Halleb
CED’s First Fulbright Scholar

This semester, the CED welcomes its first Fulbright Scholar to the MHP program. “I feel fortunate and honoured to be a Fulbright scholar,” said Halleb, a native of Sousse, Tunisia. “Although I know I have a big responsibility to present the Fulbright Program and my country Tunisia the best way I can, getting an American education was a dream come true.”

Halleb feels confident that through the education she will get at the CED, and her passion for historic preservation, she can make a difference back home.

“I would like to go back to my country Tunisia and apply what I have learnt here,” said Halleb. “As an architect, I feel that it is crucial to give back to humanity and help in preserving what is left. Combined with my architectural background, I can actually play an active role in protecting the significant historic sites.”

-By Thomas Christopher Mills, Master of Advertising, ‘16
Alumni Updates

Kyle Campbell ‘12, owner of Preservation South, Inc., was featured in The Greenville News about his company and his work with the Wilkins House in Greenville, SC.

Claire Cothren ‘12 now owns her own business, Dovetail Interior Design and Historic Preservation in Natchez, MS.

Mary Fenwick Parish ‘16 is an historian/landscape designer at WLA Studio in Athens.

Ashley Mullins Finley ‘10 and her husband Brett welcomed a baby boy, Chap-pell Thomas, on June 29, 2016 where they reside in Charleston, SC.

Mark W. Heeb ‘97 is now the Senior Project Manager/Principal at BL Companies in Camp Hill, PA.

Karen Hudson ‘88 is now a Visiting Assistant Professor of Historic Preservation in the College of Design at the University of Kentucky.

Jennifer Leynes ‘98 will begin working at the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office as a transportation reviewer after 17 years at a New Jersey cultural resources management firm.

Gina Peek ‘04 was awarded tenure at Oklahoma State University. She is currently the Associate Professor and Cooperative Extension Housing and Consumer Specialist along with being the Coordinator of the DHM Graduate Program.

Andrew Stern ‘15 is now a Planner with the Planning & Code Enforcement Department for Oconee County, GA.

Alumni Spotlight
Katry Harris, 98’

Katry will now manage the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Section 106 training program as a Training Specialist. Katry has been with the ACHP as a Program Analyst for 10 years and has over 25 years’ experience in historic preservation. She has served as the Section 106 case reviewer for federal agencies including the various transportation agencies, Federal Communications Commission, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Forest Service, and National Park Service. She was also the ACHP’s first liaison to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The ACHP provides the popular classroom training courses, “Section 106 Essentials” and “Advanced Section 106 Seminar.” The affordable webinar series provides practical instruction in discreet Section 106 application scenarios. A free on-line on-demand course, “What is Section 106,” is available through her on-line on-demand e-learning portal, and look for more courses in the near future. For information about any of these training opportunities or special training requests, visit the website or e-mail Katry at training@achp.gov.

SHPO Updates

The Student Historic Preservation Organization wants to create educational opportunities, drive community engagement, grow the presence of MHP on Campus, offset student travel costs, and create an environment for overall growth of the MHP program. SHPO needs funding to ensure that MHP students get these opportunities. Therefore they have launched a fundraising campaign called “Blast Off to Houston” to raise $10,000. This would help students with travel expenses for the National Trust Conference in Houston, Texas this year. Expected expenses are around $750 per student. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated. SHPO is now hosting a lecture series to engage both the University of Georgia and the Athens community in discussing challenging ongoing preservation issues that affect both groups. Pratt Cassity kicked off the series with a lecture on September 15th. SHPO has also been active in the community through two volunteer events so far this year. In August, students cleaned the family cemetery at the William Harris Homestead in Monroe, GA. In October, SHPO members spent a Saturday participating in Your State Parks day at Watson Mill Bridge State Park in Comer, GA. At this event, students picked up litter along the river banks (pictured above). Upcoming volunteer events include working with Andalusia farm in Milledgeville, GA.
Save the Date:

Going to this year's National Trust Conference in Houston or live in the area? Join the Student Historic Preservation Organization for happy hour on November 17th at 7pm, location to be announced soon on the SHPO Facebook page.

Student Work Spotlight

In the Spring semester of 2016, three graduating MHP students, Rebecca McManus, Alexandra Green and Sophia Latz, took on the task of creating a comprehensive Historic Structures Report for Denmark Hall. From dining hall to historic preservation headquarters, Denmark Hall’s 115-year history has led to its interior being used for many different uses. Named for Brantly A. Denmark, the leader of the first alumni fundraising drive, the university built Denmark Hall in 1901. Clarke County’s commission lent the school convict labor to use in the structure’s construction. Around this time, a little farm was situated behind the building, providing eggs, pork and other goods to the kitchen. The building continued to be used as a dining hall up through the 1950s. Rumor has it that the building was used as an infirmary during World War II; however there is no evidence of this, as 1945 floor plans show that it was still a dining hall at this time. In 1956 UGA’s Landscape Architecture program moved in to occupy the entire building.

The three authors of Denmark’s HSR say that in the 115 years that Denmark Hall has existed, surprisingly little has changed. For those concerned with the integrity of the building, this is good news. For those actively using the building, this can be somewhat of an issue. With no renovations in the past 20 years, and with nothing substantial updated in close to 30 years, the current condition of the building is concerning. Very little effort has been put into maintaining Denmark, and its age has been showing for over a decade. For a building with such initial necessary use to the development of North Campus, this lack of interest is worrying. The thorough HSR went on to provide recommendations for treatment of this historic structure. If you are interested in learning more, read the full report here!

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.

Until next time...

Thank you for reading the Fall 2016 Alumni Newsletter. To provide updates about your personal and professional achievements, please contact Donna Gabriel by email at donnag@uga.edu or by phone at (706) 542-4720. We look forward to hearing from you!