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# Spring 2020 Commencement Program

*Architecture*

*Urban Studies and Planning*

*Historic Preservation*

*Real Estate Development*

*Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design*

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Office of the Dean

2020 May Commencement Ceremony

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

Donald W. Linebaugh, Ph.D., Interim Dean

School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

To the Class of 2020:

It is an honor to celebrate our community of graduates today

You have shown incredible dedication, resilience, and adaptability over the last several weeks, at a time of overwhelming uncertainty. We are at a pivotal time in history, and you are poised to write our future. I challenge you to make your mark on the world with the determination, creativity, and values you showed at Maryland.

I am so proud of your achievement and look forward to following your successes as you go fearlessly into the world

Go Terps!



Donald W. Linebaugh, PhD, RPA

Interim Dean

School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

KEYNOTE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Coren Sharples, AIA, Principal

SHoP Architects New York City

B.S. Business and Management, 1987

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Maria Fernanda Farieta, Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Margaret Curran, Master of Community Planning

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Program Directors

Brian Kelly, AIA, Director, Architecture Program

Associate Dean for Development & Faculty Affairs

Madlen Simon, AIA, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Outreach

Casey Dawkins, Ph.D., Director, Urban Studies and Planning Program &

Director, Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design Program

Maria Day-Marshall, J.D. LL.M., Director, Real Estate Development Program

Dennis J. Pogue, Ph.D., Interim Director, Historic Preservation Program

# Graduating Students

## DOCTORAL DEGREE

### PH.D. IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AND DESIGN

David Boston                      Jinyhup Kim

## DUAL DEGREE

### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Christopher Ramirez

### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Amy Duan

### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Sarah Ingerson

### MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT + MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Matthew Harrop

### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Maria J. Espinoza

## MASTER'S DEGREE

### MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Sara Baum                                      Veronica Martin  
Grace Davenport

### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Alexander Carl Bailor                      Trey (Gene Leroy) Miller  
Yohannes Eagle Bennehoff              Kari Elizabeth Nye  
Anna E. Brinley                              Elena Lottie Perry  
Sarah Elizabeth Bond                      Luke Savonis  
Margaret Louise Curran                  Rachel Diane Tillinghast  
Ellen Janeen Kortesoja                  Carrie Abigail Anderson-Watters  
Devin John McNally

### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Mansoor Ahmed                              Taina Neugebauer Peters  
Elizabeth "Zebi" Brown                  Shanek Reid  
Collin Haslup                                  Amber Robbs  
Adam Knoebel                                  Deane Townsend  
Dan Lorenzana                                  Kelsey Winters  
Enzo Montecinos

### MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Karynne Renee Imani Campbell          Jessica Armstrong Kelley  
Dennis Holste

## CERTIFICATE

### CERTIFICATE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Amber Robbs

## DOUBLE DEGREE

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE + BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Sasha H. Kahn \*\*\*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE + BACHELOR OF ARTS IN STUDIO ARTS

Sierra Alene Sigmone

Minor: Real Estate Development

Minor: Sustainability Studies

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE + BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Nika Rafiee

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

Paul Joseph Abel

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Armando Alvarado-Zapata

Minor: Sustainability Studies

NaaKoshie Bannerman

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Kolin Otto Behrens

Minor: Sustainability Studies

CIVICUS Citation

Reginald Berkeley Belgrave

Minor: Global Poverty

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Cameron J. Cabrera

Minor: Real Estate Development

Colleen Marie Chapin

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Charles Benjamin Coffey

Leticia Cometti Lacerda

Minor: Spanish Language: Culture & Professional Contexts

Nicholas John DeFeo

Minor: Naval Science

Nicholas Christopher Dibella

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Thomas Richard Diehl

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Minor: Real Estate Development

Jennifer Flores

Grace Lauren Gaffney

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Minor: Real Estate Development

Ashanti Naomi Gillespie

Hope Sarah Grobler

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Damani J. Hamm

Kaitlin Marie Harvey

Minor: Global Poverty

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Godfirst Chidiebubue Ihuoma

Rabia Kashmiri

Yan Konan

Talya Sarah Kravitz\*

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Larissa Nicole Mathis

Jake Conrad Monson

Minor: Leadership Studies

Amanda Morgante

Minor: Real Estate Development

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Jeffrey Seth Simet

Minor: Real Estate Development

Benjamin Streit Spensieri

Ryan Joseph Sumner

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Brandon C. Talastas

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Danielle Kathryn Abe\*\*

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Stephen James Allen

Minor: Naval Science

Christina Marie Bernardo

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Carlos Nerib Bucio-Marín

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Julia Leigh Campbell\*

Se'Daysia Kiyanna Cooper-Lee

Minor: Real Estate Development

Eleanor Lee Cromwell\*

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Angela Jesse Devon

William Edward Eckard

Minor: Real Estate Development

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Hayat Ihab Elsamannoudi\*\*

Nilo Elliott Exar

Minor: Greek, Language, and Culture

Maria Fernanda Farieta\*\*

Josselyn Lissette Flores

Tyler Steven Fontanilla\*\*

Minor: Sustainable Studies

David Franco Osorio

Alexandra Collins Hall\*

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Christopher James Hostetler

Valerie Joan Houck-Meloni

Minor: Real Estate Development

Antea Jarazi\*

Ruiyao Jiang

Thalia Nichole Jimenez

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Juleesa J. Jolley

Christian Michael Joyner

Liushan Lin\*\*

Ruying Lu \*\*

Gabriel Versiani Mafra

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Jacques Thomas Marais

Thomas Michael Mattson\*\*

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Carissa Celestyna Mejia

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Minor: Heritage, Language and

Latino/a Culture

Joshua Aaron Miller

David John Milner

Ryan T. Muir

Adeola Olubusayo Okubadejo

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Alexander Bradley Peña

Abigail Mae Peters

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Jennifer Yuliza Pineda

Garve Orlistyn Polymise

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Benjamin Allan Ripley\*\*\*

Collin Rivello

Nicole Ann Starego\*\*

Julia Katlyn Tingle

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Austin Robert Toth

Karla Margarita Villatoro Santos

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Amir Zvi Wertheimer\*

Minor: Sustainable Studies

Taylor Alexis Wilson

Riley Elizabeth Zentz\*

Minor: Construction Project Mgmt.

Minor: Real Estate Development

Peter Leon Zhou\*

## Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design

### David Boston – *Modeling the Relationship Between the Housing First Approach and Homelessness*

A growing body of evidence from individual-level studies demonstrating that the Housing First approach is effective at keeping those experiencing homelessness in stable housing has led to the approach being championed by many leading experts, especially as a way to address chronic homelessness (O'Flaherty, 2019). This helps us understand the relationship between Housing First and an individual's homelessness, but we know very little about the relationship between implementation of a Housing First approach and overall homelessness rates in a community.

In a 2019 survey of homelessness research published by the *Journal of Housing Economics*, Brendan O'Flaherty wrote:

*"What has been missing in studies of Housing First are estimates of aggregate impact: does operating a Housing First program actually reduce the total amount of homelessness in a community?"*

Through this study, I sought to understand if Continuums of Care (CoC) that have adopted a Housing First approach by dedicating a higher proportion of their resources towards permanent housing units are associated with a lower proportion of people experiencing homelessness between the years 2009 and 2017 than CoCs dedicating a higher proportion of their resources towards emergency shelter and other short-term solutions. Additionally, I sought to understand how that relationship between the implementation of a Housing First approach and homelessness rates change as the values of median rent, unemployment, and other covariates typically associated with homelessness rates change. I hypothesized that CoCs adopting a Housing First approach, as defined in the context of this study, would experience lower homelessness rates.

The hypothesis that homelessness rates would decrease as the Housing First index increases was supported by the results, but the relationship is more complex than hypothesized. The relationship between Housing First and homelessness rates was quadratic in nature and influenced by an interaction effect with housing tenure. Jurisdictions that adopted a Housing First approach generally experienced lower homelessness rates, except where a vast majority of households are owner-occupied.

## Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design

### **Jinyhup Kim – *Housing Demand and Tenure Choice for Senior Citizens: Lessons from Three Essays***

The U.S. housing market faces a huge surge brought on by the growth of the older population. Housing researchers and gerontologists are now focusing on potential challenges that older households could face over the coming decades and are attempting to estimate how such challenges will affect the housing market. This marks a critical point for assessing housing affordability, availability of accessible housing, and housing demands based on geographical locations – all of which will be of utmost importance to aging populations in the coming decades.

Although the older population is growing rapidly and is receiving considerable attention from both researchers and policymakers, there has been relatively few empirical studies about the housing behaviors of older Americans. This dissertation examines the aforementioned three challenges through empirical essays by employing micro-data (e.g., the 2004–2014 Health and Retirement Study, the 2011 American Housing Survey, and the 2013–2017 Public Use Microdata Sample). Specifically, the first paper will examine the reasons why elderly homeowners make the downward transition from homeownership, with a particular focus on the significance of property taxes on elderly behaviors. The second paper will investigate the living conditions of existing housing for stayers – those who have remained in their place of dwelling since reaching the retirement age of 65 – and estimate how accessible their housing is to meet the daily needs for aging in place. The third paper will seek empirical determinants on residential mobility and housing choices by elderly households in the Baltimore MSA, assessing the net impact of individual and housing attributes on migration behaviors and housing consumption.

The results of these analyses show that property tax abatement programs fail to provide tax subsidies targeted to low income seniors in need. Furthermore, policy approaches to grow the accessible housing stock have proven largely unsuccessful. Finally, seniors who migrate throughout the Baltimore MSA show a strong tendency to downsize and become renters – particularly of apartments – regardless of location. This research will provide timely new evidence, which will help decision-makers better understand the burning issues that impact aging adults' housing-related behaviors in the U.S. housing market.

## Awards and Honors

### Architecture Awards

**The Architecture Thesis Award** is given to a graduate student for excellence in the Master of Architecture Thesis.

**Amber Robbs, *Sustainability through Adaptation: Re-imagining Existing Spaces with Mass Timber Construction***

**American Institute of Architects Henry Adams Medal** is a national award that recognizes a Master of Architecture degree candidate for highest academic excellence.

**Lauren Gilmartin**

**Alpha Rho Chi Medal** is a national award that recognizes graduating students in the Architecture program for leadership, service and professionalism.

**James Jesmer**

**ARCC 2019-2020 King Medal** The Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) is pleased to be able to award an “ARCC / King Student Medal for Excellence in Architectural + Environmental Design Research” to one student from each ARCC member institution. Selection of a nominee from each member institution is left generally to the discretion of the member (school, college, department).

**Lauren Gilmartin**

**Alumni Chapter Award** recognizes students for outstanding service and leadership.

#### ***Baccalaureate Level***

Alexander Bradley Pena

Jennifer Yuliza Pineda

Sasha H. Kahn

#### ***Master's Level***

Eric Bos

Andrea Nichols

Amber Robbs

**Faculty Award for Academic Excellence** recognizes Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Science degree candidates for academic excellence.

***Master's Level***

Eric Bos  
Kyle Huck  
Cassandra Huntington  
Taina Peters  
Amber Robbs

***Baccalaureate Level***

Hayat Ihab Elsamannoudi  
Tyler Steven Fontanilla  
Rachel Julius  
Sasha Kahn  
Liushan Lin  
Ruying Lu  
Thomas Michael Mattson  
Benjamin Allan Ripley  
Nicole Ann Starego

**Faculty Award for Excellence in Design** recognizes Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Science degree candidates for excellence in design.

***Master's Level***

Eric Bos  
Lauren Gilmartin  
Kyle Huck  
Adam Knoebel  
Amber Robbs  
Sara Ghafar Samar

***Baccalaureate Level***

Dylan Blye  
Hayat Ihab Elsamannoudi  
Rachel Julius  
Liushan Lin  
Ruying Lu  
Benjamin Ripley  
Nicole Ann Starego  
Julia Katlyn Tingle

**Faculty Award for Achievement in Design** recognizes Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Science degree candidates for high achievement in design

***Master's Level***

Elizabeth Brown  
Jessica Ham  
Cassandra Huntington  
James Jesmer  
Andrea Nichols  
Taina Peters  
Deane Townsend  
Trevor Wood

***Baccalaureate Level***

Danielle Kathryn Abe  
Julia Leigh Campbell  
Eleanor Lee Cromwell  
Maria Fernanda Farieta  
Alexandra Collins Hall  
Christopher Weir  
Amir Zvi Wertheimer  
Riley Elizabeth Zentz  
Peter Leon Zo

## Real Estate Development Awards

**MRED Outstanding Capstone Project Prize** is awarded for the best final project as determined by a jury of real estate professionals.

*First Place*

**Sarah Ingerson, *Mariner's Court***

*Runner-up*

**Matthew Harrop, *Solomon's Crossing***

**MRED Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** recognizes the Master of Real Estate Development student achieving the highest level of academic achievement represented by grade point average.

**Jessica Kelley**

**MRED Award for Academic Excellence** is presented to Master of Real Estate Development students with outstanding excellence in academics.

**Karynne Campbell**

## Historic Preservation Awards

**Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award**

**Amy Duan**

**Prince George's Heritage Fellowship Award**, established in May 1991 by Margaret Cook, is an annual competitive award for a historic preservation student who undertakes a study related to Prince George's County.

**Grace Davenport**

**Jon C. Graff, Ph.D. Endowed Prize in Historic Preservation**, established in 2018, is an award given annually to an outstanding student (or two) that includes a travel award accompanied by a medallion. Dr. Graff is a University of Maryland alumnus who had a successful career in biochemistry and later cyber security. As a lifelong learner, he studies paleontology and supports historic preservation in his retirement. He is an avid bicycler, thus this medal reflects his passion.

**Sara Baum**



**The Director's Award** recognizes an outstanding graduating preservation student, both for their overall achievement and for producing a final project that successfully applies inter- and multi-disciplinary research methodologies in the field of historic preservation.

**Veronica Martin**

## Urban Studies & Planning Awards

**Larry Reich Award:** Larry Reich was Baltimore City Department of Planning Director from 1965 to 1990 and was a central figure in the City's Downtown Renaissance, a proponent of community-based planning and neighborhood initiatives, and an opponent of proposed highways that would have obliterated some of Baltimore's most historic neighborhoods. The Larry Reich Award is given annually to a M.C.P. student who has shown initiative and leadership in an area of urban revitalization or economic development.

**Trey (Gene Leroy) Miller**

**Robert Janes Award:** Robert Janes was a University of Maryland Sociology professor who created the University's Urban Studies program. Responding to the urban unrest of the 1960s, he established a broad multi-disciplinary program aimed at preparing practitioners who could improve city conditions. The Robert Janes award is given to an URSP graduating student for contributions to the mission of the Urban Studies and Planning Program.

**Sarah Elizabeth Bond**

**AICP Award:** The American Institute of Certified Planners Award is for achieving the highest point average while completing the Master of Community Planning degree from the Urban Studies and Planning Program. The award acknowledges the student's commitment to scholarship and academic excellence.

**Anna E. Brinley**

**Melvin Levin Outstanding MCP Student Award:** Dr. Levin was chairman of the Urban Studies and Planning Program from 1978 to 1989. This award recognizes the student's high level of scholarship, as well as the student's commitment to enhancing the quality of the Program. The student epitomizes the planning student we seek to recruit and ultimately graduate into the professional planning field.

**Kari Elizabeth Nye**

**Samuel J. Lefrak Award:** Samuel J. Lefrak was one of the foremost leaders in the housing industry of the 20th century. He is credited with making several important contributions to urban revitalization in New York City. This award is presented to a MCP student in recognition of the student's scholarship and commitment to the vision and goals of the planning profession.

**Alexander Carl Bailor**

**URSP Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award:** This award is presented to a graduating student in the Urban Studies and Planning Program whose work as a Graduate Research Assistant and/or Teaching Assistant has been outstanding.

**Devin John McNally**

## National Center for Smart Growth Awards

### Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award

**Mohammad Motaleb Nejad** for work on PRESTO and other transportation projects

**Daniella Acosta** for work on the plan integration tool

**Lilian Grace Murnen** for work supporting the PALS program

**Kenneth James Turscak** for work supporting the PALS program

## Campus Awards

**Sasha Kahn**, who is receiving a **Bachelor of Arts in Architecture** and a **Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics** is the recipient of the following awards from the University of Maryland:

**University Honors Outstanding Student Award**

**The H.C. Byrd Award, UMD's Citizenship Prize for Men**

**Senior Marshall for UMD's campus-wide Virtual Commencement**



## Honor Societies

### SIGMA PI KAPPA

Sigma Pi Kappa is an international honor society for historic preservation students, faculty, and distinguished professionals, that serves to encourage and stimulate scholarship, foster interest and accomplishment, and provide and promote leadership in the field of historic preservation.

**Sara Baum**

**Grace Davenport**

**Veronica Martin**

### TAU SIGMA DELTA

Tau Sigma Delta is an honor society in architecture and the allied arts. The Iota Psi Chapter at the University of Maryland was chartered in 2010 and was developed from a senior honor society in architecture and landscape architecture to become inclusive of all disciplines allied with the architecture program.

**Danielle Kathryn Abe**

**Alexander Carl Bailor**

**Anna E. Brinley**

**Julia Leigh Campbell**

**Margaret Louise Curran**

**Grace Davenport**

**Hayat Ihab Elsamannoudi**

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**Veronica Martin**

**Thomas Michael Mattson**

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**Nicole Ann Starego**

**Amir Zvi Wertheimer**

**Kelsey Winters**

**Riley Elizabeth Zentz**

**Peter Leon Zhou**

## Faculty and Staff Awards

### Outstanding Teaching Awards

*Each year, the school recognizes teaching excellence by professional track faculty, junior faculty and senior faculty with the Outstanding Teaching Award. This year, we are pleased to recognize faculty who went above and beyond in transitioning the school to an online instructional platform, delivering supportive, engaging environments that foster collaboration and learning.*

### PROFESSIONAL TRACK PTK FACULTY

#### DTAG (Digital Technology Advisory Group)

Douglas Crawford

Alex Donahue

Ken Filler

Julie Gabrielli

Lindsey May

Brittany Williams

### SENIOR FACULTY

Peter Noonan (also part of DTAG)

### JUNIOR FACULTY

Ariel Bierbaum

## Outstanding Staff Awards

**Ingrid Farrell**  
**Kristen Tepper**

Assistant Dean of Internal Affairs and Budget **Ingrid Farrell** is recognized for her longstanding commitment to the administrative and business operations of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, and the development and wellbeing of our community. For over 15 years, Ingrid has been guided by her “why,” a motto that defines her everyday actions at the university: pleasant, helpful and cooperative. Ingrid’s collaborative spirit and resourceful, calm approach to budgetary challenges has earned her a reputation across the university campus and the admiration of her colleagues. She is known for her boundless positivity, even in the toughest of circumstances. Ingrid is an ear and an advocate for the school’s staff and approaches conflict with wisdom and patience. Her commitment to the school and its mission has made MAPP an engaged and inclusive place to work.

MAPP is pleased to honor Career Services Advisor and URSP / PhD Program Assistant **Kristen Tepper** for her outstanding service. For five years, Kristen has built and grown the school’s Career Services, nurturing relationships with regional employers, organizations and alumni to connect emerging professionals to summer internships or their first post-graduate career. She adeptly guides students through the process of creating their first resume, interviewing and fine-tuning their portfolio to highlight their unique skills and passions. Kristen is generous with both time and encouragement. She is a fierce advocate and is deeply invested in each student’s post-graduate success. She has grown what was a modest annual career fair into an anticipated event for regional employers. As program coordinator for the Urban Studies and Planning Program, Kristen played a critical role in securing the program’s recent successful re-accreditation. Her resourcefulness, dedication and kind spirit are a boon to the school and the student experience.

## Dean’s Awards

**Professor Carl Bovill**  
**Professor Garth Rockcastle**  
**Clinical Assistant Professor Lindsey May**

The School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation is pleased to honor Professor **Carl Bovill** for his decades of teaching excellence at the University of Maryland. Carl was the first architect of MAPP’s technology curriculum, redesigning course content to incorporate structural and environmental issues into the design process. His passion for the building sciences knows no bounds, most evident in his incredible generosity of time and spirit; he has been a guiding presence for junior faculty and students for over 25 years, in both professional development and expertise. He is an engaged, congenial member of the faculty community and a regular presence at school events. A gifted teacher, Carl is dedicated to his students and a nurturer of great ideas, going the extra mile to assure their proficiency in the design tools and technology that will bring them success as professionals.

Professor **Garth Rockcastle** is recognized for his significant contributions to the school over his 16-year career at the University of Maryland. Professor Rockcastle is a dedicated member of the architecture faculty, leveraging his award-winning creative practice to help shape the architecture curriculum and guide students through the process of making great places. He served as Dean of the School from 2004 to 2010, and remains a sought-after mentor and advisor for both students and faculty. Garth led Maryland’s U.S. Solar Decathlon team to victory in 2017 with reACT, which took second place internationally and first in the United States. The project broke barriers in modular, scalable and affordable net-zero housing design. He continues to use reACT to inspire and engage students in experiential learning and has poised it to be UMD’s first interdisciplinary sustainability laboratory.

The school honors Clinical Assistant Professor **Lindsey May** for her leadership, vision and extraordinary efforts as interim assistant director of the Architecture Program. Lindsey was integral in shifting MAPP’s architecture curriculum online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic this past spring. Specifically, she led the school’s Digital Transition Advisory Group in creating an engaging virtual environment for Design Studio, capitalizing on digital tools of the practice to transform the studio experience with special consideration for the different student learning styles. Her creative problem-solving, “can-do” attitude, and resourcefulness helped deliver meaningful, collaborative experiences in the virtual environment. She worked tirelessly with students and colleagues to deliver the school’s first digital thesis review. Lindsey is a committed, inspiring part of the MAPP community.

## Commencement Speaker

**Coren Sharples, AIA, Principal  
SHoP Architects New York City**

Coren Sharples is a founding partner of SHoP whose interest and broad expertise in material expression at the tactile level has led her to oversee the work of the firm's interior design group. She holds a Bachelor of Science in business and management from the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in architecture from Columbia University. Coren is integral to the creation of comprehensive solutions that consider design at every scale, as exemplified in her work on the Fashion Institute of Technology A-Labs and New Academic Building, Barclays Center, Google's Mountain View headquarters offices, and the frog design studio, among many other projects. Her attention to detail comes from a deep understanding and passion for craft; coupled with SHoP's expertise in digital fabrication and construction technology, the result is smart, efficient, and beautiful work.

## Congratulations Alumni!

We like to stay connected with our alumni and are always interested in hearing their latest news. You can keep in touch and update your contact information by emailing us at **mappalum@umd.edu**.

The **MAPP+D Alumni Network** congratulates all new graduates and welcomes your involvement and participation. You may join them by visiting this link **<https://alumni.umd.edu/join>**.

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