



SCHOOL OF
ARCHITECTURE,
PLANNING & PRESERVATION

Spring 2023 Commencement Program

Architecture

Urban Studies and Planning

Historic Preservation

Real Estate Development

PhD in Urban and Regional Planning and Design

24 May 2023 | 10:00 a.m.

The Dekelboum Concert Hall

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

MARYLAND'S BUILT ENVIRONMENT SCHOOL

2023 May Commencement Ceremony

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

Dawn Jourdan, Esq., Ph.D., AICP

Dean, School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation

KEYNOTE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Jacob R. (Jake) Day

Secretary of Housing & Community Development for the
State of Maryland

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

Danielle Abe, Master of Architecture

Elizabeth Mekonnen, Master of Historic Preservation

Redowan Kabir Kaushik, Master of Community Planning

Brandy Alexandra Walterhoefer, Master of Real Estate
Development

Aidan Brami, Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate and the Built
Environment

Sarah Jane Graven, Bachelor of Science in Architecture

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Lindsey May, AIA, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Strategic Initiatives

Mohammad Gharipour, Ph.D., Area Chair / Director, Architecture Program

Clara Irazábal, Ph.D., Director, Urban Studies & Planning Program

Donald Linebaugh, Ph.D., Interim Director, Historic Preservation Program

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

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

FALL 2022 - GRADUATES

DUAL DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

David P. Moore II

Awais Kamran Qazi

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Grant Matthew Cunningham

MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT + MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Candace Dianne Swindell

MASTER'S DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Austin Benham

TaLisha Itasha Jenkins

Nicholas DiBella

Adeola Olubusayo Oubadejo

Almas Fatima Haider

Daryl Joseph Vargas

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Connor Morgan Jett

Matthew Alexander Spaniol

Michael Hackman

Marta Woldu

Caitlyn N. Mitchell

MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Ron Batzri

Natasha Jameson-Randolph

William Christian III

Dominick Perez

Ronald Dante Hobby

Bethlehem Getachew Wolde

BACHELORS DEGREE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

Ericka S. Amory-Moody

Minor: Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Alec Griffin Howerton

Minor: Art History

Kayla Ann Barrick

Minor: General Business

Samuel Paul Mitchell

Minor: Construction Project Management

Sarah Moghees Chaudhry

Minor: Real Estate Development

Johaness Therese Osorio

Minor: Real Estate Development

Terrell Dawkins

Minor: Construction Project Management

Giselle Ramirez-Gomez

Amodeo Giovanni

Minor: Construction Project Management
Minor: Sustainability Studies

Angelica Leilani Ramirez Lee

Minor: Spanish Literature, Linguistics & Culture

Monica Sofia Ventura

Lauren Elizabeth Welch***

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Dalia M. Abushi

Minor: Construction Project Management

Claudia Alexandra Bowes

Jonathan Lawrence Adams

Minor: Construction Project Management

Marina Fayrouz Brito

Humam Mohammed Al Qadhi

Julio Miguel Alumbro

Adriana Amaya Perdomo**

Minor: Construction Project Management

Helena Inés Calabia

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Jose Angel Carmona

Alexander Chen

Jonna Nicole Delgiacco

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Brenna Elizabeth Donovan

Edward J. Aragon

Minor: Real Estate Development

Meredith Eby

Minor: Spanish Language & Culture

Anthony Daniel Balsoma

Jessica Elise Barnard*

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Mateo Pena Escobosa*

Minor: Sustainability Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE (CONTINUED)

Luis Enrique Flores	Leticia Adriana Ramirez Granados <i>Minor: Latin American and Caribbean Studies</i>
Mustafa Yavuz Goktepe*	Liliana McVey Richard
Sergio Ramon Gomez <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Natalie Reyes <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Francisco Granados	Anthony Smith Romero Aguilar
Sarah Jane Graven* <i>Minor: Global Poverty</i> <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Ian Phillip Rosario*
Margaret Leigh Green	Frank Sandagorda <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Angela Guzman <i>Minor: Human Development</i> <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Sara Sedaghat
Wisdom Precious Marie Harden	Christophe Tanis <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Rachel Janovsky	Olivia Marie Tine <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Menjor Kamara <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Kendall Turner <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Ryan William Ljungquist	Gabrielle Walls <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Enzo A Macha De La Cruz	Steven Julian Yanes Barrera <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Morgan McGee** <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i> <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Navya Yekkala <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Patrick Avery Newton* <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Emily Zwobot <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Matthew Roberto Nina	
Eva Perez	

AWARDS AND HONORS

ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

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

TaLisha Jenkins, *More Than a Marker* (Chair: Ronit Eisenbach)

The Directors Award is given to an outstanding student who has made an impact on the program through their leadership and scholarship.

Almas Fatima Haider, *Of Land and Spirit: Reciprocity and Ritual in Land Stewardship* (Chair: Brittany Williams)

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Fall 2022 John B. Colvin Capstone Project Prize is awarded for the best final project as determined by a jury of real estate professionals.

First Place

**Natasha Jameson-Randolph,
*Morgan State @Broadway East***

Second Place

**William Christian III,
*Southern Unity***

Honorable Mention

Dominick Perez, *Phoenix Pointe*

Honorable Mention

**Candace Dianne Swindell,
*Pathways at Patterson***

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.

Ron Batzri, MRED

**Bethlehem Getachew Wolde,
MRED**

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

Candace Dianne Swindell, MBRE

SPRING 2023 - GRADUATES

DUAL DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Fadi Alajati

Yan Konan

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Ben Bernstein

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Danielle Abe

Benjamin Ripley

Upasana Kaku

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Christina Winnie Cargill

Elizabeth Mekonnen

MASTER OF APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Paul F. Albert, Jr.

Stewart Rebecca Williams
*Certificate: Museum Studies and
Material Culture*

CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Michael Betsinger

CERTIFICATE IN URBAN DESIGN

Miguel Alejandro Mora Rangel

MASTER'S DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Cristhy Centeno Arias

Selina Dandy

Marcelino Defngin

Andrew DeGroff

J. Chase Edwards

Konstantin Gulisashvili

Samanty Habib

James Renwick Long

Abigail Mencer

Miguel Alejandro Mora Rangel

Vincenza Perla

Austin Van Register

Vasilea Christine Roberts

Cameron Jamal Smith

Amanda Sparks

Carlos Vazquez Jr.

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

John Abban

Heather Asamoah

Katharine Dyson

Redowan Kabir Kaushik

Maureen McCauley Madden

Pamela Owusu Nkwantabisah

Rachel Marie Whiteheart

MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Brianna Candelaria

Kelsey Ann Farrish

Tabitha Gold

Emma Lucier-Keller

Francesca Claire Maisano

Lucy Cooksey Medley
*Certificate: Museum Studies and
Material Culture*

William Valentine White

MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Tawfiq Ismail Abdul-Karim

Armando Alvarado-Zapata

Camden Elizabeth Carpenter

Lex Davis

Donald Nuzzio Jr.

Riddhima Sabharwal

Brandy Alexandra Walterhoefer

Lillian Warfield

Chris Weir

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

Giovanni Jamshid Amodeo
Minor: Construction Project Management

Sophia Alissa Averza*
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Construction Project Management

Sydney Jordin Bell

Henry Blackwood
Minor: Real Estate Development

Hana Bramble*
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Japanese

Jack Brodrick

Rhys Burns
Minor: Art History
Minor: History & Theory of Architecture

Reilly Campbell
Minor: Sustainability Studies

Alicia Canas
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Construction Project Management

Kathleen Crouch
Minor: Construction Project Management

Luis Fernando Delgadillo
Minor: Construction Project Management

Abigail Elizabeth Eberhard
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Real Estate Development

Grace Nicole Falcone
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Construction Project Management

Eleena Rachel Feinberg

Patrick Flynn Gunning

Sheu Hassan

Brooke Hinkley

Garnett Jenkins
Minor: General Business

Toshiro D'Angelo Jones

Amir King

Nathaniel Gathua Kinyanjui
Minor: Japanese

Delvin John Logan

Matteo Francesco Mantovani

Laura Mariel Mardesich Chavez
Bachelor of Arts in Landscape Architecture
Minor: Sustainability Studies

Daniel Massillon

Trevor McCormick

Victoria Grace McCullough
Minor: Real Estate Development

Alanna Zenobia Gabrielle McDowall
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Construction Project Management

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE (CONTINUED)

Aidan Mock

Aastha Patel

Rahul Praful Patel

Angela Pina-Munoz
Minor: Construction Project Management

Ivan Popov
Minor: Construction Project Management

Angelica Leilani Ramirez Lee
Minor: Spanish Literature, Linguistics, and Culture

Crystal Robinson
Minor: Construction Project Management

Adriana Rosas Estanislao
Minor: Real Estate Development
Minor: Creative Placemaking

Cameron Lawrence Saunders
Minor: Construction Project Management

Matthew Schinella
Minor: Construction Project Management

Karen Paulina Valenzuela
Minor: Real Estate Development

Justine Marie Vance

Raeanne Marie White
Minor: Sustainability Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN REAL ESTATE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Aidan Brami
Minor: History

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Giovanni Aguirre <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Sergio Gomez <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Sabireen Abdul-Rahman Alim*** <i>Minor: Art History</i>	Nicholas Bryan Gray <i>Minor: Art History</i>
Isabel Anderson*** <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Surani Gunawardana <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Samuel R. Anguilla <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Jenna Renee Hertenstein** <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Wethny Antoine	Catherine Kasica <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Noelle Baker* <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i> <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Valeria Lucia Lopez Ruiz
Caleb Judah Blanton <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i> <i>Minor: Army Leadership Studies</i>	Emmi Pejo <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Mary Boualy	Sarah Phan <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Anthony Breder <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Namiko Randall** <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Italia Brown <i>Bachelor of Arts: Spanish Language, Literatures, and Cultures</i> <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Bennett Rubin
Holly Daley <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Caroline Sewell <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Catherine Dunkerson	Jessica Katherine Smith <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Stephen Duranske***	Colton Spangler
Donna Ferreira	Taban Taslim
Ida Rose Garfield	Anees Ubaid
Sheena Gary <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Xuan Vo
	Kenneth Kibe Wainaina
	Garry Williams Jr.

AWARDS AND HONORS

ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

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

Yan Konan, *Banished into Existence: Agritecture at the Intersection of Agriculture and Architecture* (Chair: Michael Ezban)

The **Directors Award** is given to outstanding students who have made an impact on the program through their leadership and scholarship.

Vincenza Perla, *Suspended Culture: Agritecture for a Contemporary Climate* (Chair: Lindsey May)

Marcelino Defngin, *Marketing Anacostia: Creating A Public Heart in Anacostia* (Chair: Matt Bell)

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

Upasana Kaku

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

Almas Fatima Haider

The **ARCC 2022-2023 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).

Upasana Kaku

Alumni Chapter Award recognizes students for outstanding service and leadership.

Master's Level

Danielle Abe	Vincenza Perla
Yan Konan	Benjamin Ripley

Baccalaureate Level

Sabireen Abdul-Rahman Alim	Sarah Phan
Stephen Duranske	

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

Master's Level

Danielle Abe	Miguel Alejandro Mora Rangel
Fadi Alajati	Benjamin Ripley
Marcelino Defngin	Adeola Olubusayo Okubadejo
Upasana Kaku	Vincenza Perla
James Renwick Long	

Baccalaureate Level

Giovanni Aguirre	Jenna Renee Hertenstein
Sabireen Abdul-Rahman Alim	Enzo A Macha De La Cruz
Isabel Anderson	Morgan McGee
Sophia Alissa Averza	Aidan Mock
Noelle Baker	Patrick Avery Newton
Jessica Elise Barnard	Adriana Amaya Perdomo
Hana Bramble	Leticia Adriana Ramirez
Brenna Elizabeth Donovan	Granados
Catherine Dunkerson	Namiko Randall
Stephen Duranske	Crystal Robinson
Mateo Pena Escobosa	Taban Taslim
Ida Rose Garfield	Olivia Marie Tine
Sarah Jane Graven	Xuan Vo
Margaret Leigh Green	Lauren Elizabeth Welch
Mustafa Yavuz Goktepe	Emily Zwobot

Faculty Award for Academic Achievement recognizes graduate and undergraduate degree candidates for academic excellence.

Master's Level

Austin Benham	Talisha Itasha Jenkins
Cristhy Centeno Arias	Yan Konan
Andrew DeGross	Awais Kamran Qazi
Nicholas DiBella	Austin Van Register
J. Chase Edwards	Vasilea Christine Roberts
Konstantin Gulisashvili	Amanda Sparks
Samanty Habib	Daryl Joseph Vargas
Almas Fatima Haider	

Baccalaureate Level

Julio Miguel Alumbro	Laura Mariel Mardesich Chavez
Anthony Breder	Victoria Grace McCullough
Rhys Burns	Alanna Zenobia Gabrielle McDowall
Helena Inés Calabia	Samuel Paul Mitchell
Grace Nicole Falcone	Emmi Pejo
Eleena Rachel Feinberg	Ivan Popov
Sheena Gary	Bennett Rubin
Nicholas Bryan Gray	Matthew Schinella
Surani Gunawardana	Jessica Katherine Smith
Angela Guzman	Karen Paulina Valenzuela
Alec Griffin Howerton	Justine Marie Vance
Menjor Kamara	Steven Julian Yanes Barrera
Nathaniel Gathua Kinyanjui	

Faculty Award for Excellence in Design recognizes graduate and undergraduate degree candidates for excellence in design.

Master's Level

Fadi Alajati	Yan Konan
Cristhy Centeno Arias	James Renwick Long
Marcelino Defngin	Miguel Alejandro Mora Rangel
Nicholas DiBella	Adeola Olubusayo Okubadejo
Almas Fatima Haider	Vincenza Perla
Upasana Kaku	Benjamin Ripley

Baccalaureate Level

Sabireen Abdul-Rahman Alim	Enzo A Macha De La Cruz
Julio Miguel Alumbro	Morgan McGee
Giovanni Jamshid Amodeo	Samuel Paul Mitchell
Isabel Anderson	Aidan Mock
Sophia Alissa Averza	Patrick Avery Newton
Noelle Baker	Aastha Patel
Hana Bramble	Angela Pina-Munoz
Helena Inés Calabia	Adriana Amaya Perdomo
Terrell Dawkins	Sarah Phan
Brenna Elizabeth Donovan	Leticia Adriana Ramirez
Catherine Dunkerson	Granados
Stephen Duranske	Namiko Randall
Mateo Pena Escobosa	Bennett Rubin
Grace Nicole Falcone	Jessica Katherine Smith
Eleena Rachel Feinberg	Karen Paulina Valenzuela
Sheena Gary	Justine Marie Vance
Amodeo Giovanni	Xuan Vo
Sergio Gomez	Raeanne Marie White
Jenna Renee Hertenstein	Lauren Elizabeth Welch
Alec Griffin Howerton	Emily Zwobot
Nathaniel Gathua Kinyanjui	

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

Master's Level

Danielle Abe	Austin Van Register
Austin Benham	Vasilea Christine Roberts
Andrew DeGross	Amanda Sparks
J. Chase Edwards	Cameron Jamal Smith
Konstantin Gulisashvili	Daryl Joseph Vargas
Samanty Habib	
Talisha Itasha Jenkins	

Baccalaureate Level

Giovanni Aguirre	Margaret Leigh Green
Samuel R. Anguilla	Matteo Francesco Mantovani
Wethny Antoine	Laura Mariel Mardesich Chavez
Jessica Elise Barnard	Emmi Pejo
Anthony Breder	Eva Perez
Reilly Campbell	Rahul Praful Patel
Meredith Eby	Angelica Leilani Ramirez Lee
Adriana Rosas Estanislao	Christophe Tanis
Mustafa Yavuz Goktepe	Olivia Marie Tine
Sarah Jane Graven	Gabrielle Walls

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

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.

Tabitha Gold, MHP

St. Clair Wright Scholarship is presented annually to a student who has involved her/himself in local preservation efforts since matriculation at the University of Maryland.

Paul F. Albert, Jr., AAHP

Francesca Claire Maisano, MHP

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 was an alumnus of the University of Maryland who had a successful career in biochemistry and later cyber security. As a lifelong learner, he studied paleontology and supported historic preservation in his retirement. He was an avid bicyclist and the accompanying medal reflects his passion.

Emma Lucier-Keller, MHP

Elizabeth Mekonnen, CPHP

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.

Elizabeth Mekonnen, CPHP

Lucy Cooksey Medley, MHP

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

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First Place

**Lex Davis,
2Central**

Honorable Mention

**Brandy Alexandra Walterhoefer,
The Haven**

Second Place

**Camden Elizabeth Carpenter,
Convergence**

Honorable Mention

**Chris Weir
The Hull at Central Avenue**

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.

Donald Nuzzio Jr., MRED

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

Lex Davis, MRED

Riddhima Sabharwal, MRED

Chris Weir, MRED

URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING AWARDS

APA Outstanding Student Award: The APA gives this award to one student from each PAB-accredited institution nominated by the department head/faculty with a letter. **CRITERIA:** The department head and colleagues of each Planning Accreditation Board-accredited planning program determines its own criteria. These criteria may include, but need not be limited to, academic achievement, leadership, commitment to planning as a career, and community service.

Redowan Kabir Kaushik, MCP

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.

Maria Fernanda Farieta

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.

Elizabeth Mekonnen, CPHP

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.

Elizabeth Mekonnen, CPHP

Rachel Marie Whiteheart, MCP

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.

Heather Asamoah, MCP

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.

Pamela Owusu Nkwantabisah, MCP

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.

Maureen McCauley Madden, MCP

Theresa Fiscus Moriarty Memorial Award: Best Paper by a URSP GA. URSP688I – The Comprehensive Plan (Fall 2022)

Rachel Marie Whiteheart, MCP

James Cohen Award: This is awarded annually to a graduate student who elevates conversations of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion through engaged planning research. The award honors Dr. Jim Cohen, a former director of the Urban Studies and Planning Program, who retired in 2017. Throughout his 27-year career at the University of Maryland, Dr. Cohen was integral in shaping both the URSP Program and the National Center for Smart Growth. He was a favorite among students and colleagues, generous with both his time and expertise.

Danielle Abe, ARCP

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SMART GROWTH RESEARCH & EDUCATION AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards

Jesse Bardsley (MCP) for work with Gerrit Knaap, Nick Finio and Chester Harvey for NCSG

Dejuan Johnsonn (MCP) for work with Willow Lung-Amam for SBAN

Katy June-Friesen (P.h.D, JOUR) for work with Willow Lung-Amam's for SBAN

Sophie McManus (P.h.D, URPD) for work with Casey Dawkins for NCSG

CAMPUS AWARDS

The **Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award** recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that graduate assistants provide.

Rory Davis

Maria Fernanda Farieta

HONORS SOCIETIES

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.

Brianna Candelaria, MHP

Kelsey Ann Farrish, MHP

Tabitha Gold, MHP

Elizabeth Mekonnen, CPHP

Lucy Cooksey Medley, MHP

William Valentine White, MHP

David Cronrath Retires Professor and Former Dean (2010 - 2016)



David Cronrath, who served as dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation from 2010 to 2016, has begun his retirement. After arriving here from Louisiana State, he served six years as dean, transitioned to the office of the provost and then returned to his role as a professor of architecture for his last few years before retirement. During that time, he helped the school build solid relationships with and better integrate into the larger university, allowing us to gain a level of respect across

campus. His ability to consistently communicate the importance of design thinking, as well as his manner and experience in problem-solving, helped others understand and appreciate how necessary those skills are when thinking differently and arriving at creative solutions.

A skilled administrator who understood how the university functions, David was instrumental in getting new skylights and lighting for the building, classroom furniture and a studio renovation that included accessible and moveable power outlets along with new chairs and desks and for the students—for the first time in 40 years! The big pin-up pylons that he designed and had built are now affectionately referred to as “Cronraths”!

David appreciated the staff, guiding and empowering them to work together to find solutions. He reinvigorated the communications office, adding a greater focus on alumni and donor outreach and grew the staff by adding a writer and a career development specialist while instilling an open-door and transparent culture that encouraged conversation and critical thinking.

He championed and cultivated several initiatives during his tenure including a new budgetary system; partnerships connecting the school to broader university initiatives; and increasing academic offerings to include an expansion of dual degrees, interdisciplinary opportunities and two new undergraduate minors—construction management and real estate development.

David made a significant impact on the school as an articulate and outspoken leader who approached issues with a high level of professionalism. His integrity and thoughtfulness fostered a collaborative, curious and “fearless” environment for students, faculty and staff. We want to thank David for his insightful work at the school and wish him the very best in retirement.

FACULTY / STAFF AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 DEAN'S AWARD

This award is given to **Kristen Stack** who exemplifies leadership in the creation of a community of care that embraces and elevates all students, faculty and staff in the school.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARDS

Each year, the school recognizes teaching excellence by professional track faculty, junior faculty and senior faculty with the **Outstanding Teaching Award**.

Juan Burke, Assistant Professor

Amy Gardner, Clinical Professor

Brian Kelly, Associate Dean for Development and Faculty Affairs;
Professor, Architecture Program

Maria Day-Marshall, Director, Colvin Institute of Real Estate
Development; Associate Clinical Professor

OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD

The **Outstanding Staff Award** is given to the member of our community who has shown leadership to the programs and people they support. These individuals work tirelessly to support the members of the MAPP+D community.

Jen Sanderson

Golden Terps - 1973

This spring, the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the school's second graduating class. The twenty-five students who graduated from Maryland's architecture program in 1973 helped lay the foundation for what we have built today. They continue to honor and give back to the School in so many ways, and we admire all they have contributed to our professions. We are proud to welcome our Golden Terps from the class of 1973!

Kaya Arikoglu

Margaret Axtell

Zvi Barzilay

Jay Brown

Michael Dowling

Thomas Eckhardt

Stephen Empie

Jaime Gutierrez

Nicola Hain

F. Eric Hjertberg

Bruce Hutchinson

Dennis Jankiewicz

Charles Knight

R. Nicholas "Ryc" Loope

Luella Mast

Fred Miller

Stephen Muse

Lawrence Root

Logan Schutz

Lu Seto

Michael Shpur

Marie Simonds

John Van Fossen

Jeffrey Wolf

Faruk Yorgancioglu

Commencement Speaker

Jacob R. Day, (B.S. Architecture '04)
Secretary of Housing & Community Development for the State of Maryland

Prior to his nomination to lead the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development under Governor Wes Moore, Secretary Jacob R. Day served as the 28th Mayor of Salisbury, Maryland. Born and raised in Salisbury, he previously served as City Council President. His tenure as Mayor was marked by a resurgent downtown, including nearly \$650 million in new construction, the establishment of two youth community centers, and the creation of a permanent supportive housing program to address chronic homelessness.

Secretary Day also previously worked for the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, most recently as Director of the Center for Towns, utilizing design, planning, and implementation assistance to establish vibrant, sustainable small cities and towns. He served as national president of the American Institute of Architecture Students and as editor-in-chief of CRIT, a journal of architecture. He was also elected as the 79th president of the Maryland Municipal League, representing Maryland's 157 municipalities, and was one of Maryland's representatives to the Chesapeake Bay Program's Local Government Advisory Committee.

As a Major in the U.S. Army, Secretary Day is assigned to the Maryland Army National Guard as an Information Operations and Special Technical Operations Officer with the 110th Information Operations Battalion. He is a veteran of the Global War on Terrorism and was deployed to Somalia, Kenya, and Djibouti.

Secretary Day earned a Master of Science in Nature, Society & Environmental Policy from Oxford University. He also earned a Master of Urban Design from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Maryland. He is the proud father to two beautiful daughters, Lilly and Olivia.

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