



SCHOOL OF  
ARCHITECTURE,  
PLANNING & PRESERVATION

# Spring 2024 Commencement Program

*Architecture*

*Urban Studies and Planning*

*Historic Preservation*

*Real Estate Development*

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

## **Graduate Ceremony**

**May 22, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.**

## **Undergraduate Ceremony**

**May 22, 2024 | 12 noon**

**Dekelboum Concert Hall**

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

**MARYLAND'S BUILT ENVIRONMENT SCHOOL**

# 2024 May Commencement Ceremony

## Order of the Ceremony

### WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

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

Dean, School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation

### KEYNOTE GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Dr. Arnab Chakraborty, Ph.D. '07**

Dean, College of Architecture and Planning, The University of Utah

### GRADUATE STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Samantha Kei Jamero**, Master of Architecture

**Dominique Patricia Gebru, M.C.P. '23**, Master of Urban Studies and Planning

**Vincent P. Turner II**, Master of Historic Preservation

**Merixia Lystie Kunjal**, Master of Real Estate Development

**Alex Donahue**, Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design Program

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### 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 and Planning Program

**Susan Kern**, Ph.D., Director, Historic Preservation Program

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

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

### KEYNOTE UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Yiselle Santos Rivera**, AIA, NOMA, SHRM-SCP, LSSYB, LEED AP BD+C, WELL AP

Principal & Director of Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, HKS

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Shannon Acadi Sinnicki**, Bachelor of Science in Architecture

**Christian David Alvarado Perdomo**, BA Architecture '23, Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

**Mark Mammon**, Bachelors of Arts in Real Estate Development

### RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATES

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

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

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

# FALL / SUMMER 2023 - Graduates

## DUAL DEGREE

### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Maria Fernanda Farieta

### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Christina Winnie Cargill

## MASTER'S DEGREE

### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Kiara Clark

Liam Wynn Jones

Emily Kelly

Nicholas Charles Majka

Katherine Grace McClure

Dylan Thomas Spanier

### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Dominique Patricia Gebru

Ebrahim Seyedebrahim

### MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Webster Allen

Robinson Ruscher Bessette

Justin Søren Ferrari

Sylke Sabina Knuppel

Timothy Michael Rutten

Christopher Allen Tenneson

## CERTIFICATE

### CERTIFICATE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Kourtney Renea Lowery

### CERTIFICATE IN URBAN DESIGN

Kiara Clark

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

Rama Mohamad Al-Shalabi

Christian David Alvarado Perdomo

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

Nina Antomattei

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Lillian Grace Austin

Gavin Alexander Bowen

Coleman Charles Criner

*Minor: Real Estate Development*

Jose Leoj F. Diomampo

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

Kelechi Gift Echendu

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

*Minor: Real Estate Development*

Samuel Fuller

David Faust Garvey

Binyomin Goldenberg

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

Pat Flynn Gunning

Aidan Emmanuel Hernandez

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

*Minor: Real Estate Development*

Erin Karleen Hulburt\*\*

*Dual Degree: Studio Art*

Chrisst Lazo

*Dual Degree: Studio Art*

Mina Mantle

Lin Mo

*Dual Degree: Landscape Architecture*

Michael Portillo-Alberto

Ulises Rodriguez

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

Karen Valeria Santamaria

Adam Trey

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Yash Agarwal

Daniel Apperson

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

*Minor: General Business*

Melissa Vanessa Bohlander

Jose Angel Carmona

Noah Steven Carpenter

Amanda Marie Clark\*\*\*

*Minor: Real Estate Development*

Catherine Yuqing Zhong Dunkerson\*\*

Elias Gonzalez

CynClara Hilliard

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

Melissa Johnson Arriagada

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Samuel Karanja

Eujin Kim Lee\*\*

Grace Victoria Li

*Minor: Construction Management*

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Valeria Lucia Lopez Ruiz

Amina Mainuddin

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Chloe Myrick

*Minor: Real Estate Development*

Asia Nguyen

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Ricardo Angelo Omes

Oldyne Nathalie Pierre-Canel

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Armando Rocha

*Minor: Real Estate Development*

Heidi Elena Vega Salazar

Colton Robert Spangler

Miluzmar Vasquez

Glean Villanueva

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Carissa Nicole Ward

*Minor: Sustainability Studies*

Emily Willems\*\*

*Minor: Construction Project Management*

Ryan Wood

## AWARDS AND HONORS

### ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

Fall 2023 Architecture Thesis Award is given to a graduate student for excellence in the Master of Architecture thesis.

**Maria Fernanda Farieta (M.Arch / M.C.P. '23), *Social Urbanism in Medellin: Integration of Landscape, Life and Culture*** (Chair: Georgeanne Matthews)

Fall 2023 Directors Award is given to an outstanding student who has made an impact on the program through their leadership and scholarship.

**Liam Wynn Jones (M.Arch '23), *Highway to Harvest-Way: Reimagining Baltimore Through Urban Agricultural Infrastructure*** (Chair: Julie Gabrielli)

### REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Fall 2023 John B. Colvin Capstone Project Prize is awarded to the best final projects as determined by a jury of real estate professionals.

***First Place:***

**Robinson Ruscher Bessette, MRED '23, *The Residences at Harvard Court***

***Second Place:***

**Justin Søren Ferrari, MRED '23, *Capitol Performance***

***Honorable Mention:***

**Christopher Allen Tenneson, MRED '23, *Harvard Heights***

Fall 2023 MRED Outstanding Academic Achievement Award recognizes Master of Real Estate Development students achieving the highest level of academic achievement represented by grade point average.

**Robinson Ruscher Bessette, MRED '23    Christopher Allen Tenneson, MRED '23**

Fall 2023 MRED Award for Academic Excellence is presented to Master of Real Estate Development students with outstanding excellence in academics.

**Justin Søren Ferrari, MRED '23**

## SPRING 2024 - Graduate Students

### DUAL DEGREE

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

Ramisa Maisha Islam  
Samantha Kei Jamero

Jihee Lee  
Judy Tram

#### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Joseph Tannir

#### MASTER OF APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Justin Mohammadi

#### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH: EPIDEMIOLOGY

Asia Vernai' Jones

### MASTER'S DEGREE

#### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Ucheya Ajaero  
Margaret Kennedy Boland  
Abigail Leigh Bullock  
Chase Manning Deist  
Zeynep Dila Demircan  
Aylin Garcia  
Jose Alfredo Gomez

Talha Gursoy  
Kevin Alexander Hernandez  
Abdureuf Hussien  
Adrian Bernard Teneza Mora  
Abigail Perkins  
Omari Watson

#### MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Jesse Michael Bardsley  
Hoang Phi Edullantes  
Jona Pierce Elson  
Sarah Haddad  
Salma Haoudi

Mimi Sanford  
Anonnya Islam  
Emma Elizabeth Walker  
Kayla Joy Woods

#### MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Janet T. Adesina  
Christopher Hutter

Vincent P. Turner II

#### MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Cecil Christopher Bridges  
Monta L. Burrough

Merixia Lystie Kunjal  
Mitchell Zangwill

# SPRING 2024 - UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN REAL ESTATE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Cole Berko <i>Minor: General Business</i>	Miah Magallanes
Bea Beyer	Mark Mammon
William Henry Carlson	Kira Montes
Shekinah Kriti D'Brass	Weston Randolph
Carson Grant Dick	Eric Recant
Amber Keegan	Mark David Rybski <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Connor Jason Lenox <i>Minor: Law and Society</i>	King Sandoval <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Marguerite Marie Lucas <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Michael Scott
	Chase Williams

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

Fauz Adeyinka	Charles Eberhart Hall <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Manzor Ahmad* <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Jordan Sierra Hall
Jack Behar <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Aaron Hansen
Eskinder Belayneh <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Anastasia Marie Hearn <i>Minor: Art History</i> <i>Minor: Archaeology</i>
Irving Bravo	Ifediora Chinedum Igbo
Kameren Brown	Mason Thomas Kiefer
Awa Cheraghali <i>Minor: Creative Placemaking Minor</i>	Emily King
Vanessa Abigail Cruz	Shauna Kaydia Dehila Knight <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Rainer Phillip-James Danforth	Ibrahim Koroma
Joseph Dietrich <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Percy Sergio Lagos
Robert Vu Duong <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Christina Loi
Jack Feinstein <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Oyinkansola D. Lufowora
Benjamin Gonzales	Seanmichael Richard Samuel Lynn
Mae Haggie	Michael Makfinsky
	Christian Andrew Miller <i>Minor: Linguistics</i>
	Tyler Franklyn Missick

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE (CONTINUED)

Jacob Tyler Montagne	Devin Anthony Usal <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Tim Ogunsola <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Antoinette Uzamere* <i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Aniya Parker	Jaime Valencia <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Gustavo Sandoval	Cydney Jane Walton <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Elexa Jami Schultz <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Nicholas Weldon <i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Dhuha Shah <i>Minor: History and Theory in Architecture</i> <i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	
Brett Thomas Shepherd	
Kamari Southerland	

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Samuel Agyako-Wiredu	Eric Benjamin Noffsinger
Mateo Aron Ortiz	Alvaro Nuñez*
Menachem Backman	Favour Oluyemi
<i>Major: Government and Politics</i>	Daniel Pantoja
<i>Major: History</i>	Jacie Love Peacock
Noorah Baukman	<i>Minor: Remote Sensing of Environmental Change</i>
Makenna Danielle Benson*	Eduardo Perez
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Edwin Perez-Jaimes
<i>Minor: Art History</i>	Manasi Reddy
Stephanie Nicole Berg	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Asian American Studies</i>
Benjamin Bilo**	Robyn Resnick
Nicole Marilina Bonacorso	Cynthia Roe
<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	<i>Major: English Language and Literature</i>
Jaelyn Boyden	Olivia Ryan
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Anna-Sarai Salazar-Aparicio
Riley Kenneth Christian	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Jun Soo Chung	Shannon Acadi Sinnicki***
Brandon Cohen	<i>Minor: Art History</i>
Ty'Jae English	Thomas Wells Smith
<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Gabriela Fagoaga	Karsten Nicholas St. Amant
<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Renaë Nicola Stamas
Ayden Harris*	<i>Minor: Archaeology</i>
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Symone Kamaria Stephens
Albert Tuan Huynh	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
<i>Minor: General Business</i>	Abigail Toothe
Farida Jacinthe	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Samuel Kassahun Kebede	Gaoussou Toure
<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	<i>Minor: Innovation and Entrepreneurship</i>
Courtney Lenox	Mya Katrice Williams
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Creative Placemaking</i>
Emely Rosmery Lopez	<i>Minor: Nonprofit Leadership</i>
Matthew Mariano*	Samantha Willis
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Innovation and Entrepreneurship</i>
Andrew Meyer	Wenjie Zhuang
Thomas Moulden	Jonathan R. Zullo
Enoc Muneza	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Linh Nguyen*	
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	

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

### Minkyu Park

#### ***Persisting Social Vulnerability, Stormwater Infrastructure, and Planning for Flooding and Resilience in Washington, D.C.***

Committee Chair: Dr. Marccus D. Hendricks

Park's dissertation explores the intricate relationship between stormwater infrastructure, social vulnerability and urban flood management in Washington, D.C. Through three detailed studies, it investigates the distribution of stormwater resources across the city, revealing both temporal and spatial disparities that correlate with social vulnerability. Utilizing spatio-temporal analysis and an Environmental Justice (EJ) framework, the research assesses the equitable allocation of these resources and the efficacy of existing flood management strategies. The findings highlight substantial inequities in infrastructure distribution, persistent social vulnerabilities and potential exacerbations of these issues within current urban planning efforts. Park's work contributes to the ongoing discourse on fostering more equitable and resilient urban planning, with a strong emphasis on equity considerations.

### Alex Donahue

#### ***Do Interior Privately Owned Public Spaces Foster Urban Public Life? A Comparative Study of Four NYC Public Space Typologies***

Committee Chair: Madlen Simon, AIA

The arrangement of privately owned space mandated for public use provides a unique dilemma: How can a space provide ideal benefits to the public while recognizing the individual rights associated with a privately owned space? Using architectural, signage and archival analysis and observation of behaviors in privately owned public spaces in New York City, Donahue compared Interior Privately Owned Public Spaces (IPOPS) with three other space typologies to discover how successfully the physical characteristics of IPOPS foster urban public life, focusing on aspects of (a) sociability; (b) inclusion; (c) wayfinding; (d) ownership; (e) well-being; and (f) community. Donahue's research illustrates that in the sample of spaces studied, and compared with other spatial typologies, IPOPS do not offer the full benefit of public space as outlined in the agreements made with the city of New York.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

### ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

**Spring 2024 Architecture Thesis Award** is given to a graduate student for excellence in the Master of Architecture Thesis.

**Adrian Bernard Teneza Mora, M.Arch '24, *Breakwater – Breaking the Cycle***  
(Chair: Julie Gabrielli)

**Spring 2024 Directors Award** is given to outstanding students who have made an impact on the program through their leadership and scholarship.

**Zeynep Dila Demircan, M.Arch '24, *Reclaiming Antakya: Post Disaster Community Recovery for Resilient Futures*** (Chair: Kenneth Filler)

**Chase Manning Deist, M.Arch '24, *FragMENTED*** (Chair: Michael Ezban)

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

**Chase Manning Deist, M.Arch '24**

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

**Adrian Bernard Teneza Mora, M.Arch '24**

**ARCC 2023-2024 King Student Medal for Excellence in Architectural + Environmental Design Research**, presented by the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC), is awarded 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).

**Zeynep Dila Demircan, M.Arch '24**

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

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

Margaret Kenneday Boland	Samantha Kei Jamero
Jose Alfredo Gomez	
Ramisa Maisha Islam	

#### **Baccalaureate Level**

Yash Agarwal	Shannon Acadi Sinnicki
Linh Nguyen	Symone Kamaria Stephens

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

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

Chase Manning Deist  
Zeynep Dila Demircan  
Ramisa Maisha Islam  
Liam Wynn Jones

Adrian Bernard Teneza Mora  
Dylan Thomas Spanier  
Joseph Tannir  
Judy Tram

#### **Baccalaureate Level**

Manzor Ahmad  
Nina Antomattei  
Mateo Aron Ortiz  
Makenna Danielle Benson  
Benjamin Bilo  
Nicole Marilina Bonacorso  
Jaelyn Boyden  
Amanda Marie Clark  
Catherine Yuqing Zhong Dunkerson  
Ayden Harris  
Erin Karleen Hulburt  
Eujin Kim Lee  
Courtney Lenox

Matthew Mariano  
Linh Nguyen  
Alvaro Nuñez  
Daniel Pantoja  
Olivia Ryan  
Dhuha Shah  
Shannon Acadi Sinnicki  
Karsten Nicholas St. Amant  
Abigail Toothe  
Antoinette Uzamere  
Glean Villanueva  
Emily Willems  
Wenjie Zhuang

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

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

Ucheya Ajaero  
Margaret Kenneday Boland  
Abigail Leigh Bullock  
Kiara Clark  
Jose Alfredo Gomez

Talha Gursoy  
Kevin Alexander Hernandez  
Abdureuf Hussien  
Nicholas Charles Majka  
Katherine Grace McClure

#### **Baccalaureate Level**

Yash Agarwal  
Samuel Agyako-Wiredu  
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Elias Gonzalez  
Albert Tuan Huynh  
Percy Sergio Lagos

Grace Victoria Li  
Amina Mainuddin  
Mina Mantle  
Thomas Moulden  
Oldyne Nathalie Pierre-Canel  
Manasi Reddy  
Robyn Resnick  
Cynthia Roe  
Gustavo Sandoval  
Renaë Nicola Stamas  
Cydney Jane Walton  
Nicholas Weldon  
Jonathan R. Zullo

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

**Master's Level**

Chase Manning Deist	Adrian Bernard Teneza Mora
Zeynep Dila Demircan	Dylan Thomas Spanier
Liam Wynn Jones	Judy Tram

**Baccalaureate Level**

Yash Agarwal	Albert Tuan Huynh
Samuel Agyako-Wiredu	Melissa Johnson Arriagada
Christian David Alvarado Perdomo	Eujin Kim Lee
Makenna Danielle Benson	Amina Mainuddin
Benjamin Bilo	Matthew Mariano
Jaelyn Boyden	Linh Nguyen
Noah Steven Carpenter	Alvaro Nuñez
Amanda Marie Clark	Daniel Pantoja
Brandon Cohen	Shannon Acadi Sinnicki
Catherine Yuqing Zhong Dunkerson	Karsten Nicholas St. Amant
Ty'Jae English	Adam Trey
Gabriela Fagoaga	Antoinette Uzamere
Samuel Fuller	Glean Villanueva
Binyomin Goldenberg	Emily Willems
Elias Gonzalez	Wenjie Zhuang
Ayden Harris	

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

**Master's Level**

Ucheya Ajaero	Nicholas Charles Majka
Margaret Kenneday Boland	Joseph Tannir
Abdureuf Hussien	Omari Watson
Ramisa Maisha Islam	

**Baccalaureate Level**

Mateo Aron Ortiz	Chloe Myrick
Stephanie Nicole Berg	Oldyne Nathalie Pierre-Canel
Nicole Marilina Bonacorso	Cynthia Roe
Samuel Karanja	Olivia Ryan
Samuel Kassahun Kebede	Thomas Wells Smith
Percy Sergio Lagos	Abigail Toothe
Courtney Lenox	
Thomas Moulden	

**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.

**Janet T. Adesina, M.H.P. '24**

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

**Vincent P. Turner II, M.H.P. '24**

**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.

**Joseph Tannir, M.Arch. / M.H.P. '24**

**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.

**Vincent P. Turner II, M.H.P. '24**

**REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

**Spring 2024 John B. Colvin Capstone Project Prize** is awarded to the best final projects as determined by a jury of real estate professionals.

**First Place:**

**Merixia Lystie Kunjal, MRED'24, *The Eastern Exchange***

**Second Place:**

**Cecil Christopher Bridges, MRED '24, *Kaywood Heritage***

**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.

**Merixia Lystie Kunjal, MRED '24**

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

**Mitchell Zangwill, MRED '24**



..... **REBE Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** recognizes Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate Development and the Built Environment students achieving the highest level of academic achievement represented by grade point average.

**Amber Keegan '24**

**REBE Award for Academic Excellence** is presented to Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate Development and the Built Environment students with outstanding excellence in academics.

**Marguerite Marie Lucas '24**

**Cole Berko '24**

## **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. 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.

**Dominique Patricia Gebru, M.C.P. '23**

**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, M.Arch / M.C.P. '23**

**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.

**Asia Vernai' Jones, M.C.P. / M.P.H. - Epidemiology '24**

**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.

**Jona Pierce Elson, M.C.P. '24**

**Melvin Levin Outstanding M.C.P. 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. They epitomize the planning student we seek to recruit and ultimately graduate into the professional planning field.

**Anonnya Islam, M.C.P. '24**

**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 M.C.P. student in recognition of the student's scholarship and commitment to the vision and goals of the planning profession.

**Ebrahim Sayedbrahimi, M.C.P. '23**

**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.

**Jesse Michael Bardsley, M.C.P. '24**

**Theresa Fiscus Moriarty Memorial Award:** Theresa Fiscus Moriarty received her Master of Community Planning in December 1994, and her bright promise was cut short by illness.

**Salma Haoudi, M.C.P. '24**

**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.

**Hoang Phi Edullantes, M.C.P. '24**

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR SMART GROWTH RESEARCH & EDUCATION AWARDS

### Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards

**Kushagra (Kush) Venkatay (ECON)**, SBAN member liaison, for work in managing listservs, member communications, webinars, working groups and rolling out a new SBAN paid membership program.

**Maura Dwyer (M.C.P. candidate)**, SBAN social media coordinator, for creating artistic and graphic design work for social media and promotional products for SBAN.

## CAMPUS AWARDS

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

**Bi'Anncha T. Andrews**,  
doctoral candidate

**Jesse Michael Bardsley, M.C.P. '24**

## 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.

**Janet T. Adesina, M.H.P. '24**

**Vincent P. Turner II, M.H.P. '24**

## **FACULTY / STAFF AWARDS AND HONORS**

### 2024 DEAN'S AWARD

This award is presented to **Michael Binder** for exemplifying 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**.

**Michael Abrams (PTK)**,  
Clinical Professor

**Michelle Magalong (TTK)**,  
Assistant 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.

**Paula Riff**

## RETIREES

### **Christine Cestello Hinojosa — Communications and External Relations Director; Executive Committee Member, reACT ThinkTank**



For almost 15 years, **Christine Cestello Hinojosa** has led the communication efforts for the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, developing creative and engaging ways to reach the school's community, keep close ties with alumni and elevate the school's presence across the University of Maryland and beyond. Prior to her work in communications, she served as a visual resources curator in the slide room for 15 years, leveraging her background in visual and creative arts to help students and faculty with their research and design pursuits. A welcoming and resourceful asset to the school, Chris was instrumental to the success of the school's 50th anniversary events and could always be counted on for the perfect menu at any school party. She emulated the motto of service to the state by dedicating her time and energy to several committees and task forces at the university level, particularly those related to the arts.

### **Monica Mora Herrera — Payroll and Benefits Coordinator; Notary Public**



**Monica Herrera** is a nearly 30-year veteran with the University of Maryland—with 18 years at the school—where she provided critical payroll and benefits support to students, staff and faculty. Well-versed in the ins-and-outs of the university payroll and benefits programs, Monica has helped hundreds of perplexed students navigate tuition remission forms, ferried dozens of adjunct faculty contracts and assisted staff with sick leave and benefit questions, all with incredible kindness and patience. Originally from Mexico and known for her contagious enthusiasm (and amazing shoes), Monica was the light that illuminated our community, dedicating her time spare time and energy to planning and organizing events to bring us closer together.

### **Ingrid Farrell — Assistant Dean, Internal Affairs & Budget**



Since arriving at the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation in 2006 to serve as the assistant dean for internal affairs and budget, **Ingrid Farrell** has been the engine that helped propel the school's programming, opportunities and growth. Her sense of fairness, creativity and forward thinking made her an incredible asset and confidant for four deans during her tenure. As the lead of the school's support staff, she drew from university resources and programs to bring opportunities for professional development, growth and connection among her colleagues. She lived out her motto—which was in her signature line—each day she served the school: "Pleasant, helpful and cooperative."

**Michael Binder — Associate Clinical Professor; Executive Committee Member, reACT ThinkTank**



Associate Clinical Professor **Mike Binder** has spent the past 15 years advancing and contributing to the pedagogy of regenerative design and structural technology at the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Mike began his career in science, then transitioned into engineering, where he specialized in system simulation of rockets and jet engines. His interest in systems thinking and a

desire to help reshape the built environment through sustainable design led him to the field of architecture and the concept of integrating social, economic, aesthetic and environmental considerations.

As a registered architect and LEED AP BD+C, Mike launched his practice in integrated regenerative design in 2013, where he works as a principal at Binder Regenerative Design Studio. He writes and lectures on this subject, hoping to help create a paradigm shift in how we design and build things.

Mike has served as an executive committee member of reACT ThinkTank and has participated in four U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlons with the University as a student, a mentor and a faculty advisor. He received his Master of Architecture from the School in 2006.

**Amy Gardner — Clinical Professor**



A practitioner, educator, leader and mentor, Clinical Professor **Amy Gardner, FAIA**, has dedicated 35 years to engaging students through a collaborative and holistic design curriculum rooted in interdisciplinary teamwork, experimentation and iteration. She co-created ARCH 600/611, Integrated Design Studio and Advanced Technology, which set a standard for how architecture is taught by the National Architectural Accrediting Board and served as the foundation for her

stewardship of two award-winning U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon entries: the 1st Place U.S. 2007 Entry, LEAFHouse, and the 1st place overall 2011 winner, WaterShed. The process and formula she developed later helped UMD secure another decathlon win—second place overall—for reACT in 2017.

Amy is a sought-after voice in sustainable design and renewable energy strategies, generously sharing her expertise in projects throughout the world. She has been a pioneer in exploring and integrating the sustainable systems, materials and design interventions that have prepared her students for a rapidly changing practice, both through her research and her thriving private practice, Gardner Architects LLC. During her tenure at Maryland, she provided a sustainable model for teaching excellence that will endure and evolve, and shepherded thousands of students towards a meaningful and impactful practice for the future.

**GOLDEN TERPS - 1974**

This spring, the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the school's third graduating class. The 28 students who graduated from Maryland's architecture program in 1974 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 1974!

**Zaki Abdalla**

**Thomas Lee Becker**

**Rodger W. Braley**

**Kenneth W. Catterton**

**Steven S. Chin**

**D. Graham Davidson**

**Jeffrey L. DeBois**

**Thomas N. Eichbaum**

**Nancy Regan Giammatteo**

**Ralph A. Giammatteo**

**Alan L. Hansen**

**Alan C. Hoffman**

**Ed Jones**

**Charles E. Knight**

**Patrick John Krochina**

**Jo Anne Murray Levenson**

**Richard J. Luxenburg**

**Eric Moy**

**Robert C. Mozingo**

**Janet M. Niederberger**

**Borislav P. Popovic**

**Abraham Rosenthal**

**Gary W. Shaffer**

**Deborah A. Snow**

**David N. Sternberg**

**Becky Swanston**

**Paul N. Tankel**

**Charles R. Williams**

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

**Dr. Arnab Chakraborty, Ph.D. '07**  
Dean, College of Architecture and Planning, The University of Utah



**Arnab Chakraborty** is the Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning at The University of Utah. Chakraborty received his Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design from the University of Maryland; he was a professor of planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 16 years before moving to Utah. Chakraborty also has a Bachelor of Architecture from Indian Institute of Technology- Kharagpur and a Master of Urban Planning and Policy from University of Illinois at Chicago. Chakraborty researches land use

planning and sustainability, and as a university leader, is interested in advancing the recognition and positive impact of planning and design disciplines in our communities.

**Yiselle Santos Rivera, AIA, NOMA, SHRM-SCP, LSSYB, LEED AP BD+C, WELL AP, Principal & Director of Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, HKS**



**Yiselle Santos Rivera** is a medical planner, principal and global director of justice, equity, diversity & inclusion at HKS. She thrives on building equitable practices, empowering the next generation of leaders and creating inclusive platforms for engagement. The founder of the award-winning "Women Inspiring Emerging Leaders in Design" (WIELD) event, Yiselle received a 2022 AIA Young Architects Award and served on the 2020 AIA National Board and the 2023-24 NAAB Board.

## Congratulations Alumni!

The School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation likes to stay connected with our alumni and is always interested in hearing their latest news. You can keep in touch and update your contact information by emailing us at [mappalum@umd.edu](mailto:mappalum@umd.edu).



The board of the **MAPP+D Alumni Network** congratulates you on a job well done! The MAPP+D Alumni Network Board keeps alumni connected to the school through programming, engagement and networking. We hope that as you transition from student to alumni, we can assist you. Please consider getting involved as a member of our board or one of our great committees. You can reach us at [mappdalumni@gmail.com](mailto:mappdalumni@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you at future events!  
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