



SCHOOL OF
ARCHITECTURE,
PLANNING & PRESERVATION

Spring 2025 Commencement Program

Architecture

Urban Studies and Planning

Historic Preservation

Real Estate Development

Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design

Graduate Ceremony

May 23, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

Undergraduate Ceremony

May 23, 2025 | 12 noon

Dekelbourn Concert Hall

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

MARYLAND'S BUILT ENVIRONMENT SCHOOL

2025 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

Amber Wendland, '10, M.ARCH '13, M.C.P. '13, AIA, AICP

Associate Principal, Ayers Saint Gross

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Asma Sofan, Master of Architecture

Ashley Morand, Master of Architecture, Master of Community Planning

Ericka Lynne Kauffman, Master of Historic Preservation

John Tintle, MRED '24 Master of Real Estate Development

Nohely Teresa Alvarez, Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Design

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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

Mohammad Gharipour, Ph.D., 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

Joseph Kunkel, M.ARCH '09

Principal and Director of SNCDL, MASS Design Group

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Alden Schutz, Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Uma Hira Gupta, Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Megan Wong '24, Bachelors of Arts in Real Estate Development

RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATES

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

Mohammad Gharipour, Ph.D., Director, Architecture Program

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

FALL / SUMMER 2024 - Graduates

DUAL DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Brianna Marie Riffle

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Paul Joseph Abel

Deisy Noemi Velasquez

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH: BEHAVIORAL/COMMUNITY HEALTH

Ariana Jewel Santana

MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION + MASTER OF APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

Katherine Gill

MASTER'S DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Jessica Jane Bowers
Megan Avery Bugbee
Hannah Grabill
Madison Amanda LaQuey
Renzo Alessandro Moran

Erin Nivison
Reilly Jeanne O'Grady
Ploy Pipatpongsa
Addison R. Richmond
Rafael Christopher Sanabia IV

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Sururah Bisola Abdulrazaq
Maura Dwyer

Aaron Joseph Stiegler
Carey Thorpe

MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Rachel Bissett

MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Shanon-Imani Alvinia Benjamin
Alvin E. Courtney Jr.
Angie Malca Llanos
Victoria McCullough

Earl R. Mitchell Jr.
Richard Owusu-Ansah
John Tintle

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

Sebastian Batanero Arnao
Minor: Construction Project Management

Julia Marie Brady
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Creative Placemaking

Thomas Aquinas Gilday
Penpitcha Kanittanont
Tyler Thomas Kemp
Simone Veronica Kulinski
Mohammed Watheq Obaid
Minor: Real Estate Development

Bradley Norman Porter
Gabriella Guilaine Soyoh
Johan Ricardo Valerio
Minor: Real Estate Development
Edwin James Ward

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Claudia Aguillon Rivas
2nd Degree: History
Minor: History and Theory of Architecture

Danya Badur Alharbi*
Marlee Katharine
MacGregor Berghaus**
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Construction Project Management

Laurin Noelle Brooks
Adam Nicholas Chen
Caroline Culqui
Emmanuel Stamatios
Forakis
Minor: Construction Project Management
Diana Froozan

Yanjun Guo
Minor: Construction Project Management
Minor: Real Estate Development

Edward Norbert Heider
Brooke Anne Heiston
Minor: Construction Project Management

Maya Ella Krishnan
Allison Marie Marx**
Minor: Construction Project Management

Ryan Patrick McDonald
Minor: Sustainability Studies

Tioluwalase Joladeoluwa
Oni
Minor: Construction Project Management

Kejsiana Pasho
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Elizabeth Romero Andrade
Minor: Real Estate Development

Mahum Ali Shah
Minor: Sustainability Studies
Minor: Construction Project Management

Yulithia Danielle
Sheppeard
Minor: Real Estate Development

Nicholas Jade Swart*
Anna Torres*
Minor: Construction Project Management

Gabriela Turcios Rodriguez
Allan Zhang
Minor: Real Estate Development

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN REAL ESTATE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Naseem Al-Shaheri
Angel Chen
Jazmine Celine King
Neema Poran
Shollette Jaynae Rawls

Samuel Grady Tinkler
Minor: General Business
Jackson Scott Weston
Minor: Construction Project Management

Megan Wong
Double Major: Finance

ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

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

Ploy Pipatpongsa, *Sustainable Living: Integrating Climate Adaptation in Bangkok's Informal Settlements* (Chair: TJ Kim)

Danya Badur Alharbi	Allison Marie Marx
Marlee Katharine MacGregor Berghaus	Nicholas Jade Swart
Laurin Noelle Brooks	Anna Torres
Caroline Culqui	

Claudia Aguillon Rivas	Caroline Culqui
Julia Marie Brady	Emmanuel Stamatios Forakis
Laurin Noelle Brooks	Tioluwalase Joladeoluwa Oni
Adam Nicholas Chen	Yulithia Danielle Sheppard

Katherine Gill

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The **Fall 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:

John Tintle, Jacquelynn Residences at Upton Place

Second Place:

Alvin E. Courtney Jr., Living Well at Upton

Honorable Mentions:

Richard Owusu-Ansah, Harmony Grove

Brianna Marie Riffle, The Nexus

The **Fall 2024 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** recognizes Master of Real Estate Development and Bachelor of Real Estate in the Built Environment students achieving the highest level of academic achievement represented by grade point average.

Master's Level

Angie Malca Llanos

Victoria McCullough

Baccalaureate Level

Megan Wong

The **Fall 2024 Award for Academic Excellence** is presented to Master of Real Estate Development and Bachelor of Real Estate in the Built Environment students with outstanding excellence in academics.

Master's Level

John Tintle

Alvin E. Courtney Jr.

Baccalaureate Level

Neema Poran

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.

Maura Dwyer

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.

Ariana Jewel Santana

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.

Sururah Bisola Abdulrazaq

SPRING 2025 - Graduate Students

DUAL DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Ashley Morand

Maya Rose Mulé

Nichelle Rahming Williams

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Wanjiru Elizabeth Duncan

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING + MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Megan Grace Ravert

MASTER'S DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Julio Miguel T. Alumbro

Cristian Maximiliano

Amaya Aparicio

Mary Boualy

Italia Leylanie Brown

David Fischetti

Sergio Ramon Gomez

Leticia Adriana Ramirez

Granados

Sarah Jane Graven

Hannah Elizabeth Gross

Dieu Merci Kamate

Chuen-Chi Loh

Ben Plugge

Rylie Schoch

Asma Sofan

Christophe Tanis

MASTER OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

John Junior Abu

David Cookson

Katherine Curless

Khairun Fahmi

Samuel T. Gordon

Caila Prendergast

Emmanuelle Provolo

Monica Robyns

Thomas Suchecki

Tayo Amos Taiwo

MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Amanda Arcidiacono

Celia Engel

Ericka Lynne Kauffman

Elizabeth Mason Rekowski

Rachel Wilkerson

MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Alexis Anna Marie

Fuhrman

Jeanette J. Nelson

Robyn Perry-Worthington

Hamza Rashid

LaMeka Michelle Short

SPRING 2025 - UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MARSHALLS

Ema Rajala*, Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Jennifer Mangandi-Sibrian, Bachelor of Science in Architecture

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE

Jaden Nana Frimpong	Ema Gomez	David Minh Phan*
Adjei	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	<i>2nd Degree: Landscape Architecture</i>
William Junior Asante	Uma Hira Gupta	
Amankwah	<i>Double Major: Geographical Sciences</i>	David Pugh
Edwin Angel-Giron	Jan-Pierre Guzman	Ema Rajala*
Jeremiah Awoseye	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Creative Placemaking</i>
<i>2nd Degree: Music Performance - Jazz Studies</i>	Bawi Za Hei	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Majdoline Baker	<i>Minor: Creative Placemaking</i>	Mehmed Repesa
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Christopher Hooper	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Tyler Baynard	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Logan Michael Rudd
Connor Blevins	Jack Jeshiva	Daryl Samura
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Celia Welsh Johnson	Jenuvea Smart
Conell C. Brandner	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Zipporah Jones-Dove	Jacob Stern
Jason Cancha	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>2nd Degree: History</i>
Abigail Isolina Carbajal	Matthew Kilby	Gabriella Stewart
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Matthew Chelius	Rojay Leigh	Michael Justin Taylor
Matthew Cienfuegos	Alan Lian	Kaila Tom
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Sophia Topping
Abigail Dawson	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Serena De Pascalis	Jacob Lifson-Book	Erika Torres
<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Trang Vo
Sarah Dominguez	<i>Minor: History</i>	Zachary Voilquin
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Shae Lock	John Wilson
Zachary Joseph Ewing	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
Maya Filipovitz***	Haruna Maeyama	Yanzhu (Jay) Zhu*
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Creative Placemaking</i>	
<i>Minor: History and Theory of Architecture</i>	David Maly-Cordell	
Brooke Gettier***	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	
<i>Double Major: Agricultural and Resources Economics</i>	Maximiliano Mesa	
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Ryan Banashak	Olivia Schuyler Gargano*	Aleksia Qesari
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Gracie Bell	Kathleen Geimer**	Irfan Rabbat
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>2nd Degree: Technology and Information Design</i>	Alyssa Ruffing
Tal Beyen	Salma Gonzalez Ramirez	<i>Minor: Archaeology</i>
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Simon Granados	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Marlena Biggar	Calvin Hendrick	Dennis Sanchez
Julia Bigioni**	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
<i>Minor: History and Theory of Architecture</i>	Joshua Jansen	Anne Michelle Sandjol
Leonardo Blanco-	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	Kate Schmucker*
Salamanca	Daniel Koehler**	<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>
<i>2nd Degree: Information Science</i>	Ella Lambert	Alden Schutz
Christopher Robert Breuer	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Arleane Maritza Calderon	Mikaela Cheyenne Leith	Christian Bryce Shepardson
Aidan Carchio	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Giuliana Casale	Jamie Liggins	Abigail Smith**
<i>Minor: Real Estate Development</i>	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Sofia Castiblanco Forero	Francesca Ly	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Garrett Smith
Serena Ying Choy*	Vu Hoang Mai	Madison Sunshine
<i>Minor: Computer Science</i>	Jennifer Mangandi-Sibrian	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Sabrina Fabian Marcus*	Christine Gail Tan
Elizabeth Cline***	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Creative Placemaking</i>
Michelle De Jacolyn	Victoria Rose McAnney	Joyce Wang***
Seneviratne	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>
Kierra Dermatis	Andrew McAvoy	<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>
Kiana N. Dresse	Carlos Alejandro Montes	Johanna Wojewodzki
<i>Minor: History and Theory of Architecture</i>	Figuroa	
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Crystal Ndungu Loyd	
Emily Eshel	<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	Nia Nottingham	
Kiley Fasano	Taynná Souza Nunes	
<i>Minor: Sustainability Studies</i>	Michael Oyekola	
Kayla Michelle	Kibo Park	
Fenstermacher*	Elena Poll	
<i>Minor: Construction Project Management</i>	<i>Minor: History and Theory of Architecture</i>	

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN REAL ESTATE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Chloe Leah Bondroff

Devon Brunner

Anna Chen

Minor: General Business

Landon Ehrlich

Tyree Francis

Minor: Technology

Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation

Skyler Franklin

Minor: Construction Project Management

Minor: General Business

Joshua Ginsburg

Greta Kiefer

Minor: General Business

Jacqueline Grace Palmer

Minor: Construction Project Management

Aidan Parks

Minor: General Business

Nick Patton

Mia Clare Romano

Minor: Construction Project Management

Minor: General Business

Noah Rose

Minor: General Business

Shane Samuels

Kevin Schork

June Lily Sirna

Minor: Sustainability Studies

Jaxon Smith

Brennan John Treacy

Chase Vogel

Minor: General Business

Callum Wainwright

Brian Andrew Zajac

SPRING 2025 - PH.D. STUDENTS

PH.D. IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AND DESIGN



Nohely Teresa Alvarez

Everyday Economies: Narratives and Negotiations of Cultural Economic Practices in Langley Park, Maryland

Committee Chair: Dr. Willow Lung-Amam

This dissertation studied the majority-immigrant business community of Langley Park, Maryland, which is situated along Maryland's upcoming Purple Line light rail and enduring increased development. Alvarez examines the role that everyday economies—from informal vendors to social-media driven entrepreneurship— and cultural, formal and informal networks play in economic survival and resiliency in a landscape of increased marginalization, challenging traditional concepts of community and economic development.



Bi'Anncha T. Andrews

Black Women Bleed Too: How Black Women Navigate Displacement, Dispossession, and Disruption of Access to Social Services and Social Support Networks in Gentrifying Neighborhoods

Committee Chair: Dr. Willow Lung-Amam

This research explores the overlooked, long-term impacts of displacement on vital social services and community-based social support networks for low-income Black Women, and the changing role of these networks as they navigate displacement. Through this lens, Andrews analyses how complicity and neglect by public and private agencies contribute to these deep disparities, demonstrates the resilience of these women and proposes multi-faceted strategies to protect and restabilize vulnerable communities.



Rhonda Sincavage

Toward Justice for All: An Analysis of State Historic Preservation Plans

Committee Chair: Dr. Clara Irazábal

This research analyses how justice theory is conceptualized and implemented in historic preservation practice by examining state historic preservation plans in the United States. Sincavage concludes that while justice is uneven and often constrained by disciplinary norms, state preservation plans have the potential to advance a more people-centered interdisciplinary approach to justice in preservation, redefining the role of the preservation planner, and broadening the field's impact.

SPRING 2025 - Graduates Awards

AWARDS AND HONORS

ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

Spring 2025 Architecture Thesis Award is given to a graduate student for excellence in the Master of Architecture Thesis.

Julio Miguel T. Alumbro, *The “Church” in the Diaspora* (Chair: Michele Lamprakos)

Spring 2025 Directors Award is given to outstanding students who have made an impact on the program through their leadership and scholarship.

Sarah Jane Graven, *Soundscapes of Change : Challenging Social Norms in Traditionally Quiet Space* (Chair: Brittany Williams)

The **AIA Medal for Academic Excellence** is a national award that recognizes a Master of Architecture degree candidate for exceptional academic performance.

Rylie Schoch

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

Sarah Jane Graven

The **ARCC 2024-2025 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. This award recognizes innovation and scholarship in architectural and environmental design research.

Asma Sofan

The **Outstanding Accomplishment in Creative Placemaking/Keeping** recognizes Undergraduate degree candidates for excellence in the area of Creative Placemaking.

Carlos Alejandro Montes Figueroa

The **Outstanding Accomplishment in Building Tech/Structures** recognizes Undergraduate degree candidates for excellence in the areas of Building Technology and Structures.

Joyce Wang

The **Outstanding Accomplishment in History/Theory** recognizes Undergraduate degree candidates for excellence in the areas of History and Theory.

Kiana N.Dresse

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

Master’s Level

Julio Miguel T. Alumbro

Leticia Adriana Ramirez Granados

Baccalaureate Level

Kathleen Geimer

Kibo Park

Salma Gonzalez Ramirez

Alden Schutz

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

Master’s Level

Mary Boualy

Maya Rose Mulé

Leticia Adriana Ramirez Granados

Rylie Schoch

Sarah Jane Graven

Asma Sofan

Hannah Elizabeth Gross

Baccalaureate Level

Tal Beyen

Ella Lambert

Julia Bigioni

Francesca Ly

Serena Ying Choy

Jennifer Mangandi-Sibrian

Elizabeth Cline

Sabrina Fabian Marcus

Kayla Michelle Fenstermacher

Nia Nottingham

Maya Filipovitz

Kibo Park

Olivia Schuyler Gargano

David Minh Phan

Kathleen Geimer

Elena Poll

Brooke Gettier

Ema Rajala

Salma Gonzalez Ramirez

Kate Schmucker

Jan-Pierre Guzman

Abigail Smith

Calvin Hendrick

Madison Sunshine

Celia Welsh Johnson

Joyce Wang

Daniel Koehler

Yanzhu (Jay) Zhu

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

Master's Level

Julio Miguel T. Alumbro	Ashley Morand
Italia Leylanie Brown	Ben Plugge
Wanjiru Elizabeth Duncan	Nichelle Rahming Williams
David Fischetti	Christophe Tanis
Sergio Ramon Gomez	

Baccalaureate Level

Gracie Bell	Jamie Liggins
Leonardo Blanco Salamanca	Vu Hoang Mai
Conell C. Brandner	David Maly-Cordell
Christopher Robert Breuer	Victoria Rose McAnney
Giuliana Casale	Andrew McAvoy
Sofia Castiblanco Forero	Mehmed Repesa
Abigail Dawson	Alyssa Ruffing
Serena De Pascalis	Christian Bryce Shepardson
Emily Eshel	Michael Justin Taylor
Mikaela Cheyenne Leith	Trang Vo

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

Master's Level

Maya Rose Mulé	Hannah Elizabeth Gross
David Fischetti	Rylie Schoch
Sergio Ramon Gomez	Asma Sofan
Sarah Jane Graven	

Baccalaureate Level

Ryan Banashak	Maya Filipovitz
Gracie Bell	Olivia Schuyler Gargano
Tal Beyen	Kathleen Geimer
Julia Bigioni	Brooke Gettier
Leonardo Blanco-Salamanca	Uma Hira Gupta
Conell C. Brandner	Jan-Pierre Guzman
Arleane Calderon Maritza	Celia Welsh Johnson
Jason Cancha	Daniel Koehler
Giuliana Casale	Ella Lambert
Elizabeth Cline	Vu Hoang Mai
Abigail Dawson	David Maly-Cordell
Emily Eshel	Jennifer Mangandi-Sibrian
Zachary Joseph Ewing	Sabrina Fabian Marcus
Kayla Michelle Fenstermacher	Waley Oyekola

David Minh Phan
Elena Poll
Ema Rajala
Dennis Sanchez
Kate Schmucker
Christian Bryce Shepardson
Abigail Smith
Jacob Stern

Madison Sunshine
Michael Justin Taylor
Sophia Topping
Gabriela Turcios Rodriguez
Trang Vo
Joyce Wang
Yanzhu (Jay) Zhu

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

Master's Level

Ashley Morand	Mary Boualy	Chuen-Chi Loh
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Baccalaureate Level

Christopher Robert Breuer	Andrew McAvoy
Serena Ying Choy	Carlos Alejandro Montes Figueroa
Serena De Pascalis	Kejsiana Pasho
Kiley Fasano	Alden Schutz
Salma Gonzalez Ramirez	Garrett Smith
Jacob Lifson-Book	Erika Torres
Jamie Liggins	Johanna Wojewodzki
Victoria Rose McAnney	

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

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.

Ericka Lynne Kauffman

The **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.

Rachel Wilkerson

The **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.

Celia Engel

The **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.

Ericka Lynne Kauffman

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Spring 2025 John B. Colvin Capstone Project Prize is awarded to the best final projects as determined by a jury of real estate professionals.

First Place:

Alexis Anna Marie Fuhrman, *The Haven*

Second Place:

Jeanette J. Nelson, *The Q. College Park*

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

Master's Level

**Jeanette J. Nelson
Alexis Anna Marie Fuhrman**

Baccalaureate Level

**Chloe Bondroff
Mia Clare Romano**

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

Master's Level

Robyn Perry-Worthington

Baccalaureate Level

Jacqueline Grace Palmer

URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING AWARDS

The **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.

Ashley Morand

The **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.

Tayo Amos Taiwo

The **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.

**Samuel T. Gordon
Caila Prendergast**

Emmanuelle Provalo

The **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.

Aaron Joseph Stiegler

The **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. This is award is to honor the best paper by a URSP GA.

Megan Grace Ravert

The **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.

Thomas Suchecki

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SMART GROWTH RESEARCH & EDUCATION AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards

Laura Sweeney (LARC): In her second year as a GA with the PALS Program, Laura has taken on increased responsibility and leadership, supporting the director in building and maintaining partnerships both in and outside of the university.

Rebecca Garman (URPD): As part of the team that developed the State Housing Needs Assessment for MD DHCD, Rebecca took a leadership role in outlining, researching and writing one section - on seniors - and did an excellent job. She combined her previous experience in affordable housing and environmental policy to develop a new project assessing risk factors for affordable rental housing and homeownership.

CAMPUS AWARDS

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

Abigail Chi, Master of Architecture student

FACULTY / STAFF AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 DEAN'S AWARD

This award is presented to **Jelena Djakovic** for her dedication, service and creativity in elevating the achievements of the school's community as an integral part of the communications team.

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 Ezban (PTK),
Associate Clinical Professor,
Assistant Director of Graduate
Architecture

Kathryn Howell (TTK),
Associate Professor,
Director, NCSG

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 community.

Lena Redisch

GOLDEN TERPS - 1974

This spring, the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the school's fourth graduating class. The 78 students who graduated from Maryland's architecture and urban studies programs in 1975 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 1975!

Charles Schlauch

Ernest Peek

Celia Martyn

Keith Rodgers

Rebecca Swanston

Ed Jones

Lois Thibault

David Copley

Farshid Pegahi

Billy Sahn

Robert Unrath

Jeffrey White

Dung Dao

Jonathan Nehmer

David Meng

Richard Donnally

Margaret Soo Hoo

Matthew Regan

N. Warren Righter

Cynthia Hafkenschiel

Tami Katz

Michel Booz

Howard Goldberg

Gerard Goebeler

Sharon Green

Paul Davis

Robert Gordon

Gregory Karlin

Bradley Bartlett

Patricia Kerr

Patricia Cotter

Michael Emler

David Stern

David Kaminsky

Helene Resnick

William McKenna

Donald Carrick

Glendora Hughes

Steven Anderson

Patrick Maier

Melissa Gilcrest

Edward Bean

Gwendolyn Zunger

Robert Trachy

Karen Rosenbaum

Katherine Vincent

William Ward

Charles Mundell

Robin Semas

Charles Itte

Edna Wright

Eric Stansbury

Russell Kerber

Thomas Slagle

Cathy Fine

Susan Benedick

James Evans

Craig Harrison

Dorothea Christiano

David Levine

Keith Kolodgie

Alma Pinchotti

Marc Winer

Melvin Moore

Bradford Hench

Richard Snider

Theodore Gelletly

Ruth Gordner

Susan Turnbull

Steven Mackler

Lynda Robertson

Patricia Atkins

Edward Lupinek

Kuan Li

Terry Sollod

David Oberhettinger

Jennifer Tucker

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Amber Wendland, '10, M.ARCH '13, M.C.P. '13, AIA, AICP
Associate Principal, Ayers Saint Gross



Amber Wendland is an architect and community planner for the global design firm Ayers Saint Gross. Her portfolio of projects—which range from campus master plans to revitalization plans for whole neighborhoods—reflect a thoughtful approach to design and an investment in the communities she serves. Her work to create community-led visions for historically divested neighborhoods have been recognized by both the Baltimore Mayor's office and the American Planning Association. Amber is a 2021 "Maryland's Top Women" honoree by the Daily Record and was named a 40 under 40 by the Business Journals in 2024. She serves on the board of the Greater Baltimore Committee, Neighborhood Design Center, and the Baltimore Tree Trust and as a mentor with the Baltimore Design School.

Joseph Kunkel, M.ARCH '09
Principal and Director of SNCDL, MASS Design Group



Joseph Kunkel is a community designer and educator based in Santa Fe, NM. He serves as a Principal at MASS Design Group, where he leads the Sustainable Native Communities Design Lab. A citizen of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Joseph's work focuses on sustainable design practices that support culturally rooted, vibrant, and dignified development in Indigenous communities—from affordable housing to critical community infrastructure. He is a former Enterprise Rose Architectural Fellow and has received numerous honors, including the Obama Fellowship (2019), the inaugural Elaine Johnson Coates Award from the University of Maryland (2021), the Rubinger Community Fellowship from LISC (2022), and selection to the Aspen Institute's Civil Society Fellowship as a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

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.

MAPP+D
Alumni Network
Architecture, Planning, Preservation & Real Estate Development

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 programing, 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 mappalum@umd.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at future events!
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