

Colvin Institute Hosts Russian Delegation

The Colvin Institute hosted a 5-person Russian Delegation on November 2, 2017. Thank you to **Tara Clifford**, **Ardath Cade**, and the Maryland-Leningrad Oblast Sister State Committee which sponsors visits between Maryland and Maryland's sister state in Russia. The Delegation included a Lawyer, Trade Union Commissioner, First Aid Project Coordinator, Travel Agency Director specializing in tourists with disabilities, and Director of a Foundation that works to integrate people with disabilities into social and work environments.



Dean **Sonia Hirt** opened the session with a warm welcome in Russian, which she speaks fluently. Institute Director **Margaret McFarland** facilitated three presentations focused on accessibility law and design in the United States. **Peter Noonan**, Professor of the Practice with the architecture faculty, and Principal with McInturff Architects, presented a project designed by his company. He pointed out all the accessibility features baked into the adaptive reuse and expansion of two existing buildings. **Jeff Lesk**, JD, Partner at Nixon and Peabody, and MRED adjunct faculty, presented the overlapping laws and evolution of accessibility law and regulations in the U.S. **Dan Moreno-Holt**, dual degree ARCH/MRED Alum, and now an associate with MSR Design, presented various methods to incorporate accessibility requirements into old structures.

Undergrads Visit Bladensburg



Undergrad Class in RE Development Visits the Town of Bladensburg

On Saturday, October 21, **Tanya Bansal**, instructor for the Undergraduates enrolled in Introduction to Principles and Practice of Real Estate Development took students to tour the town of Bladensburg, Maryland. The tour was the introduction to the semester project where each student is assigned a particular site in central Bladensburg to conduct a preliminary land use feasibility study of one of the sites. Students had the opportunity to hear from Town Officials **Debi Sandlin**, Town Administrator, current Mayor, **Takisha James**, and former Mayor, **Walter James**.

MRED Students Visit Southern Maryland

Students and Faculty visited Historic St. Mary's City -- The First Planned City (and First Capitol of Maryland) on Saturday, November 4th. **Margaret McFarland**, Director of the Colvin Institute, **Tanya Bansal**, Assistant Director and Assistant Clinical Professor, and **Roger Staiger**, faculty for RDEV 450 and RDEV 630, accompanied the students. McFarland is a member of the Board of Commissioners for Historic St. Mary's City and Roger has a weekend property nearby that is under redevelopment.



Chief Archaeologist, **Dr. Henry Miller** (pictured right with the students inside the reconstructed Chapel), gave a fascinating lecture covering the last 50 years of the story of the 4th English settlement in the US, including the discovery of how the City was laid out to reveal in the town's design the separation of church and state. Students were able to walk much of the

townscape with Dr. Miller who showed students the reconstructed first English Catholic Chapel, as well as the First Maryland Capitol building, the tavern, printshop and ships that brought the early colonists.

At the second stop, students were able to get a close up look at a waterfront property. Staiger addressed the restrictions and challenges when developing in the legally restricted Critical Area of the Chesapeake Bay such as soil erosion, reduction of impervious surfaces, and Resource Protection Areas.



Roger Staiger Showing Students Waterfront Property

McFarland Named NAIOP Member of the Year

Margaret McFarland, Director of the Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development, was honored at the NAIOP DC|MD chapter's Awards of Excellence as Member of the Year on Thursday, October 5th in Washington, D.C. This event honors individuals for outstanding achievement in commercial and industrial real estate. Her honor was one of six "best of the best" awards presented at the event.



McFarland is pictured with **Tim Zulick**, NAIOP Chapter President (left), and **David Kitchens** (right), Principal at Cooper Carry. Margaret was recognized for her dedication to the DC|MD chapter of NAIOP, as well as students and young professionals pursuing a career in real estate. Margaret assisted in the creation of NAIOP's Capital Challenge, a case competition for graduate students in real estate.

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