

LAR Department News

2023



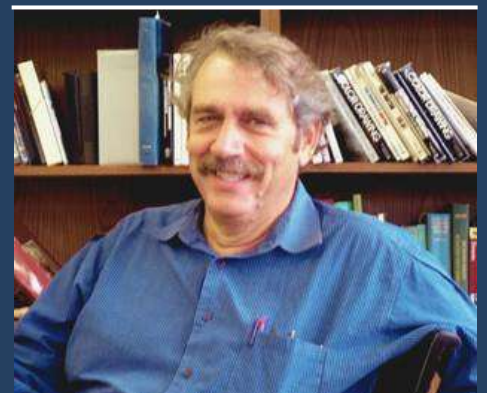
Class of 2024 took a senior planting design field trip to The Blue Garden in Newport in September. Big thanks to garden director, Sarah Vance for the tour of this beautiful landscape!

Welcome to the University of Rhode Island Landscape Architecture
DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER!

With this newsletter we hope to stay in touch with you, our Alumni. This will provide a platform to share news from the department and also a place where you can share news from your work and personal lives. We also hope that you will feel free to share postings about internships and jobs on this site.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI for joining us for meeting with the LAAB Accreditation Team who visited us in early October. We had a successful accreditation process, thanks to all of the hard work of our current students, alumni and faculty!

Thank you, also, for joining us for the CELEBRATION OF LIFE dedicated to Richard Hanson and Richard Sheridan, both former faculty members in the department. The celebration of life was held on October 20, 2023 here on the URI campus. Faculty and Alumni shared stories about their experiences with Professors Hanson and Sheridan, had a chance to catch up with each other, and visit the studio in Rodman Hall again. Kudos to Professor Emeritus Angelo Simeoni for organizing this event.



Program Updates

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

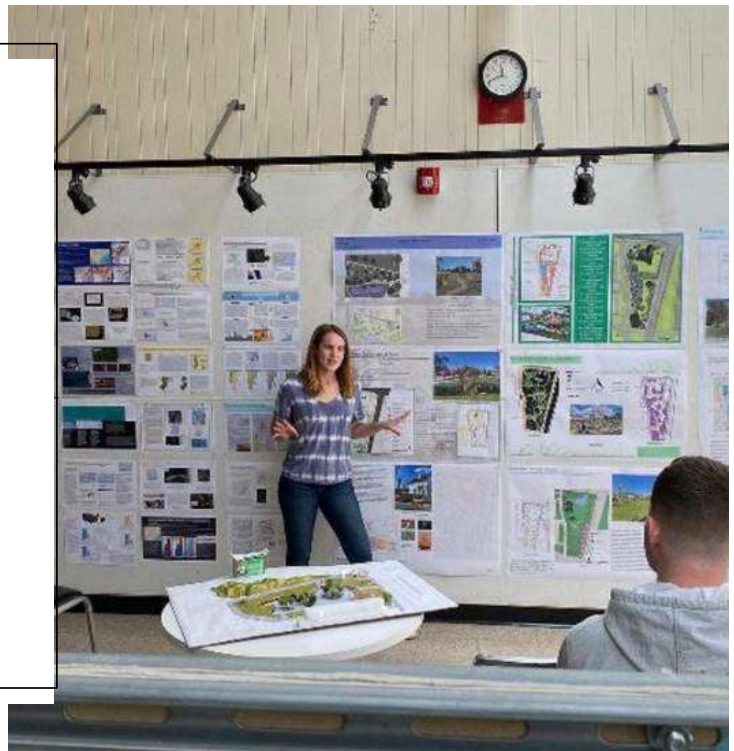
The LAR department now offers

- 4-year Bachelor's in Landscape Architecture
- Landscape Architecture minor
- 5- year Accelerated Bachelors to Masters degree: BLA to Master in Environmental Management and Science (MESM), Environmental Planning and Design Track.



COMMUNITY PLANNING

- Community Planning minor
- Graduate Certificate in Community Planning



STUDIO UPDATES

TRIP TO NYC, SEPTEMBER 2022



CLASS OF 2025 ON A TRIP TO PROVIDENCE, RI



GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023



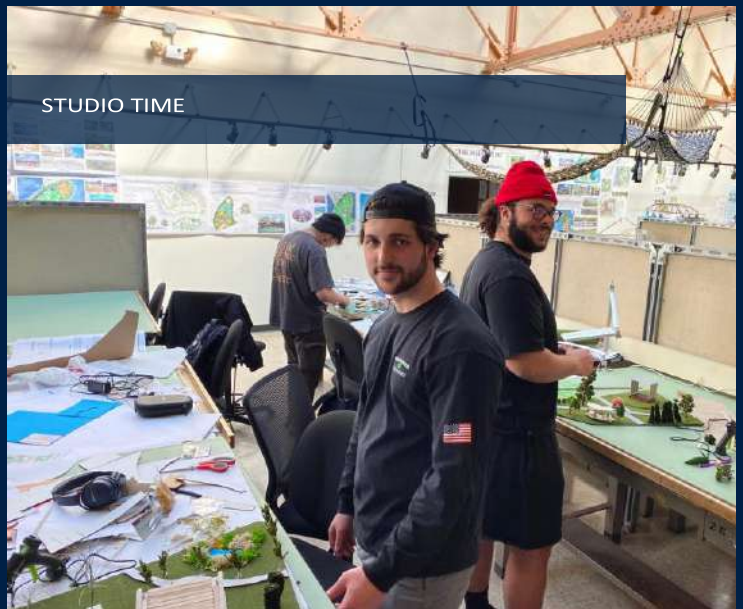
2023 PARK(ING) DAY WITH THE JUNIOR CLASS



FALL 2022 SENIOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
OUTREACH STUDIO PROJECT:
REBALANCING THE PORT OF GALILEE



STUDIO TIME



FACULTY NEWS

2 retirements, 2 new faculty, new Program
Director and new Interim Department Chair



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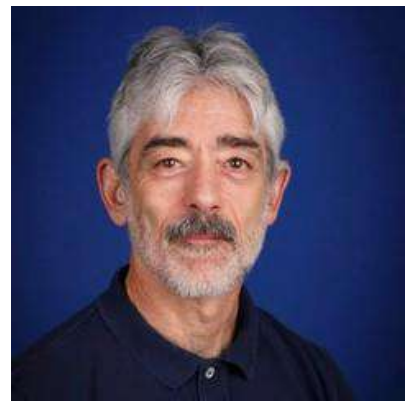
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Meet the new faculty

Courtney Goode, RLA, ASLA is a designer, educator, and researcher based in Providence, RI. She studies the relationships between cultural narratives, ecological systems, and material language in the built environment. She is the Principal of Goode Landscape Studio and has a hybrid background in landscape architecture, visual media, and industrial design. Courtney is a Registered Landscape Architect and worked for top-tier architecture and design firms like Sasaki and Stoss. She taught previously on the landscape faculty at RISD. She holds an MLA from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and a BFA in Design from the University of Texas.



Gavin Zeitz is a landscape architect and researcher with an interest in the overlapping relationships between ecology, industry infrastructure, and public perception of the landscape issues. His work investigates landscapes at multiple scales from the territorial to the socio-ecological experiential scale. In his work he uses representation as a way of engaging the public in reframing complex socio-ecological issues. He enjoys working across disciplinary boundaries to holistically understand the issues and opportunities within the landscape. Zeitz holds a MLA from the Rhode Island School of Design and a BSc in Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont.



ALUMNI News

Longwood Gardens: A wonderful place to visit and meet URI alumni



by William Green

While teaching studios and professional practice I liked to emphasize the importance of reaching out to alumni as mentors and potential employers. We have hundreds of practicing BLA graduates, some with MLA's, MBA's, MESM, MURB, and MARCH degrees, who would like to connect with landscape architecture students and assist them in pursuing their chosen paths. While many students are hesitant to reach out to unknown alumni, the benefits clearly outweigh any discomfort they might feel. Alumni are often guests in the LAR lecture series, speakers, and critics in studios, they teach classes, and financially support the program. They mentor students, advise faculty, and serve on college committees. And they hire interns and employees. Students can always consider graduates from our program when they need help or have questions about the profession.

Kennett Square has changed quite a bit since I first visited the in the 80's, but it is still a lush landscape of forests, rolling meadows, parks and striking historic and aristocratic architecture. There are also smaller lots with a variety of homes and styles as well as the requisite strip malls on outskirts of town. We visited Longwood on a Saturday in early November and both Greg and Olivia were there to welcome us and eager to show us new projects and speak about their jobs. From the welcome center we walked to the conservatory, which was undergoing a 17 acre "ambitious expansion reimagination and preservation" of the conservatory itself and the surrounding landscape. We spent much of our time chatting and walking slowly along the lushly planted paths and pavements.



We began at the entrance with huge yellow chrysanthemums hanging overhead and larger plants in pots set in a fountain space, passed through the large room on our way to the colorful and scented orchid collection, the silver cacti- succulent garden and the reflecting pool. We then went outside and walked through the Main Fountain Garden a design gem inspired by the Chicago Exposition (1893) and further influenced by trips to see the Fountains of Versailles and Villa Gamberaia. While the 5-acre formal garden was not completed until 1936, the 380 fountainheads, 675,000 gallons of water and 18 pumps and more than a mile

of pipe began pushing water through the system five years before (1931). The original pumps, pipes and controls are displayed and explained in a separate building that we also visited. After lunch Gregg and Olivia went their separate ways and we continued to explore the tree houses, beer garden, the large meadow, and other landscape plantings. How fortunate we are to have alumni like Gregg and Olivia who take pleasure in being able to share their work with faculty and graduates of the program.



ALUMNI News

Maria Church, class of 2023:

"I'm an assistant landscape architect with NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the Green Infrastructure unit. So far, my job has been inspecting rain garden installation sites (construction and planting oversight) for violations. DEP has been installing rain gardens along the sidewalk, stormwater chambers underneath tennis courts, underneath tennis courts, permeable pavement in roadways, and many other projects to help redirect stormwater out of the combined sewer system.

This is mainly in Queens and Brooklyn. DEP also manages the drinking water of NYC so their focus is to improve the quality of various watersheds even though the drinking water itself comes from the Catskills 125 miles away."



In other news, in the last few years, at least three MESM graduate students were hired as Town/City Planners in Rhode Island and one MESM graduate student was recently hired as Town/City Planner in Connecticut. All four students had the MESM Degree and the Graduate Certificates in Community Planning and GIS.

Any information regarding URI alumni and their jobs, job listings, internships, etc are greatly appreciated! Please email jabuxton@uri.edu for any submissions. Thank you!

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LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE
LECTURE
SERIES

LOCATION:
BEAUPRE CENTER FOR
CHEMICAL AND FORENSIC
SCIENCE (ROOM 105)
TIME: 7:00 P.M TO 8:30 P.M.

FALL 2023

"RESILIENCE AND REMEDIATION"



gabriel vergara

ARCHITECT/URBAN DESIGNER

SPATIAL PRACTICE: WORKING WITH/IN THE SOCIAL AND CLIMATE CRISIS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

kate kennan

OFFSHOOTS

SCALING UP! LANDSCAPES OF PRODUCTIVE PLANTING EXPLORATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16



josh bourgery

MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM LANDSCAPE DESIGN

alexis stanhope

HOLLANDER DESIGN

REDEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M and will be held in person in Beaupre' Auditorium, Chemistry Building (Room 105), URI Kingston Campus. Please note that lectures will be held on Thursday's. All attendees are required to conform to URI Covid-19 Protocols or other requirements in affect at the time. Lectures will be followed by an interactive Q & A session. This series is co-sponsored by: Rhode Island Chapter or the ASLA . . . and the Faella, Gaetano and Pasqualina Memorial Endowment. Lectures are free and the lecture hall is handicapped accessible. General questions may be directed to Christen Hodgkinson at 874-2983 or CHodgkinson7@uri.edu.

