

LARP News Summer 2016

Alumni News

LARP held a very successful alumni reception at the UMass Center in Boston in April. Over 60 people came, with classes from 1973 to 2018 represented. We were able to announce **19 student prize winners** (see reverse side) thanks directly to your alumni contributions. Alumni donations are supporting students in studying abroad, attending professional and academic conferences, and increasing the diversity of our incoming class. The new Frank A Waugh Alumni Board Scholarship is within \$2849 of being able to provide annual support to outstanding students. Thanks for your donations and continuing support for the students of LARP!



Faculty News

Assistant Professor Carolina Aragón has a beautiful **art installation** on the Rose Kennedy Greenway in Boston, “High Tide” (image above), located at the intersection of Cross & North Streets. Many of our faculty are heading over to Budapest for the **5th Fábos Conference** on Landscape and Greenway Planning, the preeminent international conference on this topic. Professors Robert Ryan and Mark Lindhult along with Hungarian associates and of course our own Julius Fábos are the organizers. The UMass Design Center in Springfield continues creating excitement and value in Springfield with the **Make-It Springfield**, a pop-up lab for high schoolers and others in the Springfield area to and get engaged with design. NEPR came for StoryCorps! Professor Elizabeth Brabec was appointed Director of the **UMass Center for Heritage and Society**, and has great new projects with the US National Park Service and international agencies.

Even for faculty, time moves on. Professors Annaliese Bischoff, John Mullin and Joe Volpe retired, but we are fortunate that they remain active in the department as emeritus faculty. We welcome Assistant Professors Theodore Eisenman and Carolina Aragón, and Michael DiPasquale who became a full-time Extension Assistant Professor.

WELCOME
to the 2016 annual
academic year
wrap-up.

May was a lovely culminating month as we said congratulations and goodbye to students we’ve gotten to know so well during their programs here at LARP. This year we graduated the last Environmental Design students and our first full class of Sustainable Community Development students. In total, **42 undergrads** and **31 grads** joined the ranks of our alumni. Please join us in sending them our very best wishes for professional success, personal joy, and a meaningful path.

Sincerely,

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Your Alumni Donations at work

LARP Alumni International Study Scholarship **NEW**

- **Ambica Chadha** (MLA)
- **Shuo Li** (MLA)
- **Matthew Pilis** (BSLA)
- **Madison Kremer** (SCD)
- **Silke Henstebeck** (BSLA)

LARP Alumni Professional Conference Scholarships **NEW**

- **Kellie Fenton** (MLA & MRP)
- **Andrew Kortright** (BSLA)
- **Ezra Marcus** (SCD)

LARP Alumni Award for Diversity and Inclusion - Recipient TBA

Paul Whitney Rhoades and Carolina Pree Rhoades Award

- **Andrew Kortright** (BSLA)
- **Christopher Rucinski** (BSLA)
- **Margaret Kraus** (MLA)
- **Sara Lawler** (MLA)

Paul W. Ryan Scholarship Fund - Matthew Pilis (BSLA)

Robert Livingston Craig Scholarship Fund - Nicholas McMenamin (BSLA)

Thomas B. and Loraine K. LeNoir Scholarship Fund

- **Keira Lee** (BSLA)
- **Nora Landers** (SCD)
- **Melody Tapia** (MLA)
- **Jeremy Price** (MRP)

Charles Tooker '53 Undergraduate Support Fund - Nathalie Irmer (SCD)

Stay Involved

We'll host more alumni networking receptions this coming year, so check our Facebook or the LARP webpage for announcements and join us. Please consider a gift to support our students, the department, or the new building. Our Facebook page and our website give quick news updates and in-depth stories. When you have a job opening, send us the notice and we'll be thrilled to share it with our students and alumni. And send us your own news – we love to hear how our alumni are doing, and would gladly post onto our pages for you.

We hope that this summer finds you with some time at the beach, park or city or wherever you find refreshment and connection.

LARP Website

<https://www.umass.edu/larp>

Find us on Facebook:
UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning

Calling All Mentors

We would like to set up a shadowing day or one-to-one mentoring to connect alumni and current students. If you are ready to give back a little time and expertise to our rising stars, please send your name to Evonne Gong (ygong@umass.edu).

DESIGN BUILDING

The big building news is that everything is going on schedule. Pretty amazing for an innovative timber structure. Move-in is planned for January, 2017 – just six months from now. We have a good basic plan for landscaping the exterior and the green roof courtyard, but we are seeking alumni donations to upgrade to a fuller planting scheme and higher end finishes.

(Image below)

