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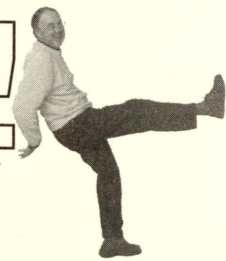
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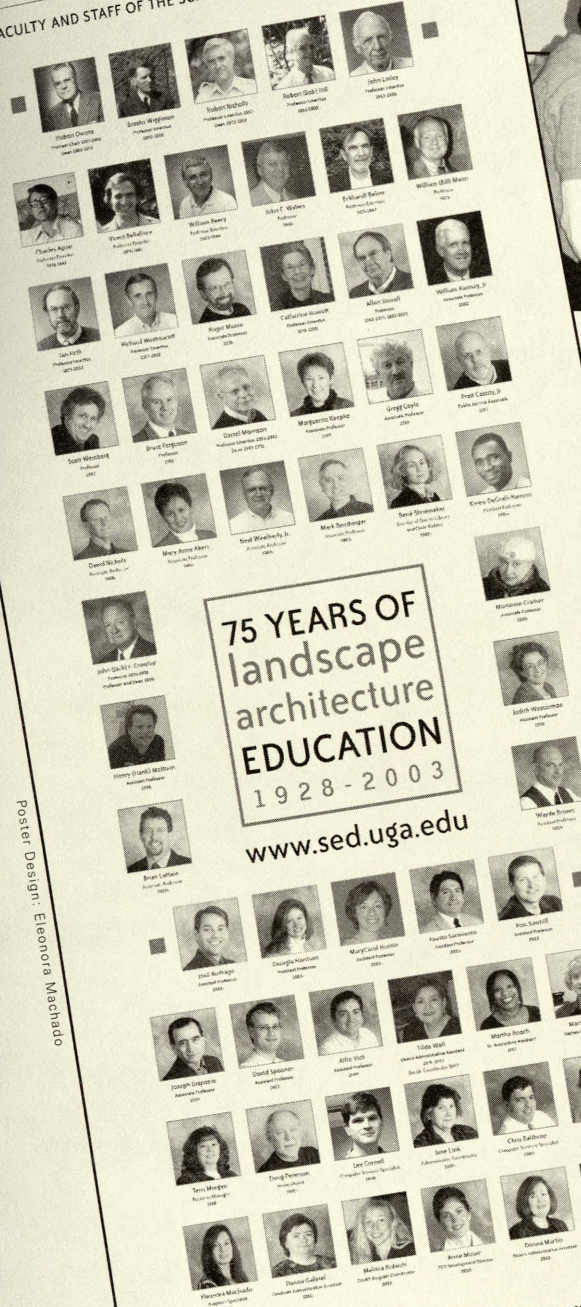
# CELEBRATE!

## Landscape Architecture's 75th Anniversary



by René Shoemaker, Anne Moser and Laurie Anderson

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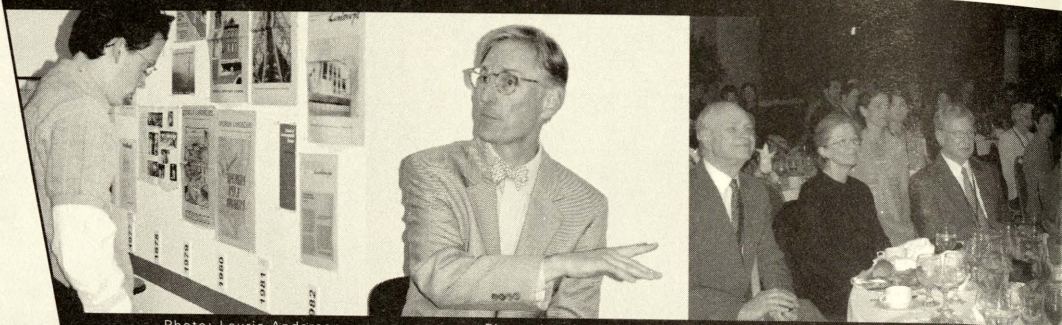


Photo: Laurie Anderson  
A student looks at a timeline of SED's landscape architecture program, on exhibit in the Circle Gallery.

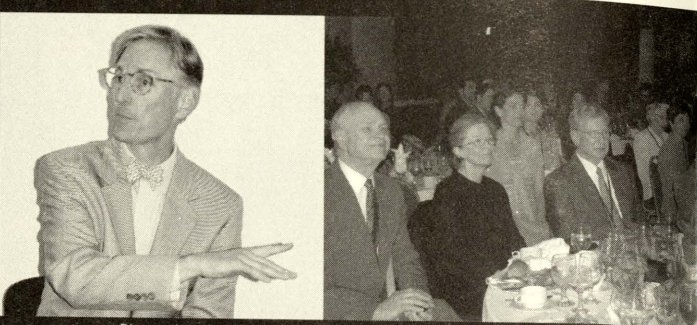


Photo: Laurie Anderson  
Richard Owens, BLA '76, offers advice to students in the Urban Design Studio (LAND 4060) during alumni weekend, April 2, 2004.



Photo: 75th archives  
Friday night's event, "Landscape Architecture on Stage," reunited alumni, faculty, students and friends of the School of Environmental Design. Above: (l-r) Robert Hill, Catherine Howell, and Charles Godfrey.

In early April, the School of Environmental Design celebrated 75 years of landscape architecture education at UGA. The three-day event involved a series of lectures, tours and gatherings for friends past and present. Weekend highlights included:

- An opening reception at the Circle Gallery, where an exhibit of the program's 75-year history was on display.
- Classes taught by returning alumni **Charles Brenton**, MLA '80, **Jay Scott**, BLA '75, **Richard Owens**, BLA '76, **Reide Onley**, BLA '94, **Christina Lathrop**, BLA '87, **Ed Castro**, BLA '88, **Jeff Dyer**, BLA '76, **Richard Mandell**, BLA '90, and **Charles Green**, BLA '71.
- "Landscape Architecture On Stage," a formal celebration at the

Classic Center in Athens. Over 120 people enjoyed a cocktail reception followed by a buffet dinner and awards ceremony. The evening's presentations began with a proclamation made by Diane Johnson on behalf of the UGA Alumni Association, recognizing the 75-year-old program "for excellence in performance," accompanied by a framed certificate. The ceremonies, hosted by Dean **Jack Crowley**, Associate Dean **Scott Weinberg** and faculty members **Allen Stovall**, **John Waters** and **Bruce Ferguson**, also gave special recognition to faculty and staff both current and retired with 10 years or more of service. The highlight of the evening, many felt, was a video retrospective provided by **Barrie**

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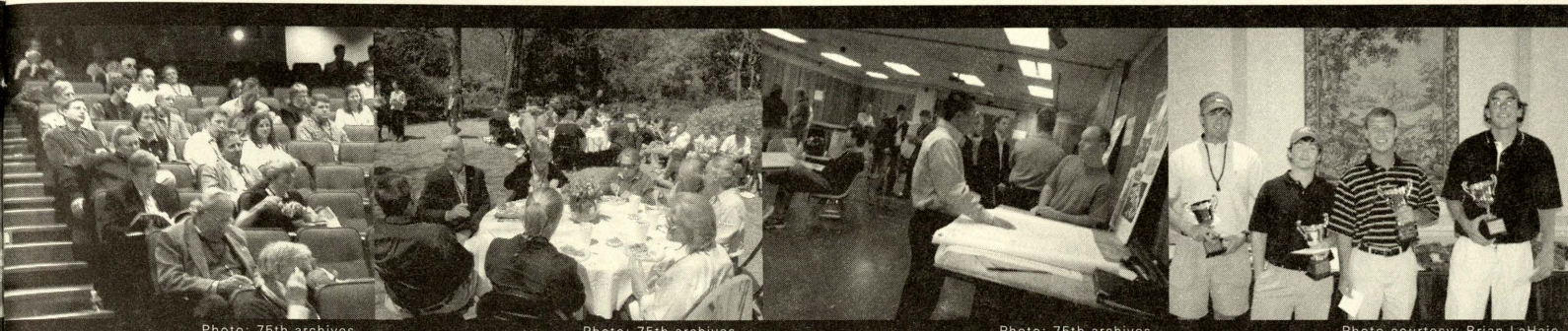


Photo: 75th archives  
Several lectures inspired students, alumni, and faculty. The lectures were held at the Business School's Sanford Hall on North Campus.

Photo: 75th archives  
Saturday's lunch was delightful. The weather was perfect and the Founders Garden was a perfect setting for the event.

Photo: 75th archives  
Saturday's afternoon events included a job fair. It was packed with landscape architecture firms and students. It was a great success!

Photo courtesy: Brian LaHaie  
(l-r): Golf tournament first place team Sam Bassett, BLA '05, Wes Simmons, Preston Duffie, BLA '05, and Chris Howard, BLA '05.

**Collins**, MLA '90, that rekindled warm memories of old friends — **Vincent Bellafiore**, **Charles Aguar**, **John Linley**, **Dan Franklin**, BLA '63, and others.

"[Barrie] did a great job," said Weinberg. "The film was put together in such a way that it meant something different to each of us, yet it had meaning to all."

— Lectures and discussions offered on Saturday by alumni **Mark Johnson**, MLA '92, **Dale Jaeger**, MLA '82, **Cari Lyn Goetcheus**, MHP '96, **John Waters**, MLA '70, and **James Cothran**, MLA '68, on "Landscapes that Change The Face of Urbanism" and "The Landscape as a Historic Resource."

"I wound up having a fantastic group of speakers," said Waters of the latter panel. **James Patchett** of Conservation Design Forum gave this year's Neel Reid Memorial Lecture, titled "Design For Sustainable Systems: A Synthesis of Art, Engineering & Ecology."

— Tours throughout Athens, looking at everything from porous pavement technology to Athenian gardens, including the President's Garden,

designed in part by the school's first dean and founder, **Hubert Owens**.

— A Saturday outdoor buffet lunch catered by Athens' very own Weaver D's — Southern food at its best — was a big hit. "Fried chicken in the garden can't be beat!" said one attendee.

— A Saturday afternoon job fair organized by Scott Weinberg that was well attended by both businesses from across the southeast and SED students.

— An early evening cocktail party that also saw the revival of the SED Alumni Association (SEDAA), co-chaired by **Clay Mooney**, BLA '79 and **Richard Mandell**, BLA '90 (see page 23).

— A Sunday golf tournament held at the Georgia Club near Athens. "Everyone had a great time!" commented **Brian LaHaie**. The team of **Sam Bassett**, BLA '05, **Preston Duffie**, BLA '05, **Wes Simmons**, and **Chris Howard**, BLA '05, took first place, followed by the team of **Rob Gordon** (representing tournament sponsor Rain Bird Irrigation), **Alfie Vick**, MLA '98, **David Johnson**, BLA '07, and **Carey June**, MLA '99, in second place.

"The entire event would not have been possible without the enthusiastic help of student volunteers," commented development director **Anne Moser**, "[They] were amazing! The visitors loved meeting them."

"The real highlight," added Moser, "was welcoming back former faculty, students and friends to Athens to share in the school's success."

Landscape architecture at the University of Georgia began as a small program in horticulture in 1885. By 1928 a degree was offered in the university's College of Agriculture, making it one of the nation's oldest degree programs in this field. Today the program, now housed in the College of Environment and Design, offers professional undergraduate and graduate degrees and is the largest of its kind in the country.

"It was a good time seeing all of the alumni come back to UGA and visit," noted Scott Weinberg. "We need more events like that. I guess the next one will be the 100th!"

HONOR  
ROLL OF DONORS

In our last issue, we listed our Honor Roll of Donors. However, we failed to include a large number of people who gave gifts of \$100-\$499. We are terribly sorry for the error. See page 23 for the complete list of all of those who gave such gifts during the past fiscal year.

# FUND CHALLENGE

## graduate opportunities fund challenge

by Anne Moser

There has never been a better time to support the Institute of Ecology's graduate programs.

The Institute of Ecology is asking all alumni and friends to participate in a unique challenge to endow the Graduate Opportunities Fund. An anonymous donor has pledged up to \$7500 in total to match all new gifts to the Fund between now and December 31, 2004. This means that the impact of every gift to the fund will be doubled: your gift of \$250, for example, would bring \$500 of total benefit to the graduate students at the Institute!

The Graduate Opportunities Fund was established in 2002 by Dr. **David** and Mrs. **Francis Coleman** to provide support for increasing the diversity of graduate students enrolled in the Institute of Ecology. You can help raise this fund to the \$25,000 level with your own contribution, which will be matched dollar for dollar!

*For more information concerning the Graduate Opportunities Fund or the Institute of Ecology, please contact the Dean's Office at (706) 542-1365.*

Support from this fund can be directed towards travel and recruitment costs as well as for research experiences. The executive committee of the Institute of Ecology provides oversight for the direction of these funds and many members of the committee have already contributed to this important challenge. The Dean of the College of Environment and Design, **Jack Crowley**, has also pledged his gift.

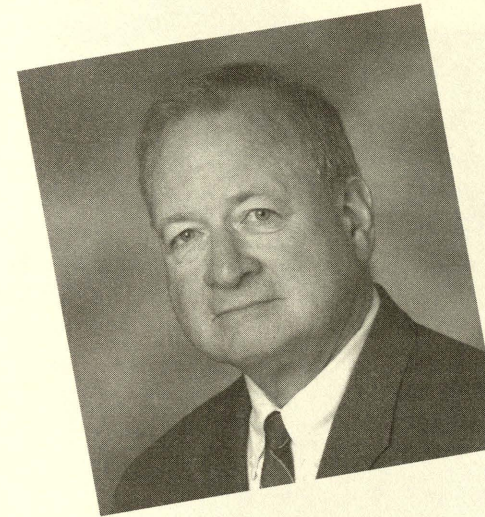
Please forward your gift to the UGA Foundation, 394 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA 30602, and note that it is designated for the Graduate Opportunities Fund Challenge.

**You can also give on line at**  
[www.alumni.uga.edu/gafund](http://www.alumni.uga.edu/gafund).

The Institute of Ecology will apply all gifts to this fund received in the remainder of this calendar year toward securing the full \$7500 challenge pledge.

# DEAN'S CORNER

by Jack Crowley



We are all aware that the budget cuts have been hard on the university and the college, but the past three years have truly been some of the toughest on record from a budgeting perspective. In the last round of budget cuts, which brought us to a cumulative total of between 14% and 15% for FY 2004-05, the university had to lay off 47 people. With the economy seeming to rebound, I trust we will begin a long and relatively slow recovery of the support we lost, but not all of it.

Hoping to set a decent example and spreading the austerity around, I decided to "furlough" myself out to the private sector and return a month's pay to the college. I didn't really lose any money, though, as I replaced the salary funds with a new challenge I took on: to help produce a comprehensive master plan and development phasing plan for a very large hotel-casino and resort complex owned and operated by the Pechanga Indian Tribe in Temecula, Calif. It is a wonderful project that spans from tribal ceremonial facilities on both sensitive and sacred lands to the other end of the spectrum with an almost-Las Vegas-like entertainment centerpiece.

On a more positive note, the landscape architecture program had a fantastic 75<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration in early April. Activities included a celebration banquet, tours, lectures, job fair, alumni meetings, and golf tournament during the April 2-4 weekend. In addition, the Circle Gallery featured a display, "75 Years of Landscape Architecture at UGA," with an opening reception on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was great to see so many friends return!

Next year will see new faces in the college as well as new assignments for current faculty. Ecology will be welcoming **Mark Bradford** to the faculty from Duke, and environmental design will greet **Eric MacDonald** from Wisconsin. **Mary Anne Akers** will be directing the establishment of a new graduate program in environmental planning which we hope to have approved by late Fall 2004. **Brian LaHaie** is the new MLA Coordinator, replacing **Allen Stovall**, who officially retired on June 30<sup>th</sup>, when I took over his class and toasted him with a glass of Tuscan wine in Cortona, Italy.

I believe all is in order for ecology to be getting a badly needed addition of space in a building east of the present main ecology building. I'll be doing a lot of fundraising and perhaps bothering many of you who are reading this over the next year! We are going to be finalizing our new college campus plan, centered around the Lamar Dodd building complex on the UGA north campus, and it is beginning to look like we may be able to move there in the next few years.

Things have been tough but worth it. We have learned a lot and are better for it. The college is looking great!

## ECOLOGY: TENURE-TRACK OPENINGS

The Institute of Ecology at the University of Georgia seeks to hire three tenure-track assistant professors in areas of population, evolutionary and ecosystem ecology.

Applicants should hold a Ph.D. in ecology or a related field, have a strong record of publishing in peer-reviewed journals, and possess significant quantitative skills. Post-doctoral experience is desired. Successful applicants will be expected to develop a creative research program capable of attracting significant funding in the candidate's area of expertise and demonstrate innovative teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Submit a curriculum vitae (with email address), four letters of reference, reprints of three publications, and a letter indicating position applied for, career goals, teaching and research interests to: Ecology Search Committee, Institute of Ecology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2202 USA.

Review of applications will begin **October 8, 2004** and continue until positions are filled.

Additional information about the positions and department can be found at [www.ecology.uga.edu](http://www.ecology.uga.edu) or by emailing "ecology@uga.edu."

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## Hill Bequests \$1 Million To SED

by Anne Moser

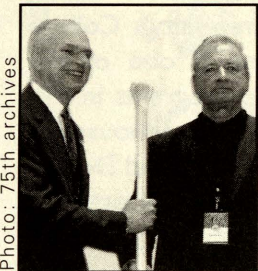


Photo: 75th archives  
Robert Hill receives an oar from Dean Crowley during the 75th anniversary celebration

The University of Georgia's School of Environmental Design has received word of the largest bequest intention in its history from Professor Emeritus **Robert Johnson Hill**. The estimated value of the gift at this time is \$1 million. Hill was

honored for his generosity recently at the 75th anniversary celebration of the School of Environmental Design. In a presentation by Dean **Jack Crowley**, Hill was given an oar that was inscribed with the words

"ROBERT J. HILL In gratitude from the School of Environmental Design, our thanks for guiding us on this great course. April 2, 2004."

Hill's bequest will be used to support the landscape architecture program and to honor his grandparents Robert Elbert and Sarah Harvey Johnson. Hill received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia. He joined the faculty at the University of Georgia in 1966. Hill served the School as Director of Resident Instruction until his retirement. In 1995, Hill created the Robert J. Hill Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to

deserving students in the School of Environmental Design. This scholarship has grown over the years through gifts from Professor Hill and his many admirers and now stands at over \$70,000.

"This is the single largest gift we have received and presents us with an opportunity to dramatically enhance the landscape architecture program," Dean Jack Crowley explained. "It is a wonderful endorsement of the program and is impressive evidence of the depth of Robert Hill's love for this school."





Photo courtesy Brian Kloeppe

## Facilities Improvement and Expansion at Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory

by Brian Kloeppe

### Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory, located near Otto, NC, has formally collaborated with the Institute of Ecology and other UGA faculty and students since 1968.

In 1980, this relationship developed further when Coweeta became one of the first six National Science Foundation-funded Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) sites. Over the past two years, three major building projects have been completed at Coweeta that further support this research collaboration. The analytical laboratory was remodeled and expanded and was completed in February 2002. The Coweeta residence was remodeled and expanded and was completed in August 2003. The new conference center was finished in October 2003 with several components to be installed in 2004.

The analytical lab now includes additional analytical space, a walk-in

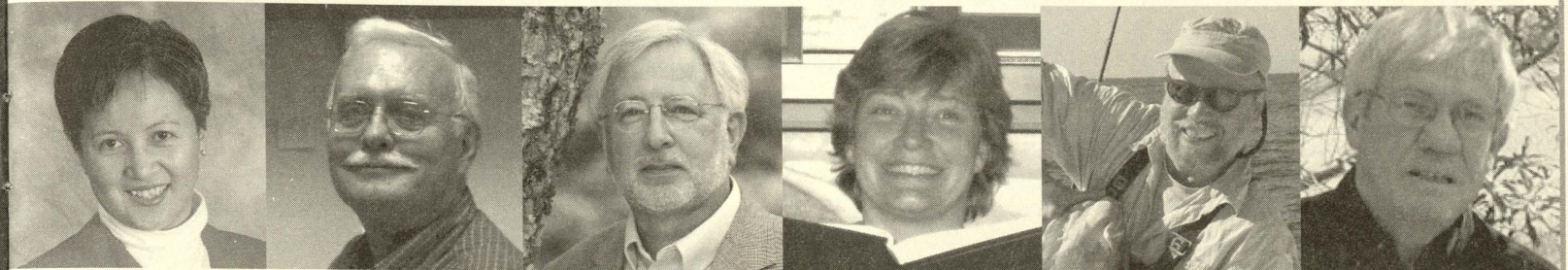
drying oven and cooler, and state-of-the-art safety features. The 5200 square foot lab generates on average 63,000 chemical determinations per year for both experimental and long-term monitoring projects.

The residence was the original Coweeta administrative office and was constructed in 1937. The building has been expanded several times, but the historic exterior stone and wood architecture has been maintained. The interior has been completely updated and includes space for 20 visiting investigators, including bedrooms, kitchens, restrooms, utility areas, a social room, computers, and full internet connections.

The new conference center includes indoor and outdoor meeting areas and eight offices with supporting facilities. The 6400 square foot center is designed for both formal and informal meetings. The 80-person conference room is versatile, and the living room with its large fireplace and the large hallways provide areas for informal networking. The outside walls of the conference center are primarily floor-to-ceiling windows that carry the eye to the unique natural setting.

These facility improvements resulted from cost-shared funding from the USDA Forest Service, the National Science Foundation, and the University of Georgia. For more information, please visit our Web site at <http://coweeta.ecology.uga.edu>.

## FACULTY NEWS



(l-r): Mary Anne Akers, Dave Coleman, Alan Covich, Laurie Fowler, Bud Freeman, Whit Gibbons.

**Mary Anne Akers** has been named the first coordinator of the Program in Environmental Planning. She will chair the committee developing the professional master's degree and PhD programs, and also manage the program. In March, Akers was also named the new University Council representative, succeeding Mark Reinberger.

Terrestrial ecosystem ecologist **Mark Bradford** of Duke University has officially accepted an assistant professor position with the Institute of Ecology. Mark will come on board in January 2005.

**Dave Coleman** and Barny Whitman co-organized an international symposium and workshop on soil biodiversity and biogeochemical processes held at the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute, in Taipei, Taiwan, April 19-24, 2004. Dr. Coleman presented the keynote address, titled: "Linking Species Richness, Biodiversity & Ecosystem Function In Soil Systems." From late April through early May, Coleman visited several scientists at the Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanic Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Kunming, Yunnan, China, where he presented a seminar on studies at the Coweeta LTER site, and then visited colleagues at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, where he presented a seminar. Plans were also made for collaborative studies, including possible exchanges of graduate students between all three institutions and UGA.

This year's Purple Heart Award went to **Alan Covich**, director of the Institute of Ecology. "He has been extremely helpful in

the short time he has been here," said ecology graduate student **Kelly Crook**, who presented the award. "His door is always open to us and he really listens to us....He does a lot of behind the scenes work on our behalf." The award is given annually to the faculty or staff member who has made the greatest impact on ecology graduate students.

**Dean Jack Crowley** has been elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners, in recognition of his "significant accomplishments in academia as well as senior executive positions in corporate urban real estate development and as the chief executive of a state transportation commission," it was announced in January 2004.

**Laurie Fowler** and **Pierre Howard** were among a group of 19 Georgians appointed by Governor Perdue to the Georgia Land Conservation Partnership. The GLCP is charged with directing Georgia's first comprehensive, statewide land conservation plan, and was created by executive order on December 30, 2003. The group will make its report and recommendations to the Governor by August 31, 2004.

**Byron "Bud" Freeman** was named director of the Georgia Museum of Natural History at the University of Georgia, effective Jan. 1, 2004. Freeman has been associated with the museum since 1976. A senior public service associate with the Institute of Ecology, he was appointed assistant director of the museum in 2002.

**Whit Gibbons** received the Senior Research Award at the annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) held recently in Memphis, Tenn. The award is given for an especially meritorious manuscript presented by the author. Gibbons' presentation, "Terrestrial Habitat: A Vital Component for Herpetofauna of Isolated Wetlands," has also been published in the journal *Wetlands*.

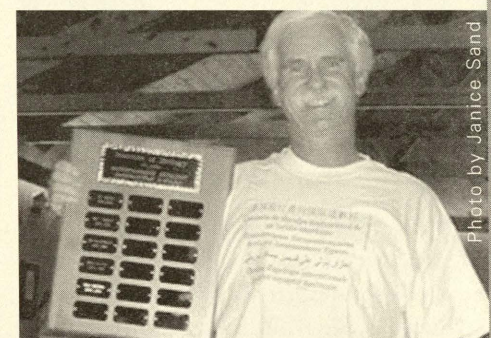


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**Gene Helfman** was awarded the Institute of Ecology's Instructor of the Year award. In his nomination, Helfman was cited for "contagious enthusiasm, his unique sense of humor and eclectic intelligence." "Primarily," said presenter **Amy Rosemond**, "it was his 'whole-hearted commitment to teaching,' his 'love of teaching' and 'his energy' that were cited over and over. He has been providing a vital, stimulating environment for students since 1982."

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Congratulations to **Dan Hope** for receiving this year's Alec Little Environmental Award. The Alec Little Environmental Award recognizes efforts to improve environmental quality in Northeast Georgia. Dan was recognized for more than 30 years of service in environmental education and land conservation efforts in Clarke County. Hope joined SED as an instructor in fall 2003.

The Institute of Ecology bids a fond farewell to **Becky Irwin**, who accepted a position with Dartmouth College, New Hampshire. Becky specialized in the evolution of plant-animal interactions.

**Brian LaHaie** has been approved as the new MLA Coordinator. LaHaie replaces Professor Allen Stovall, who retired this summer.



**Judy Meyer** gave the keynote address at this year's Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Symposium. Her talk was titled "A Stream Runs Through It: Ecological Insights On Water." CURO, a part of the Honors Program, fosters undergraduate research overseen by faculty.

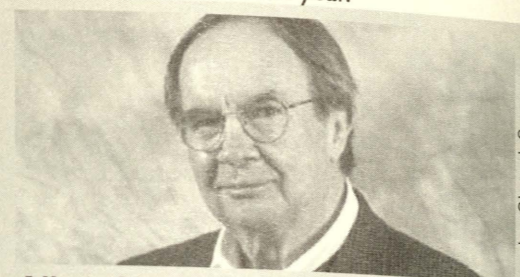
**Roger Moore** recently received two exhibit awards for his computer graphics creations — First Place, amateur category, for "Pompeii Tablet" digital imagery, Monroe Art Guild Winter Art Show, Monroe, Ga. (January 2004), and Best of Show Second Place for "Bronzing Cauldron", digital imagery, APG Show, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens, Ga. (November 2003).

In fall 2003 **James Reap** taught in Russia, presided over an International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) conference in Paris, France, and joined a team of UGA faculty working with the University of Zagreb in Croatia. In Russia, Reap delivered 40 lectures on the role of state and local government in protection of natural and historic resources. In Zagreb, Reap helped Croatian administrators develop public service and outreach programs. For details on the latter, see [www.uga.edu/gm/1203/FeatCroatia.html](http://www.uga.edu/gm/1203/FeatCroatia.html)

SED associate professor **Mark Reinberger** won top honors from the Southeastern Society of Architectural Historians for his essay, "The Architecture of Sharecropping: Extended Farms of the Georgia Piedmont," published in *Constructing Image, Identity, and Place*, vol. IX of the Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture series from the University of Tennessee Press. It was deemed the best essay on architecture in the southeast published in 2002-2003. In presenting the award, Pam Simpson, committee chair, noted "His field work, research and engaging writing style will make this a classic study that will long have an influence on how we think of these buildings."

**Fausto Sarmiento** was awarded a Fulbright Scholar award to participate in the International Education Administrators (IEA) program in Japan. Sarmiento will visit several campuses in Japan over a period of four weeks to share expertise and work

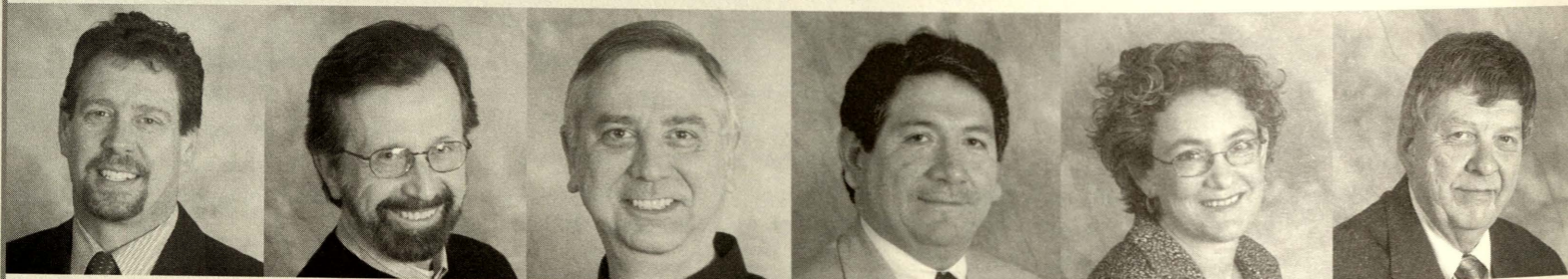
with Japanese colleagues studying cultural landscapes, sacred mountains and comparative montology of active volcanoes such as the Fujiyama (Japan) and the Cotopaxi (Ecuador). Sarmiento is one of 800 US Fulbright awardees this academic year.



**Allen Stovall**, professor of landscape architecture, was recognized in UGA's Honors Day ceremonies as Outstanding Teacher, College of Environment and Design. Stovall was also presented the Student Choice 2003-2004 Teacher of the Year award by Georgia Students of Landscape Architecture (GSLA).

**Judith Wasserman's** promotion to associate professor was approved by the University Board of Regents at their April 2004 meeting.

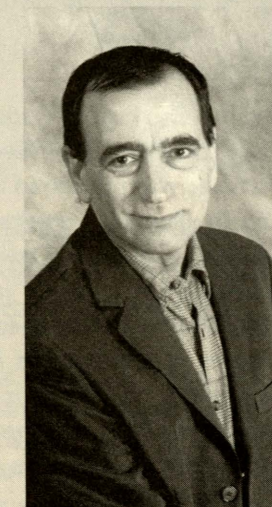
**John Waters** received the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation Stewardship in January 2004. The award recognizes significant leadership or achievement in historic preservation (HP) stewardship of state-owned or administered properties or projects. Waters was honored for his lifetime achievements in the development of the HP movement in Georgia. "He has contributed to the academic development of hundreds of HP students, and in the development of a plan to preserve the character of the historic north campus of UGA," stated W. Ray Luce, director of the Georgia Historic Preservation Division. "He contributed to the passage of the Georgia Historic Preservation Act of 1980...and was a key player in establishing the state's Regional Preservation Planner Program."



(l-r): Brian LaHaie, Roger Moore, Mark Reinberger, Fausto Sarmiento, Judith Wasserman and John Waters. (photos by Cheryl Cremeans)

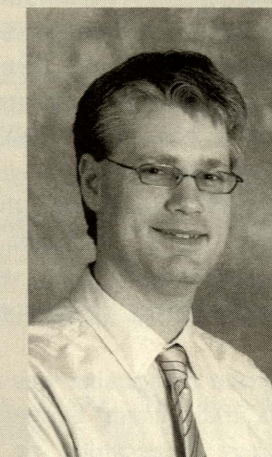
# NEW FACES

**Joseph Disponzio**, associate professor, explores the origins and history of landscape architecture and the meaning and implications of human intervention in the landscape. He practices an interdisciplinary approach to landscape architecture, his particular area of concentration being garden design theory of the 18th and 19th centuries and contemporary landscape applications. He is an authority of the French interpretation of the English gardening tradition. Disponzio earned his PhD at Columbia University in 2000, and taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, department of landscape architecture.



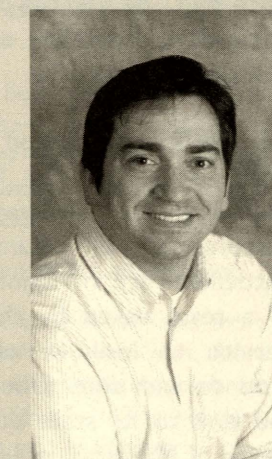
by Cheryl Cremeans

**David Spooner**, assistant professor, settles in to teaching and research after working for SED as a temporary instructor from 2000-2003. He received his MLA here in 1997. Spooner instructs undergraduate studios in urban design, planting design and construction methods and application. He is a registered landscape architect in Georgia and North Carolina, and has private practice experience in urban design, botanical gardens, and residential garden design. His research focus centers on the relationship between physical form and human behavior.



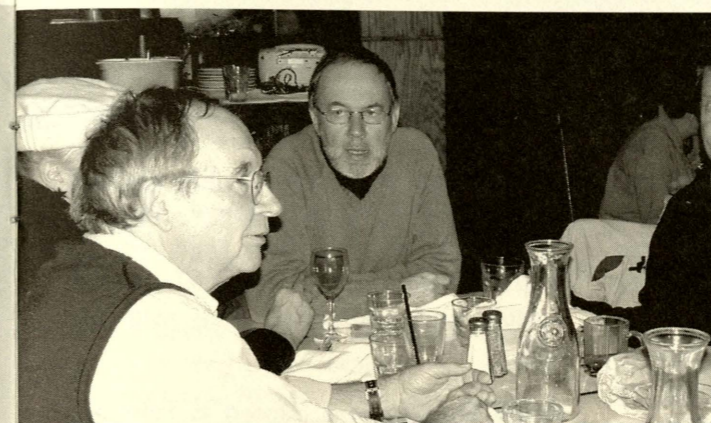
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**R. Alfred "Alfie" Vick**, MLA '98, returns to his alma mater as an assistant professor. Vick is a licensed landscape architect whose main interest is preserving and enhancing the functioning of natural systems while effectively and attractively integrating human use. He specializes in storm water management, stream restoration, native planting design, sustainable landscape design/construction and landscape ecology. He has served on the board of directors of the Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council, presented numerous lectures on water conservation, storm water management, and invasive exotic plants, and co-authored *Greenspace: Evaluating, Restoring, and Managing Natural Areas in the Atlanta Vicinity*.



by Cheryl Cremeans

# Retirements



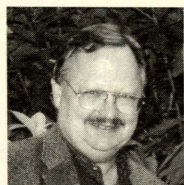
(l-r): Allen Stovall and Ian Firth at their retirement dinner.

Photo by Judith Wasserman

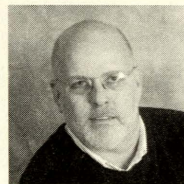
**Allen Stovall**, professor of landscape architecture, retired on June 30 in Cortona, Italy, where he was teaching in this year's studies abroad program. A balcony reception was held in his honor at Tonino's restaurant overlooking the Tuscan landscape, and a celebration followed with dinner, cake, sparklers, and a champagne toast with the Cortona faculty. Stovall spent 28 years of his career at UGA, teaching in the School's BLA, MLA, and MHP programs and twice serving as MLA coordinator. Allen's immediate plans include teaching a fall semester course in the school as well as spending more time with family, friends, and on his north Georgia farm in the Sautee Valley.

**Ian Firth** retired at the end of fall semester 2003, after 29 years with the SED specializing in teaching design studios and historic landscape preservation. Firth is the author of a number of cultural landscape reports and historic resource studies commissioned by the National Park Service (NPS) and other agencies, and has written about historic landscapes in Italy and England as well as the American South. Firth earned his diploma in landscape architecture from the University of Edinburgh and is a Fellow of ASLA. He recently completed a study of a French Creole plantation in the Cane River Creole National Historical Park (CRCNHP), La., and contributed a chapter to a book on the development of landscape preservation, to be published by the University of Virginia Press in 2005. Faculty and friends celebrated his years of service with a luncheon at The Last Resort Grill in Athens. During fall 2004, Firth will be teaching a course in historic landscape management, and finishing projects for the NPS - a historic resource study and national historic landmark nomination of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and another study of a plantation in the CRCNHP, the latter with alum **Suzanne Turner**, MLA '78.

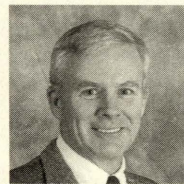




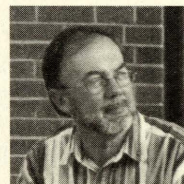
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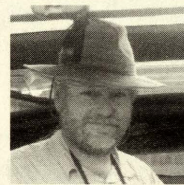
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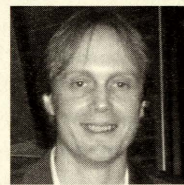
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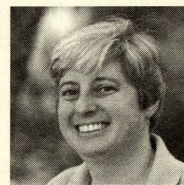
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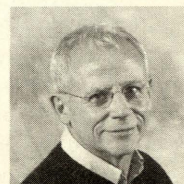
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Darrel Morrison

# IN THE NEWS

compiled by Laurie Anderson

**Ron Carroll's** editorial on the overlooked value of Georgia's coastal salt marshes was published in the June 9, 2004 *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. Carroll and geology professor David Dallmeyer also co-authored the introduction to naturalist Fred Whitehead's new book *The Seasons of Cumberland Island*, due out in September 2004. It is the first title to appear under the new University of Georgia Press's Nature Book imprint.

**Pratt Cassity's** editorial on the National Alliance of Preservation Commission's (NAPC) 20th anniversary was published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's newsletter *Forum News*, Vol. X No.1 (Oct 2003 issue). Cassity's history with NAPC began at its inception. Cassity was the executive director for 13 years and brought this national organization to UGA, where it is housed by the School of Environmental Design.

**Bruce Ferguson** was quoted in a Nov. 10, 2003 *Atlanta Business Chronicle* article about landscaping as a deterrent to terrorist attacks. "We've learned a lot since 9/11," he told the paper, pointing out noninvasive landscape elements that can contribute to security.

**Ian Firth** was quoted in the Dec. 14, 2003 issue of *The Washington Post* regarding his involvement with the restoration of Manassas National Battlefield Park in Virginia. Firth was part of a team asked by the National Park Service to look at old maps of the grounds and determine ways to return the land to its state during the Second Battle of Manassas in August 1862. That project was put on hold for a number of years, but has finally seen action due to involvement with the Smithsonian Institution.

**Paul Hendrix** and former ecology postdoc **Liam Heneghan** were quoted in a March 29, 2004 article in *The Washington Post* regarding the damage being caused by non-native, invasive earthworm species. The alien worms degrade native habitat essential to local wildlife and vegetation, they told the paper.

**Mark Hunter** was quoted in February and May 2004 United Press International articles regarding climate change caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide. "Plants need more than CO<sup>2</sup> to grow," he told the news agency, describing a reduction in nitrogen in foliage that results in dramatic declines in herbivore species.

**Liz Kramer** was quoted extensively in March 2004 by the Associated Press and other news agencies regarding biodiversity maps of Georgia recently completed by the Natural Resources Spatial Analysis Laboratory (NARSAL), which she heads. The maps and accompanying database, the most comprehensive ever done, depict the distribution of more than 400 vertebrates and over 40 classes of plant communities, and took five years to compile, the AP reported.

**Darrel Morrison** was mentioned in a Dec. 2003 article in *Landscape Architecture* about the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, TX, and the debate regarding the use of native plants in designed landscapes. Morrison was part of the design team for the center. Morrison's Maymester course on native plant communities of the Piedmont was also featured in a May 2004 article in *Southern Living*. Morrison and students were shown studying local plant life on Cumberland Island, Ga.

## ARMAND BENEDEK

On February 9, 2004, Armand Benedek, BSLA '55, of Pound Ridge, N.Y., was declared missing and presumed dead after a scuba diving accident while vacationing on Grand Cayman Island, BWI. "He never came up," said his daughter Lia Kaufman of Carmel. "He's where he's always wanted to be forever now." Born on February 15, 1931, in the Bronx, N.Y., Armand attended Cornell University and earned a degree in landscape architecture from the UGA School of Environmental Design. In 1961, Armand founded his own practice, currently the firm of Armand Benedek and Glenn Ticehurst, Ltd. of Katonah, NY. His naturalistic work has been pictured in *Architectural Digest*, *House and Garden*, and *House Beautiful*. He was committed to translating the client's needs or programs into an ecologically responsible design that respected the indigenous character and local ecology of the landscape. He was inducted as a Fellow into the American Society of Landscape Architects in 1991. Charitable donations can be made in his memory to the National Trust for Cayman Islands, P.O. Box 31116SMB, Grand Cayman Islands, BWI ([www.nationaltrust.org.ky](http://www.nationaltrust.org.ky)) or to the Riverkeeper at P.O. Box 130, Garrison, N.Y. 10524 ([www.riverkeeper.com](http://www.riverkeeper.com)).

## RICHARD GREER DUPREE

Richard Greer Dupree, BFA '34 - landscape architecture, passed away on March 19, 2004. He was 91. A native of Clarke County, Mr. Dupree was a retired landscape architect with the federal government. Mr. Dupree served in the Army during WWII and retired from the US Army reserves after 30 years of service.

## JERRY RAY MYERS

Jerry Ray Myers, BLA '72, died Friday, January 23, 2004. He was 54. After graduating from UGA he worked for nearly 30 years for the Athens-Clarke County government, Central Services. Donations in Mr. Myers' memory can be made to the American Cancer Society or Athens-Clarke County Humane Society.

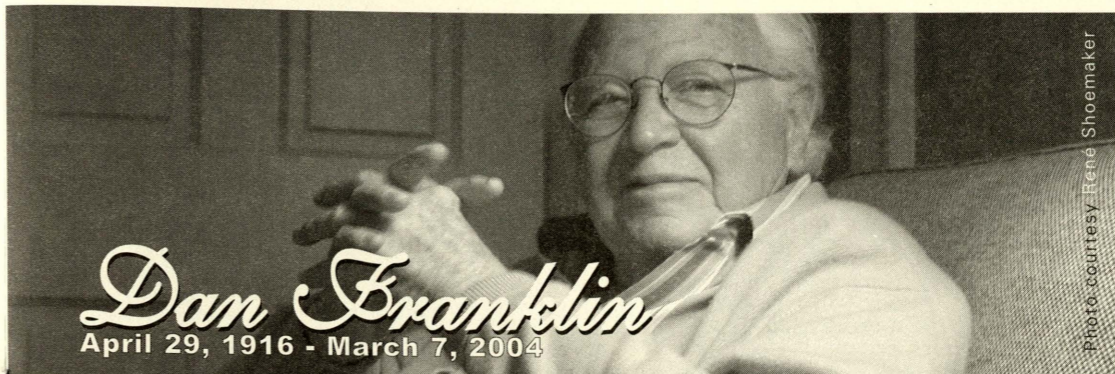


Photo courtesy: Rene Shoemaker

**Daniel Berry Franklin, BLA '63**, died March 7, 2004 at Hospice Atlanta. He was 87. Franklin graduated from UGA in 1938 with a degree in economics, later returning in his mid 40's to receive a degree in landscape architecture.

Dan Franklin received numerous awards during his long career, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). His legacy as a landscape architect includes over 2,000 individual projects in ten states, and Who's Who in America named him for distinction as a landscape architect. His body of work has been recognized and honored in dozens of books, magazines and newspapers, appearing on the cover of *Southern Living* magazine six times. In 2001, at the age of 85, Franklin received the highest honor accorded by ASLA, being inducted as a Fellow.

"Dan was one of the great figures in landscape architecture," wrote **Jon Davis**, MLA '75, in an online condolence. "I will miss his acerbic wit and his towering pronouncements on the fate and future of the profession."

"I attribute my love for the art of landscape design to Dan, but more importantly, my tenacity to push an idea forward with little compromise," noted **Mike McDonald**, BLA '78, in the same forum.

One example of that tenacity involved Franklin working on a client's garden when a Georgia Power Co. crew came to bury lines. Knowing they would cut roots, killing a stand of trees, Franklin confronted the foreman, to no avail. He then got a gun and flashed it at the crew. They stopped. Then he drove to the Georgia Power president's house and explained the situation. The trees were saved.

"Dan had that kind of fervor for every project," said **Bill Caldwell** of Smyrna, BLA '97, his partner in Franklin, Caldwell & Associates.

The School of Environmental Design at UGA is cataloging a complete archive of Dan Franklin's work.

**P. Duncan Callicott**, BLA '60, of Callicott & Associates, Franklin, Tenn., remembers Franklin as "a free spirit, with a good sense of humor. He enjoyed people and got the most out of people whether they wanted him to or not. Every time he visited me, he would walk around the garden and he'd say, 'Well, all you need is a good landscape architect!'"

He was also a generous man who donated time to projects and established the Daniel B. Franklin Scholarship Fund at SED.

"Dan kept us on our toes when it came to stewarding his endowment and others," said SED's **Allen Stovall**. "He comes over here every few weeks raising hell about something. He's cantankerous, but we love him anyway."

When asked for a favorite memory or moment that summed up Dan Franklin's personality, more than one friend mentioned the same thing — simply seeing him in his garden enjoying the beauty of the surroundings.

"What I remember best is his generosity in allowing his garden to be used as a gathering spot for alumni every year. It was a beautiful garden; beautiful design," recalled faculty member **John Waters**.

And Dan Franklin's proudest achievement?

"I think his proudest achievement was more about the people he's worked with, more about the long-lasting relationships he developed," said Caldwell. "The work is important, but not as important as the relationships he developed and having fun on the project."





Photos page 12 by: David Elden

# Hand in Hand:

## Working on Community Improvement Projects in Central Ghana

by David Elden

Our first image of the town where we worked is that of the University of Georgia's Center for Community Design and Preservation director **Pratt Cassity** greeting the town residents with a large smile and responding to the constant wish of "Akwaaba" — You Are Welcome.

Young voices always cry, "Hello, how are you?" over the rumbling taxis' beeping and honking horns



After SED students were profiled in the Ghanaian newspaper and radio, nearly 1000 local residents came to hear the presentation on community improvement in Akim-Oda.

in this Ghanaian town 80 miles northeast of the capital Accra.

Our summer service learning project was to enhance traditional development patterns in Old Town Oda, help with

reforestation of the urban center, address soil compaction and erosion problems and begin to develop a tourism program focused on cultural resources. Four landscape architecture graduate students (**Alex Nagel, Lindsey Mann, Ian Scott** and the author) were partnered with men from the Birim South District's Town and Country Planning Office. A series of conceptual improvement plans were generated and will be used to seek funding for implementation schemes.

During our short time there, just four weeks, we saw and felt the life that exists both in the streets and inside the homes of Old Town. Home is where the family, extended family, friends of family and even newly made friends who were strangers just moments before gather to enjoy food, gossip and stories of the day.

A typical day started with stepping outside and breathing in a bouquet of aromas. The most pronounced are the burning fires that fuel the cooking of traditional foods all over town. Along with the smoky aroma is, of course, the smell of culinary delights like grilled corn, smoked fish, kabobs, ground nut soup and an assortment of African soups and stews. The acrid reminder that this is a tropical environment and sanitation standards are different than in the US comes from the

open sewers, refuse dumps and ever-present livestock found all over Akyem Oda. The foul is intermingled with the fine. The reality of differing cultural patterns and values is literally at your doorstep.

Our time there seemed brief, but I know we were able to leave meaningful suggestions for community improvement. Our final presentation had an audience of nearly 1000 local residents. We were profiled twice in the national newspaper and once on the radio. Our project was promoted and sponsored by Ghana's Minister of Finance and Economic Development, the Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo. Most importantly, this partnership and the community planning process we bring to Ghana will continue to be repeated in the future.

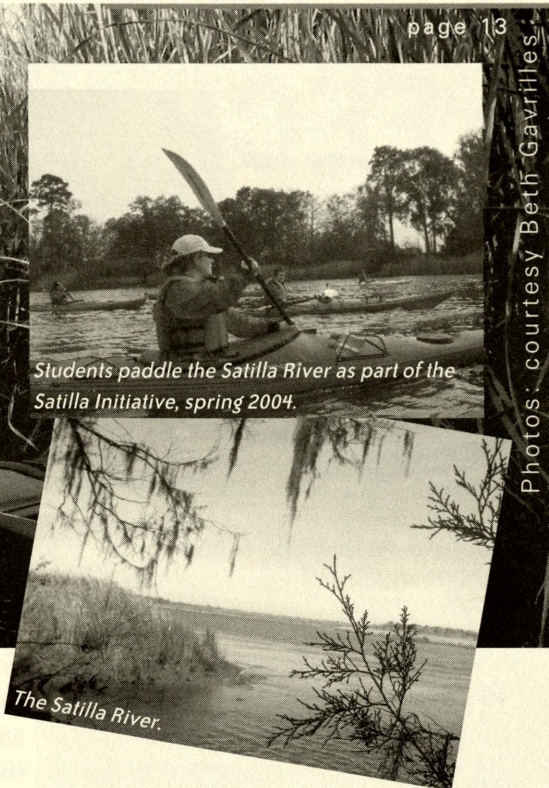
(For the complete article and slide show go to [www.sed.uga.edu/psa/programs/international.htm](http://www.sed.uga.edu/psa/programs/international.htm))



MLA student Ian Scott presents final concepts to local community in Akim-Oda, Ghana.



Krista Gridley, MLA '05, a student with the Satilla Initiative paddles the Satilla River.



Students paddle the Satilla River as part of the Satilla Initiative, spring 2004.

The Satilla River.

Photos: courtesy Beth Gavrilles

## Ecology – Satilla Initiative

by Beth Gavrilles

Medical waste and discarded basketballs washed into the river via storm drains; all-terrain vehicles tearing up the streambed; inland wetlands that may lack adequate legal protection: these are just a few of the problems facing the Satilla River in southeast Georgia. This past spring, a group of faculty and graduate students from ecology, environmental design, law, agricultural engineering, and forestry tackled these and other challenges as part of the Satilla Initiative.

Based on the model of the Etowah Initiative, the multi-disciplinary service learning course introduced by ecology professor **Laurie Fowler** in 1997, the Satilla Initiative allows students to apply principles learned in the classroom to the real world of people and policy by undertaking projects suggested by various stakeholders in the watershed.

Joining Laurie Fowler on the faculty were professors **Ron Carroll** of the Institute of Ecology, **Marianne Cramer** of SED, **Alex Scherr** of the School of Law, **Elizabeth Pate** of the College of Education, and **David Gattie** of the Department of Biological Agricultural Engineering. Under their direction, students undertook five projects:

### Satilla Initiative Projects

**Off-road vehicle (ORV) damage mitigation.** Project members researched the scientific and legal background of the issue, developed a model ordinance, and created an informational brochure targeted at recreational ORV users explaining the environmental damage that ORVs cause and promoting responsible recreation.

**Management plan for UGA property in Woodbine.** This tract along the Satilla was donated to UGA, and responsibility for the conservation and use of the property has been delegated to the Institute of Ecology. It is a former rice plantation, part of which has been converted to wetland as part of a mitigation banking project. Project members developed a Draft Phase I Management Plan that incorporates UGA's conservation, education and research goals.

**Satilla Stakeholder Alliance.** The project team researched the potential for the formation of a stakeholder alliance - similar to the Upper Etowah River Alliance - to promote protection of the Satilla River and watershed, and laid the

initial groundwork for forming such a group.

**Waycross stormwater plan.** Problems with stormwater management in the city of Waycross have led to pollution of the Satilla River from trash — including discarded balls, bats, bottles and cans as well as syringes, vials and other medical waste - and local sewage spills. Project members focused on public education, creating posters, brochures and an educational Web site to encourage citizen participation in solving these problems.

**Inland wetlands protection.** Project members conducted legal and policy research, including a comprehensive study of the available laws, regulations, incentives and funding sources for protecting inland wetlands in Georgia, and produced a series of detailed reports and legal memoranda.

As part of their research, students and faculty spent time on the Satilla itself, meeting with stakeholders, learning about the river's natural and cultural history, and experiencing its unique character via kayak and canoe.



# EECP CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

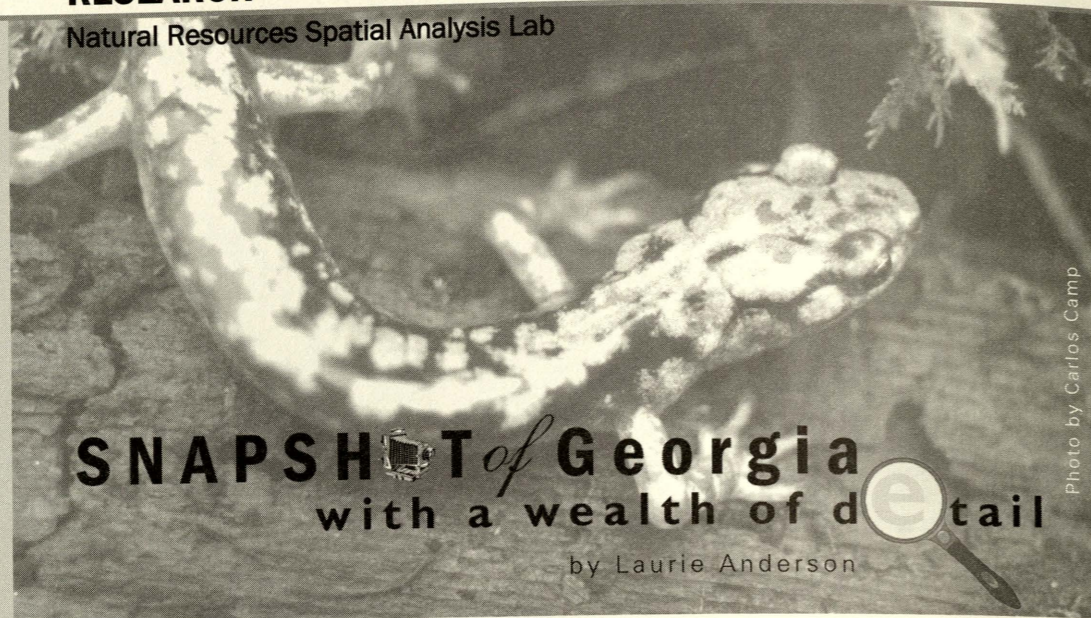
## Spring Undergraduate EECP Certificates:

**Kerry Brewster** (sociology)  
**Lindsay Browning** (political science)  
**Gordon Harper** (political science)  
**Elizabeth Long** (philosophy)  
**Jennifer Pugh** (health & physical ed.)  
**Nathan Ratledge** (anthropology)  
**Aaron Redman** (political science)  
**Abigail Stone** (env. economics & mgmt)

## Spring Graduate Certificates: Elizabeth Ormes (education)

The Environmental Ethics Certificate Program (EECP) presented its first annual awards for best undergraduate and graduate certificate papers at the Founders Memorial House in late February 2004. **Gwyneth Moody**, anthropology, received the first Feighner Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Paper for her work, "Assessing the Environmental Literacy Requirement at the University of Georgia." The Feighner Award was established with a donation from **Rudy Quillian**, BBA '69, of La Grange. Quillian wished to honor the environmental interests of his nephew, Gordon R. Feighner, upon the occasion of his graduation from Reed College in Oregon. **Laura Straehla**, MHP '03, received the first annual Kleiner Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper for her work, "Toward an Ecosophy: Historical Preservation and Deep Ecological Norms."

Also honored this spring was a five-part radio series sponsored by EECP. *Earth, Air, Fire and Water* won second place for best series reporting, announced the Georgia Associated Press Broadcasters Association in May. It was produced by Mary Kay Mitchell, WUGA news director, and David Bryant, public relations coordinator for the Georgia Sea Grant program. The five half-hour shows featured nature writers reading and talking about their work. It was distributed nationally by National Public Radio.



## SNAPSHOT of Georgia with a wealth of detail

by Laurie Anderson

Georgia's wildlife just had its "picture" taken, and it's tremendous. Using aerial and satellite images as reference points, the most comprehensive maps and data collection ever made of the state's common plant and animal life are now available to anyone with an interest in the development or preservation of natural areas of the state. The images and database, which take four compact discs to hold, go far beyond any previously available information on Georgia's vegetation and animal species.

"They include more than forty classes of plant communities, from live oak forests and open fields to shrub wetlands," said **Matt Elliott**, project coordinator for the Natural Resources Spatial Analysis Laboratory, (NARSAL) at the University of Georgia, which conducted the work. In addition, the maps and accompanying data show the distribution of more than 400 common vertebrate animals, including 167 bird species, as well as roads, streams and other natural features.

Such a broad scope of geographic and biological detail combined in one package will be invaluable to land-use planners, said **Liz Kramer**, NARSAL's director. The scale of 1:100,000 gives

users practical close-ups of every part of Georgia. Kramer's unit, part of the College of Environment and Design, spent five years gathering and organizing species inventories and other data about the state from a wide variety of sources in order to prepare the maps and an explanatory report.

"By consulting this, developers can minimize the time they spend preparing environmental assessments for government agencies," she noted. Policy makers can also use the information to look ahead, and communities wishing to establish public greenspaces will find this "snapshot" of the state useful for adding biodiversity to their plans.

"This can indicate the possibility of an endangered species —" tell if the habitat is right for that species," **Kevin Samples**, a research technician with the project, explains. "It can be used by anyone who wants to get an idea about the value of an area for natural resource protection."

The complete four-CD set of maps, database and report," called "The GA-GAP Final Report, can be ordered for the cost of shipping and handling (\$15.00) from NARSAL's Web site (<http://narsal.ecology.uga.edu>).

# SED HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Newly inducted members of Sigma Pi Kappa, the Historic Preservation Honor Society, gather with other members and family.

April 2004 was proclaimed Historic Preservation Month by university president Michael Adams, a month-long awareness program co-sponsored by SED and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Events included the induction of 16 new initiates on April 13th into Sigma Pi Kappa, the historic preservation honor society. The induction was held at Demosthenian Hall, the 180-year-old campus building that won the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's 2000 Award for Excellence In Restoration.

Those initiates are:

<b>David Arning*</b> ,	<b>Summer Lambooy</b> ,
<b>Erica Christoph</b> ,	<b>Jeanne-Marie Mark</b> ,
<b>Evan Cramer</b> ,	<b>Allison Moon*</b> ,
<b>Ben Gardner*</b> ,	<b>Gina Peek</b> ,
<b>Ethiel Garlington</b> ,	<b>Aimee Ross*</b> ,
<b>Monica Hayden</b> ,	<b>Paul Trudeau</b> ,
<b>Liz James</b> ,	<b>Michelle Therrien*</b> ,
<b>Nancy Kelly</b> ,	<b>Michelle Volkema</b> .

\*4.0 GPA

In addition, three honorary initiates were also inducted: **James R. Cothran**, SED adjunct professor, **Gregory Paxton**, president and CEO of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, and **J. Reid Williamson**, executive director of Indiana Landmarks Foundation of Indianapolis, IN. Cothran also gave the annual Preservation Month lecture, titled "Gardens and Historic Plants of the Antebellum South."



Christopher Anderson by the Pia Glacier in the Darwin Mountain Range, Tierra del Fuego.

## RESEARCH IN CHILE

by Christopher Anderson

The Institute of Ecology, in collaboration with the Omora Foundation, a Chilean non-profit organization, began a new study abroad program in 2003 to train UGA students in biological and cultural conservation. Field work is conducted at the Omora Ethnobotanical Park (aka Parque Omora: [www.omora.org](http://www.omora.org)), an 800 hectare long-term research site in southern Chile. This joint venture facilitates study in Chile's sub-Antarctic forests, identified by Conservation International as one of the 37 most pristine ecosystems remaining on the planet.

Ecology undergraduate **Clayton Ross Griffith** visited Parque Omora during the spring semester of 2004. While there, he assisted in various research projects, including a boat expedition through the channels and fjords around Tierra del Fuego. In addition, he conducted his own undergraduate honors thesis research on the impact of the North American beaver (*Castor canadensis*) on stream-side vegetation. The beaver is an introduced species that has invaded much of the region and altered its ecology, and Griffith's study is of interest to area authorities. His work has received a CURO Summer Fellowship for 2004.

Doctoral student **Christopher Anderson** also studies the impact of the predatorless beaver on the area's aquatic food web. In 2000 he helped create the Omora Foundation and spearheaded the involvement of undergraduates in the study abroad program in Chile. He widened his involvement to include outreach programs for Omora, most recently helping to produce four posters on the micro-biodiversity of Cape Horn which were distributed as inserts in the Prensa Austral, the regional newspaper of southern Chile. His efforts have earned him a University-wide Assistantship, a Fulbright Fellowship, a Boren Fellowship and a National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant.

"I believe that this local and multidisciplinary integration is fundamental for any research project," says Anderson. "It is a reciprocally enriching learning experience for both the local community and the scientist."

The Omora Foundation is based in Puerto Williams, Chile, the world's southernmost town, at a latitudinal equivalent to Juneau, Alaska. Efforts are under way to create the Cape Horn World Biosphere Reserve, which will allow a sustainable development strategy for the whole region.



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Photo courtesy: Amy Kissane

(l-r): Ron Hendrick, forest ecology; Nina Wurzbarger and Mark Hunter, director of the Center for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Processes. Hendrick, who is an affiliate ecology faculty member, is Nina's major professor.

(l - r): Amy Kissane, executive director of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, presents the 2004 Volunteer of the Year award to Allison Roy.

# ECOLOGY STUDENTS HONORED

**Congratulations to all of those who received special recognition this year! They are:**

Josh Laerm Memorial Outstanding Ecology Undergraduate Award: **Grant Galland**

UGA Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award: **Marcelo Ardón Sayao** and **Rebekah Chapman**

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award: **Marcelo Ardón Sayao**

Graduate School Teaching Seminar Assistantship: **Rebekah Chapman**

UGA TA Mentor Program: **Hugo Collantes**

Dean Lindholm Memorial Travel Award: **Sonia Hernandez-Divers**

Robert Sheldon Memorial Travel Award: **Lindsay Stallcup**

Best Student Paper Competition Best Basic/Theoretical paper: **Wyatt Cross** and **Chris Winne**

Best Applied paper: **Allison Roy**

Environmental Policy Award: **Beth Anderson** and **Erin Dreelin**

Solitary Glove Service Award (provided by **Terry Barrett**): **Seth Wenger**

Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation Volunteer of the Year: **Alison Roy**

New Graduate Student Representatives: **Jennifer McCabe** [MS] and **Gretchen Peltier** [PhD]

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) 2004 Graduate Field Research Summer Travel Awards: **Valerie E. Peters-Perez** and **Lindsay Stallcup**

EPA STAR Fellowship: **Tom Shannon** and **Meredith Wright**

Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) Student Research Award and the

Eugene P. Odum Award (given by the Southeastern Chapter of the Ecological Society of America) for the best ecological paper presented by a student: **Chris Winne**

2004 Center for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Processes (CBEP) Graduate Student Research Prize: **Nina Wurzbarger**

Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) 2004 Undergraduate Summer Fellowship: **Clayton Griffith**

National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology Fellowship: **Tim Carter**

Second Year University-Wide Award: **Andrew Hunt**, **Sylvia Schaeffer** and **Katherine Smith**.

Final Year University-Wide Award: **Chris Frost**, **Stuart Borrett**, and **Effie Greathouse**



Seth Wenger holding his Solitary Glove Service Award.



Lindsay Stallcup, Robert Sheldon Memorial Travel Award and CLACS 2004 Graduate Field Research Summer Travel Award.



Grant Galland, winner of the Josh Laerm Memorial Outstanding Ecology Undergraduate Award.



(l - r): Final Year University-Wide Award recipients Chris Frost, Stuart Borrett, and Effie Greathouse

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

### Allison Roy

Allison Roy, a recent doctoral ecology student, successfully split her time this year between science, historic preservation, and service.

She was recognized in March by Institute of Ecology faculty with the Best Applied Paper award for "Habitat-specific responses of stream insects to land cover disturbance: biological consequences and monitoring implications," which was co-authored with A.D. Rosemond, M.J. Paul, D.S. Leigh and J.B. Wallace, and published in the *Journal of the North American Benthological Society*.

The same month, she was named the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation Volunteer of the Year. Roy is involved with Hands On Athens, a coalition that repairs and helps to restore the homes of low-income residents in historic city neighborhoods.

Allison also helped initiate construction of an "eco-friendly" house for Habitat for Humanity (HfH). She and fellow Institute alum **Nanette Nelson**, MS Ecology (CESD) '00, recently announced that the project has acquired a sponsor. Digital Insight, an internet banking company with offices in Georgia and California, committed to assisting in funding and building the house with HfH.

**Construction begins in August and volunteers are needed, says Roy.**

For more info, e-mail Nanette [nanette@uga.edu](mailto:nanette@uga.edu) or Allison [aroy@uga.edu](mailto:aroy@uga.edu), or visit [www.ced.uga.edu/newsevents/habitat.htm](http://www.ced.uga.edu/newsevents/habitat.htm)



(l-r): Chris Frost, John Kominoski, Dan Thornhill, and Allison Vogt.

# 10th annual Student Symposium WINNERS

by Janice Sand

The Institute of Ecology hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research Symposium in January 2004. Thirty-seven graduate students and four undergraduate students participated in the two-day event.

Awards were presented for best undergraduate poster and best oral presentation by masters and doctoral students. The winners are: **Grant Galland** for best undergraduate poster, **Allison Vogt** for best masters presentation, and **Chris Frost, John Kominoski** and **Dan Thornhill** for best doctoral presentation. Grant received \$100 in travel support. Graduate students each received \$200 in travel support.

## ecology graduates spring 2004



Graduating ecology students (l-r): Itamar Giladi, Cathy Gibson, Tara Muenz, Kim Andrews, Teresa Garrand, Michelle Williams, Erin Looney and David Sinclair.

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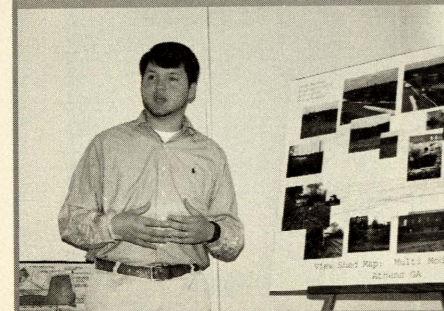
Students in the Urban Design Studio (LAND 4060) presented their projects during landscape architecture's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary alumni weekend.



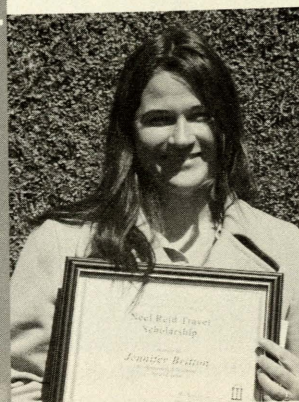
(Above) Leigh Bachman, BLA '04, winner of the Hubert B. Owens scholarship from the Garden Club of Georgia.



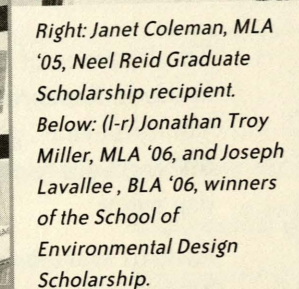
(l - r) Seniors Vance Balhoff, BLA '05, and John Berglund, BLA '05, show their model for an area surrounding Athens-Clarke County's new multimodal center.



Justin Greer, BLA '05, discusses the design process.



Left: Jennifer Britton, MLA '06, the 2004 Neel Reid Travel Scholarship winner.



Right: Janet Coleman, MLA '05, Neel Reid Graduate Scholarship recipient. Below: (l-r) Jonathan Troy Miller, MLA '06, and Joseph Lavallee, BLA '06, winners of the School of Environmental Design Scholarship.

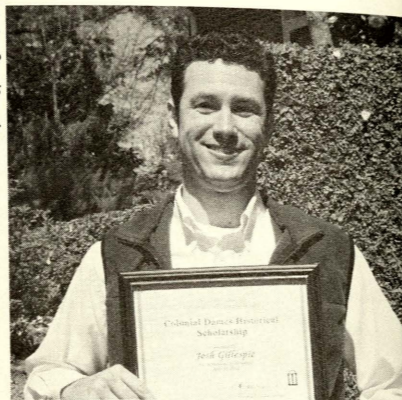


(Above) Leigh Bachman, BLA '04, winner of the Hubert B. Owens scholarship from the Garden Club of Georgia.

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Right: Josh Gillespie, MHP '05, winner of the 2004 Colonial Dames Historical Scholarship.

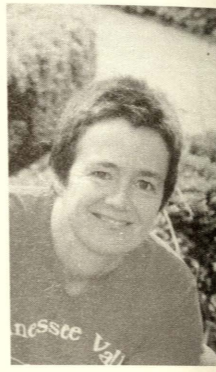


# SED HONORS DAY



Above: Tara Cooner, MHP '05, winner of the Garden Club of Georgia Cherokee Rose Scholarship.

Right: Krista Gridley, MLA '05, winner of the William Lawrence Manning Knox Scholarship.



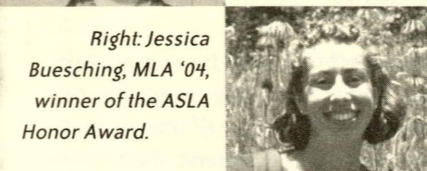
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Leigh Ann Bachman  
Karen Hernacki  
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Left: Young Ae Chung, BLA '05, winner of the Neel Reid Undergraduate Scholarship.



Right: Jessica Buesching, MLA '04, winner of the ASLA Honor Award.



Left: Jessica Webb, BLA '05, winner of the Edah B. Grover Scholarship.

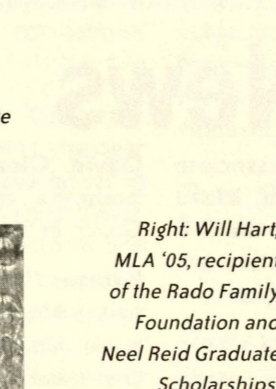
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Right: Will Hart, MLA '05, recipient of the Rado Family Foundation and Neel Reid Graduate Scholarships.

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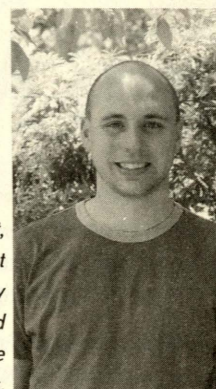
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Stella Wiggins  
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**Who's Who Among Student in American Universities & Colleges**  
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**Colonial Dames Historical Scholarship**  
Josh Gillespie

**Garden Club of Georgia Cherokee Rose Scholarship**  
Tara Cooner

**Athens Rotary Club Award for Leadership & Service**  
Katie Crippen

STUDENTHIGHLIGHT



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**Courtney Willis**, a senior in landscape architecture, said she decided on her major after visiting firms the summer after her freshman year. Courtney received the Neel Reid Travel Scholarship to study landscape architecture in Cortona, Italy. This summer she interned with Roy-Fisher Associates Inc., specializing in therapeutic and health-related landscape site design. Prof. Marguerite Koepke, who aided Willis in her search for an internship, described her as "not only an outstanding student, but an outstanding person."

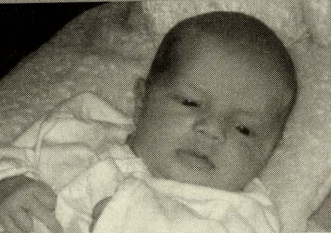
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## Alumni Babies



Max Cenci and **Michelle Capuano**, MLA '99, happily announce the birth of 8 lb. 1 oz daughter Meghan Marie Cenci on May 16th, 2004.



Congratulations to **Michael Paul**, PhD (Ecology) '99 and **Katherine Baer**, MS (CESD) '96, on the birth of their daughter Harper Sarah Baer, born April 26, 2004.



Congratulations to **Stephanie and Jay Wansley**, MLA '00, on the birth of daughter Brynn on March 23, 2004. Brynn weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20" long.

compiled by Laurie Anderson, Donna Gabriel, Jane Link, Audra Lofton, Eleonora Machado, Janice Sand, and René Shoemaker,

# Alumni News

**Yates Anderson**, BLA '03, is associate landscape architect with The Sea Island Company, which recently helped host the G-8 summit on the island. He can be seen at work in the June 2004 issue of *Georgia Magazine*.

**Doug Allen**, BLA '71, was quoted in a Nov. 10, 2003 *Atlanta Business Chronicle* article about landscaping as a deterrent to terrorist attacks. Allen is currently associate dean for academic affairs in Georgia Tech's College of Architecture. "The last thing we want to do is hide behind barricades," he told the paper. "At the same time, we live in a world of very real threats. So architects have had to draw on all of their wits and talents to design protections."

**David Arning**, MHP '04, recently accepted a position as principal partner at Palmetto Preservation Works, a historic preservation consulting and real estate development firm in Greenville, S.C. He starts there in August.

*The Natural History of Madagascar* (University of Chicago Press, 2003), edited by Steven M. Goodman and **Jonathan Benstead**, PhD (Ecology) '00, received a favorable review in the April 2, 2004 issue of *Science*. "This is not a dry litany of biological diversity," wrote reviewer John G. Robinson of the encyclopedic work, noting that the book "explodes....with a wealth of detail."

**Danny Bivins**, MHP '02, was named to the Athens-Clarke County Hearings Board, an administrative board charged with acting on requests for hardship variances from ordinance requirements and appeals of adverse decisions and interpretations. Bivins currently works with the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

**Jessica Buesching**, MLA '04, started working late spring near Orlando, Fla. at the landscape architecture firm Dix Lathrop & Associates, Inc.

**Catherine Callahan**, BLA '04, is now GIS Specialist for Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance, a nonprofit organization working to ensure greenspace preservation in south Fulton, northwestern Coweta, eastern Carroll and eastern Douglas counties, Ga.

**David Clear**, BLA '02, has joined the landscape architecture firm C. F. Zavala Group in San Antonio, Texas.

**Lauren Colunga**, MLA '02, just moved back to the United States from Germany. She will be in Albuquerque, NM for 4 months. In December Lauren and husband Nate will move to Japan.

After 12 years of working in Florida and the Carolinas for entertainment, resort and community design firms, **Jay Cooper**, BLA '92, has taken a project manager position with the San Antonio office of Carter+Burgess, a 2500 employee multi-discipline firm with 37 offices across the United States.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Dean Drew Gilpin Faust announced in early July 2004 that **James (Jim) Costa**, MS (Entomology/Ecology) '88; is one of the 46 people selected as 2004-2005 Radcliffe Fellows.

**Carol Couch**, PhD (Ecology) '94, director of Georgia's Environmental Protection Division, gave the keynote address at the 2004 Red Clay Conference, held in April at UGA's Dean Rusk Center. She has been in the news since publically opposing legislation under consideration in the State General Assembly that

would weaken stream buffer protection and the ability of NGOs to impede businesses perceived to threaten the environment. Couch also protested the reallocation of money from environmental cleanup funds to other programs, the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* reported.

**Katie Crippen**, BLA '04, recently accepted a position in Nashville, Tenn. at Hodgson & Douglas.

**Brian Dresser**, MS (Ecology) '03, has accepted an environmental scientist position with NOAA / National Marine Fisheries Service in Gloucester, Maine. Brian is assisting in the development and implementation of

the federal recovery plan for Atlantic salmon and other projects related to salmon recovery in Maine.

**Laura England**, MS (Ecology) '03, is the outreach and education programs manager for the Wisconsin Wetlands Association in Madison. Her responsibilities include planning, designing and implementing educational and outreach programs, including invasive species workshops and wetland restoration workshops. She also coordinates the annual science forum and assists with organizational work on wetland policy issues.

**Chris Estes**, BLA '88, was profiled in the November/December 2003 issue of *Erosion Control* magazine. Chris heads Estes Design, Inc., based in Charlotte, N.C., a consulting firm specializing in stream restoration and wetlands research and design projects.

**Nat B. Frazer**, PhD (Ecology) '83, was elected president of the board of directors of Alachua Conservation Trust, a private, non-profit land trust devoted to acquiring and protecting environmentally sensitive lands in and around Alachua County (Gainesville), Fla. Nat is also chair-elect of the legislative affairs committee for the Council on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources (CFERR) of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the oldest higher education organization in the US, and was recently named chair of the extension committee of the National Association of University Fisheries and Wildlife Programs (NAUFWP), and as a member of the steering committee of the National Coop Units Cooperators Coalition (NCUCC), a group that works to increase funding for biological science programs in the United States Geological Survey (USGS). In addition, Nat was recently inducted into the University of Florida's chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi honor fraternity.

**Jonlyn Freeman**, MLA '02, is now working with Billie Cohen Landscape Design in New York City. One of their interesting clients is the New York Restoration Project run by Bette Midler. They acquire or get donations of public land for community gardens and neighborhood parks.

**Richard Gang**, BLA '87, now serves as director of workplace operations for BrassRing, an ocean-spanning recruitment management services company. Richard

handles all of the company's real estate obligations, voice communications, conferencing, business continuity and succession planning. He is married with two children living in Andover, just north of Boston.

**Tom Gibney**, MLA '04, is employed in Boulder, CO at Shapins Associates. They specialize in creative planning, urban design and landscape architecture.

**David W. Johnston**, MS (Ecology) '50, one of Gene Odum's first graduate students, has published *The History of Ornithology in Virginia* (University of Virginia Press, Charlottesville). The book covers the colony's/state's bird populations from paleontological and archeological records through Indian culture, Jamestown, expanding to the Eastern Shore, Dismal Swamp, and western mountains, along with the contributions of Smithsonian collectors in the 20th century and modern-day bird-watchers. It is the first book to address historical bird life for any state, from fossils to the current 435 species found in Virginia.

**Shannon Garvey Kettering**, BLA '93, was quoted in the November 2003 issue of *Landscape Architecture* magazine regarding work with the Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance. Kettering, a senior associate with Ecos Environmental Design, Inc. of Atlanta, helped create a sustainable community master plan for a 40,000 acre rural area in south Fulton County, Ga. The plan has won both the ASLA Georgia Chapter Honor Award for outstanding effort in master planning, and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and Regional Business Coalition (RBC) Exceptional Merit Award for a visionary, cooperative planning process. A number of SED alumni and current students also work for Ecos.

**Melissa Knauer**, MLA '04 and **Thomas Rainer**, MLA '02 married July 3, 2004 at the Catholic Center near the UGA campus.

**Fred Kristin**, BLA '03, started working July 2004 at The Office of James Burnett Landscape Architecture in Houston, Texas.

**Norman Leonard**, BS (Ecology) '98, has been elected president of the New Orleans Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology for a second term. Norman is pursuing a doctorate in conservation biology at the University of New Orleans.

Atlanta native **Alex Levy**, BLA '90, is heading to Washington, DC, where he will serve as a senior ecologist for the Federal Highway Administration's Water and Ecosystems team in the Office of Human and Natural Environment. In his four short years with the FHWA Southern Resource Center, Mr. Levy developed a national and international focus on reconnecting natural habitats fragmented by highways and reducing the conflicts between wildlife and motor vehicles. As a result, he serves as chair for the safety data, research and evaluation subcommittee on animals and vehicles for the National Academies' Transportation Research Board (TRB), and is also a founding member of TRB's new task force on ecology and transportation.

**Jennifer Brown Leynes**, MHP '99, is currently employed as an architectural historian at Richard Grubb & Associates, a cultural resource consulting firm in Cranbury, N.J., and also as adjunct professor at the College of New Jersey teaching historic preservation.

**Joy Long**, MLA '04, is working at Bellinger Foster Steinmetz, a landscape architecture firm in Monterey, Calif. The firm specializes in park and recreational design, with some related ventures into commercial and residential arenas. Joy's current projects include one for the town of Seaside, and another for a church. "I am learning a lot," she says, "and having fun with the people in the office, too!"

**Jeff Lovich**, PhD (Ecology) '90, has been promoted to director of the USGS Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center in Flagstaff, Ariz. Jeff oversees staff, students, postdocs and contractors who provide research and monitoring in support of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. The program protects and restores natural, cultural and physical resources in the Grand Canyon affected by Glen Canyon Dam operations.

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**Julie March**, PhD (Ecology) '01, has accepted a new position starting in June to serve as the food security advisor with the US Agency for International Development in the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. She will look into agricultural issues and food security in regions suffering from both slow onset (drought) and rapid onset (flood, hurricane, etc.) emergencies. The position is supported as a faculty associate funded through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Disaster Management Center.

**Jenny McStotts**, JD/MHP '03, starts teaching fall 2004 as an assistant professor at the College of Charleston.

**Allison Moon**, MHP '04, is currently employed as the city planner at Morgan County Planning and Development, Madison Ga.

**Lawrence (Larry) Porter** MLA '00 is currently employed by Rutgers University as a senior landscape architect in the Office of Facilities Planning & Development. He spent the last four years as a full-time instructor in Rutgers' Dept. of Landscape Architecture.

**Chase Robertson**, MHP '97, recently married Antoine Martin (now Chase Robertson Martin).

**Aimee Ross** MHP '04, is working in Sarasota, Fla. at the firm Archaeological Consultants.

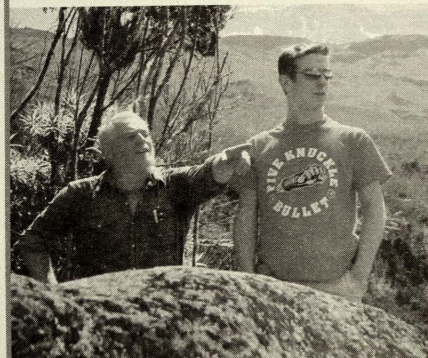


Photo courtesy Charles Russell

**Charles Russell**, PhD (Ecology) '83, and his 15-year old son Eli, recently climbed Kilimanjaro. Russell stated "Having recently

passed into geezerhood and wanting to sooth my battered ego, I took my son out to Africa and we climbed Kilimanjaro. Our climb was late in the season, so we got caught in a snow storm but made it to the top of Uhuru peak at 0620 hr on 20 March after climbing through a few hours of snow and stiff winds."

Congratulations to **Laura Skelton**, MS (Ecology) '02, and Thomas Buford, who were married on June 5, 2004. Laura has accepted a high school environmental science teaching position in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Curtis Stewart**, MLA '90, is now an associate professor specializing in landscape design at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville's Department of Plant Sciences.

**Kathryn Sutherland**, MS (CESD) '98, was awarded a University of Georgia Research Foundation Graduate Student Excellence in Research Award. Sutherland, a recent doctoral graduate in marine sciences, has identified the disease agent responsible for the decimation of corals in the waters surrounding Florida and the Caribbean. She found that the source of white pox disease is *Serratia marcescens*, a common strain of human fecal coliform bacteria. The discovery has prompted Florida officials to raise more than \$100 million to improve wastewater treatment. Sutherland currently is a postdoc working under the direction of Dr. Jim Porter.

**Monica Turner**, PhD (Ecology) '85, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, it was announced April 20, 2004. Membership in the Academy is one of the highest honors bestowed to U.S. scientists and engineers, recognizing continuing distinguished and original research. Turner is a professor of zoology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, focusing on the causes and consequences of spatial variation in ecological systems and the dynamics of natural disturbances, such as fire or flooding, on an area's ecology.

**Christine Van Voorhies**, MHP '98, archaeology outreach specialist with the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in Atlanta, has authored a guide to historic cemetery protection, *Grave Intentions: A Comprehensive Guide to Cemetery Preservation in Georgia* (released fall 2003). Voorhies was quoted in a February 8, 2004 article in the *New York Times*

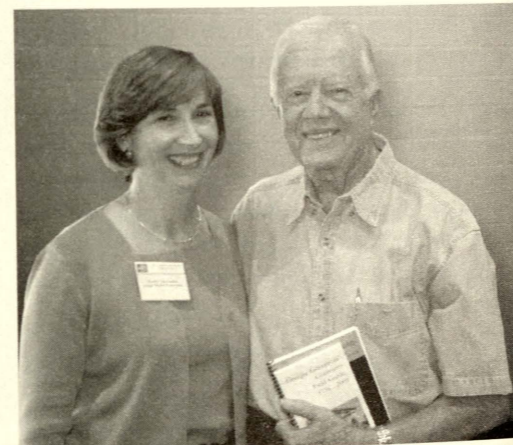
on the preservation of Southern cemeteries, and on October 3, 2003 was honored to present of copy of her book to former President Jimmy Carter during a historic preservation awards event in Perry, Ga. The book was funded by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC), and all proceeds from its sale go back into preservation and cemetery projects. Copies can be ordered from HCC at their online store at [www.hcc-al-ga.org](http://www.hcc-al-ga.org) or by phone at 334-687-9755 or toll-free at 1-877-766-2443.

**Holly B. Wiedemann**, BLA '78, president of AU Associates Inc. of Lexington, Ky., was featured in an April 4th article in the Louisville, Ky. *Courier-Journal* on the value of historic preservation in urban settings. Wiedemann, whose company was responsible for last year's award-winning transformation of an old YMCA building in Louisville into a mixed-use facility now called the St. Francis, spoke at the Urban Design Studio, a conference that examined the reuse of old buildings across Kentucky and Indiana.

**Neil Weinstein**, MLA '83, was featured in the March 2004 issue of *Landscape Architecture*, in an article titled "Starting an Environmental Nonprofit." Neil is the executive director of the Low Impact Development Center in Maryland.

**Stephen Wilkinson**, BLA '04, has joined Pei Cobb Freed Architects, [www.pcf-p.com](http://www.pcf-p.com), in New York, NY.

**Nell Ziehl**, MHP '03, now works for the National Trust as the program assistant for their Southern field office, it was announced in late December 2003. Nell formerly worked in the National Trust's Save America's Treasures office, and before that with the Land Trust Alliance.



(l-r) Christine Van Voorhies and President Jimmy Carter.

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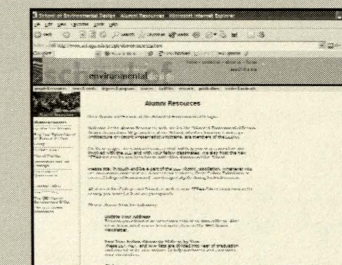
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The School of Environmental Design Alumni Association (SEDAA), an outreach organization of CED (College of Environment and Design), is seeking to develop opportunities for social and professional interaction among its membership.

Co-presidents **Richard Mandell**, BLA '90, and **Clay Mooney**, BLA '79, with the help of **Gary Morgan**, BLA '72, **Truitt Rabun**, BLA '70, and **Evelyn Green Reece**, MHP '96, welcome members who want to spread the comraderie and enjoyment of shared interests and experiences both past and present. The SEDAA can provide its members with both networking and educational opportunities, such as the recent 75th anniversary celebration, all in a framework of fun. Alumni can look forward to another Alumni Weekend, scheduled for April 1 - 3, 2005, as well as regional socials, educational programming, fundraisers and other events.

The SEDAA asks for your full support and participation to make the SEDAA an organization you deserve. Join over 2,000 alumni in support of the common thread all share — the School of Environmental Design.



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## coming this fall

# Circle Gallery

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Exhibits Schedule for Fall 2004

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### August

8/25 - 9/24 — Joseph Disponzio: "Territories: Contemporary European Landscape Design"

Reception Wed, 8/25

### October

10/1 - 10/27 — Summer 2004 Studies Abroad

Reception Wed, 10/6

### November

11/3 - 11/30 — FindIt!: "South Georgia Images"

Reception Wed, 11/3

### December

12/1 - 12/23 — Darrell Morrison: "darrellmo's world: where art & nature meet"

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### April 2005

The next School of Environmental Design Alumni Weekend will be April 1-3, 2005.

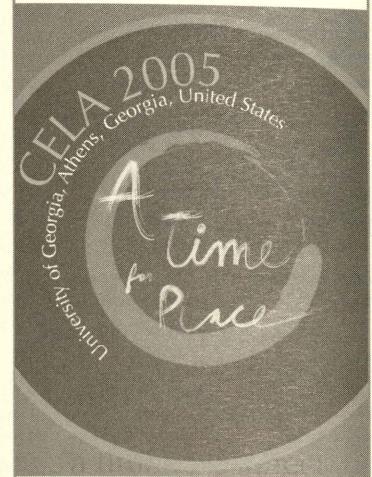
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### September 2005



The University of Georgia, School of Environmental Design is hosting The Council for Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference - CELA 2005. September 21-24, 2005  
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