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A-school Young Alums,

Welcome to the first AYAC newsletter! If you’re not yet familiar with the new A-school Young Alumni Council (AYAC), this newsletter should give you a sense for who we are and what we hope to accomplish as a group. In short, our mission is to facilitate and strengthen the connection between the A-school and its young alumni – defined as those who graduated within the last ten years. We hope to do so in a number of ways, a few of which are highlighted in this newsletter.

The Council was founded in early 2011 and has been working over the last year to foster increased young alumni engagement with the school. To that end, we convened our first annual meeting in Charlottesville in October, hosted regional Externship happy hours in January, and hosted a 20/20 event last week in Washington, DC. We’re currently planning additional regional activities for young alumni this spring and look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any feedback, feel free to reach out to either of us or to Kim Wong at the A-school. We are open to new ideas and support. Please let us know how you feel that we might best serve this community.

Wahoo-wa!
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Patrick Woods (BSArch 2006)

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AYAC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sarah F. Cox (BSArch and BA English 2005), Founding Co-Chair
employer: Curbed Detroit
region: Midwest (Detroit)

Christopher Donnelly (BSArch 2006, BS Civil Engineering 2007)
employer: Vornado Realty Trust
region: New York City

Alejandro Fernandez de Mesa (BSArch 2006)
employer: Steven Harris Architects
region: New York City

Lauren Hackney (BSArch 2005, MArch + MLA 2011)
employer: Peter Walker + Partners
region: San Francisco

L. Bernard Harkless, Jr. (BSArch 2007)
school: MIT Graduate School of Architecture and Planning
region: Boston

Sara Allen Harper (BSArch 2011)
employer: University of Virginia School of Architecture
region: Charlottesville

Elise Mazareas (MLA 2009)
employer: Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc
region: Boston

Elizabeth Milnarik (MAH 2004, PhD Architectural History 2009)
employer: National Trust for Historic Preservation
region: Washington, DC
Marilyn Moedinger (BSArch and BA History 2005, MArch 2010)
employer: Utile Inc. Architecture + Planning
region: Boston

Diane Moseley (BSArch 2004)
employer: Gruzen Samton Architects
region: New York City

Renee Pean (MArch 2010, MUEP 2011)
employer: Barnes Vanze Architects
region: Washington, DC

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Emily Williamson (MArch 2009)
school: PhD candidate (beginning in Fall 2012)
region: Washington, DC / Boston

Patrick Woods (BSArch 2006), Founding Co-Chair
school: University of Chicago Booth School of Business
region: Midwest (Chicago)
AYAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MARILYN MOEDINGER, LEED AP
BS Arch. BA History w/ Honors (UVa ‘05), M.Arch (UVa ‘10)

Marilyn is an architectural designer working for Utile, Inc. Architecture + Planning, in Boston, MA, and as a lecturer at the Boston Architectural College [Degree Project studio]. Previously, she was an adjunct professor at Northeastern University.

Marilyn is the recipient of the 2010 SOM Grand Prize, with which she is investigating climate mediation strategies in vernacular residential architecture along a particular line of longitude in an effort to discern the tipping point [as evidenced in the built environment] between exigencies of climate and demands of cultural tradition. Her post-travel drawings focus on combining field drawings, quantitative data, and digital graphics into multi-layered, graphical evidence of field investigation and post-field processing, presenting a tangible product of an architectural inquiry process. Her travels have taken her to Switzerland, Peru, Jamaica, Mongolia, China, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, and her hometown of Lancaster, PA. She has lectured, or has planned lectures, on her research at UVA, the GSD, Brown, and around Boston.

Her Master’s thesis, “A Pickup Truck Prototype: Sustainable, Affordable, Panelized Housing in Appalachia,” examines architecture’s ability to catalyze local and regional communities and economies through a reimagined design and construction process, centered on readily available materials and resources. While at UVA, she was the recipient of the Lori Ann Pristo Award, the Judy Rosson Book Prize, and various graduate fellowships. She has studied architecture, art, and literature in London, Italy, and Jamaica.

Previously, Marilyn worked as a construction project manager in Charlottesville, VA. She was a project manager and construction fellow for the ecoMOD 1 project at the University of Virginia in 2004/5, and has been working on emergency home repair projects in West Virginia for nearly fifteen years.

Marilyn’s built work includes several single family residences and an elementary school in the Charlottesville area, all of which were LEED certified. Most recently, she was the architect for ecoREMOD, a partnership between UVA and the City of Charlottesville to renovate a c. 1922 home to function as a public sustainability resource center for City residents.
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WASHINGTON D.C SUB-GROUP
MIDWEST (CHICAGO + DETROIT) SUB-GROUP
SAN FRANCISCO SUB-GROUP
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE NEW UVa SARC WEBSITE & CONNECT BLOG
If you haven’t already noticed, last November the A-school unveiled a complete redesign of its website and a new blog for alumni, donors and supporters of the school. The new website was developed in collaboration with a Charlottesville design firm, Journey Group. It aims to be more user-friendly than its predecessor with frequent updates on students, faculty and alumni. The main page includes upcoming events and news around the school, and the site offers new features such as profiles on both people and projects.

Connect functions as a great source of information about upcoming events in your area and in Charlottesville, as well as photos and event recaps. It is designed as a place for conversation to share information, ideas, and accomplishments and as an up-to-the-minute resource for events/lectures and ways to stay involved with the A-school community. If you have a professional accomplishment you would like to share, send a note to Kim Wong at kimwong@virginia.edu. These will be highlighted in the “3 Cheers” posts which celebrate the latest accolades of A-school alums.

Check out the new UVa SARC website and the Connect Blog, and be sure to stay in touch with the school as often as possible!

UVa ARCHITECTURE YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL, CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The UVa School of Architecture Young Alumni Council (AYAC) is pleased to announce openings for new members this spring. Founded in 2011, the AYAC is committed to facilitating and strengthening the connection between the UVa School of Architecture and its young alumni. The roles of its members include developing a business, social, and academic network for the School of Architecture and its young alumni community, aiding young alumni in the transition from school to the workplace, and fundraising. In addition to these responsibilities, the council holds annual meetings in Charlottesville and has the unique opportunity to interact with the Foundation and Advisory Boards. If you have graduated within the last 10 years, we encourage you to apply.

Please fill out this form and return it to Kim Wong by June 01.
THE VIRGINIA TEACHING FELLOWSHIP, CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Virginia Teaching Fellows Program in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Virginia offers a unique opportunity for designers to explore the links between their research and teaching, working alongside the faculty at one of the most respected graduate design programs in the US. We seek recent graduates from professional programs in Landscape Architecture or related disciplines who will innovate, engage and bring imaginative approaches to our community through their teaching, creative work, critical design practice and/or scholarship. Successful applicants should demonstrate their capabilities to teach design studios that support our stated mission and that integrate a wide range of creative digital media and methods. Candidates whose design practice or research aligns with one of the Architecture School’s core themes as outlined on our school’s website are especially encouraged.

Please visit this link for more information.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Given annually to alumni of the University of Virginia School of Architecture from any of the four departments in recognition of outstanding achievement, the Distinguished Alumni award recognizes graduates who have demonstrated creativity, innovation, leadership and vision through their contributions to professional, societal, academic, artistic, or other areas that the awards committee feels are appropriate for recognition, including service to the University of Virginia. These areas may be local, national or international. Achievements and impact need not span a long career, but should demonstrate the potential to have a lasting effect on the broader community.

Please visit this link for more information.
20x30x40 A-SCHOOL SPRING MATCH CHALLENGE

Young Alumni giving is all about participation, not the size of the gift. On top of that, during the 30 days of April, your gift to the A-school Annual Fund will be matched 1:1 by an anonymous alumna. Visit this link to make a donation and have it go twice as far! Thank you!
RECAPS:

COVERAGE OF MARILYN’S SOM PRIZE LECTURE AT UVa (03.19.12)

Recipient of the 2010 SOM Grand Prize Architecture, Design, and Urban Design, Marilyn is researching climate mediation strategies in vernacular residential architecture in an effort to discern the tipping point [as evidenced in the built environment] between exigencies of climate and demands of cultural tradition. Marilyn’s work is relevant not just because of the climate mediation strategies it catalogs at both the building and urban scales, but in the methods of analysis it employs, both quantitative [temperature and climate data collection] and qualitative [sketching, experiential diagramming], and then ultimately hybridizes. Thus, her post-travel drawings focus on combining field drawings, quantitative data, and digital graphics into multi-layered, graphical evidence of field investigation and post-field processing, presenting a tangible product of an architectural inquiry process.
EXTERNSHIP HAPPY HOURS AND REGIONAL EVENTS

AYAC NY Externship Happy Hour

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Boston Externship at Utile, Inc. Architecture + Planning
SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medalist in Architecture: Rafael Moneo
When: Friday, April 13, 2012  
3:00-400PM  
Where: Old Cabell Hall  
Charlottesville, VA  
What: The Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medals are the highest external honors bestowed by the University, which grants no honorary degrees. This year’s Medalist is Rafael Moneo, the Spanish architect known for innovative modern buildings that respect existing environments.

Clark-Howe Colloquium Series Lecture: Lafarge Ductal Concrete
When: Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
12:30 - 2:00pm  
Where: Campbell Hall Room 153  
Charlottesville, VA  
What: This presentation will discuss how Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) is helping architects to rethink the way concrete is used in building design.

Midwest Area Alumni Event (Chicago)
When: Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
6:30 - 8:30pm  
Where: TBD  
What: All A-school alumni are invited to this event. Please stay tuned for more details!

DC Area Alumni Event in conjunction with the AIA Convention
When: Friday, May 18, 2012  
6:30-8:30PM  
Where: SmithgroupJJR  
901 K Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20001  
What: All A-school alumni are invited to this reception in conjunction with the National AIA Conference in Washington DC with Dean Kim Tanzer, faculty members, and students.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST....
Reunions 2012
When: June 1-3, 2012
Where: Charlottesville, VA
What: All alumni who graduated from a year ending in 2 or 7 are invited back to grounds to a fun-filled weekend. The School of Architecture hosts an open house reception on Friday night and a delicious southern BBQ picnic on Saturday at noon.