“If we feel connected to one another, we can become empowered to change our physical and political environment.” - Janet Echelman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Julie Bargmann Guest Lecture
Founder of D.I.R.T. Studio
Oct. 10th - 4:30pm
PLS 1130

MDASLA Charity Golf Outing
Rescheduled due to Rain
Oct. 26th - 7:30am
Timbers at Troy, Elkridge, MD

ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo
Oct. 19th-22nd
Philadelphia, PA
More information here

Student ASLA Pumpkin Party
Oct. 29th - 5:00pm
Location TBD

PARK(ING) DAY

Last week, Landscape Architecture students participated in what was another successful PARK(ing) Day design competition! The national event is a day of fun and creativity in which participants transform regular parking spaces into temporary mini-parklets. The transformation challenges people to re-imagine how urban space is used and consider if so much of it ought to be allocated to parking space. In addition to displaying a different use for spaces, PARK(ing) Day brings people together and shows just how effective a simple change can be enjoyed by so many. In front of Cole Field House, numerous students and other passerbys made time to stop at the Landscape Architecture students’ parks and learn about their efforts.

The 3rd-year students gathered recycled windows, wood pallets and concrete blocks to build their post-industrial reclaimed gathering space. Beforehand, students painted the recycled materials in vibrant green and blue colors,
adding a comforting feel to the space. After adding a variety of ferns, grasses and perennials, and a bamboo bench donated by Anova Furnishings, the 3rd-years had themselves a cozy and creative space!

The 4th-year students illustrated the process of ecological succession in their parklet. Their design included a plentiful amount of vegetation. Viewers could see the plant material transition from sedum species to flowering trees as they moved through the space, communicating how ecosystems evolve.

Dr. Ellis, Professor Nola, and Professor Sullivan acted as judges for the competition and after careful analyses, awarded the 4th-year students’ design as the winner!

**KEEPING UP WITH THE STUDIOS**

The seniors are in the Urban Design studio and working on the redesign of McKeldin Plaza, a traffic island that sits at the gateway to the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Kamani Brown views the assignment as “giving a second chance at identity for this place.”

In the Site Planning and Design studio, students are working to improve circulation, implement stormwater management, and build historical ties to campus agriculture at the Animal Science courtyard. Junior Maria Harrington finds significance in designing to represent and connect the site to the origins of our campus.

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**Opportunities**

**Internship:** National Park Service (9/28/18)
Maryland Sierra Club

**Job:** Mahan Rykiel | Landscape Designer
Montgomery County Planning Department (10/4/18)

**Student Consultant Opportunity:** Contact Dr. Ellis if interested.