



SASLA NEWSLETTER

May Issue 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSLA Awards

Ice Cream Social

May 10th - 3:30PM

1140 Plant Science Bldg

RSVP [here](#)

Michelle Delk

Victor Stanley Lecture Series

June 6th - 7PM

1101 Biological Research

Bldg

RSVP [here](#)

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying
goodbye so hard."*

- Winnie the Pooh

MDASLA AWARDS GALA



University of Maryland faculty, alumni, and students gather in celebration of our award winning Terps!

Congratulations to:

Laura Robinson, 2018 University Olmsted Scholar [MLA Candidate](#)

Jennifer Ren, Honor

Cecilia Tran, Honor & 2018 University Olmsted Scholar [BLA Candidate](#)

Avantika Dalal, Merit

Sarah Whiteley, Merit

Blair Danies, Merit

Sara Noboa, Merit



UMD LARC takes on LABash2018!



Ken Smith's Normcore exhibit sheds light on the way landscape architects approach innovative design.

LABASH 2018

Our Terps had a great time exploring Penn State! Sarah Whiteley thoroughly enjoyed the EDSA sketch crawl with Danny Bulemore. "It was great to see Penn State's Arboretum and sketch with someone who shared that passion with us. He encouraged us to 'just start and see where your pen takes you!'" Sarah also enjoyed the lectures and expo, but most of all, Penn State's Creamery's legendary flavor, blueberry crumble ice cream! Yum!

Ken Smith's Key Note lecture on Normcore Landscapes inspired young landscape architecture professionals to design outside the bounds of "Normal." Normcore comes from fashion design. Normcore conflates Normal

and Hardcore. Two of which are contradictory ideas. It's a serious critique of what is considered normal. In landscape a lot of what we do is derived from what is natural or what's in nature. So our designs often take shape of what is considered 'natural' in the field of landscape architecture. The terms 'natural' were replaced with 'normal' in his exhibition panels. Sometimes we back up design decisions because it seems 'natural' therefore it is correct.

Ken Smith asks us to critique ourselves to view any structural biases to design using Normcore.

If you want to create new ideas in landscape, we need to first question ourselves "What are we doing and why are we doing it? And is there a different way of thinking about it?" To the room of emerging professionals, Ken Smith asked:

"Are you an agent of Conformity or Change?"

CONGRATULATIONS DR. ELLIS & PROFESSOR NOLA

Dr. Christopher Ellis was inducted into the Academy of Fellows for the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture ([CELA](#))!

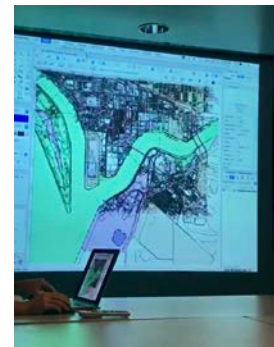
Professor Nola was elected to serve a 2-year term as the ASLA Vice President for Membership!

Thank you for your dedication to the profession of landscape architecture and for inspiring students to get involved!

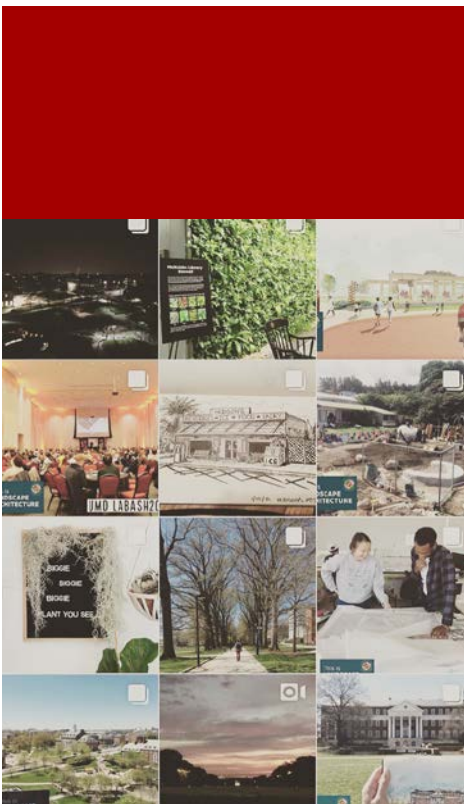
2017-2018 SUSTAINABLE GROWTH CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Sherry Russell, Sarah Turner, Sarah Wallace, and Dr. Kweon for winning this year's [Sustainable Growth Challenge](#) for their committed work on the Southwest Charter School, Baltimore MD Site Inventory.

ANOVA FURNISHINGS & VECTORWORKS WORKSHOP



Huge thank you to Matt Alcide, Eric Gilbey & Tony Kostreski! Matt, Anova, shared with us the value of high quality site furnishings! Eric and Tony demonstrated to students how to use GIS data in Vectorworks to take their projects to the next level!



Checkout the
UmdLarc Takeover
on the
[@nationalasla](#) Instagram!





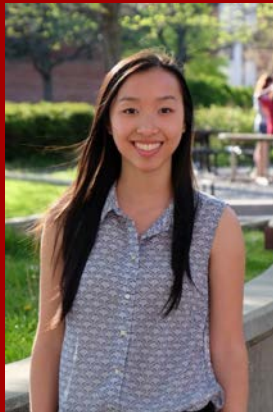
SIGNING OFF

“It has been an honor serving as the University of Maryland’s 2017-2018 Student ASLA President!

Looking back, my main goal in this role was to make SASLA more inclusive by organizing events that would catch the interest of the sophomore and MLA studios, as well as students in different disciplines. I’m proud to say that as a team we were able to achieve this goal!

My hope is that the rising e-board will use the new connections we’ve developed to continue strengthening these relationships and come up with even better opportunities that will bring everyone together—I can’t wait to see what else they end up bringing to the table. As for the current team, I couldn’t be prouder and I hope they all feel the same! We achieved a whole lot this year and had a whole lot more fun doing it. Keep the momentum going guys! Go LARC Terps!”

Blair Danies, President



“Thank you for reading the SASLA Newsletter! I hope these first 8 issues paved a new chapter of wonderful stories for the MD Student Chapter of ASLA.

I have had an amazing time documenting the untold stories that go on in these studios, both of our successes and failures. Stories. They allow us to traverse to the past, and once we have relived, we can step forward to make a change.

Embrace the journey.”

Cecilia Tran, Newsletter

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Opportunities

Parker Rodriguez, Inc. Job ([Link](#))

Atkins Global Surveyor ([Link](#))

MNCCPC Internships for Urban Design (5/18/2018) ([Link](#))

Anacostia Watershed Society Summer Internship ([Link](#))

Check out the job and internship board for more information!