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June 8, 2023

Online Sessions

10:00 AM Welcome and Introductions

10:15 AM Keynote Presentation: The Remaking of the Hirshhorn Museum Garden

Faye Harwell, FASLA, Director, Rhodeside Harwell (RHI)

Alyson Steele, FAIA LEED AP, CEO and President, Quinn Evans Architects (QEA)

Marisa N. Scalera, RLA, ASLA Landscape Architect, Smithsonian Gardens

Al Masino, Director of Exhibitions Design and Special Projects, Hirshhorn Museum, Smithsonian Institution

The revitalization of the Hirshhorn Museum Sculpture Garden is carefully composed to be a special space for enjoyment of the magnificent sculpture collection as well as a unique garden experience to showcase sustainability. The primary goal of the collaborative and interdisciplinary design teams was to realize the artistic vision of the world-renowned artist and architect, Hiroshi Sugimoto, while respecting the original design by equally venerated architect Gordon Bunshaft and landscape architect Lester Collins.

The design focuses on the experience of the sculpture garden and the viewing of artworks, while preparing the Smithsonian and the Hirshhorn Museum for a resilient future. It provides a solution to solve existing flooding issues within the sunken garden and provides a sustainable stormwater management strategy and a comprehensive drainage approach. The revitalization of the Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden is an excellent case study for the theme of 'Artful Resiliency' because it provides the infrastructure and amenities required for the museum to grow its collection, serve its demographics, and increase programming while stepping forward to spotlight sustainable practices in a world-class public art institution..

11:45 AM Lunch Break and Student Presentations

While you enjoy your lunch, take a few moments to review the presentations by some of our most promising Landscape Architecture students.



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12:30 PM Transforming Landscapes of Underserved Urban Audiences

Elizabeth Kostelny, Preservation Virginia
Zolna Russell, ASLA, Floura Teeter Landscape Architects

Lexington Market is the longest-operating public market in the country. Established in 1787. Located on Baltimore’s west side, the market has been a valuable food source and social gathering place for this under-resourced neighborhood. The existing building had fallen into disrepair and the Baltimore Market Corporation, after an extensive community process, decided to rebuild. Sustainability and resiliency were integral parts of the plaza design. More than 40 trees and thousands of native perennials were planted where there previously was no green space.

The Lumpkin's Jail/ Devil's Half Acre Project in Richmond, Virginia is still in its planning phase, but hopes to bring recognition and value to its surrounding community through remaining historic landscapes. Lumpkin's Jail, a slave jail, was uncovered during archaeology work in 2008. Combining this site with the 1816 African Burial Ground and the 1994 Slave Trail, has provided the City of Richmond with an amazing opportunity to commemorate the past, and provide resources for an underserved population in the future. Several partners are involved in this project, including a descendants' group, and Preservation Virginia, the first statewide preservation group, founded in 1889.

2:00 PM Break

2:15 PM Flood Adaptation in Practice: From the Watershed to the Parcel Level

Responses to the threat of flooding take different forms at the various scales of the region and the city. The presentation will take a look at planning efforts and implementation strategies from the watershed scale down to the individual property. Throughout this work is a common thread of maintaining or improving community connections as a vital component of any resilience adaptation.

3:15 PM Closing Announcements



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Site Tours

26 East, Annapolis, by LOCH Collective

This project won an award from both the Maryland and Potomac Chapters. The landscape architect worked with the family to design a small, flexible refuge for their 18th century historic home in Annapolis. The entire foundation of the house consisted of granite blocks from old ship hulls. Twelve tons of soil had to be excavated, removed, or amended from the site to achieve proper drainage. Rainwater that lands in the garden and on the roof infiltrates into the soil or moves towards the basin, placed below the children’s river pebble play area. The square lawn provides a soft play space for kids. An aerial hedge, lush ferns, and a tall bed of grasses enclose the open space, with the gravel terrace offering a place to sit, eat, and dance.

National Native American Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC, by Rhodeside Harwell (RHI) 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The Memorial is a beautifully sculpted addition to the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian. There are three components of the Memorial: 1) the sculptural elements crafted by Harvey Pratt, the lead Memorial artist, 2) the hardscape features designed by the team's architects and landscape architects, and 3) the new native landscape which integrates the Memorial into the existing native landscape.

University of Maryland-College Park with AMT Engineering 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The walking tour focuses on green infrastructure practices installed at UMD – College Park led by Michael Carmichael and supported by site experts, practitioners with in-depth knowledge and experience at the 3 built project sites. Participants will be able to view installed work and get an insight to the maintenance regimen that has been undertaken to support the facilities. UMD has a vested interest in representing the highest quality initiatives for innovation in green infrastructure practices to educate the campus community, research and test methods that advance resiliency and enhance the image of the campus. Through a SW tour of recently implemented projects, the tour will view and discuss applications that demonstrate University commitments to the environment and represent installations for placemaking and beauty.

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Silver Spring Metro Plaza, Silver Spring, MD by MKSK

Silver Spring Metro Plaza is an urban landscape with the lightest imaginable footprint. The project brief called for the renovation and activation of an existing 70' wide canyon between two 1970s office buildings that acts as an important pedestrian connection to/from the Metro station. Although plenty of people passed through it, the existing space was largely inhospitable. Because the existing waterproof membrane was in danger of failure, we were enjoined from disturbing it, requiring that the existing outdated paving and masonry planters remain. Any new elements would need to be installed atop these features while carefully distributing materials to avoid overstressing the structural slab below. Accordingly, MKSK draped a series of light yet expansive wood and metal furnishings over the existing plaza and planter elements. The gesture unifies the central section of the plaza, transforming it into a welcoming space that provides opportunities for individuals and small groups to enjoy the plaza daily, while also allowing it to be used for performances in the evenings and on weekends.

Vi Be Creative District: Planning the Leftover Spaces, Virginia Beach

3:30 to 5:00 PM

This tour will explore the history and examine the evolution of the rapidly growing Vi Be Creative District. In order to gain a better understanding of the changes taking place throughout the district, the tour will include an overview of the district's history and will discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with placemaking, connectivity, and retrofitting existing car-oriented infrastructure. The tour will include stops at public art murals and installations, an infrastructure improvement project underway, public and private green spaces, and unique small businesses.

All times listed for virtual and live events are in EDT



Registration Details

Pricing

Early Bird (through May 26)

PO-MD-VA Chapter member \$75

ASLA member (other Chapters): \$85

Non-member: \$95

ASLA student member: \$10

ASLA Associate Member (PO-MD-VA): \$40

ASLA Associate Member (other Chapters): \$50

Regular

PO-MD-VA Chapter member: \$90

ASLA member (other Chapters): \$100

Non-member: \$110

ASLA student member: \$10

ASLA Associate Member (PO-MD-VA): \$50

ASLA Associate Member (other Chapters): \$60

Tours

PO-MD-VA Chapter member: \$25 early-bird; \$35 regular

ASLA member (other Chapters): \$35 early; \$45 regular

Non-member: \$45 early; \$55 regular

ASLA student member: \$10

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