



2023



**University
at Buffalo**

The State University
of New York

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL



SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING
COMMENCEMENT

Friday

May 19, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Center for the Arts Mainstage Theatre
North Campus

Robert G. Shibley, FAIA, FAICP
Dean and SUNY Distinguished Professor

Associate Deans

Martha Bohm
Bruce R. Majkowski
Subbiah Mantharam
Nicholas Rajkovich
Daniela Sandler

Assistant Deans

Laura Quebral
Matthew Roland



Students, faculty and staff of the School of Architecture and Planning gather in front of our historic home in Hayes Hall on UB's South Campus. The event kicked off Atelier 2023, a weeklong celebration of the work and culture of our School and a cherished tradition dating back more than 30 years.
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Program

Prelude

TNT Brass Quintet

Processional*

Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar
TNT Brass Quintet

Opening Declaration

Frederick W. Stoss
Mace Bearer,
Chair of the Faculty Senate and Librarian

Welcome

Robert G. Shibley
Dean, School of Architecture and Planning

National Anthem

Madison Reimer, Vocalist, MusB '24

Introduction of Guests

Dean Shibley

Greetings

Satish K. Tripathi
University President

Dean's Remarks and Awarding of Dean's Medal

Dean Shibley

Commencement Address

Dean Shibley

Presentation of Student Awards

Martha Bohm
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,
School of Architecture and Planning

Student Speaker

Sabri Hafiz Uddin, B.S. Arch, '23
School of Architecture and Planning

Musical Interlude

Partita in A minor by Johann Sebastian Bach
Rachel Fan, Flautist, PsyBS '24

Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

Presentation of Bachelor Degree Candidates

Korydon Smith
Chair, Department of Architecture

Presentation of Master Degree Candidates

Emmanuel Frimpong Boamah
Interim Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Presentation of Doctorate of Philosophy Candidates

Professor Boamah

Closing Remarks

Dean Shibley

Singing of the Alma Mater – Lyrics on page 13

Madison Reimer

Closing Declaration

Frederick W. Stoss

Recessional*

TNT Brass Quintet

Certificate Readers

Erkin Özay
Jordana Maisel
Greg Delaney
Samina Raja

Faculty Medal Hangers

Stephanie Cramer
Libertad Figuereo
Miguel Guitart
Annette LeCuyer
Kenneth MacKay
Camden Miller
Matthew Roland
Kerry Traynor

Reception

The members of the Class of 2023, with their families and friends, are invited to a reception immediately following the commencement exercises in the Center for the Arts Atrium.

Today's ceremony is being livestreamed and a recording will be available for online viewing at buffalo.edu/commencement.

**Audience to stand, if able, during the Processional and Recessional*

SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

Eunice Ashman Lewin

Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, which she co-chairs. In

this role, she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. Most recently, Lewin was named co-chair of the 5/14 Remembrance Committee to honor the mass shooting victims of the May 14 tragedy in East Buffalo.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, she is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United States, Australia,

New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

Satish K. Tripathi

University President



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004-2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside from 1997-2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair. A fellow of the IEEE and the AAAS, he has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised more than 30 doctoral and postdoctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. He has received honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

Tripathi serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and chairs the Internet2 board of trustees. Previously, he was chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. A past member of the Reimagine NY Commission, he was the inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council.

Commencement Speaker

A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs*



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, providing leadership across the academic enterprise including

research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries. Weber is leading the implementation of the university's vision to be recognized among the top 25 public research universities in the nation, focused on building on UB's strengths to achieve new levels of excellence in research, scholarship, education, clinical care and engagement.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. During his time as chair, the department rose significantly in national rankings. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Robert G. Shibley

*Dean
SUNY Distinguished Professor*



For more than 40 years, Bob Shibley has advanced evidence-based design excellence as a professor, scholar and practitioner of architecture and urban planning at the University at Buffalo. Most recently, Shibley announced he will conclude

nearly 12 years of service as Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning to return to teaching and research and lead UB's newly endowed Rudy Bruner Center for Urban Excellence. He was recruited to UB in 1982 as professor and chair of architecture and later joined the faculty of urban and regional planning. In 2021, he was elevated to SUNY Distinguished Professor. Since his appointment as Dean, Shibley has guided the School to a top-ranked position in research among architecture and planning programs in the prestigious Association of American Universities. One of UB's most public-facing Deans, Shibley's leadership of citizen-driven planning in Buffalo has catalyzed the city's resurgence and set a model for other city-regions throughout the world. In 1990, Shibley founded The Urban Design Project, a university center for the study and critical practice of urban design that developed an international award-winning ensemble of plans for the City of Buffalo's downtown, waterfront and Olmsted park system, as well as its citywide comprehensive plan. In establishing the Rudy Bruner Center, he will now advance placemaking innovation on a national scale, working in partnership with the UB Regional Institute and its efforts in community-driven planning across Buffalo Niagara and Upstate New York. Prior to his appointment as Dean, Shibley led the development of UB 2020: The Comprehensive Physical Plan as a senior advisor to UB's president. He is the author of 120 publications, including 17 books and 15 book chapters. In 2014, the American Institute of Architects awarded Shibley with the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture. Shibley is also a recipient of the UB President's Medal, and a fellow in both the American Institute of Architects and American Institute of Certified Planners.

Candidates for Degrees

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 8, 2023, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2022, February 2023 and June 2023).

Latin Honors

Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of the following minimum criteria, Latin honors may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements. To qualify for Latin honors, students must present a minimum of 60 credit hours of UB undergraduate coursework, at least 54 of which must be graded credits (i.e., not satisfactory or unsatisfactory [grades of 'S' or 'U']). The UB GPA must be a minimum of 3.2 (to 3.499) for cum laude, 3.5 (to 3.749) for magna cum laude and 3.75 (to 4.0) for summa cum laude.

To receive the Latin honors designation in the printed 2023 commencement programs, candidates for the June 2023 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2023 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2023 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

Legend

Cum laude is denoted by an *

Magna cum laude is denoted by **

Summa cum laude is denoted by ***

Tau Sigma Delta is denoted by #

Academic Recognition Items

The Gold Cord

This cord is awarded to students who are graduating with Latin honors.

The Grey and Red Stole

This stole was received by students who are University Honors College graduates.

The SUNY Chancellor's Medallion

This medallion was presented to recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. They were selected for this award based on their academic excellence and extracurricular involvement.

The UB Flame of Wisdom Pin

This pin, depicting the flame of wisdom from the university's seal, was received by students who were honored at the UB Celebration of Student Academic Excellence for earning select national, SUNY and UB awards and citations.

The WNY Prosperity Fellowship Medallion

This medallion was received by graduating WNY Prosperity Fellows. They were selected for this fellowship based on their commitment and demonstrated potential to positively impact WNY's economic development and sustainability.

Tau Sigma Delta

Tau Sigma Delta is the national academic honor society for architecture and allied arts representing the top 20% highest achieving undergraduate students. Graduating members wear a white satin stole embroidered with gold letters.

Non-Academic, University-Wide Recognition Items

The Kente Stole

This stole was received by students who participated in UB's ALANA Celebration of Achievement which historically has honored graduating African, Latino/a, Asian and Native American students.

The Rainbow Tassel

This tassel was received by students who participated in the Lavender Ceremony, celebrating achievements of graduating students who identify with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community at UB.

The Red, White and Blue Cord

This cord is being worn by graduating UB students who are reservists, members of the National Guard, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.

Baccalaureate Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

February 2023

Alyssa Johanna Ascani**
Claire Hong Ye
Birkemeier**
Gavin Joseph Carroll**
Ciera Catherine
Chamberlain*
Warren Chen**
Alexa Cutruzzula**
Ian J. DeWald**
Cecelia Yei Eun Haarer*
Brendan Timothy Hill
Mariella Grace Hirschhoff****#
Dominic Vincent Iavarone**
Kimberly Marie Johnston**
Fazal Khan**
Bailee Ann Legnetto
Naiara Mares**
Jonah Daniel Mathew***#
Joseph Mochol*
Mason Alexander Murtha
Katerina Nelson***#
Raul Ramirez Nieto**
Revathi Nithipalan***#
Ana I. Pereira*
Carol Tatiana Recinos Luna
Jonathan Abel Reyes***#
David Eduardo Rodriguez
Christian Patrick Ruschel*
Nicole Alyssa Stout***#
Madeleine Sophie
Sutton**#
Jasmine Ellyce Tarley
Victoria Thompson*
Stephanie Lynn Tomasulo*
Vanessa Ann Van Tongeren
Dandan Wang*
Cole Mitchell Wishman****#
Natalie Zhao*

June 2023

Roxi Alexander Aguilar
Joseph Vincent Amirato*
Rohanna Kaizia Bent*
Chase Alexander Carpenter
Linghan Chen**

Aditya Sankar Datta
Ekaterina Dokurova**
Christina Julia Donabella*
Violet Drinkwater***#
Peter Fillion***#
Cassidy Lyn Frisch*
Alice Gao*
Michael Leonard Giaquinto
Sabri Hafiz Uddin
Delaram Haghdel***#
Song Eun Han**#
Hunter Wesley Johnson
Thomas Joseph Kelly
Kathryn Abigail Korenblyum
Terrence Li
Connor Lloyd
John Paul Mata-Collantes***#
Marcelo A. Orrego
Ezra Oshman*
Aoxiang Ouyang**
Darial Paulino*
Hunter Jon Prokop**
Mushfiq Rihan
Vivian Joanet Rivera Perez**
Xiaoyu Shi***#
Joshua David Stolber*
Tavian Swick*
Carter Silver Topol**
Odin Maximus Traver-Muller
Jerrica Wallack*
Jacob Richard Walters Jr.*
David Qiubai Zhao**

Minor in Architecture

August 2022

John R. Chalk

February 2023

Dominic Angelo Castaldo
Kelsey Jade Cirincione**
Yiwen Jiang*
Emily Ann Kurtzhalts**
Jae Beom Lee**#
Jered Overton
Steven Isaac Pereira
Jeffery James Rashko*
Jordana Rose Schucker
Antonio Robert Spagnola

June 2023

Irfanul Hoque
Chowdhury***#
Kyle William Cohen*
Brian Gerard Farrell
Lorna Marguerite Georges*
Dylan Patrick Grimins***#
Adrian Halvorsen
Yosi Hoffman***#
Matthew Vincent Houck*
Victoria Janis
Jiang Jin
Min Hyoung Kang**
Boyeon Kim*
Nicholas Lividini**
Irene Madison Mallano***#
Neal Daniel O'Leary
Francisca Anaid Ortiz
Munoz
Jonatan O. Palma
Jessica Anne Pawelek
Adam S. Pearsall*
Justin Christian Rivera*
Michael Salvatore
Rosaforte
Kenneth Stephen Santos
Nicholas David Sidles*
Jacob Thomas Stobnicki***#
Immanuel A. Townsend
Amie Tripoli*
Phong Hung Truong
Matthew Gabriel Tullo*
Ivy Yan**
Michelle Yan**#

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design

August 2022

John R. Chalk
Mantaqaa Nur Oheen

February 2023

Farhan Alam
Dominic Angelo Castaldo
Kelsey Jade Cirincione**
Jake E. Feger
Rosangely Guzman*
Yiwen Jiang*
Jaden Michael Keech**

Bridgette Belle Kiefer**
Emily Ann Kurtzhalts**
Elliot G. Lear
Jae Beom Lee***#
Connor Joseph Logal*
Jered Overton
Steven Isaac Pereira
Jeffery James Rashko*
Julia Lee Rodgers
Jordana Rose Schucker
Antonio Robert Spagnola
Matthew Davin Verrelli***#

June 2023

Irfanul Hoque
Chowdhury***#
Kyle William Cohen*
Alexander John Demott
Brian Gerard Farrell
Lorna Marguerite Georges*
Dylan Patrick Grimins***#
Adrian Halvorsen
Yosi Hoffman***#
Matthew Vincent Houck*
Daniel M. Ibalio Jr.
Jiang Jin
Min Hyoung Kang**
Boyeon Kim*
Nicholas Lividini**
Irene Madison Mallano***#
Anya Marie Morgan***#
Neal Daniel O'Leary
Jessica Anne Pawelek
Adam S. Pearsall*
Justin Christian Rivera*
Michael Salvatore
Rosaforte
Kenneth Stephen Santos
Nicholas David Sidles*
Taylor C. Smith
Jacob Thomas Stobnicki***#
Peter J. Taccone**#
Amie Tripoli*
Phong Hung Truong
Matthew Gabriel Tullo*
Ivy Yan**
Michelle Yan***#

Minor in Environmental Design

February 2023

Vitus Leander Brix
Gavin Joseph Carroll**
Ciera Catherine
Chamberlain*
Ian J. DeWald**
Brendan Timothy Hill
Mariella Grace Hirschhoff****#
Dominic Vincent Iavarone**
Bailee Ann Legnetto
Katerina Nelson***#
Raul Ramirez Nieto**
Jonathan Abel Reyes***#
David Eduardo Rodriguez
Nicole Alyssa Stout***#
Dandan Wang*
Cole Mitchell Wishman***#

June 2023

Roxi Alexander Aguilar
Chase Alexander Carpenter
Aditya Sankar Datta
James Lonell Daye
Violet Drinkwater***#
Kristen Renee Ehlers
Song Eun Han***#
Hunter Wesley Johnson
Terrence Li
Michael T. McGoey
Hannah Leigh Nemerever
Darial Paulino*
Hunter Jon Prokop**
Xiaoyu Shi***#
Zachary Trent Skowronski
Lauren Isabel State
Tavian Swick*
Taigie Fallon Thurston
Nisa Rose Vyverberg
Eleanor Palmeri White

Master Degrees

Master of Architecture

August 2022

Samantha Rose Kalinski
Vaidehi Anilkumar Patel

February 2023

Deron Charlery
Adrian Cruz
Meghan Elizabeth Edwards
Benafsha Ajay Jani
Brianna Marie Mancini#
Krima Jitendra Patel
Mumuksha Vinodkumar Patel
Alex Perrino
ryan phillips
Hali Espinoza Sheriff#
Ainsh Shailesh Sheth
Kunal M. Trivedi
Ray Mathews Vergese#
Cameron Allen Ziegler#

June 2023

Ana Alarcon
Rocco John Battista#
Keith David Benes#
Reed Alexander Brodsky
James Thomas Dam#
Ioanna Dinoulis
Regan Clair Flemming
Jackson Gaylord
Diana Homeiris Genao#
Andrew J. Griffin#
Andrew Gunther
Shiva Hashemzadeh
Bruno Andres Hernandez Pacheco
Shreya Jaiswal
Alexander Robert Johnson
Dustin Matthias Klinger
Lisa Liang#
Gartin Thomas Lin
Damian Majkrzak
Samuel Tyler Marsh
Michael Emilio Marun
Leo David McDowell-Chmelar
Matthew David McLean

Serena Minix
Maysam Mohammadyar
Joselyne E. Morocho#
Tareq Naim Ogleh Nusair
Paul Adel Owusu
Devarsh Himanshu Patel
Kashyapkumar Sureshbhai Prajapati
Kaylen Skyler Rasua
Jessica Lynne Rote
Catheryn Angelina Shadic#
Zakaria Siddiqui
Nicholas James Sturner
Harsh Harendra Thakkar
Michael B. Vigliotti
Robert Steven Whipple
Chenhui Yang
Gabriella Roselle Zayas

Master of Urban Planning

February 2023

Joshua McClain
Tyson Morton
Deeksha Nagaraj
Valerie Grayce Weisbeck#

June 2023

Shania Julia Anunciacion
Rebecca Avorkliyah
Corinne Elizabeth Brath
Anthony Rai Colavito
John N. Draksic
Dalton Christopher Fries
Andrea Marie Harder#
Alexandra Kane
Nolan Walter Kukla#
Jared Robert Lane#
Zachary Ka-Jun Lee
Nathaniel Miller#
Annapurna Nayak
Tavarekere Palanethra Naik
Silvi Kanaiyalal Patel
Michael Robert Pesarchick#
Mark Elias Saba
Alessandra Rose Santarosa

Morgan Stewart#
Cristian Toellner
Devyn L. Walker
Parker Tap Webb#
Jingyao Wen
Shameeq Lashaun Willis
Zhitong Wu
Briana Lynn Zuchowski

Master of Architecture/ Master of Urban Planning

February 2023

Leah Elizabeth Carpenter
Rene Franqui Jr.
Jaidon Jimmy Ramirez
Zeno
Christopher Alexander Welch

Master of Architecture/ Master of Fine Arts

February 2023

Xuwen Zhang

Master of Science in Architecture in Historic Preservation

June 2023

Michael R. Santoro

Master of Science in Real Estate Development

February 2023

Allison Elizabeth Carroll
Evan Michael Finegan
Brendan Andrew Thomas Flowers#
Charlon Foster
Evan Thomas Gantley
Joseph Hoerner
Pamela Denine Jackson
Abubakar Mohamed

Daniel Myers
Latrenda Perry
Lillian Atanur Pritchard
Aaron M. Vivian
Jacob Zelasko

June 2023

Morgan Joseph Christopher
Enrico Rocco D'Abate
Alexa Teresa Sass#

Advanced Certificate in Affordable Housing

February 2023

Abubakar Mohamed
Latrenda Perry
Lillian Atanur Pritchard

June 2023

Enrico Rocco D'Abate

Advanced Certificate in Historic Preservation

June 2023

Annapurna Nayak
Tavarekere Palanethra Naik
Michael Robert Pesarchick#
Briana Lynn Zuchowski

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning

August 2022

Camden Miller#

February 2023

Pascal Buggs

The Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the University at Buffalo mace was fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysner of Arcadia, CA. It was used for the first time in the 1962 general commencement.

The mace is silver with accents of lapis and howlite to represent the university's colors. It is topped by a miniature-walled structure representing the City of Buffalo. Engraved atop the city are three arrows bound together, symbolizing the unity of UB and the city.

A band of alternating jewels of lapis and howlite encircles the head of the mace and bears the founding dates of the 13 divisions that composed the university in 1962.

The UB arms appear on the front of the head. On the back are the arms of the United States. Joliet and early explorations by Robert de LaSalle are symbolized on the left side of the head. A crest on the right side symbolizes the university's role as a dynamic center of human growth and welfare.

The wild rose, the state flower, is depicted in a floral motif at the top and bottom of the mace's head. Encircling the ends of the shaft are three wavy lines representing intellect and water, the latter a reference to the Niagara River and Great Lakes.

The motto "University and City: Community" is lettered in Latin around the knob of the shaft.

Traditionally used in university ceremonials, the mace is a symbol of enlightened authority. The macebearer is the chair of the university's Faculty Senate.



Student Awards

Department of Architecture

Alpha Rho Chi Medal

In recognition of professionalism in leadership, service and merit.

ARCC / King Student Medal for Excellence in Architectural + Environmental Research

This award is given to one graduate student for an outstanding master's thesis and acknowledges innovation, integrity, and scholarship in architecture and/or environmental design research.

AIA Medal for Academic Excellence

Awarded to the highest-ranking graduating Master of Architecture student in recognition of excellence in architecture, leadership and high professional standards.

Department of Urban Planning

Master of Urban Planning Best Final Project Award

In recognition of the highest quality final project in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

AICP Planning Excellence Award

In recognition of high standard of professional and school citizenship.

Together, we're building a better world.

Class of 2023, thank you for starting your journey into the world-making professions at UB. You have been an inspired member of our community and we have learned so much from you along the way.

From the places where we live and work, to the streets and spaces that connect us, to the policies and plans that shape what we build, where, how and for whom, the built environment touches every aspect of urban life. It is also closely tied to some of today's most complex societal challenges – from a warming planet and inadequate housing to land and water rights in post-colonial contexts and racial segregation in U.S. cities. Here at the School of Architecture and Planning, we are inspired makers of space and place, engaging the built environment as a field of possibility for more just, sustainable, resilient and inspired ways of living, and lasting social change. Carried by a spirit of inclusion, optimism and global citizenship, our imaginations and ambitions converge into solutions for a better world through our teaching, learning, research and practice.



You are part of a rich tradition in socially oriented education in the built environment

Established more than 50 years ago as a radical experiment in design education, the School of Architecture and Planning set forth to prepare students “capable of remaking the social landscape.” This ethos is institutionalized today in the educational offerings of the School and the research investigations of our faculty and students. UB offers one of the nation’s oldest bachelor’s degrees in environment design and its BS in Architecture is top tier, known for its rigorous preparation in the fundamentals of architecture and design and its culture of learning through making. UB is the only public university in New York State offering the nationally accredited Master of Architecture and Master of Urban Planning degrees and provides SUNY’s only degree in real estate development. Future scholars advance new lines of research through our PhD in Urban and Regional Planning. Just-launched degrees such as the MS in International Development and Global Health and a Graduate Certificate in Affordable Housing respond to the widening scope of our disciplines and critical areas of need for cities and communities.

You have pushed the boundaries of our fields

Situated within one of the nation’s leading public research universities, we are a vibrant hub for new research in the built environment. Thought leaders in their fields, our faculty develop novel solutions by linking design and planning with fields such as engineering, public health, law, anthropology and ecology. Consider some of our current pursuits: a study of informal settlements in São Paulo, Brazil; research into methods for harvesting atmospheric water; and development of citizen-driven food system plans for a village in Kashmir. The work has placed our programs at the top of their peers in the Association of American Universities for research productivity. This culture of inquiry seeps into the studio, as students develop ideas into theses and dissertations, collaborate on faculty research, and pursue focused study of emerging fields, from ecological practices and material culture to historic preservation and urban design.

You have improved communities, here and around the world

Rooted in community, we engage deeply with the city and world around us. This place-centered, practice-based approach turns studio projects and faculty research into acts of co-design and co-development pursued with partners as diverse as urban farmers, architectural manufacturers, non-governmental organizations and village councils. The center of this work is in Buffalo, NY, where hundreds of acts of planning, design and making have contributed to the city’s resurgence and generated globally relevant models for equitable urban redevelopment. Recent projects include proposals for affordable housing in East Buffalo, accessible mass transit plans for vulnerable populations, workforce training programs in climate resilient design, and tiny home prototypes for people experiencing homelessness. Meanwhile, global engagements have led to impacts such as a coffee production facility in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, augmented reality-powered woodworking techniques for a rural village in Japan, and a photovoltaic façade prototype designed for a renovation project in Seoul.

The images to the left celebrate the culture of care that defines our explorations across the built environment, as documented in *Intersight 25*, this year’s journal of student work. According to editor Charles Stevens (MArch ’24, BS Arch ’22), care is an uplifting force acting continuously upon our work and community, a “framework for our design and planning process [that] creates links to large-scale social and cultural effects.” View IS25 at archplan.buffalo.edu/Intersight

Class of 2023, the world needs change agents like you. As you take the next step on your journey, remember – you will always be part of the School of Architecture and Planning and our collective endeavor to build a better world.

Dean's Message

Dear Class of 2023:

Congratulations, members of the School of Architecture and Planning's Class of 2023! On behalf of the University at Buffalo and the faculty, staff and students of our School, we are honored to join you in celebration of this milestone.

This is your moment. Be proud! You have mastered studio, completed your models and designs, submitted your plans and portfolios, and perhaps published your thesis or dissertation. You have earned an advanced degree from one of the nation's leading public research universities – SUNY's flagship – and a School known nationally as a hub for research and model for practice-driven, place-based education in architecture and urban planning.

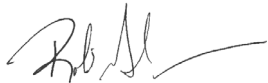
The world is already a better place thanks to you. You've tackled complex questions as diverse as climate resilient design, AI-based architecture, food justice, and affordable housing. In bringing your ideas to life in the city and world around us, you have contributed to the City of Buffalo's resurgence and improved life for marginalized communities from Kashmir to Costa Rica to South Korea.

As you take the next step and venture into today's uncertain world, I urge you to hold onto the optimism, imagination and ingenuity that got you here today. More than architects, planners, designers and developers, you are adept problem solvers and framers, nimble collaborators, active listeners, and enterprising "makers" and "doers." You are impassioned global citizens committed to shaping a more equitable, resilient and sustainable built environment for all.

Indeed, you are ready. And I am thankful for the privilege and honor of watching you grow into next-generation leaders. As I mark my own milestone and conclude over 12 years of service as Dean, I am filled with hope that together we can make the world better.

Class of 2023, here's to all you have achieved, and all that's to come. Congratulations!

Sincerely,



Dean and SUNY Distinguished Professor



Aerial view of the School of Architecture and Planning's historic home on UB's South Campus. Photo by Douglas Levere, University at Buffalo

Alumni Welcome

Dear Member of the Class of 2023,

Congratulations! On behalf of the UB Alumni Association, I'm delighted to welcome you to your global network of more than 293,000 alumni. We're proud of all you have accomplished.

As you begin your next chapter, please stay in touch! We have many ways for you to remain connected—to UB and to each other—through email and social media, as well as alumni events and volunteer opportunities happening across the country and around the world.

What does this mean for you in practical terms? It means that career help, volunteer opportunities and engaging educational and social events are all yours for the taking. To learn more about what's available with your new alumni status, visit buffalo.edu/alumni.

If you have questions about how to stay involved, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at ub-alumni@buffalo.edu.

Remember, this isn't goodbye—it's WELCOME to the UB alumni family. We know you'll always be True Blue and proudly keep your Horns Up, wherever you go and whatever you do.

Go Bulls!

Dharshan Jayasinghe

Dharshan Jayasinghe, BA '03
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P.S. Keep your @buffalo email for life simply by logging in through a browser every 90 days.

UB Alma Mater

Music by UB students in 1903.

*Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006
for contemporary use.*

Verse 1:

The pride of our spirit and tradition,
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.
Celebrate our history and wisdom,
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

Refrain:

To Buffalo all hail to thee,
Noble and strong, it's our university!
To blue and white pledge loyalty,
Singing, I will always remember thee!

Verse 2:

We'll ever keep our standards high,
And sing UB's praises to the sky.
Receiving the finest education,
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.
(Repeat refrain)

Verse 3:

Our friends we've made with ties that bind,
A union of our spirit, heart and mind.
Together we'll continue life's journey,
O may dear Buffalo forever be.
(Repeat refrain)

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