

Landscape Futures

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**Centennial of the Department
of Landscape Architecture**

Celebration and Symposium
1924 - 2024

Thursday, September 26 -
Friday, September 27, 2024



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Centennial Opening Keynote
and Reception

6:00pm-9:00pm
Plaza Gallery and Upper Gallery

6:00pm
Welcome
Fritz Steiner, Dean and Paley Professor
Catherine Seavitt, Chair of the Department
of Landscape Architecture and Meyerson
Chair of Urbanism

6:30pm
Centennial Opening Keynote
James Corner (MLA'86), with an introduction
by Christopher Marcinkoski

James Corner is founding partner and CEO of
Field Operations. He served as the chair of the
Department of Landscape Architecture from
2000–2012.

Christopher Marcinkoski is an associate
professor of landscape architecture at the
Weitzman School of Design and a founding
principal at PORT.

8:00pm
Centennial Reception
Layer cake and champagne toast

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
LANDSCAPE FUTURES
Symposium

1:00pm-6:30pm
Plaza Gallery

1:00pm
Symposium Opening Keynote
Anne Whiston Spirn (MLA'74), with an
introduction by Lucinda Sanders (MLA'89)

Anne Whiston Spirn is the Cecil and Ida
Green Distinguished Professor of Landscape
Architecture and Urbanism at MIT, and
director of the West Philadelphia Landscape
Project since 1987. Spirn served as chair of
the Department of Landscape Architecture
from 1986–1994 and is the author of *The
Granite Garden: Urban Nature and Human
Design* (1984) and many other critically
acclaimed books.

Lucinda Sanders is an adjunct professor of
landscape architecture at the Weitzman
School of Design and CEO of OLIN.

2:00pm
THE HOUSEHOLD OF NATURE

Sonja Dümpelmann
Lydia Kallipoliti
Rob Holmes
Moderated by Nicholas Pevzner (MLA'09)

Sonja Dümpelmann is professor and chair
of environmental humanities at the Ludwig
Maximilian University of Munich, where she
co-directs the Rachel Carson Center for
Environment and Society.

Lydia Kallipoliti is an associate professor and
director of the Master of Science in Advanced
Architectural Design program at Columbia
University's Graduate School of Architecture,
Planning, and Preservation.

Rob Holmes is an associate professor
and chair of the undergraduate landscape
architecture program at Auburn University,
where he leads the Landscape Infrastructure
Design Lab.

Nicholas Pevzner is an assistant professor of
landscape architecture at the Weitzman School
of Design.

3:30pm
THE ASTRONAUT

M. Christine Boyer (GEE'64)
Andrew Zoll
Alvin D. Harvey
Moderated by Azzurra Cox

M. Christine Boyer, PhD, is the William R. Kenan,
Jr. Professor of Architecture and Urbanism at
Princeton University's School of Architecture,
where she directs the undergraduate urban
studies certificate program.

Andrew Zoll is chief impact officer at Planet,
a space and AI organization that has deployed
the largest constellation of Earth-observing
satellites in history.

Alvin D. Harvey, PhD, is Diné of the Navajo
Nation and a postdoctoral fellow at MIT's
Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics,
with a focus on Indigenous Research
Methodologies and Methods.

Azzurra Cox is an assistant professor of
landscape architecture at the Weitzman
School of Design.

5:00pm
THE NATURALIST

Jared Farmer
Sally Willig
Tessa Lowinske Desmond
Moderated by Sean Burkholder

Jared Farmer, PhD, is the Walter H. Annenberg
Professor of History at the University of
Pennsylvania's School of Arts and Sciences.

Sally Willig, PhD, is a lecturer and program
advisor in the Master of Environmental Studies
program at the University of Pennsylvania's
College of Liberal and Professional Studies
and Weitzman's Department of Landscape
Architecture.

Tessa Lowinske Desmond is a research
specialist in the School of Public and
International Affairs at Princeton University,
where she directs The Seed Farm at Princeton.

Sean Burkholder is the Andrew Gordon
Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture
at the Weitzman School of Design.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Centennial Closing Keynote
and Celebration

7:00pm-11:00pm
Plaza Gallery

7:00pm
Centennial Closing Keynote
Jeff Goodell, with an introduction
by Jessica Varner

The closing keynote will be followed by a book
signing by Goodell in the Upper Gallery.

Jeff Goodell is an investigative journalist and
author of the *New York Times* bestseller
The Heat Will Kill You First, among six additional
books on the environment and the climate
emergency. His research confronts humanity's
fraught relationship with our rapidly changing
planet.

Jessica Varner, PhD, is an assistant professor
of landscape architecture at the Weitzman
School of Design.

8:00pm
Centennial Celebration
Musical performance by DJ Farrah Flosscett



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