

# LABash 2013

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Over four hundred landscape architecture students and professionals from around the country will descend on the UGA College of Environment and Design (CED) this month for the annual LABash conference. LABash is a national student landscape architecture conference which offers students numerous opportunities for educational, professional and social interaction. The main location for this year’s LABash is the Jackson Street Building at 285 S. Jackson St., home of the CED’s administrative offices and the undergraduate program in Landscape Architecture.

The conference will feature industry guest speakers, panel discussions, workshops, expos and social events. Speakers include award-winning alumni Lawrie Jordan, director of imagery for ESRI, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping software, and Bruce Rado, retired founder and vice president of ERDAS Inc., whose software transforms geospatial data into information for landscape planning.

Specialized workshops including GIS and graphics will be offered. The graphics courses will include hand and computer applications such as Vectorworks and Land F/X. The workshops are designed for all skill levels.

Tours at the conference include an Athens garden tour, an Athens Food Tour, a Bartlett Tree Experts tour, and a campus sustainability tour highlighting the UGarden and historic north campus.

Unique to this year’s conference, a design-build charrette in the Athens community will be featured. CED has a long history of community service projects through charrette programming. This is a collaboration between CED’s Public Service and Outreach Programs and Athens Habitat for Humanity. The Athens chapter of Habitat has invested in an apartment

complex that needs play and outdoor recreation space on a small slope wedged closely between two buildings. Students will design on Friday, then present and construct their design solutions on Saturday at the project site.

“It is an honor for UGA’s College of Environment and Design to host LABash 2013,” said Sydney Thompson, a 5th year BLA student serving as registration coordinator on the LABash committee. “This annual conference gives landscape architecture students from around the country the unique opportunity to meet each other, speak with professionals, and network for an entire weekend. It is also a great excuse for the CED to show off its brand new LEED certified building rehabilitation on Jackson Street.” Over 400 students and professionals will be attending this year’s conference.

The LABash conference has been held annually since 1970. It was last at the University of Georgia in 1985.

[For more information, or to register, visit the LABASH Website.](#)

## LABash 2013 Committee:

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*From back row, left: Robert Arrington, Juan Guzman, Aaron Hursey, Alex Tidwell, Sydney Thompson, Nathan Aarons, Quynh Pham, Grace Miller, Meredith Wynn, Audra Lofton (staff), Sarah Boyer, Donnie Longenecker (faculty), Meg Robie. Not pictured: Stephanie Rattanong and Ann Nguyen.*