

HURP Travel Report

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In the spring semester of 2019, I worked on the Crosby Arboretum research and exhibition project with Prof. Hans Herrmann. The goals of this project were to illustrate the architectural works of E Fay Jones and the landscape architecture of Ed Blake Jr at the Crosby Arboretum of Picayune, MS. In that semester, I worked on a masterplan model of the arboretum around four feet by 8 feet in size as well as assisting in the steel and wood fabrication of our exhibition system. Our exhibition was invited to the Octagon Museum, a historic building converted into a museum for the American Institute of Architects. This spring break with the help of the Honors College, Danielle Leclercq and I were able to travel to DC to install our work and fellow work of our classmates. We installed a range of large scale physical architectural models of unbuilt works, virtual reality experiences, and a multi-room oak and steel system of exhibition displays. I am excited that the Crosby Arboretum, currently part of MSU Extension, will be on display for a larger national audience bringing attention to a relatively unknown masterpiece of architecture and landscape architecture. I am also excited that an undergraduate research project from the School of Architecture and MSU is now on display at a high-profile museum belonging to the leading architectural professional association allowing us to showcase a wide range of capabilities, such as traditional model-making and virtual reality.