

At long last, the Alumni Association is most pleased to welcome our newest members, the Summer Schools Class of 2022. We hope that you enjoyed your Summer School experience and that you will continue to remain active in the Alumni Association in the years ahead. To find out more about the Alumni Association, please visit our website: vsaalumni.org



REPORT FROM THE 2022 CHICAGO SUMMER SCHOOL

Tina Strauss, Director of the Chicago Summer School

The VSA Alumni Association was host to two events at the 2022 Chicago Summer School—a late afternoon reception followed by Richard Guy Wilson’s annual Alumni lecture. Although most summer school events are held exclusively for the students, this lecture is open to alumni and the public.

The reception and lecture were held at the Glessner House Museum on Sunday, June 19. There were around 40 people in attendance, comprised of students, alumni and docents and volunteers from Glessner House. The lecture this year was particularly appropriate to the location. Richard Guy Wilson’s topic was “H.H. Richardson: Victorian versus Modern”. Speaking about Richardson while in a house the architect designed was inspiring and thought-provoking. Following the lecture, there was a lively question and answer session.

It was a wonderful evening for everyone, especially the students in the Chicago Summer School Program. Many thanks to the VSA Alumni Association and to William Tyre, the Executive Director and Curator of the Glessner House Museum.

Here is the class on a tour of the Glessner House Museum with Director and Curator, William Tyre. This was on Tuesday, June 21. Photo by Tina Strauss.



This is the class visiting Graceland Cemetery.



Here is Prof. Richard Guy Wilson giving his “*Architects of the Prairie School*” lecture in the sanctuary of Unity Temple. This was Monday, June 20.



Here is the class on stage during the tour of the Auditorium Theatre.



Here is a photo of the class touring the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Robie House in Hyde Park.
Photo by Tina Strauss.



[The Robie House: A Virtual Visit - Bing video](#)

Here is the picture from the Alumni Association lecture with Richard Guy Wilson on Sunday, June 19 in the Coach House at the Glessner House Museum.





The Alumni Association sadly shares the news of the passing of one of our most loyal members, **Jeff Sholeen**. After his attendance at the 1988 London Summer School, for over the past 20 years, Jeff regularly and enthusiastically attended and supported the many Alumni Study Tours where he graciously shared his encyclopedic knowledge of architecture with the group. He will be dearly missed by his many friends and fellow travelers in the Alumni Association.



Jeffery Paul Sholeen (London 1988) was born in Chicago, IL in 1952. He grew up in Glenwood, IL and lived there until he attended Cornell University in New York.

Once he discovered the appeal of living in the Big Apple, he made that city his home for the next 45 years. Jeff developed a great love of architecture and always had an appreciation for the fine arts. One of his first jobs in NYC was working at Sotheby's and various antique galleries. He also volunteered as a docent giving architectural tours of NYC which was a city he grew to love.

Eventually, Jeff made his career selling real estate in Manhattan and worked for the Corcoran Group. Jeff also enjoyed singing in the University Glee Club, being a member of the Victorian Society and had a wide circle of friends whom he considered family. Jeff is survived by his brother Todd (Heather) Sholeen and his nephew and niece, Philip and Bonnie Sholeen of Barrington, IL. He was predeceased by his parents Lucy & Carl Sholeen of Glenwood, IL.

A memorial service was held in NYC on Tuesday, May 24 at St. James Church 865 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10021. Contributions in Jeff's name may be made to the University Glee Club at www.ugcofnyc.org (Click on "donate" on the top ribbon bar. On the payment screen you may choose to "write a note" indicating your gift is in memory of Jeff Sholeen).

[\(53\) My Love - YouTube](#)

Donations in memory of Jeff to the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools' Endowment Fund for student scholarships can be made by sending a check payable to **Alumni Association**. Send the check to:

David Lamdin
1515 N Kirkwood Rd
Arlington, VA 22201-5233

We will acknowledge your donation and inform Jeff's brother, Todd, of your thoughtfulness. As a 501 c 3 organization, donations to the Alumni Association are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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