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### **Jessica Varner Receives Fulbright Award**

Jessica Varner (MIT, PhD Candidate), alumna of the UNL College of Architecture and the Yale School of Architecture, has received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award to Germany in Architecture History from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. As a Fulbright Student in Germany, her architectural history research in Karlsruhe (Baden-Württemberg region) will explore how chemically constituted building materials developed from the 1850s to 1920s. Through the Fulbright program, Varner will conduct research at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) Department of Architekturtheorie and at various academic and corporate archives, including those of the German chemical company BASF.

Varner is one of over 1,900 U.S. citizens who will conduct research, teach English, and provide expertise abroad for the 2018-2019 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement as well as record of service and leadership potential in their respective fields.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program, which operates in over 160 countries worldwide.

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