FINLAND
ALUMNI EXCURSION
JUNE 30 – JULY 6, 2023

ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN
Our knowledge of Finnish design is typically limited to a few of the buildings of the Aaltos (Alvar, Aino, and Elissa). These are exquisite works that can’t be described. To truly understand the Aaltos’ work, and that of a host of other Finnish architects and designers, you really have to experience those works by moving through them.

Simply put, I’d like to invite you to join us in Finland next summer! Formally beginning on Friday, June 30, we’ll start at Aalto's famous university campus in Otaniemi as well as newer work. We’ll see the work of the School of Architecture's Finland program at their final review. We’ll spend Saturday in Helsinki visiting the historic architecture of the city, some of the Aaltos best and least known works, as well as some of its amazing new architecture. From there we’ll travel to Alvar Aalto’s birthplace in central Finland, Jyväskylä, where work like the Säynätsalo Town Hall redefined the idea of public space for so many of us. En route to another of the Aaltos’ masterworks, the Villa Mairea, we’ll see Petäjävesi Wooden Church — a World Heritage site — in which craft and worship are interwoven, and time lets us feel the warmth of wood. We’ll go south, to the small factory town of Kauhtua, designed by the Aaltos, which contains an amazing community laundry/sauna designed by the Aaltos as part of the larger factory complex, where we’ll get to have the real wood sauna experience before a relaxing dinner. Closing the tour we’ll visit Turku, the second largest city in Finland, Paimio, home to the Aaltos’ ground-breaking Paimio Sanatorium, and finally home through Eleil Saarinen’s “Hvitträsk” and Tapiola where other great works await. Along the way we’ll visit buildings that are architectural museums and museums that are architectural experiences through which we can better understand Finnish culture.

I believe that it will be an unforgettable trip. Speaking as someone who has been smitten by this country’s sense of style, I feel comfortable telling you that no one will come to the end of this trip without feeling reinvigorated about the potential of design to change the world in which we live.

If you’ve always wanted to see this work, but didn’t know how to get there, I invite you to come with us. While the invitation is open, there are a limited number of seats. Please consider joining the dean and I on this amazing excursion!

Scott Wall, Professor and Residency Director
Finland Summer Architecture Institute
ITINERARY

June 28 Wed.  Latest day to depart USA

June 29 Thurs  ARRIVE HELSINKI

JUNE 30 Fri  PROGRAM BEGINS

Morning 9:00  Aaltos' original TKK campus, library, lecture halls, and lobbies
                VÄRE (new SoA), Dipoli (Pietilä), Otaniemi Chapel (Siren-Siren)
                GROUP LUNCH

Afternoon 2:00  FINAL REVIEW for FSAI Program_with students
                GROUP DINNER with students

July 01 Sat.  Helsinki Tour:  Aalto house, Aalto studio KELA,
                House of Culture, Finlandia Hall, Academic Bookstore
                GROUP LUNCH
                DINNER (on your own)

July 02 Sun.  To JYVÄSKYLÄ via
                Rajamäki Church (Huutunen)
                Villa Kokkonen (Aalto), Ainola (Sonck)
                Italais Glass Museum & Shop
                Kaleva Church & Metso Library (Pietilä),
                Nokia Arena (Liebeskind)
                Arrive JYVÄSKYLÄ
                GROUP LUNCH EN ROUTE, GROUP DINNER

July 03 Mon.  In JYVÄSKYLÄ
                Workers' Hall (Aalto)
                City Theatre (Aalto)
                Matkakeskus (Petri Rouhiainen)
                Aalto Museums (Aalto)
                Jyväskylä University (Aalto)
                Kuokkala Church (Oopeaa)
                Puukko Apts (Oopeaa)
                GROUP LUNCH, GROUP DINNER

July 04 Tues.  To KAUTTUA via
                Säynätsalo Town Hall (Aalto)
                Muuratsalo Experimental House (Aalto)
                Petäjävesi Wooden Church (World Heritage Building)
                Villa Mairea (Aalto)
                Kauttua (Aalto)
                GROUP LUNCH EN ROUTE, SAUNA & GROUP DINNER

July 05 Wed.  To TURKU
                St. Henrik's Ecumenical Chapel (Sanaksenaho)
                Church of the Resurrection (Bryggman)
                Church of the Holy Cross (Pitkänen)
                Turku Center
                GROUP LUNCH EN ROUTE, GROUP DINNER

July 06 Thurs.  RETURN TO HELSINKI via
                Paimio Sanitarium (Aalto)
                Hvitträsk (Saarinen, Giselius, Lindgren)
                Espoo Museum of Art (EMMA-Ruusuvuori)
                Tapiola Church & Cemetery (Ruusuvuori + Lahdelma & Mahlamäki)
                GROUP LUNCH EN ROUTE
                DINNER (on your own)

July 06 Thurs., evening  TOUR ENDS HELSINKI
                Overnight in Helsinki

A more complete itinerary will be provided to program participants prior to departure.
Jari Jetsonen is an artist and renowned architectural photographer, and Sirkkaliisa is Superintendent Architect and architectural historian on Finland’s National Board of Antiquities. Together they have published 14 books on Alvar Aalto’s work and Finnish architecture more broadly, including *Saarinen Houses, Sacral Space*, and *Alvar Aalto Houses*.

Scott Wall is an architect and Professor of Architecture in UT’s School of Architecture. He is the founder and Residency Director of the Finland Summer Architecture Institute and has been a Fulbright Fellow in Finland.

Jari, Sirkkaliisa, and Scott have collaborated on the School of Architecture’s summer program in Finland for over 20 years.
**PROGRAM COSTS**

*Expedition Cost Per Person*  $9,000

Program cost includes transportation and accommodations during the bus excursion, specific group meals, including breakfast, lunch, and most dinners, transportation in Helsinki, and museum and special event fees. Please see itinerary for specifics.*

The cost of the program includes a payment that will offset the direct cost of the trip as well as a $5,000 philanthropic gift to the College's Global Engagement Fund. This support will directly fund the future opportunities for our students to experience the wider worlds of design and culture.

*The program fee does not include round-trip airfare, 3 nights' accommodation in Helsinki from June 29 - 31, and at least 1 night following the bus excursion ending on July 6. Also every day personal expenses are not included.