

ALUMNUS KEVIN PERRY TO SPEAK AT MAY 29 STUDENT & PROFESSIONALS DINNER:

Kevin Robert Perry '96 will be speaking at this annual event on May 29. Perry has designed award-winning projects which integrate stormwater management with aesthetically rich design. Currently, he is practicing in Portland for the firm Nevue Ngan Associates where he is the stormwater specialist. His keynote address for the evening is titled "Transforming Gray Space into Green Space: Integrating Stormwater Management into Urban Design." To view pictures of Perry's projects you can visit the ASLA Professional Awards of 2007 website at www.asla.org/awards/2007/07winners/.

DESIGN CHARRETTE FOR HUNT HALL PROVIDES EXCELLENT FEEDBACK:

Thank you to the many alumni, advisory board members and local professionals who joined us on Friday, April 11 for the Hunt Hall Design Charrette. We are working to synthesize the ideas and designs and will be posting them on our Web site. We will contact you once this information is available online and welcome your feedback.

"OPEN SPACES ARE OPPORTUNITIES" ARTICLE FEATURES PROF. MARK FRANCIS:

While it takes planners, citizens, developers, engineers and builders to turn an empty lot into an outdoor living room, its ultimate success or failure depends largely on the strength of its design. Mark Francis, UC Davis professor of landscape architecture, has been the creative genius behind many of Davis' favorite community spaces, both downtown and elsewhere, including Community Park in downtown Davis, Arroyo Park in west Davis and Mace Ranch Park in east Davis. www-dateline.ucdavis.edu/dl_detail.lasso?id=10181

NEW LDA COURSE OFFERED TO CAMPUS PROMOTES SUSTAINABILITY:

This quarter Professor Steve Wheeler launched his newly approved course on Sustainable Development. The newest addition to the department's core undergraduate teaching program is open to the entire campus and can be used to satisfy the General Education writing requirement. The class will develop students' own philosophies and visions of sustainable urban planning, design and development. Topics addressed include land use planning, transportation, housing, environmental restoration, alternate energy and social equity.

U.S. NEWS RATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AS A TOP CAREER CHOICE IN 2008:

Using both quantitative and qualitative criteria to pick from hundreds of careers, Landscape Architecture was selected by U.S. News as one of 31 best choices in 2008. The highly regarded national magazine narrowed its search by focusing on professions that offer outstanding opportunities based on job satisfaction, training difficulty, prestige, job market outlook and pay. Read more at www.usnews.com/articles/business/best-careers/2007/12/19/landscape-architect-executive-summary.html.

UPCOMING EVENTS (more details to come):

Saturday, April 19: Picnic Day (picnicday.ucdavis.edu/)
Saturday, April 26: Earth Day 2008 (www.ucdavis-alumni.com/pages/events.htm)
Thursday, May 29: Annual Student & Professionals Dinner
Sunday, June 15: LDA Commencement Reception
June 26-28: OPUS Symposium in Stavanger, Norway (www.uis.no/opus2008)
Saturday, October 11: LDA Open House Celebration in Hunt Hall

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR OCTOBER 11 OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION:

On October 11, 2008, the UC Davis Landscape Architecture program will celebrate our long-awaited move into Hunt Hall. We look forward to welcoming all our alumni back that weekend when UC Davis will also celebrate its centennial. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Shannon Tanguay at satanguay@ucdavis.edu. To learn more about other centennial activities, visit centennial.ucdavis.edu/events.html.

LDA STUDENTS LOBBY IN D.C.:

On May 8-9, four students from the Landscape Architecture program will be attending a National Lobby Day hosted by the Professional Chapter of ASLA. During the two-day event students will meet with representatives from their congressional districts to discuss full funding for the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS), for passage of climate change legislation and for the U.S. Senate to pass H.R. 1716, The Green Energy Education Act. We thank the ASLA for generously sponsoring this opportunity for our students to participate.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - BOSHOVEN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF YOLO LAND TRUST:

Congratulations to Judy Boshoven '87 on being named director of Yolo Land Trust. Judy has two decades of experience in promoting open-space preservation, habitat restoration and protection of natural and cultural resources. From 1999 to 2003, she served as the founding director of the Landowner Stewardship Program at Audubon California. The Yolo Land Trust is a private, non-profit corporation founded in 1988 by farmers, community leaders and conservationists dedicated to protecting Yolo County's land resources. To date, Yolo Land Trust has helped landowners place conservation easements on over 6,300 acres, permanently protecting their land for future generations. Boshoven will be presenting a lecture in LDA 190 on May 16. For more information, visit www.yololandtrust.org/.

ALUMNI NEWS:

To catch up with your former classmates, visit our alumni class notes page at: lda.ucdavis.edu/people/alumninews.html. To add your news, send an e-mail to lda@ucdavis.edu.

FACULTY ACCOLADES:

STEVE GRECO is to be congratulated on his recent promotion to tenure. A graduate of the Landscape Architecture Program, Steve has dedicated his academic career to his alma mater through teaching, research and service. His focus is on the relationships and interactions between natural and cultural landscape systems. Steve draws from a wide range of theory and methodology ranging from ecological sciences to planning/urban design and computer sciences, to examine to what degree natural systems can be sustained in cultural landscapes and to devise ways in which both can co-exist equitably and prosperously.

MARK FRANCIS is serving on an advisory board to the Landscape Architecture Foundation to establish guidelines for the new "Olmsted Scholarship in Landscape Architecture", a \$25,000 prize to be awarded to a landscape architecture student later this year.

LDA faculty PATSY EUBANKS OWENS, STEVE GRECO, MICHAEL RIOS and STEVE WHEELER along with several other CAES faculty recently received \$75K in one-time funding to develop the California Community and Regional Mapping Laboratory. This new mapping lab will be the first on campus to provide spatial analysis and representation support to social science research projects. The lab will be administered by the Center for the Study of Regional Change and will be housed in Hunt Hall.