



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM  
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Greetings LDA alumni and friends,

Greetings from the UC Davis Landscape Architecture Program. The faculty, staff and students wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. Here's our latest news, events and opportunities for you to get involved.

**PROGRAM PROFILED IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND SPECIFIER NEWS:**

For those who missed the October issue of LASN, the UC Davis Landscape Architecture Program was profiled on page 211. The article featured three of our graduating student's senior research projects and talked about the strengths of our program as the only accredited undergraduate Landscape Architecture degree in the UC system. Read the profile at: <http://lda.ucdavis.edu/newsevents/UCDavisProfileLASN.pdf>.

**ANNOUNCING NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIR:**

In August, senior lecturer Steve McNeil was appointed department chair, following the completion of professor Heath Schenker's five-year term. In addition to his new administrative responsibilities, McNeil will continue teaching courses in landscape meaning, computer graphics advanced computer applications and historic preservation.

**DR. MICHAEL RIOS JOINED LDA FACULTY IN JULY '07:**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Michael Rios to our faculty. Previously, he held a joint faculty appointment in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at The Pennsylvania State University where he earned his Ph.D. in geography and was inaugural director of the Hamer Center for Community Design. Rios teaches courses in human geography, urban design and community development.

**DEAN MACCANNELL RETIRES FROM LDA FACULTY:**

After more than 32 years teaching at UC Davis, beloved professor Dean MacCannell has announced his retirement at the end of December. While maintaining strong connections with the Landscape Architecture Program and his former students, MacCannell's retirement plans include studying and learning, writing, and giving lectures in Latin America and Italy. Join us in thanking professor MacCannell for his years of teaching and mentoring.

**NEW: CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE:**

A partnership among the Arboretum and the departments of Plant Sciences (Environmental Horticulture) and Landscape Architecture, the Center's mission is to help California develop more enjoyable and sustainable gardens, landscapes and public parks with timely horticultural information. The Center offers public programs, demonstration gardens, knowledge needed for creating and maintaining environmentally sound landscapes. For more information, visit <http://ccuh.ucdavis.edu>.

**CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY FOR LDA'S NEW HOME:**

The renovations have begun...and the Landscape Architecture Program is looking forward to moving into its new teaching and research facility in Hunt Hall during fall 2008. Plans include expanded well-lit studios, a critique room, conference room, collaborative research spaces and—of course—a demonstration garden in the courtyard where our talented students can spotlight their designs. We invite the support of generous friends and alumni to make this new home a place for exceptional teaching, innovation and engagement.

**GREENSTOP EXHIBITION COMES TO CAMPUS:**

Bringing together innovation, design, and sustainability, the UC Davis Design Museum and the Department of Landscape Architecture present GreenStop – highlights from an international design competition challenging architects and designers to create an off-the-grid, sustainable rest area near Tipton on California Highway 99. Join us on January 10 at 6PM for a keynote address from Bob Adams of the internationally acclaimed innovation and design firm IDEO. For more information about this free event and the exhibition, visit: <http://designmuseum.ucdavis.edu>.

**UC DAVIS PLANS FOR JAN. 31 FOCUS THE NATION:**

We invite friends and alumni to join us by participating in Focus the Nation, a daylong educational initiative to explore climate change solutions. At UC Davis, events will include: seminars on topics ranging from energy efficiency to spiritual life; an idea fair' a climate change cultural showcase; tours of eco-friendly sites on campus; and a World of Ideas Café where teams advocate for climate change solutions. To learn more, visit: <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/focus>.

### **FRIDAY LECTURE SERIES FOR WINTER 2008:**

This winter's noon seminar will focus on Landscape Conservation. The public is welcome to attend. Hosted by Professor Steve Greco, each week will feature a different lecturer, including some of our alumni, who will present on various aspects of their conservation and restoration projects throughout California. A complete list of speakers will be e-mailed shortly.

### **STUDENTS SPEND QUARTER ABROAD IN ITALY:**

To round out their educational experience with an international perspective, senior Landscape Architecture students Brendan Ehlermann and Laura Podolsky spent fall 2007 at the Santa Chiara Study Center in Tuscany. Read about their experience at <http://lda.ucdavis.edu/people/studentsabroad.html>.

### **JACK KENT COOKE SCHOLARSHIP FOR UC DAVIS ALUMNI:**

Are you a recent UC Davis grad (spring 2003 or later) who is heading to grad school? If so, apply for a Cooke Scholarship, which pays up to \$50,000 per year for up to six years. The amount and duration of awards vary by student based on the cost of attendance and the length of the graduate program, as well as other scholarships or grants received. To apply, students must contact Carrie Devine at [cdevine@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cdevine@ucdavis.edu) to request a pre-application. Pre-application packets must be submitted to Carrie in 585 Kerr Hall on or before 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15.

### **ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Kevin Robert Perry '96 (<http://www.kevinrobertperry.com>) won two of the twelve Honor Awards for Design from the American Society of Landscape Architects 2007 Professional Awards Program (<http://www.asla.org/awards/2007/07winners/>). Congratulations, Kevin!

### **IN MEMORIAM – JENNIFER MARTIN '86:**

We were saddened to learn that alumna Jennifer Lewis Martin passed away on September 14. Born in Sacramento, Jennifer graduated from Davis High School before attending UC Davis. After earning her BLSA in 1986, Jennifer joined the city of Davis Planning Department and later started her own business, specializing in the entitlement process for land development. We send our deepest condolences to Jennifer's family and friends.

### **ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN PARK(ing) DAY 2007 IN SAN FRANCISCO:**

On September 21, 2007, recent graduates from the UC Davis Landscape Architecture program created an installation challenging people to rethink the way streets are used and reinforcing the need for urban open space. See our alumni photos here! Conceived by REBAR, a San Francisco-based art collective, PARK(ing) Day is a one-day, global event centered in San Francisco where artists, activists, and citizens collaborate to temporarily transform parking spots into "PARK(ing)" spaces: temporary public parks. For more information, visit the PARK(ing) Day 2007 web site (<http://www.parkingday.org/>).

### **RECENT FACULTY ACCOLADES/HONORS:**

Professor **MARK FRANCIS** traveled to South Korea in June and again in August 2007 as part of the jury for an international design competition for a new administrative city for 500,000 to be built south of Seoul. As part of the European Capital of Culture Program, Francis is organizing an international symposium on urban open space to be held in Norway in June 2008.

**JEFF LOUX**, Adjunct Professor for Landscape Architecture and Director of UC Davis Extension's Land Use and Natural Resource Program, won a 2007 Honorable Mention prize for a mediation training case study from the Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts. The Land Use and Natural Resource Program recently received an Honor Award from the University Continuing Education Association for development of their new certificate program in Green Building and Sustainable Design. The program is a much-needed one in the region and has drawn from many varied professions and from all over northern and central California.

Emeritus professor **ROBERT THAYER** has been elected to the 2007 class of the Academy of Fellows of the Council for Educators in Landscape Architecture. The intent of the CELA Academy of Fellows is "to honor a faculty member's lifetime accomplishments in teaching scholarship/creative activity and service."

Professor **STEVE WHEELER**, who joined the faculty in January 2007 to teach physical planning and urban design, has spent much of 2007 researching state and local climate change planning. His paper "State and Municipal Climate Change Plans: The First Generation" was presented to the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning in October in Milwaukee. He also recently completed editing the Second Edition of The Sustainable Urban Development Reader (co-edited with Tim Beatley of the University of Virginia), to be published by Routledge in 2008.