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Greetings LDA alumni and friends,

We thank the many alumni who responded to our last e-newsletter by either writing or calling to share your news. For a glimpse of how our graduates are making strides in Landscape Architecture and related fields, visit: <http://lda.ucdavis.edu/people/alumninews.html>.

### **JOIN US FOR ASLA PROFESSIONALS DINNER ON THURSDAY, MAY 3:**

The UC Davis Student Chapter of ASLA invites you to attend the 2007 Professional's Dinner (<http://lda.ucdavis.edu/asla/ASLADinner.jpg>). This semi-formal night of fine dining will give you the opportunity to meet and mingle with local professionals, faculty and current students. The evening's keynote address will be given by Randolph Hester, author of *Design for Ecological Democracy* (<http://lda.ucdavis.edu/hesterbook.jpg>). Come celebrate the progress and future of our profession as we push the limits of our built world.

**Date:** Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Location:** Walter A. Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center, AGR Hall  
(<http://alumnicenter.ucdavis.edu>)

**Ticket prices:** \$40 on or before March 30 and \$50 after March 30

Checks should be made payable to "ASLA Student Forum" and mailed to Student ASLA c/o UC Davis Landscape Architecture Program, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.

### **DIRECTOR NAMED TO CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF REGIONAL CHANGE:**

UC Davis senior researcher Jonathan London, Ph.D., has been named director of the Center for the Study of Regional Change within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. London holds degrees in Environmental Studies; City and Regional Planning; and Environmental Science, Policy and Management. His research focuses on questions of social equity and environmental politics in rural regions. The Center will serve as a catalyst for campus-community partnerships, inviting regional stakeholders to engage with the University in informing its research agenda to incorporate local knowledge and respond to regional needs. LDA's newest faculty addition, Stephen Wheeler, will serve along with other campus and regional experts on the Center's executive committee. For the full press release, visit: <http://lda.ucdavis.edu/newsevents/CollegeLaunchesCenter.pdf>.

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

*MARK FRANCIS* has been elected fellow of the Institute for Urban Design in New York City—an honor that recognizes his contributions to urban design and regional planning. Francis was recently appointed to the editorial board of *Landscape Journal*. Also his writing on public space design was reprinted this year in *Urban Design Reader* published by Architectural Press.

*JEFF LOUX* recently launched the new Center for Water and Land Use within UC Davis Extension. The Center is dedicated to public outreach, education and applied research in the areas of water resources management in the urban environment. Timothy Lawrence, Ph.D., from Ohio State University, has been hired to manage the Center and work on its various activities under Loux's direction. The Center's first projects will involve low-impact development approaches to stormwater management in the urban environment and watershed management concepts for several areas around the State. Loux was also asked to be a keynote speaker at next year's Southwest Hydrology Conference in Tuscon, Arizona.

*BYRON MCCULLEY* has been distinguished as a finalist for the Academic Federation's "Award for Excellence in Teaching" two years in a row.

*STEVE MCNIEL* has received the “ASUCD Excellence in Education Award”—an accolade bestowed by current students upon professors, lecturers or instructors who most strongly contribute to the educational experiences of undergraduates.

*HEATH SCHENKER* will be presenting a paper in June in St. Petersburg (Russia) at a conference entitled “Globalization and Landscape Architecture.” She will also attend the 2007 Cary Conference in New York this spring. The theme of this year’s biennial conference is “Resilience in Ecology and Urban Design: New Theory and Practice for the Urban Century.” An invitation-only event, the summit brings together international leaders both in the sciences and the urban design community to develop a shared framework that promotes better communication between these two broad fields.

**PREP CLASSES OFFERED FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAM:**

Berkeley-based firm Freeman & Jewell Landscape Architecture is offering a series of review courses focused on site design, grading, drainage and stormwater management. For more information, download the PDF brochure at: <http://lda.ucdavis.edu/newsevents/407all.pdf>

**OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD ON LDA’S EXCELLENCE:**

We rely on the generous support of friends and alumni to sustain and improve our world-class landscape architecture program. We are working with the campus to identify specific opportunities, such as building our student scholarship fund, essentials and amenities for our new home in Hunt Hall, and a lecture series that brings regional experts to campus. To learn how you can help make a difference and support LDA, contact Shannon Tanguay at [satanguay@ucdavis.edu](mailto:satanguay@ucdavis.edu).

Best regards,

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