I’m thrilled to see the growth and energy of our Landscape Architecture program! Immersive coursework, “real world” projects, and service learning experiences all help prepare future landscape architects for the collaborative environment of today’s professional office. The program’s heightened focus on water and green infrastructure, along with a growing number of integrated opportunities within our school, make it a great time to be a part of the WSU Landscape Architecture program. Go Cougs!

Jolie Kaytes, LA Program Head

Autumn greetings from the Palouse! The sun is low, the hills await snow, and the semester goes swiftly. This is the fifth year that the Landscape Architecture Program has been part of the School of Design and Construction (SDC) and there is much to celebrate, including new faculty, integrated study tours, and added curricular options.

- The LA Program is delighted to welcome Assistant Professor Hope Hui Rising, Phd., to the faculty. Hope is a licensed landscape architect in Washington and Oregon and her research focuses on water in urban settings. Learn more about Hope by visiting the faculty webpage.
- LA students and faculty participated in the SDC integrated study tour course. The students (56 in total from all four disciplines) traveled to NYC and spent a week learning about design and construction in the “big apple.”
- LA students participated in job shadow experiences in Spokane and Seattle.
- Fourth year LA students now have the option to study abroad or complete an internship for credit or proceed with their studies in Pullman during the fall semester.
- The LA Program continues to develop an emphasis in Water and Green Infrastructure, and is currently collaborating with faculty at the WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center on various stormwater related projects.

We are confident that there will be much more to celebrate as the school year progresses and we’ll do our best to keep you updated. Go Cougs!

Visit the SDC website for detailed stories

GIVE TODAY

Landscape Architecture Excellence Fund
This fund is the discretionary source we utilize to assist our students and support the highest needs for the LA program.

Landscape Architecture Course Development Fund
This fund is used to support student activities related to landscape architecture classes.

Ken Struckmeyer Student Scholarship Endowment Fund
To honor Ken’s 40+ career as professor, coach, mentor, and colleague, the Ken Struckmeyer Student Scholarship Endowment Fund awards scholarships to students who are aspiring declared majors in landscape architecture.
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Students in the second year design studio, Lnd_Arch 262, are working with the Coeur d’Alene Tribe to develop plans for a sculpture park to honor Chief Morris Antelope as well as the Tribe’s history and future. During this service-learning studio, the students are also working closely with the City of Coeur d’Alene and North Idaho College, as the site will be a city park and will have a strong connection to the College’s campus.

Third year students in Lnd_Arch 362 are working with the City of Walla Walla on designs to restore Mill Creek. They will present their final projects to the Walla Walla City Council on December 12.

Students in Lnd_Arch 366, Materials and Methods of Construction, are collaborating with the Solar Decathlon management team to develop a site plan. They recently created details for many aspects of the outdoor spaces including decks, planters, constructed wetlands, green walls, and garden room structures. Students will refine and implement their work next semester in Lnd_Arch 367.

Students in the senior landscape architecture studio, Lnd_Arch 470, are creating climate-adaptive urban design interventions for South Park and Georgetown, two underserved Seattle neighborhoods vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. Their designs are based on the public input gathered from a series of design game workshops with local stakeholders, experts, and high school students.

Site visits and study tours for all of the LA courses were made possible in part by the LA Course Development Fund and the LA Excellence Fund. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5-8: SDC Design Review Week
March 2-3: Spring Advisory Board Meeting, Pullman WA
WSU ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

If you are ever at a home football game, you will find Jason Anderson, Class of 1998, cheering on our team. Jason has been a season ticket holder since graduation, and is the owner of Design Two / Four Two Six in Renton. After working at Design 24/26 for the last ten years, Jason purchased the company July 1, 2016. Design 24/26 specializes in irrigation design, athletic field design, irrigation system auditing, commercial design, multifamily housing, and educational facilities. His experience includes the efficient use of irrigation water focusing on using gray water, rainwater harvesting, high efficiency irrigation products, and irrigation auditing to see how systems work and perform. “Attending the WSU Landscape Architecture program was a great experience for me. It taught me that even if you don’t succeed the first time, keep trying and keep learning. WSU helped prepare me to succeed in life and landscape architecture. I have been a gainfully employed landscape designer/architect since graduation in 1998. I have not stopped building on the foundation WSU built and continue to apply those lessons every day. Go Cougs!”

WSU ASLA STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

Philip vandevanter, ASLA Student President

The WSU ASLA Student Chapter has enjoyed connecting with the student chapters at the University of Idaho and the UW this summer and fall. We look forward to joint events with both chapters in the Spring! We hosted workshops on mentorship and Land F/X, and are about to launch into a spring series of workshops to prepare our members for summer internships, study abroad programs, and professional practice.

In our spring semester, our annual Community Design Team will be working on a small park design in Colfax, WA. We will also be hosting several interdisciplinary movie showings and guest lectures. We look forward to seeing you at the WASLA conference this Spring – we are hoping to bring at least 10 members to the conference this year!

FACULTY

The Landscape Architecture Faculty for Fall 2016

Jolie Kaytes, Associate Professor and Program Head
Steve Austin, Clinical Assistant Professor
Michael Sanchez, Assistant Professor
Hope Rising, Assistant Professor

All of the landscape architecture faculty have academic and professional experience. This experience is brought into the classroom and provides “real world” context to all of the courses. Check out the faculty webpage to learn more about us.
LA PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Mark Brands, SDC Central Board Chair, Site Workshop
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LAPAB & CENTRAL BOARD NEWS

This fall, the SDC central board convened at WSU West in Seattle for its semi-annual meeting with the school director, faculty and staff. The SDC central board is comprised of eight members and includes two members from each program board. The board is chaired by our very own Mark Brands (LA ’88), and Jason Henry is also a member. Three key initiatives were discussed at the meeting.

1. Continued support for the Solar Decathlon. Information and contributions can be made on the WSU website. One special request from the LA alumni community is to help find local landscape support in Denver for material procurement and installation. If you have a local contact or know of a company to support the effort, please email Darrin Griechen at dgriechen@wsu.edu.

2. Continued funding support for the Virtual Lab. The lab is intended to support the teaching and learning of emergent digital tools; distance collaboration through high-quality video conferencing; and the presentation of large-format digital media in a multi-disciplinary, interactive setting.

3. Support of SDC student led and produced videos. If you have seen the recent video produced by Kyle Redzinak, check it our here. The central board would like to support more of these exciting videos to promote or school and program offerings.

The Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Board (LA PAB) also convened on Nov 4, 2016 at Site Workshop’s office following the central board meeting. We welcomed two new board members Kristi Evans (Metro Parks Tacoma) and Charlie Hafenbrack (GLY Construction). We are grateful to Peg Staeheli for volunteering to chair the LA PAB for 2016/2017. We are looking forward to meeting regularly to further develop our initiatives for the year that including recruiting individuals to the LA PAB and developing a plan to provide outreach to high schools and community colleges to promote the WSU SDC and its programs. If you would like to get involved and join our board, please contact Peg Staeheli pstaeheli@migcom.com or Jolie Kaytes jolie@wsu.edu for more information.

The central board and LA PAB will meet again March 2 -3, 2017 in Pullman. Should you find yourself on campus at this time, please stop by to say hi and learn more on how you can get involved with the boards.