Program Updates

**Ryan Smith, SDC Director**
I arrived this past summer and have been warmly welcomed by faculty, staff, students and alumni. I am pleased to be part of the Cougar family. The Landscape Architecture Program continues to increase in student numbers due to tireless efforts of the faculty and outreach with community colleges through articulation agreements. We are hiring for a full time position in the program to start Fall 2019. One of the initiatives in the SDC is to be socially relevant through community engagement. The LA Program is engaged in the local and regional community in nearly every class and extra-curricular activity that it offers. Your continued involvement in the program allows our students to have strong connections to a Cougar community far beyond the Pullman campus. Thank you for your interest and continued support of the SDC and the LA program.

**Jolie Kaytes, LA Program Head**
Autumn greetings from the Palouse! Here are a few highlights from this semester:
- LA student work was featured in the *Daily Evergreen*, the *Moscow Pullman Daily News*, and recognized by the Pullman City Council and WSU President Schulz.
- LA students participated in job shadow experiences in Seattle and Spokane. 14 Students, 10 offices.
- Past and present Cougars attended the Alumni Tailgate Event at the ASLA conference in Philadelphia.
- Buddy Huffaker, trained landscape architect and President of the Aldo Leopold Foundation gave an SDC Distinguished Lecture about the Land Ethic in the 21st Century.
- The LA Program's articulation agreement with Lake Washington Technical Institute is official, and an agreement with Spokane Community College is in progress.
- Our program video is live. Check it out: [WSU LA Video](#).

We are grateful to all of you that are engaged with the program and appreciate all that you do. Go Cougs!
Student Highlights

• Students in the sophomore studio worked with the City of Pullman to re-imagine the High Street Mall downtown. They are presently designing a learning landscape for Lincoln Middle School.

• Students in the junior studio are examining how we build and live at the edge of town and country and working with Itani Custom Homes and Development. Students are focusing on a 33-acre parcel in southwest Pullman, establishing a framework of ethics for design decisions, as well as identifying the needs and potentials of people and place.

• Students in the senior studio have been working on urban issues this fall. As part of a commitment to growing town-gown relations in Pullman, the students created a set of data about downtown entitled “Vital Signs.” The students are also working on a master plan for the City of Colfax.

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!
Alumni Feature:
Kerstin Martell Dettrich, class of 2006

At WSU, I started off as a political science major, in a pre-law track. Not long into my first political science class, I visited with my college counselor and switched my major to landscape architecture.

Upon graduating, I worked as a landscape designer for GCH Planning & Landscape Architecture. After working as a construction administrator on the Pierce County Chambers Bay Project, I accepted a position as an assistant construction manager with Pierce County to be more directly involved with construction. My career progressed in the construction industry and I held various roles in project management, account management, project engineering and pre-construction management. My breadth of experience covers large-scale master planning, parks and trail planning, urban development, campus facility design and commercial construction projects. I have also been fortunate to work on projects that are USGBC LEED certified and I’ve become a LEED Accredited Professional.

Currently, I hold a Project Management position with The Land Group Inc., a Civil Engineering, Planning and Landscape Architecture firm in Southern Idaho where I focus on pre-construction planning and construction quality control and administration. My accomplishments are very much project based. A few projects that I am most proud to have participated on include Chambers Bay – Tacoma, WA (2007), Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences STREAM Building – Seattle, WA (2015), and St. Luke’s Health System Downtown Campus - Boise, Idaho (Ongoing Currently).

The professional connections I made at WSU have continued throughout my career. I am excited that the SDC’s initiatives are fostering positive interdisciplinary collaboration to produce sensible, maintainable design and construction solutions. Go Cougs!
LA Faculty

Steve Austin
Clinical Assistant Professor

Elizabeth Graff
Adjunct Faculty

Jena Jauchius
Adjunct Faculty

Jolie Kaytes
Program Head

Michael Sánchez
Assistant Professor

LA sophomores create an installation at the High Street Mall

LA seniors with WSU President Schulz

2018 WSU Alumni Tailgate at ASLA in Philadelphia
LA Professional Advisory Board Notes

The LA Professional Advisory Board (LAPAB) met in Seattle in October. Our initiatives continue to emphasize recruitment and connecting students with practitioners. See below for related engagement opportunities. Our dedicated board member from GLY Construction, Charlie Hafenbrack is retiring and will be leaving the board this spring. Huge thanks to Charlie for his stewardship and especially providing the Landscape Architecture Program with the general contractor insights. Abundant thanks as well, goes to Jason Henry from the Berger Partnership, who will also be stepping away from the LAPAB and SDC Central Board this spring. Jason’s long time service, participation and input to the program, board, and SDC has been instrumental. And yet another thanks to Jason Anderson who travelled to Pullman for professional mid-semester studio visits.

Seeking Short Internship Sponsors
Spring Break March 11 - 15, 2019

Interested in providing WSU Landscape Architecture students with a glimpse into the workings of an office, a construction firm, a city department, a nursery, or a vendor? Help support this new idea to improve student connections with professionals and provide early insight into the profession. The board and program seek sponsors for 3 to 5 day student internships this coming spring. An additional option for those that want to help is to assist students with a stipend, or provide travel and lodging support through donations. You can also provide a "home stay" for a student.

For Short Internship Options or questions, contact Peg Staeheli at mpegrose@gmail.com or Jolie Kaytes at jolie@wsu.edu.

Connect the High School Crowd to Landscape Architecture

Would you be willing to give a short presentation to a high school in your area or at your alma mater? We have materials ready for short presentations and are looking for professionals willing to talk with to 15-18 year olds about the landscape architecture profession and opportunities at Washington State University.

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