PROGRAM UPDATES

GREGORY KESSLER, SDC INTERIM DIRECTOR

Many important events have occurred within the School and the LA program over the last six months. As a start, all 4 programs within the SDC now reside with one college, the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture. Additionally, School administrative offices are now on the ground floor of Carpenter Hall which provides much greater visibility and access for our students. We are conducting a search for a new tenure track faculty member in landscape architecture whose appointment will begin in fall 2018 and we encourage all WSU LA alums to get the word out. As you will see in the following pages, the LA faculty continue to provide exceptional education through their coursework, study tours, and community engagement. I am highly optimistic regarding the continued success and growth of WSU Landscape Architecture Program and its role in advancing the school. As always feel free to reach out to me or any of the LA faculty with comments or questions.

JOLIE KAYTES, LA PROGRAM HEAD

Happy winter from the Palouse! We just concluded fall classes. Here are a few highlights from this semester:

- The LA Program was one of 16 university programs or departments recognized by the Provost “for useful and sustained assessment that supports quality undergraduate education at WSU.”

- Landscape architecture senior Collin Schweikl was part of a 6 person student team from the SDC that participated in and won the Design-Build Institute of America’s (DBIA) 2017 student competition.

- LA students participated in job shadow experiences in Spokane and Seattle.

- The LA program continues to expand its recruiting strategies and much work is proceeding, including collaborative efforts with the LA Professional Advisory Board.

- Past, present, and future Cougars attended the Alumni Tailgate Event at the ASLA conference in Los Angeles.

We are confident that there will be 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: http://sdc.wsu.edu/
STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Students in the sophomore studio are working with community partners to develop design concepts for a 16 mile rail-trail between Pullman and Colfax, WA, as well as restoration and interpretive plans along an urban section of Missouri Flat Creek.

Students in the junior studio are collaborating with the Yakima Nation Housing Authority to create a site design for a proposed affordable housing project in Dallesport, WA.

Students in Materials and Methods of Construction are working with the Palouse Land Trust to improve parking, trail head facilities, and interpretative signage at Idler’s Rest in Moscow, ID.

Students in the senior studio are working with the Washington State Stormwater Center to develop design strategies for the Puyallup River Watershed that broadly explore and connect people, place, water, and story.

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

FEBRUARY 5th 2018:
Gallery Opening: “Out in Front: Challenges and Solutions in Landscape Architecture”

MARCH 1st and 2nd 2018:
Spring Advisory Board Meeting in Pullman

April 26 2018:
LA Senior Capstone Presentations and WASLA Review, WSU West, Seattle

April 27 2018:
Student Portfolio Presentations, Seattle

April 30 2018:
Gallery Display: “Graduation Showcase”

More Events and Info
SDC Distinguished Guest Lecture Series
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

JULIA CULP (2010) is a passionate Landscape Architect at Bernardo Wills Architects in Spokane, Washington. Originally an Architecture major, she stumbled upon the Landscape Architecture program and profession upon arrival at WSU. She was a part of the first class returning back to the 4-year professional degree program after several years of a 5-year program.

After graduation in May of 2010, Julia relocated to Spokane from her home town of Poulsbo. She started her career working part-time for the City of Spokane and part-time for a small firm in Liberty Lake. In the fall of 2010 she began working for the small firm, Michael Terrell Landscape Architect, full time where she remained for six years. In May of 2016 she began work for Bernardo Wills. Julia’s experience is focused in the Inland Northwest and spans master planning, park design, trail design, streetscapes, plazas, commercial and educational facilities. She served on the WASLA Executive Committee two terms, as the Eastern Washington Member at Large from November of 2015 through October of 2017 and is an active volunteer for the YWCA of Spokane.

Outside of the profession she enjoys photography, painting, hiking, travel, remodeling her 1920’s home and attending Cougar football games. Go COUGS!

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WSU ASLA STUDENT CHAPTER

SPENCER SEEBERGER,
ASLA STUDENT PRESIDENT

The ASLA student chapter at WSU has had an exciting semester this fall. Professional development was key this semester with students. Weekly skype-in calls from Alumni and other practicing professionals gave insight to and inspired students on thinking about their future. The club also hosted several LA and related professionals to come and meet the students in person and talk about their experience and expertise.

Members of the club also participated in several design charrettes throughout the semester. Some worked with Interior Design, Wildlife Ecology, and Architecture students to come up with proposals for new designs of the WSU Grizzly Bear Research Facility. Some others went up to Spokane to participate in a two day design charrette for the Latah-Hangman Creek Regional Trail. Students got to work in groups with LA professionals to come up with designs and put their skills to a real life scenario. Overall, it has been a semester of growth, development, and connections.
The Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Board aka LAPAB has been working hard over the last year, providing a professional perspective by consulting with the LA faculty and the School of Design and Construction, and providing advice and assistance to design students. We recently have recruited many new members, and we are expanding our duties thinking strategically on how we can best support the landscape architecture students, the faculty, and the greater design community. The fall meeting held in Seattle in early November offered an opportunity for a face to face meeting with many on the board as well as WSU faculty. We discussed program and school structure, student resources, and school recruitment.

RECRUITMENT
Growing enrollments of all design programs is a top priority for the university and for the School of Design and Construction. State funding reductions will continue into the future placing more emphasis than ever on student enrollments as the primary source of funding.

- The LA program as well as Interior Design and Architecture design programs continue to see increased enrollment since the start of the new school. We wish to build on this growth by supporting the program through student recruitment.
- The LAPAB is developing a brief presentation geared towards high school students that may be shared used a variety of venues.
- The program is also working on a student produced video as a tool to reach out to potential future Cougars.

Please contact the LAPAB chair, Peg Staeheli pstaeheli@migcom.com, if you have suggestions or contacts for recruitment.

SPRING MEETING
A LAPAB meeting is held each spring at the beginning of March in Pullman.

This spring’s event will be March 1 & 2 and will include board meetings and student engagement with a social the evening of Thursday March 1.