Program Updates

Ryan Smith, SDC Director
This year has been challenging and rewarding. Landscape Architecture undertook an accreditation visit from academics and industry leaders this spring. The results of the visit will be revealed this summer. However, the report we received upon the team exit was positive and we foresee a full accreditation. Much thanks to our professionals who came to discuss the LA Program at WSU during that time and a special thanks to the LA Program faculty and Jolie Kaytes in particular, who wrote the report and hosted the visiting team. This coming academic year we will continue to engage with communities in the region and make a positive impact. Our students will be traveling throughout Washington and internationally. To foster growth in our community engagement and offer transformative travel experiences for our students, we are soliciting donations to the SDC Excellence Fund. Be our partner in ensuring that the LA Program continues to provide an excellent and impactful education for the next generation.

Jolie Kaytes, LA Program Head
Happy spring 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, Pullman Radio, and the dean's newsletter.
• In cooperation with the LA Advisory Board, we piloted a "Short Internship" program during spring break to give WSU students greater access to professionals. There were 6 industry sponsors and 6 student interns.
• LA junior Jaime Kemple and Interior Design junior Keyaira Mumford won a WSU Crimson Award for their collaborative work with the SDC Rural Community Design Initiative.
• The LA Program's articulation agreement with Spokane Community College is official (!).

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

• Sophomores worked with the Walla Walla Foundry on site design and are currently working with the City of Walla Walla on designs to revitalize Mill Creek. Students will present their final work to the Walla Walla City Council on Monday, April 22.

• Juniors are developing a master plan and design details for Indian Creek Community Forest in conjunction with the Kalispel Tribe. Students’ design research included a tour of the site on snowshoes and an overnight stay in Newport, WA.

• Students in design-build are working with Jefferson Elementary School PTA, Pullman School District, and other project partners to design and build an extensive “Outdoor Learning Lab”.

• Seniors in the Capstone studio are working with the Spokane-based non-profit, BUILDING OHANA, to develop community master plans and site plans that address inclusive design, intentional neighboring, social justice, and environmental and community health.

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

Thank you for your support!
Since I grew up in Spokane, attending WSU was an easy choice. It was close, but far enough away. Once at WSU, I tried mechanical engineering and considered architecture, however neither seemed right. Sometime during the spring semester of my freshman year, a friend suggested I look at landscape architecture. It was the first time I heard those two words together as a concept. The program was small and personal, there was sketching and drafting, there was freedom to create, and there were technical challenges. My first classes included graphics, drafting and model building with design. Alongside traditional design classes, the program was also incorporating CAD drafting, GIS and even 3D modeling into the curriculum. The technical geek in me was in heaven and I was hooked.

My college years in Pullman were idyllic and I remember them fondly. Studio life was much better than the library and book studying. I spent three summers in Pullman and worked evenings in the former second run movie theater in the Old Post Office and the Cordova Theater. During the long days in the Palouse, you would find me doing residential landscape installation with projects in Pullman and Moscow.

After graduating from WSU in '95, I moved to Portland. I worked with Murase and Associates for two years and in 1998 joined Mayer-Reed. My first projects with Mayer-Reed were the Vera Katz Esplanade and the Nike Campus expansion. Over the past twenty-one years, I've worked on parks and trails; mixed use buildings and emerging new neighborhoods and districts; national cemeteries; corporate headquarters and campuses; university buildings and campuses; convention centers; courthouses and other public buildings; bridges and streetscapes; industrial waterfronts; and every segment of the TriMet Light Rail system.

I am now one of three principals and owners of the firm, leading the Landscape and Urban Design studio with founding principal Carol Mayer-Reed. Our roles as landscape architects have evolved since I started and the work we do has grown in scale and complexity. We often lead large teams of landscape architects, urban designers, architectures, civil and structural engineers, natural resource scientists, economists and others. I am currently the Design Manager for the urban design work on Portland's next light rail extension, the Southwest Corridor. I love what I do and I am proud to to work in the city I call home.
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LA sophomores during a design workshop, Walla Walla Foundry

LA seniors studying inclusive communities, Portland, OR

LA juniors at the Indian Creek Community Forest, Cusik, WA
LA Professional Advisory Board Notes

The LA Professional Advisory Board (LAPAB) met in Pullman in March. The meeting started with a school-wide welcome session and facilities tour. There was also an All SDC visioning workshop in which the LAPAB collaborated with the other SDC advisory boards, students, faculty, and staff, and brainstormed about four topics: student success, technical competency, professional and community exchange, and research innovation.

Also during the meeting, Mark Brands joined advisory board members in Interior Design, Architecture, and Construction Management in a panel discussion for the SDC Professional Practice class. Kristi Evans, along with LA alumni Anne Hanenburg, spoke at the "Leadership in Design" event sponsored by Interior Design and LA.

While in Pullman, the LAPAB attended seniors' work-in-progress presentations and engaged in desk crits with LA juniors and sophomores, as well.

The spring meeting was Kristi Evans' last meeting as a board member. Many thanks to Kristi for her service, energy, and insights. In other member news, Derrick Eberle will join the SDC Central Board and Jason Anderson will be the new LAPAB Chair.

In the upcoming year, the LAPAB initiatives will continue to focus on student recruitment, alumni/industry engagement, and professional development. The next in-person board meeting is scheduled for Fall 2019 in Seattle.