

WSU LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Fall Semester Newsletter

Upcoming Events

December 4, 5, 6, 9

Final Reviews

April 30

LA Senior Capstone
& WASLA Review, WSU West
Seattle, WA

May 1

Student Portfolio Presentations
Seattle, WA

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Program Updates

Ryan Smith, SDC Director & Professor

This is the first year in sometime that all of the SDC programs were capped for entering second year students. Our faculty, staff, facilities and budgets can hardly handle this growth, but the studios and classes are buzzing, the clubs are engaged, and the reciprocal relationships we have with communities are energizing. I am impressed with the ongoing engagement of our alumni and friends, especially in the Landscape Architecture Program. Thank you for your continued service and commitment to the program.

The school has a new website and we encourage you to visit and provide feedback: <https://sdc.wsu.edu/>

Onward and Upward!

Jolie Kaytes, LA Program Head & Associate Professor

Happy fall from the Palouse! This semester we welcomed our largest sophomore cohort in over 15 years — 27 students. We also welcomed a new tenure-track faculty member, [Katherine Kraszewska](#), to the Landscape Architecture Program and the School of Design and Construction. We are thrilled for our new students and faculty.

Throughout the semester there have been visiting lecturers, digital workshops, and community engaged design projects. Additionally, we've continued working with practitioners to provide students with job shadow experiences in Seattle and Spokane. This autumn, hosts included 14 offices in Seattle and 7 offices in Spokane.

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

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Students celebrate the completion of the Red Bricks Road design build project in Pullman.

Student Highlights

- Sophomores are producing master plans and illustrations for playgrounds and learning environments at Kamiak Elementary, Pullman's newest school. They will present their work to the school's students, faculty, administration, and parents on December 6th.
- Juniors worked with the National Park Service and WASLA to develop designs for the Touchet Valley Trail near Dayton, Washington. They will present their projects to the Port of Columbia County staff on December 9th.
- Seniors designed a book that catalogs the vegetation of Itani Park, with an emphasis on stormwater plantings. They are currently finalizing master plans for the Barclay Estates stormwater park and landscape which focus on remediation, groundwater recharge, and user experience. Their final review will be on Thursday, December 5th.

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

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Alumni Feature: Susan Combs Bauer '83

Growing up in the Northwest, I always loved the outdoors and everything green! My interest in landscape architecture blossomed at the young age of 11 when I discovered a small artistic garden in a bottle – a terrarium – at a local Gig Harbor boutique store. The whimsical garden creation and its science fascinated me. I was hooked!

After graduating in 1983, I worked for an urban planning firm, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. In 1991, I started my own firm: BauerCombs & Associates, Inc. Since then, I have designed hundreds of projects across the United States and have helped people connect to and enjoy nature through sensory design. My projects include sustainable housing developments, healing gardens, sensory trails, private estates, senior living campuses, and more. Learning new ideas, technology, and methodologies perpetually motivates me and strengthens all I do. Some recent endeavors include becoming a Rainwater Collection Systems Professional and a Certified Permaculture Design Consultant. My electric violin has been a perennial source of design inspiration. It is set up in the studio and ready to play at all times.

I have fond memories of WSU's Landscape Architecture Program and have kept in contact with several classmates over the years. It is truly a joy to stay in touch and celebrate each other's accomplishments. To everyone just entering the field or graduating soon from WSU LA, cheers to all of you for choosing a meaningful and gratifying vocation.

Got news?
Awards, milestones?
Please let us know.
Contact [Jolie Kaytes](#)

LA Faculty - Fall 2019



Steve Austin
Assistant Professor



Jolie Kaytes
Program Head



Katy Krazsewska
Assistant Professor



Bobbie Ryder
Adjunct Faculty



Michael Sánchez
Assistant Professor



LA sophomores and faculty in Seattle



LA juniors at the Touchet Valley charrette in Dayton, WA



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LA Professional Advisory Board

Craig Andersen
AHBL

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Design Two Four/Two Six

Mark Brands
Site Workshop

Katie Bang
Seattle Parks & Recreation

Kerstin Dettrich
The Land Group

Derrick Eberle
Bruce Dees & Associates

Peg Staeheli
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Lucas Vannice
The Watershed Company

Holly Williams
KPG Interdisciplinary Design



Students with alumnus and advisory board member Derrick Eberle on job shadow in Golden Gardens.

LA Professional Advisory Board Notes

The LA Professional Advisory Board (LAPAB) is delighted to announce four new members: Craig Andersen, Kerstin Dettrich, Lucas Vannice, and Holly Williams. The board met in Seattle in October and began planning for a WSU Landscape Architecture Fundraising Event sometime in Fall 2020. The event will focus on generating dollars to support the LA Senior Capstone Studio.

Also during the meeting, the group affirmed its commitment to the Spring Break Short Internship program. To that end, we invite you to join us in sponsoring students! See below for more information.

Seeking Short Internship Sponsors

Are you within a day's driving distance of Pullman? 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? The WSU LA Professional Advisory Board and Program seek sponsors for 3 to 5 day student internships this coming spring break, March 16 - 20, 2020.

Help support this initiative to connect students with professionals and provide early insight into the profession.

Please contact Jolie Kaytes at jolie@wsu.edu if you would like to sponsor an internship or have questions.