
WSU LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Fall Semester Newsletter

Upcoming Events

SDC Mixer in Spokane
March 3

Seattle Study Tour
March 8 - 11

LA Senior Capstone Review
April 28 [planning for Seattle]

Student Portfolio Presentations
April 29 [planning for Seattle]

For more SDC news & events
[News & Events](#)

School & Program Updates

Ryan Smith, SDC Director

Through this pandemic, I have witnessed first-hand, students, faculty, staff, advisory boards, and industry partners demonstrating more care, empathy and grace toward one another and our environment. The Landscape Architecture Program continues to foster positive community action and social and environmental justice in their research and teaching work. To accelerate this momentum, we are pleased to have [Kristina Borrman](#), a scholar of social justice in the built environment, join the School as an Assistant Professor in January 2022. Thank you for your support of the School and LA Program!

Jolie Kaytes, LA Program Head

Late autumn greetings! After 45,273,600 seconds, 754,560 minutes, 12,576 hours, 524 days, and 74 weeks, we returned to in-person classes. Students and faculty were simultaneously thrilled and cautious to share space, visit sites, and interact off-screen once again. Though in-person, we were also delighted to put our Zoom skills to use to connect with design professionals and community partners from afar. Overall, the semester was one of deep learning, patience, curiosity, and tenacity, about landscape architecture, of course, and each other, the profession, and the world at large as we continue to navigate the pandemic. Among the semester highlights was attending the WASLA Conference in Spokane with 30 students and witnessing the energy, engagement, enthusiasm shared between students and practitioners.

The Program is excitedly planning for more in-state travel in the spring semester (see events to the left and page 4). Fingers crossed all's a'go! And...Go Cougs!

Give today

[Landscape Architecture
Excellence Fund](#)

[Landscape Architecture
Course Development Fund](#)

[Ken Struckmeyer Student
Scholarship Endowment](#)

[WSU Scholarship for Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion in
Landscape Architecture](#)



Jumping for joy at the WASLA Conference | Spokane, Washington

Studio Highlights

Sophomores developed an innovative design for a Palouse Dryland farming museum and heritage site in Pullman using only analog rendering skills.

Juniors worked with the Wind River Trust (in Skamania County) to re-imagine and restore a former U.S. Forest Service ranger station and tree nursery established early in the 20th century. The class engaged with community members to generate designs that restored historic buildings, maintained the character of the site, and created economic opportunities for local residents.

Seniors partnered with senior Architecture and Interior Design students to expand on the Pullman /WSU gateway project led by Steve Austin in Spring 2020. Student work was shared with and celebrated by WSU Administration and multiple community partners in Pullman.

We are grateful to landscape architecture practitioners and community partners for their time and insights this semester.

The LA Excellence Fund & LA Course Development Fund help support student activities. Thank you for your support!

LA Faculty Fall 2020



Steve Austin
Associate Professor



Jolie Kaytes
Professor & Program Head



Kate Kraszewska
Assistant Professor



Maryam Mansoori
Instructor



Michael Sánchez
Assistant Professor



Senior Review at the Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center on campus



Junior site visit in Skamania County



Sophomore site visit in Pullman.

LA Professional Advisory Board

Craig Andersen
AHBL

Jason Anderson
Design Two Four/Two Six

Mark Brands
Site Workshop

Katie Bang
Woodland Park Zoo

Kerstin Dettrich
The Land Group

Derrick Eberle
Site Workshop

Peg Staeheli
MIG | SvR

Lucas Vannice
The Watershed Company

Holly Williams
KPG Interdisciplinary Design



Faculty Steve Austin delivers a presentation about climate change and landscape architecture at the WASLA Conference.

Calling Seattle-area Practitioners

The WSU LA faculty is planning a Seattle study tour for Spring 2022, for 47 students. We hope to schedule time for students to job shadow so they can get a sense of the day-to-day life in landscape architecture practice.

Interested in hosting 3 or more students for a job shadow experience on March 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.? Ideally students will have the chance to witness the diverse activities of LA practice and the unique attributes of your workplace, and of course, interact with you. Meetings, office dynamics, site visits (and much more) can all be part of the job shadow experience.

Please contact Michael Sanchez at michael.sanchez@wsu.edu if you are interested in hosting students or if you have any questions or ideas.

LA Professional Advisory Board Notes

The LA Professional Advisory Board (LAPAB) met via Zoom twice this fall. The board and faculty spent time discussing face-to-face activities and travel this fall and spring. The LAPAB also held a virtual meet and greet with students in October.

The SDC Central Board and LA Board will meet in-person in Pullman this spring.