



New Leadership in LA+ED Program and Human Ecology Department

[Leigh Ann Simmons](#) was selected to take the role of chair of [Human Ecology](#) (HE) to oversee the Community and Regional Development (CRD), Human Development (HDE), and the Landscape Architecture + Environmental Design (LA+ED) programs. With this change in leadership, the program also features a new leadership structure: [David de la Peña](#) will serve as the program director of LA+ED while [Claire Napawan](#) and [Adrienne Nashina](#) will serve as the vice chairs of Human Ecology.

Professor Owens Appointed as Associate Dean for the College of Agricultural + Environmental Sciences

[Patsy Eubanks Owens](#) assumed duties as Associate Dean for the human and social sciences within the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences on August 1st, 2019, succeeding [David Campbell](#) who retired this past July. Patsy has most recently served as the vice chair of the Human Ecology department from July of 2017 through July 1st of 2019.

Professor Rios Appointed as Vice Provost of Public Scholarship

[Michael Rios](#) "[served since last September](#)" as the 'founding director' of

the [Office of Public Scholarship and Engagement](#), and before that as faculty adviser to the provost. Throughout this time Rios has been working with multiple stakeholders in support of existing and new engagement collaborations." [...] "This title reflects Professor Rios' intellectual and academic expertise in the area of public scholarship and community engagement, and recognizes his outstanding leadership - and organizational acumen - during the past two years in this area,' Hexter said. 'It also acknowledges his stature and role as a peer among his fellow vice provosts and other academic leaders in advancing our tripartite mission of teaching, research and public service.'"

See the full article [here](#) on UC Dateline.

Professor Milligan Receives Tenure

[Brett Milligan](#) was promoted to Associate Professor in January of 2019. Congratulations, Brett!

LA+ED New Faculty Hire: Haven Kiers

A. Haven Kiers was selected for the LA+ED faculty position in planting design last July of 2018. Previously, Haven was a project director at the UC Davis Arboretum and was a designer at Restoration Landscaping. She has also co-lead LDA 160 since 2011, implementing designs with the junior landscape architecture class in Hunt Hall's courtyard. Her research focuses on green roof design and implementation, as well as nature's health benefits to people, termed "nature Rx".

This year Haven's senior studio class on planting design re-imagined Sudwerks Brewery in Davis. Coverage on the student's final designs was featured in the Davis Enterprise. Please see the full story [here](#).

Professor Napawan receives EDRA Places Award

Alameda Creek Atlas, a project by [Claire Napawan](#), [Brett Snyder](#), and [Beth Ferguson](#) was awarded the Great Places Award for Place Research by the Environmental Design Research Association. This was an extension of Public Sediment's work for the Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge.

More information can be found [here](#).

Professor Owens Receives Legacy Award from ASLA Sierra Chapter

This past October 2018, [Patsy Eubanks Owens](#) received the Legacy Award from the Sierra Chapter of the [American Society of Landscape](#)

Claire Napawan, Sheryl-Ann Simpson, and Brett Snyder featured in a published selection by the National Humanities Alliance

The National Humanities Alliance partnered with Routledge, Taylor & Francis to release a collection of free access articles, [Publishing and Publicly Engaged Humanities](#). [Claire Napawan](#), [Sheryl-Ann Simpson](#), and [Brett Snyder](#)'s article, [#OurChangingClimate: Building Networks of Community Resilience Through Social Media and Design](#), is one of ten pieces selected for this special release. The articles will be available until the end of 2019.

LA+ED Program Hosts CELA 2019

This past March, the LA+ED program hosted the 99th annual CELA conference at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. The conference theme selected for the year was Engaged Scholarship. There was a total of 423 attendees and 17 different sponsors. The conference featured a keynote speaker from [Timothy K. Eatman](#) at Rutgers University and a plenary including [Antwi Akom](#), [Ellen Burke](#), and [Janette Kim](#).

For more information on CELA 2019, including links to the proceedings and the full papers, please see cela2019.ucdavis.edu.





Professors Napawan and Rios Publish Letter to the Editor

[Claire Napawan](#) and [Michael Rios](#) published a letter to the editor in preparation for the program's hosting of CELA this past spring, advocating for greater efforts at diversifying the landscape architecture academy through a range of efforts which included our conference theme: Engaged Scholarship.

Please find the link to the letter [here](#).

Joe Nootbaar Donates to Thayer Speaker Series

The LA+ED program is grateful to Joe Nootbaar for his pledge of \$10,000 to support the Thayer Speaker Series over the course of the next five years. The Thayer Speaker Series is a proseminar class offered in spring quarter that hosts speakers for lectures and discussion of critical issues in landscape architecture.

In his signed letter, he states, "[i]n making this gift, I wish to support the department in hosting distinguished practitioners and scholars from the Landscape Architecture field. High profile events enrich the department on many levels. For the students, it can be an inspirational and motivating experience to hear from experts outside UC Davis. For faculty, it facilitates a cross-pollination of ideas and can lead to new and innovative projects. Speaker series elevate the reputation of both the UC Davis campus and the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design program and can galvanize a program to new heights."

Current LA+ED Advisory Board Members

This past 2018-19 academic year, [Marq Truscott](#), principal of Atlas Lab and a lecturer at UC Davis, has chaired the LA+ED advisory board,

organizing a diverse team to support the undergraduate Landscape Architecture major.

The new team includes Steve Canada from HLA Group, Ruth Coleman from California State Parks, Don Franklin from Hunter Industries, Kirsten Holder from the National Park Service in San Francisco, Daniel Iacofano from MIG, Jesikah Maria Ross from Capital Public Radio, Christina de Martini Reyes from UC Davis as the campus landscape architect, Maren McBride from Mithun, Bridget Much from Berliner Play Equipment, and Craig Stradley from Mogavero Architects.

Kevin Perry: Every Little Drop of Rain

Kevin Perry, owner of [Urban Rain Design](#) and a lecturer in the LA+ED program, also leads the student club, [Student Leadership in Green Infrastructure \(SLGI\)](#), where students from any major come together to design and build green infrastructure projects that are simple and cost-effective.

Most recently, Perry and SLGI completed a rain garden outside of Young Hall on the UC Davis campus that was featured in the [Davis Enterprise](#). Journalist Tanya Perez writes, "[...] the rain garden has a storm water runnel - a narrow channel down the center that water flows through from the downspout - with triangular sections of drought-tolerant plants. [...] as soon as [the water] hits the soil [...] the water is meant to spread out. 'Depending on how much rainfall, it may 'pond up' then soak into the ground,' [Perry] said. 'We're trying to replicate what happens in nature,' adding, 'Ultimately, that water will help replenish the aquifer,' which he said is a main goal of an urban rain garden."

The rain garden was also featured in Landscape Architecture Magazine (LAM) in a piece written by Lisa Owens Viani. Please visit [here](#) to read the piece.



Professor de la Peña Serving on EDRA Board

David de la Peña was elected to serve on the Board of Advisors for the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) and will serve as

the organization's treasurer.

Alumni Receive Anova Young Professionals Grant

Kristi Kin, Laura Remitz, and Julia Warden, alumni of UC Davis' Landscape Architecture major, received the Anova professional grant, funding them to attend the ASLA conference in October of 2018. View their winning submissions [here](#).

Graduation of 2019

This June, the LA+ED program had a total of 62 graduating students: 29 students completed the Sustainable Environmental Design major while 33 students completed the accredited Landscape Architecture major. The SED major received two anonymous donations to be put towards their celebration ceremony which featured a jazz band, a student potluck, and Chickpeas catering.

Congratulations class of 2019!
