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Newsletter

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Greetings Friends and Colleagues!

Welcome back to the UC Davis Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design (LA+ED) quarterly newsletter, where we share our latest news, announcements, and resources. Please share in our enthusiasm, excitement, and pride as we recount the events of Spring Quarter and show what's in store for Summer!

LA+ED 2015 Graduation!

On June 14th, LA+ED celebrated the graduation of thirty-nine landscape architecture students with an awards ceremony and reception. Kathleen Socolofsky, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, delivered the keynote while ASLA President Elect James Schubert and SCASLA President Sara Bowhay presented ASLA awards. LA+ED program awards were presented by Patsy Eubanks Owens, Claire Napawan, and Marq Truscott. Award recipients are as follows:



LDA Class of 2015 at Awards Ceremony

UC Davis Outstanding Senior- Elvis Wong
ASLA Honor Award- Danica Liongsan, Mayton Xu
ASLA Merit Award- Arturo Fuentes-Ortiz, Taylor Baer
Department Citation- Claire LeBlond
Citation for Outstanding Performance- Mayton Xu
Program Merit Award- Flora Barbash, Bernice Guintu, Vanvisa Musigapala
Service to the Community- Greg Webber
Service to the Program- Magdalena Aravena
McCully Technical Achievement Award- Nate Oakley
MacCannell Most Promising Researcher- Danica Liongsan
Most Promising Professional- Taylor Baer, Claire LeBlond, Sean Vang, Elvis Wong
Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society- Taylor Baer, Bernice Guintu, Claire LeBlond, Danica Liongsan, Nate Oakley, Gayatri Narayan, Greg Webber, Elvis Wong, Mayton Xu

June 14th also marked the graduation of our first-ever Sustainable Environmental Design class. Four students were awarded SED degrees this quarter- Alec Ortiz, Jess Friedman, Christy Hanlon, and Kristin Taylor. These students were honored at a student-and-faculty luncheon held on June 11th.

It's been our great privilege to witness the growth of these students and we look forward to their many future successes. Congratulations Class of 2015!

UCD ASLA Donates to ASLA National

This quarter the UC Davis ASLA student chapter donated \$1899 to the national Society's headquarters renovation project. This donation amount honors the year that the national

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Our Mission



As the only accredited undergraduate Landscape Architecture program in the University of California system, we strive to prepare students to be future leaders in the profession. Our design philosophy, present throughout our coursework, is to increase the quality of life through the development and preservation of landscape design and planning processes that are meaningful, relevant and sustainable. To find out more, click [here](#).

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Society was founded. ASLA plans to renovate their headquarters building to create a world-class [Center for Landscape Architecture](#) and is seeking donations to help fund the project. UC Davis ASLA is the currently the first and only student chapter to donate. We hope this sets a precedent for giving and mutual support among all chapters of ASLA. Way to go UCD ASLA!

If you'd like to donate to the ASLA Center for Landscape Architecture project, visit [here](#). Connect with UCD ASLA [here](#).

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LDA Seniors are Headed to Grad School!

LA+ED congratulates three of our graduating seniors as they head to grad school this coming fall:



[Magdalena Aravena](#) will be pursuing a Master of Design for Sustainable Urban Environments at Northeastern University School of Architecture.

Left to Right: Magdalena Aravena, Taylor Baer, and Elvis Wong

[Taylor Baer](#) will be pursuing a post-professional Master in Landscape Architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

[Elvis Wong](#) will be pursuing a two-year Master of Landscape Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design.

We wish these students the best of luck and continued success in their studies.



Olmsted Finalist Nate Oakley

Nate Oakley Advances as 2015 National Olmsted Scholar Finalist

Last quarter LA+ED nominated LDA Senior [Nate Oakley](#) for the prestigious Olmsted Scholars Program. Nate was one of six finalists selected by a jury of leaders in the landscape architecture profession. He was awarded \$1000 and the title of "2015 National Olmsted Scholar Finalist." The Olmsted Scholars Program recognizes the most outstanding students in landscape architecture students and we are very proud of Nate for this achievement.

LA+ED Students Stay Busy with Internships

Several of our students take on exciting internships during the spring and summer months to gain valuable knowledge and work experience. Here are just a few of the internships our students are participating in this year:

Kristi Lin, SED Junior, will be interning at the [Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation](#) in Boston. She will help to create cultural landscape inventories and preservation management plans for Acadia National Park and other parks in the Northeast. (See a video of Kristi's previous research efforts [here](#).)

Nguyen Nguyen, SED Junior, worked with the [UC Davis Arboretum](#) to build a sustainable garden. "This internship taught me how to apply what I have learned in class in practical ways. Together, we built a water-efficient garden that also serves as a drainage swale. It is located near the Arboretum Teaching Nursery so stop by and check it out!"

Jamie Lam, SED Sophomore, is working with [Veggielution](#) in San Jose. Jamie will learn sustainable farming techniques, facilitate other volunteers, and raise awareness about Veggielution.

Ben Hu, Class of 2015 BSLA, will be interning for the City of Davis Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) project. Ben will be providing graphics, renderings, reports, and research. Ben is also the Landscape Lead for the [UCD Solar Decathlon](#) team and is looking for student volunteers to join. Feel free to email Ben if interested.

John Rabago, LDA senior, will be interning with [vanderToolen Associates](#) as an AutoCad assistant. "I am excited to take the skills I have acquired from classes and studio courses and apply them in an office setting. I would really like to give a big thanks to my professors and instructors from the past years who have invested their time, energy, and brain power in helping me advance my career as a landscape architect."

Robyn Huey, Class of 2015 BSLA, will work as a summer associate of Public Architecture. She will be assisting the nonprofit support design of the built environment as a tool for social change. She will be working on the 1+ Program to encourage firms and nonprofits to dedicate 1%+ of their work to pro bono services.

Yuting Shi, SED Junior, will assist Prof. Gwen Arnold as she researches hydrofracking practice and policy in New York state.

If you'd like to extend internship opportunities to our students, feel free to email scheney@ucdavis.edu for more details.

LA+ED Leadership Changes

After 5 years serving as department chair (first for the Department of Environmental Design, the Human & Community Development, and then ushering in the new Human Ecology Department), Patsy Eubanks Owens will be stepping down on June 30th. Patsy will be on sabbatical for the 2015-16 academic year. She will be completing several writing projects, developing new research initiatives, as well as working with colleagues in Brazil.

Professor Luis Guarnizo will be assume the role of Human Ecology Department Chair effective July 1st. Professor Steve Greco will assume the position of Vice Chair and will oversee the operations of the LA+ED program. In addition, Claire Napawan will assume responsibility of the Landscape Architecture Master Advisor and Stephen Wheeler will be the Master Advisor for Sustainable Environmental Design.

We'd like to thank Patsy for her service and dedication over the past five years and we look forward to the continued leadership of Luis and Steve.

Upcoming Events

Summer Session I Begins- June 22nd

Summer Session II Begins- August 3rd

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