



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.

UC Davis to Host 2019 CELA Conference

We are thrilled to announce that the UC Davis LA+ED program has been selected to host the 2019 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) Conference.

A proposal to host the conference was written in July 2015, emphasizing UC Davis LA+ED's contributions to landscape architecture research, sustainability research, ecological planning, and social design. The proposal also highlights our campus' and our community's leadership in sustainable housing and alternative transportation. Planning for the 2019 conference will begin in the Fall.

This year's CELA Conference took place March 23rd-26th and was hosted by Utah State University. More information can be found [here](#).

New Faculty Spotlight: Brett Milligan

Assistant Professor Brett Milligan joined the LA+ED faculty in 2013. Brett's research is focused on the design of the interface between land and water, with particular emphasis on deltaic landscapes and port infrastructure. This work seeks to prototype new forms of infrastructure that meld ecological performance with aesthetics and expanded forms of social and political engagement. Within the LA+ED program he teaches courses on landscape representation, regenerative technologies and advanced senior design studios.

Brett is currently working on several research projects, namely two related projects: Wicked Ecologies and DredgeFest California.

Through the lens of infrastructural earthworks, Wicked Ecologies takes stock of two vast watery regions long deemed to be in a state of crisis, the Florida Everglades and California's Bay Delta, and from this stock, articulates future scenarios and developmental trajectories for both regions while advancing a role for design within contexts of environmental uncertainty, landscape dynamics, and political paralysis.

DredgeFest California is a week-long event organized by the Dredge Research Collaborative about the future design of sediments and earthworks in California's Bay-Delta. The event will consist of public tours and five-day interdisciplinary workshops held at UC Berkeley. By uniting community members, experts, academics, and stakeholders, DredgeFest California participants gain a nuanced understanding of sediment as critical infrastructure to the present and future health of this estuary. DredgeFest California will take place June 13th-19th, 2016.



LA+ED Assistant Professor
Brett Milligan

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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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Carrie Armstrong-Ruport

Carrie Armstrong-Ruport Wins Chancellor's STAR Award

Graduate Adviser Carrie Armstrong-Ruport has received the Chancellor's [Staff Appreciation and Recognition \(STAR\) Award](#) for exceptional performance and ability. She was nominated by six of her graduate students earlier this quarter.

Carrie has advised the [Community Development](#) and [Geography Graduate Groups](#) (housed by LA+ED) since 2005 and has been a UC Davis employee since 2001.

"I am very honored to receive this award," says

Carrie. "I love working with my graduate students and faculty."

We warmly congratulate Carrie on this milestone and thank her for her excellent service!

Visiting Scholars: Beatriz Fedrizzi and Hooman Koliji

The LA+ED Program is pleased to welcome two visiting scholars: Beatriz Fedrizzi, and Hooman Koliji.

Beatriz Fedrizzi is a professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Psychology at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. She received her PhD in Landscape Architecture from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. In 2011, Beatriz published [Improving Public Schoolyards in Porto Alegre, Brazil](#) which investigates the impact of the physical environment on the public school community.

[Hooman Koliji](#) is an associate professor of Architecture at the University of Maryland. He received his PhD in Architecture and Design Research from Virginia Tech. He is the author of several books, book chapters, and papers including [In-Between: Architectural Drawing and Imaginative Knowledge in Islamic and Western Traditions](#) (2015).

These scholars have kindly offered their expertise in support of research, instruction, and program implementation for the 2015-2016 school year. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and welcome them to the UC Davis community.

LDA Senior Boya Ye Nominated for Olmsted Award

LA+ED has nominated LDA Senior Boya Ye for the prestigious [Olmsted Scholars Program](#). The Olmsted Scholars Program is the premier national award program for landscape architecture students. Boya now has the chance to compete for a \$15,000 award given to the student that best demonstrates leadership potential in the field of landscape architecture.

"Thank you for the support and help from faculty and my peers at UC Davis Landscape Architecture Program," says Boya. "I hope to enjoy the rest of my education at UC Davis, and continue to explore the field of landscape architecture in the future."



LDA Senior Boya Ye

We congratulate Boya and wish her luck as her program submission is reviewed!

Solar Decathlon Seeks Participants for 2017 Competition

UC Davis is now seeking participants for the 2017 [Solar Decathlon](#), a biennial competition hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy that challenges collegiate teams to design, build, and operate energy-efficient housing. LA+ED Assistant Professors Brett Milligan and David de la Pena are among several campus faculty members providing support for this effort.

A series of undergraduate courses have been developed in support of this competition. The courses will be available to Engineering, Design, and Landscape Architecture students. The first course of the series, ECI 126: Green Planning, was held this quarter. This will be followed by ECI 127: Green Design, and ECI 128: Green Construction. Students who complete this series will be well-positioned to receive a minor in

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"Sustainability in the Built Environment."

For more information on these courses, please contact [David de la Peña](#). To find out more about the UC Davis Solar Decathlon team, you may click [here](#).

Save the Date: 2016 Professionals Dinner

Please save the date- the UC Davis Student Chapter of ASLA (SCASLA) will be hosting their annual Professionals Dinner on April 28th at the UC Davis Conference Center.

This annual reception raises funds for SCASLA, and brings professionals, faculty, staff, students, and alumni together to celebrate landscape architecture.

This year's event will feature a keynote address from [ASLA President-Elect Vaughn B. Rinner, FASLA](#).

For more information and updates, follow UC Davis SCASLA on [Facebook](#). To view the event flyer, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[Spring Quarter Begins, March 24th](#)

[SCASLA Professionals Dinner, April 28th](#)

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