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Welcome to the UC Davis Landscape Architecture Quarterly Newsletter!

Greetings to all our friends and colleagues! We are very excited to present the first issue of our UC Davis Landscape Architecture newsletter. Here we will share information, updates, and resources about the Landscape Architecture program as well as our new Sustainable Environmental Design program. Be on the lookout for our quarterly email newsletter and share in our pride and excitement for the academic work that's to come.



Chair's Message

As many of you know, we have had many changes to the Landscape Architecture Program UC Davis over the last few years. There's too much to cover in one newsletter, but I do want to summarize some of the highlights and we'll come back to these in future issues.

In January 2009, we moved into our wonderful new home in Hunt Hall. We're finding the location at the north entry to campus and across from the CoHo a great place to be.

In August 2012, the Department of Environmental Design was consolidated with the Department of Human and Community Development into the new Department of Human Ecology. This new department has three distinct programs - Landscape Architecture + Environmental Design, Human Development & Family Studies, and Community and Regional Development. I have had the pleasure of serving as chair of Human Ecology since its formation.

Several faculty members have retired in recent years. We miss them all, but understand they are enjoying their lives away from campus. Rob Thayer, Mark Francis, Dean MacCannell, Steve McNiel, Heath Schenker, and Byron McCulley are all off on new adventures.

Many new faces grace the Hunt hallways. Our most recent hires include Brett Milligan, David de la Peña, and Sheryl-Ann Simpson. In addition, Elizabeth Boults has been hired as a continuing lecturer, which means we get to see her even more. We are very excited by the expertise and skills that they all bring to our program and will be sharing more about each of them in future newsletters. In addition, we have a number of visiting lecturers -- Mark Brandi, Dave Cubberly, Jennifer Ivanovich, Haven Kiers, Kevin Perry, Gerrie Robinson, Marq Truscott, Keith Wilson-- helping us out this year. We are still looking for an instructor of the advanced communications course in the Spring. If

interested, you can apply at - <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply>.

Lastly, I wanted to share some wonderful news. Rachel and Marq Truscott have very generously established the "Sustainable Design and Built Environment Endowment." This fund will help to provide ongoing support for our design-build studio and other learning by doing experiences for students. We'll be sharing more information about this initiative and how you can get involved in a future newsletter.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. Please stay in touch and let us know if you have any news to share.



Patsy Eubanks Owens, Professor and Chair



Sustainable Environmental Design update

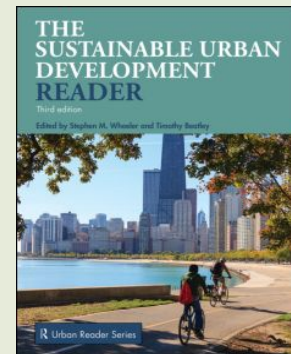
On January 30th, UC Davis administration gave final approval for the new [Sustainable Environmental Design \(SED\)](#) major. The major will be housed in the Department of Human Ecology and will teach students basic skills in urban and environmental design, local government planning, and green building. They will also learn about sustainable development theory and community dynamics. There are currently 15 students enrolled in the major, and we anticipate six students to graduate with SED degrees in Spring 2015. For more information, please contact our undergraduate adviser [Sharla Cheney](#).

Grant Awarded to Claire Napawan and Sheryl-Ann Simpson

The University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI) has recently awarded co-PI's N. Claire Napawan and Sheryl-Ann Simpson (Department of Human Ecology) with a [Community Partnerships Grant](#) for 2014-15 to explore resilience networks with Oakland community youth. The project, entitled Our Changing Climate, addresses the need for local perspectives by leveraging social network and digital media tools to establish a digital community network. For more information contact nnapawan@ucdavis.edu or ssimpson@ucdavis.edu.

Stephen Wheeler Edits The Sustainable Urban Development Reader, 3rd Edition

This fall, Routledge published the third edition of *The Sustainable Urban Development Reader*, edited by our own Stephen Wheeler alongside Tim Beatley. It is the world's most widely used textbook on sustainable urbanism and covers topics such as land use, urban design, climate change, renewable energy, urban food systems, and more. More information can be found [here](#).



New Laser Cutter for LA+ED

This quarter the Landscape Architecture department purchased their very first laser cutter. This large-format CO2 laser cutter will allow students, faculty, and staff to make professional-quality graphics, models, and artwork. The machine is currently housed in our model-making room. The laser is safe to use with wood, plastic, acrylic, paper, and more. Our IT specialist Brad Wilcox is undergoing training on the laser cutter now and the machine will be available for use by winter quarter.



New Program Representative for LDA

The Landscape Architecture department has welcomed a new program representative to their administrative staff. Annabel Vera, a UC Davis alumna, was hired in December of 2013 and has proved to be a wonderful asset to their team. Prior to this position, Annabel worked at the UC Davis Medical center doing accounts payable and residency program support.

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.

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