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## Kristi Lin: Olmsted Scholar Finalist!

The Landscape Architecture Foundation's *Olmsted Scholars Program* recognizes and supports students with exceptional leadership potential who are using ideas, influence, communication, service, and leadership to advance sustainable design and foster human and societal benefits.



Kristi is passionate about using landscape architecture to facilitate cross-cultural understanding. As the granddaughter of Japanese American citizens interned during WWII, Kristi discovered her passion for cultural landscapes and social justice at Manzanar National Historic Site, a former Japanese internment camp. Since then, Kristi has helped organize and mentor UC Davis students on intergenerational, cross-cultural pilgrimages to Manzanar. Through internships with the National Park Service's Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation and California Delta Protection Commission, she helped inventory and manage cultural landscapes. For her senior project, Kristi is researching how memorial designers can incorporate landscape growth and decay into their designs in order to commemorate climate change. As an aspiring landscape architecture professor, Kristi plans to contribute her experiences in community building, sustainability, and commemoration to help landscape architects design spaces where diverse individuals and the environment find common ground.

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## Claire Napawan in Landscape Architecture Magazine: Cutting the Fat with Sharp Graphics

Article by Zach Mortice

City officials in San Jose, California, have an environmental graphics and

public art project they hope will reduce sewer clogs from fats, oils, and grease that residents put down their kitchen sinks—and it only costs \$60,000, a tiny fraction of the millions of dollars it would take to update

existing infrastructure to handle more cooking waste. The project, called FOG Waste (FOG stands for fats, oils, and grease) was designed by Brett Snyder, an associate professor of design at the University of California, Davis, and Claire Napawan, an associate professor of landscape architecture at UC Davis, who practice together under the name Group Projects.

[For the full article, please click here.](#)



1. Door Hanger / Flashcards

2. Manhole Markers

3. Truck Graphics

The project works at three scales: the scale of the house, a scale of the street, and the scale of the neighborhood. All linked by a single color and iconic graphics, this suite of interventions educates the public around issues of responsible wastewater management. Manhole markers incite curiosity. Door hangers inform residents about best practices. And the trucks use brief messages to convey the often invisible work performed by city maintenance.

[For the project website, please click here.](#)



## UC Davis Architecture Design students present capstone projects with Vacaville focus

Article by Michael Morris, from The Reporter

Visitors were provided a distinctive glimpse Saturday morning of what could be for the community.

With Vacaville set as the canvas and architectural design as the subject, 15 senior

Architecture Design students at the University of California, Davis featured their unique collection of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design capstone projects.

Inside the Vacaville Opera House the students introduced detailed and thought provoking ideas that included a drought-tolerant demonstration garden on the grounds at City Hall, a waterfront and public art addition to the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, and a revitalization of land use along interstates 505 and 80, the visiting students shed a newfound light on the area as members of the community sat in on the presentations and shared a dialogue with the UC Davis students.

[Please click here to read the full article online.](#)

## LDA 142: Sustainable Design Features Eyed for School District Block

Article by Jeff Hudson, from The Davis Enterprise

UC Davis students majoring in sustainable design shared their vision last week for redevelopment of the Davis school district's downtown property, on a city block bounded by Fifth and Sixth, B and C streets.

On Wednesday, nine teams of students in a class titled Apply Sustainable Strategies, in the department of human ecology, made their quarter-ending presentations. The class is described as one that "examines case studies and techniques of sustainable development. Student teams will develop detailed proposals for real-world sites."

For the full article, please click [here](#).

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## Plaza de Los Arboles



Additionally, the students of LDA 142 conducted a survey of parking patrons on campus to help determine strategies to reduce driving to campus, working with Evan Schmidt of Valley Vision and Lucas Griffith of the Campus Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability office. They surveyed 544 people on Wednesday, May 3, and made many recommendations to Evan and Lucas, including restricting parking permits sold to those driving from near the campus, making permits by-the-hour or by-the-day instead of monthly or quarterly, and adding bus service to Woodland, Sacramento, and other locations.

## : Departmental Events & Updates :

### Devin Murphy: Hess Award Recipient

Devin Murphy was the UC Davis Hess Award Recipient for 2016-2017! The Charles Hess Community Service Award recognizes students for outstanding public or community service during their undergraduate years of study.

# The Student Leadership in Green Infrastructure group (SLGI) completes second rain garden project on the UC Davis campus

Written by Kevin Perry



Left: Landscape before | Right: Landscape Conceptual Design

The SLGI group has recently completed its second successful green infrastructure retrofit on campus, this time collaborating with the Arboretum's *Learning by Leading* program. Located on the south side of the Social Sciences and Humanities Building (a.k.a. Death Star Building), the team led by visiting lecturer and landscape architect Kevin Robert Perry, transformed a former triangular-shaped lawn area into a functional rain garden space actively capturing stormwater runoff from one of the building's roof downspouts and adjacent sidewalk areas. Rain gardens are recessed landscaped areas that capture stormwater runoff, allow water to filter through the garden plants and soil, create beneficial insect and pollinator habitat, and help recharge our groundwater supply.

This retrofit project features a curvilinear rain garden that is defined by a metal edge restraint retaining the soil grade surrounding the site's existing tree. A new pervious paver pathway crossing the triangle area responds to the predominate pedestrian traffic flow of the site where before people would trample through worn grass.

This project was completed through the primary leadership of senior LDA students Nicole Limesand, Roberto Hernandez, and Martin Legaspi. The project also received significant material/funding donations from

Permaloc Corporation, Basalite Concrete Products, UC Davis Arboretum, and the UC Davis Landscape Architecture Program.

Please stop by the Social Sciences and Humanities Rain Garden and the California Avenue Green Street Rain Garden (near Robbins Hall) completed in 2015 if you are on campus. For more information on the SLGI group, please contact Kevin Robert Perry at [krpperry@ucdavis.edu](mailto:krpperry@ucdavis.edu).



Completed Designs

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## HE Dialogue Conference on Inequality

The conference featured three keynote speakers, each nominated by one of the units in the Department of Human Ecology. They included: Diane Jones Allen, Darrick Hamilton, and Dale Dannefer. Thank you very much to the conference planners who made this even possible, Prof. Sheryl-Ann Simpson & Prof. Anne Visser!

### **Diane Jones Allen, Ph.D**

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Diane Jones Allen, D. Eng., MLA, ASLA, RLA, has 30-years of experience in professional practice, research, and teaching,



focusing on land planning, transportation planning, and park design projects, as well as community development work.

## Darrick Hamilton, Ph.D

Darrick Hamilton is the director of the doctoral program in public and urban policy, and jointly appointed as an associate professor of economics and urban policy at The Milano School of International Affairs, Management and Urban Policy and the Department of Economics, The New School for Social Research at The New School in New York.



## Dale Dannefer, Ph.D

Dale Dannefer (Ph.D., Rutgers) is Selah Chamberlain Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. His scholarly work focuses on understanding human development and life course patterns as constituted through social forces and their interaction with individual-level processes.



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## : Faculty Updates :

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### Kevin Perry Named an American Society of Landscape Architecture Fellow

The American Society of Landscape Architects has elevated 23 members to the ASLA Council of Fellows for 2017. Fellowship is among the highest honors the ASLA bestows on members and recognizes the contributions of these individuals to their profession and society at large based on their works, leadership and management, knowledge and service. The 2017 class of new fellows will be recognized at the 2017 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo, October 20-23, in Los Angeles.



Kevin Perry, of Urban Rain|Design, received his nomination, in Works, from the California Sierra Chapter. Perry's innovation and excellence in design span the public, private and academic sectors. He is a passionate leader and advocate in the realm of green infrastructure and has the enviable ability to communicate innovative concepts concisely and effectively. His body of work demonstrates that landscape architects belong at the forefront of water management planning and design. As testament, his early projects in Portland, Oregon, some nearly 15 years in the ground, are standing the test of time magnificently. Images of his work illustrate presentations and articles on urban green infrastructure universally. And his *San Mateo County Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Design Guidebook* from 2009 is the most comprehensive



green infrastructure document of its time. He has made people see their streets differently.

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## : Student Pursuits Post-Graduation :

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**Thea French: traveling to Greece and Sweden, followed by the Sustainable Cities of Northern Europe study abroad program**

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### **Jamie Lam: Princeton in Asia Fellowship**

Jamie will be working as a Sustainable Cities Fellow at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Beijing where he will be working on policy, research, translation, and engagement.

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### **Kristi Lin: Interning with the Cultural Landscape Foundation in Washington, D.C. for the 2017 summer**

Kristi comes to TCLF with related experience at the National Park Service Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, the Delta Protection Commission, and through her work as an undergraduate researcher. The granddaughter of Japanese-American citizens interned during WWII, Kristi discovered her passion for cultural landscapes and social justice while visiting Manzanar National Historic Site, a former internment camp in California (now a unit of the National Park Service). As an ambassador with the UC Davis Asian American Studies Department, Kristi organized student tours to Manzanar in order to facilitate cross-cultural dialogues about our

nation's complex past.

Kristi graduated in June 2017 with a bachelor of science in Landscape Architecture from University of California, Davis. She was named a 2017 National Olmsted Scholar Finalist in recognition of her leadership and scholarship. Kristi aspires to become a professor of landscape architecture, and will conduct research for the *What's Out There*, *Pioneers*, and *Landslide* programs with TCLF this summer.

[Please click here to see the article on TCLF's website](#)

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Melinda Wang: Interning with the California Native Garden Foundation for the 2017 summer.

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Julia Warden: will be working at Stantec in Sacramento

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Lucy Wu: MLA at Cornell for graduate school

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