

October 2006

## **UPDATE - for the Year 2005-06**

**Newsletter of the Landscape Architecture Program  
at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma**

### **Great News!**

The Landscape Architecture pre-professional phase of the program has been relocated to a “state of the art” facilities in the UPS building across the street from the Animal Science building on Monroe Street near the corner of Hall of Fame Avenue. The professional phase of the program – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year have been moved to Ag Hall on the adjacent to the computer lab on the third floor.

### **Distinguished Service Awards 2006**

James Graber, architect, from Tulsa received the Distinguished Landscape Architecture Service Award for Landscape Architecture Program. James Graber has been a member the Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Council for ten years. Jim is one of the longest serving members of the Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Council where he has served as Chair, Vice Chair, and headed a number of key committees. He is currently heading the Fund Raising Committee. He is most remembered for registering, as an architect was required, and paying the competition fee so the Design III class could enter the Central Park Competition in La Paz, Bolivia. He has also annually participated in the portfolio reviews of graduating 5<sup>th</sup> year students. James is the owner of the architectural office of Graber Associates in Tulsa.

### **Ukrainian Visit**

Drs. Maronek and Leider accepted an invitation to visit and evaluate the instructional methods of the only two landscape design programs at universities in the Ukraine in July. As a result of the visit the OSU Landscape Architecture program has offered to sponsor landscape design faculty from the Ukraine, through the Fulbright program, to study methods to conduct the restoration of historic landscape designed projects in the Ukraine followed up with the preparation of a grant application through the American Embassy in Kyiv to restore a significant historic designed landscape.

### **Randolph Langenbach Speaks**

In February during the visit of the Peruvian students Randolph Langenbach, Historic Preservation Fellow at the American Academy of Rome in 2004, gave a lecture on his research project while at the Academy on *Piranesi Sketches of Roman Landmarks of 1750 with the Landmarks of today*.

### **Historic Cultural Landscape Research**

Two case studies as Special Topics courses (LA 4990) are underway on significant historic cultural landscapes in Oklahoma based on the *Survey and Analysis of Oklahoma Designed Landscapes* undertaken by Dr. Leider in 1987. The 1987 study identified 40 significant historic landscapes in Oklahoma. Up to this time 10 case studies have been completed and filed in the U.S. Library of Congress Library through the Historic American Landscapes (HALS) of the National Park Service. Currently Michelle Bryant's is preparing measured drawing for the Council Oak site in Tulsa., and Derek

McCall, Dean Wilson, and Kristin Farrell are preparing measured drawings of the Shriner's Temple site in Guthrie. The original site plan for the Shriner's temple was prepared by Hare and Hare of Kansas City in the 1920s. Dr. Leider is serving as the instructor for the students in the Special Topics courses.

### **Design Days with the LA/PAC**

OSU Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Council (LA/PAC) participated in Design Days during the spring semester 2006. On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning the 5<sup>th</sup> year students presented their resumes and portfolios to the LA/PAC. On Thursday evening the Design VI class presented their final capstone master plan project to the LA/PAC. A business luncheon meeting of the LA/PAC was held on Friday followed by a talk to the students, faculty, and LA/PAC by Luis Longii, Peruvian architect on the Ricardo Plama School of Architecture's Method of Teaching Design. Following the talk all students in the design students participated in a charette problem presented by Lenny Hughes and Jason Dickinson of Halff Consultants of Dallas. The charette was followed by a critique of the project by the LA/PAC members and OSU faculty.

### **LA/PAC and LC/PAC Joint Meeting – F-06**

The first ever joint meeting between the Landscape Architecture and Contracting Professional Advisory Council will be held during Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 20. The PAC members will tour the new instructional facilities, conduct their own business meeting and then participate in a joint lunch meeting to review and discuss the findings and recommendation of the accreditation teams for both programs. Following the joint meeting the LA/PAC will conduct a portfolio workshop with a panel discussion after which time the LA/PAC will be divided into teams to:

1. Advise the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students on the type of materials to collect for their portfolios;
2. Review the materials the 4<sup>th</sup> year students plan to add to their 3<sup>rd</sup> year portfolio and;
3. Review draft resumes & preliminary portfolios of the 5<sup>th</sup> year students.

### **Seminar II Field Trips 2006**

During the first weekend of the Spring semester in January 2006 the fifth year students in Seminar II went on a field trip with Dr. Leider and Professor Ritter to view built works and tour professional offices on the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale area and the Design VI project site in Puerto Rico. The project in Puerto Rico was furnished by Jerod Costner of Design Workshop.

### **Alumni Assist in Seminar I Field Trips Fall-06**

OSU alumni Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Wichita assisted in organizing and showing their offices and built works to students in the Seminar I class who are just beginning their study of design and are currently enrolled in Design I. Field trips for the Fall 2006 semester on Friday s were to:

1. Oklahoma City, September 8. Host Tour Leader: Denise Sidwell of Benham Company, Scott Coplin of the OKC Park Department, and Scott Howard of Howard – Fairburn.

2. Wichita, September 15. Host Tour Leader: Brent Thomas, ASLA; Baughman Company, P.A. Lee Engler, ASLA, Steve Perry, ASLA, and other local landscape architects.
3. Tulsa, September 29. Host Tour Leader: Brett Mann of Carter Burgess, and other local landscape architects including Clare Ashby, Carl Szafranski, and Dan Alaback.

## **Study Abroad Program Activity**

### **Peruvian Studio Exchange Program S-06**

Twenty 4<sup>th</sup> year architecture students and two faculty from UPC came to OSU in February 2006 and worked with the OSU Design IV students and Prof. Michael Holmes for four weeks under on museum on a water front project in a community in northern Peru. Mario Segami, Director of Architecture and Luis Villacorta, Assistant Director of Architecture of UPC also came to OSU at the end of February to participate in the jury for the project. Other members of the jury were: Dr. David Hanser, Prof. Paulo Sanza, and Prof. Michael Richards of the OSU School of Architecture, and Dr. Leider.

### **Japanese Urban Landscape Design Study Abroad Program SU-06**

Professor Paul Hsu led a three week study abroad program to Japan and Thailand. The study program involved the viewing of built landscapes in Tokyo and the Kyoto-Kameoka region of Japan for two weeks and one week in Thailand. The Japan program included one day workshop with the gardeners in Kameoka, and a one day workshop with Maejo University in Chiang Mai in central Thailand.

### **Invitation to Alumni and LA/PAC members to take part in a Study Abroad Program to Mexico and Peru -May 2007 with students in Landscape Architecture and the School of International Studies. The schedule is as follows:**

Leave for Mexico City Saturday, May 12 with Dr. Leider. Tour region with Dr. Paul Rich of UDLA May 13-16 and participate in a charette on the campus of the Universidad de Las Americas (UDLA), outside Puebla after which time the participant may return to U.S. or go on to Peru.

For those going on to Peru with Prof. Holmes the group will leave for Lima Saturday, May 20 and come back on June 2 and participate in an Exchange Studio Program with the Architecture Program at Universidad Peruana de Ciencias (UPC). OSU group will also go to Cusco and Machu Picchu.

- Students may earn up to three hours of credit under LA 4990 or 5110 with an "I" designation
- Announcement will be distributed later this semester.

To make a reservation contact Dr. Leider, 405-744-5420 or [charles.leider@okstate.edu](mailto:charles.leider@okstate.edu) or Professor Holmes, 405-744-7333 or [michael.holmes@okstate.edu](mailto:michael.holmes@okstate.edu)

### **Invitation to Alumni and LA/PAC members take part in a study abroad program to Japan to study Urban Landscapes & Historic Garden Design - May 2007**

- Open to alumni and LA/PAC members and ten first and second year

design students. Students in Graphics are particularly urged to participate to improve their outdoor sketching ability. Course requirements:

- develop a photograph essay or sketch book of built works viewed
- Student presentation on trip to Japan to the LA 1013 & 3112 the Fall semester 2007
- Students may earn credit under LA 4990 with "T" designation
- May apply and compete for travel grants up to \$300
- Announcement will be distributed later this semester

Contact: Prof. Paul Hsu for further information: 405-744-5421 or [paul.hsu@okstate.edu](mailto:paul.hsu@okstate.edu)

**Invitation to OSU students, faculty, Alumni and LA/PAC and wives from Universidad Peruana de Ciencias (UPC) to study built works of architecture and landscape architecture in Italy starting in Rome. Tentatively scheduled for July 22-August 12, 2008**

Tour will be in English and Spanish:

- Led by Prof. Luis Villcoata Architecture History Professor at UPC, and Dr. Leider Landscape Architecture History professor at OSU

To earn course credit students will be required to:

- develop a photograph essay or sketch book of built works viewed
- present a Power Point on trip to Italy to the LA 1013 & 3112 the Fall semester 2008
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## **Faculty Members of the OSU Landscape Architecture Program**

### **Visiting Faculty for: Spring-06 Semester**

Warren Edwards is served as a Visiting Instructor for Design II and LA 4034 Planting Design.

Jeff Hudson served as an Assistant Instructor to Warren Edwards in Planting Design.

John Hartley, Director of the ODOT Environmental Planning Section in Oklahoma City served as a Visiting Instructor for an evening course for LA 4583, Environmental Planning

### **Visiting Faculty for: Fall-06 Semester**

Warren Edwards is serving as a Visiting Instructor for Design I and

### Construction III .

John Dugan, Director of Planning for Oklahoma City is serving as Visiting Instructor for:

- Land Use and Community Planning
  - class offered on Monday evenings: 6:30 - 9:20 PM
  - all 4th & 5th year LA students should be enrolled in this course as it is only offered every other year.

Mark Gregory an instructor in Natural Resources is offering a course in Geographic Information Systems entitled: Comprehensive Landscape Analysis for 4<sup>th</sup> year landscape architecture students

Eve Morgan, Stillwater Park Planner is Visiting Lab Assistant Instructor for:

- Construction I

Support Faculty

Susan Bobo, Assistant Professor  
Branch Librarian in Architecture Bldg.

### **Permanent Landscape Architecture Faculty**

The full time faculty members in the Program are: Dr. Charles Leider, Professor and Program Director; Paul Hsu, Associate Professor; John Ritter, Associate Professor; and Michael Holmes, Assistant Professor.

### **Faculty Activities and Awards**

The president of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Chief of the Historic American Landscapes Survey have appointed Dr. Charles Leider as the First District Officer for Oklahoma for the purpose of identifying and inventorying worthy sites of landscape significance for the Historic American Landscape Survey for the National Archive of historically significant landscapes.

Dr. Charles Leider chaired a panel and presented a paper on the **Role of a Landscape Architect in Sustainability** at the Annual Conference of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada June 2006.

Prof. Michael Holmes was elected Secretary for the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. from October 2006 to 2007.

Dr. Charles Leider presented a paper on the **Stowe: Proto Type of English Country House during the Romantic Period 1750-1850** at the Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Academy of Science November 2005.

Professor John Ritter is representing the Landscape Architecture Program as a Stakeholder on the preparation of a master plan for the OSU campus.

Dr. Leider has been appointed to the OSU Library Advisor Board by the Faculty Council. He is currently serving as Chair for the Board for the second year.

Professor Paul Hsu is serving as an advisor to the OSU Japanese Club.

The Faculty Council has reappointed Dr. Leider to the Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security Committee for a three year term.

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Dr. Charles Leider presented a paper on the **Sofetil Park: A Splendid Landscape, Uman, Ukraine** at the Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Academy of Science November 2006.

## **Landscape Architecture Student Organization Activities**

### **Class of 2005**

Sixteen students graduated in May. Two of the graduates enrolled in the Masters program in Environmental Science at Oklahoma State University in the Fall semester 2006. The other 14 graduates entered the private consulting field in Landscape Architecture. Offices in Texas hired more students than any other state.

### **Student Advisory Council**

The Student Advisory Council (SAC) meets once a month with representatives for each design and graphics section to discuss Program issues. The SAC was chaired by Cassi Poor the academic year of 2005-06. The current chair is: Seth Slifer

### **Sigma Lambda Alpha Honorary Society**

During the academic year of 2005-06 the pledge class, as their service project to join the Society, designed a sitting area in Boomer Lake Park to view a fountain in the lake. The Chapter also developed and sold Landscape Architecture rear window stickers, assisted in hosting the Professional Advisory Council during the Fall-05 semester, and hosting the Design Days lunch.

The following new members were inducted for the 2006-07 academic year and serve in the capacities indicated:

President, Dean Wilson  
Vice President – Anh Pham  
Secretary – Kristin Hattey

Treasurer – Cassi Poor  
Service Project Coordinator – Richard Lavery  
Design Days Coordinator – Derek McCall  
Advisor Dr. Leider

### **ASLA Merit & Honor Awards Program**

The OK/ASLA Chapter Merit Awards Committee meets on the OSU campus during Design Days of each year to receive presentations from students selected by the OSU faculty for merit awards and honors designation. The following students for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year received ASLA Merit Awards for the 2005-06 academic year: Anh Pham with Honors, Michelle Jantz, Adrienne Wright, and Dean Wilson. Their awards were presented at the OK/ASLA Annual Meeting on September 23, in Tulsa.

**ASLA Student Chapter** – Kristin Hattey was elected President of the OSU/ASLA Chapter for the 2006-07 academic year. The chapter will hold an Open House in the renovated UPS building on Monroe Street across from the Animal Science building from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm or two hours before the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 21. Since the building is still under renovation alumni should enter the building at the southeast entrance off the parking lot. Profs. Holmes & Ritter serve as advisors to the chapter.

### **Student Competition Winners in 2005-06**

Mike Albert, who graduated in May 2006 won two student OK/ASLA Awards:

Landscape Restoration Plan for the English House Site, Muskau Park, Poland as part of a US/ICOMOS Internship Program to Poland through Dr. Leider 's nomination of Mike to US/ICOMOS.

Golf Course and Subdivision Master Plan, Vieques, Puerto Rico, a Design VI, capstone course – summary of design education, project under the direction of Prof. John Ritter.

Caleb Wetmore won BEST of the Environmental Planning section Collegiate Section of Oklahoma Academy of Science at its Annual Meeting for his presentation on *John Lyle: Sustainability in Landscape Architecture* on November 2005. The other students making presentation included: Darla Leach, Seth Slifer, Andrew Moore, and Heather Applegate.

Cody Klein and Zach Perkins made presentations at the 2006 Annual Meeting. Dr. Leider arranged for the student presentations at the Academy and accompanied the students to the Annual Meetings for their presentations.

Wentz Scholarships research awards of \$4,000 based on proposed projects were presented to the following students and their faculty research advisor:

Andrew Garrels, Seth Slifer, and Michelle Bryant - Dr. Leider  
Kristin Hattey - Prof. Hsu

The students will be required completed their work in 2 credit hour course LA 4990 under the direction of faculty member and display their work at an awards program during the Spring semester

Anh Pham was awarded a national travel grant from Sigma Lambda Alpha for her study during the summer in the southeastern United States.

### **Internships**

Twenty one Landscape Architecture students participated in internships this past summer in Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma.

### **Program Speakers Fall Semester 2006**

The lectures are on Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 PM in 101 Ag Hall. These are open lectures to all alumni and any interested person. The lectures are as follows:

**3:30-4:45 PM**

**Thursday Afternoon**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject</b>
August 31 Th	Carl Szafranski Tulsa, OK	Szafranski Pugh & Associates Design/Build Practice
Sept. 7 Th	Ryan Dommick Lawrence, KS	Low Maintenance Landscapes Inc. Design/Build Practice
Sept. 14 Th	Laura Moffat Dallas, TX	Lamberts Design/Build Practice
Sept. 21 Th	Mike Piering, ASLA Los Angeles/Orange County, CA	Land Concern Ltd Landscape Architecture Practice
Sept. 28 Th	Bill Odle, ASLA Austin, Houston, Dallas	TBG Partners Inc. Landscape Architecture Practice
Oct. 5 Th	Lenny Hughes Dallas, TX	Halff Associates Civil Engineering and Landscape Architecture Practice
Oct. 12 Th	Mike Terry, President Honolulu, Hawaii	Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd. Landscape Architecture and Civil Engineering Practice
Oct. 19	Sean K. Simms	Canin Associates

Th	Orlando, FL	Landscape Architecture Practice
Oct. 26	Charles McDaniel Dallas, TX	SWA Group Landscape Architecture and Planning Practice
Nov. 2 Th	J. Clare Woodside, RA, AICP Planning Director Oklahoma City	Benham Company Multidisciplinary Practice The New OSU Master Plan

### **Landscape Architecture Homecoming Alumni – Open House**

at the new facilities in the UPS building on Monroe Street across from the Animal Science building on Saturday October 21, before the homecoming football game, now scheduled for 11:30 am to 12:30 pm or two hours before the game. This event is sponsored by OSU/ASLA Chapter

Please note the building is normally open so you are welcome to come in and look around anytime on Saturday. Because the building is still undergoing restoration you will need to enter the building from the parking lot on the southeast side.

### **Alumni Gathering in Minneapolis**

**The LA program will host an alumni reception with the Oklahoma University at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on Friday, October 7, 8 to 10 pm in the Hilton Hotel. All alumni at the Annual Meeting are encouraged to attend the gathering.**