### Calendar

#### December
1. Deadline for EDRA Student Submittals
5. Deadline for applications for G. D. Hines Competition
6-9. Juries / Fall Semester
16. Commencement / Fall
31. Deadline for registration for Reinvent Tusawilla

#### January
9. Spring Semester Starts
16. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
15. Deadline for submittal to Fritz Loonsten Scholarship
23. Lecture : Richard Sennett

#### February
28. Deadline for submittal for Reinvent Tusawilla proposals

#### March
4-11. Spring Break
18-21. Greening of the Campus IX
28-31. CELA : University of Illinois

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DOLA News is published four times a year to provide information about events and accomplishments of the Landscape Architecture Department program at Ball State University. Questions and correspondence can be addressed to jrnaderi@bsu.edu or call 765.285.1971.
Student Team Wins Historic American Landscapes Survey Award

A Ball State team of faculty and students was awarded second place in the 2011 Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) Challenge: Landscapes of Diversity. The Ball State team documented historic Bush Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Ball State Team, populated mainly by students of the Department of Landscape Architecture, was the only student winning team in competition with professionals holding outstanding credentials. The documentation produced by the students will be entered into the Library of Congress.

Students
Austin Blomeke, Landscape Architecture
Benjamin Doane, Landscape Architecture
Brian Grover, Landscape Architecture
Eric James, Landscape Architecture
Ashley Williams, Landscape Architecture
Ethan Coverstone, Architecture
Kyle J. Boot, Historic Preservation

Advisors
Christopher Baas, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture
Geralyn M. Strecker, Assistant Professor, Department of English

Audubon Society Recognizes Design Build Work

The effort that started in 2004 to bring to reality the John M. Craddock Wetland Nature Preserve (JMCWNP) through an immersive design build effort by students and Flatland Resources, LLC has been rewarded with the Robert H. and Ester L. Cooper Conservation Award by the Robert Cooper Audubon Society.

The Robert Cooper Audubon Society is an Indiana district chapter of the Audubon Society, serving seven East Central Indiana Counties, including Delaware County. The Robert H. and Ester L. Cooper Conservation Award is the highest award designated each year by the Cooper Audubon Society members. The award recognizes an outstanding habitat restoration and environmental conservation/education service project in the seven county area.

In our discussions on excellence of the built and natural environment, we know the focus has been about great buildings and great public spaces. And it is understandable, given how prominent great buildings are in framing the experience of humanity, that great buildings could be misconstrued as the focus of “best”. But as a backdrop to the workings of humanity, it is the warmth of hello and grabbing a seat in the sun on a cold day that makes us blissfully aware of how great public space is. A measure of excellence may simply be providing the place for people to come together in pursuit of peace and good will for all.

Public space has taken on a new edge in Occupy and we are learning once again the benefits of design – both intentional and unintentional – that support random acts of social encounters. This puts our students and alumni into particularly advantageous positions. We know how to make positive space into a place where we can support, on occasion, people in pursuit of peace and equality. Perhaps our design efforts might imbue all with a better civic consciousness.

I wish you peace for the new year and hope you find it in a place nearby.

The Indiana branch of the American Society of Landscape Architecture ran student design competitions this year. THE BALL STATE STUDENTS WON ALL OF THEM. I think it is called “sweeping the awards”. This is due to the excellent design and communication skills exhibited in the works, mentored by alumni and faculty alike.

We are in the top 10 ranking of landscape architecture programs across the US. Again. Alumni like Tom Gallagher from Ratio are winning national awards for their design work and LA firms are staying steady in their busy workloads. Even in these times, opportunities are opening up or being created. Some are waiting for the right opportunity, and some are making the opportunity right.

I have to say my favorite story is one of our grad students who has decided to dig into ice cream instead of dirt while waiting for a break in the job market. Beth has opened an ice cream shop back in her home town, making fantastic creations! In fact, if you want a very cool landscape installed for Christmas, I recommend going to a town called Chesterton in NW Indiana, grab a customized treat and stroll through the public square right near by!

Keep well and peace to all,

Jody
Reinvent Tuscailla Design Competition

Professional architects, landscape architects, intern architects, urban planners, engineers, artists, students, and other design professionals are all eligible to apply.

Purpose:
Tuscailla Park serves as an integral downtown asset to the City of Ocala. Historically the park has served as the city’s central park where city-wide events were held and the congregation of citizens’ was prevalent. In addition, the Tuscailla district has an abundance of historical structures, many of which are in need of rehabilitation.

The competition will serve a two-fold purpose; first as a catalyst for innovation and creativity, second as a tool that will educate and inform the citizens’ of Ocala for a clear community understanding for the vision of the Tuscailla district. The City Auditorium and American Legion Building are two structures within the park that the city would like to see ideas that address the need/lack of need within the park and community. Currently, the Tuscailla district is in a period of rebirth where both the citizens’ and city are looking for ideas that meet the needs of the growing community.

Timetable:
Registration begins: 11/14/2011
Registration ends: 12/31/2011
Submissions deadline: 02/28/2012
Jury Review: 03/01/2012 – 03/16/2012

Awards:
First Prize - $5,000
Second Prize - $2,500
Third Prize - $1,250

Frits Loonsten Scholarship

The Indianapolis Landscape Association awards the Frits Loonsten Scholarship on a yearly basis to a student enrolled in a Horticulture or Landscape related major. The applicant must be enrolled at either Ball State University, Purdue University, or Vincennes University. Currently the scholarship awarded is for up to $6,000.00.

Please go to http://www.indylandscape.com/Frits-Loonsten-Scholarship-Form_.html for more information and to print off a copy of the application.

Applications must be completed and returned to the Indianapolis Landscape Association no later than January 15th. Winners will be notified by April 15th.

The Tenth Annual Urban Land Institute/Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition

Applications are now being from graduate student teams for the 2012 competition.

Do you envision a more innovative built environment? Put your skills and ideas to the test and compete to win $50,000.

Successful real estate development and design in the 21st century requires intensive collaboration across disciplines and sectors. In the Hines Competition, you will have the chance to form a multidisciplinary team with four other graduate students in the United States or Canada and tackle a real land use challenge in a U.S. city. The Hines Competition challenges multidisciplinary student teams to devise a comprehensive development program for a real, large-scale site. Student teams comprising at least three disciplines have two weeks to develop solutions that include drawings, site plans, tables, and market-feasible financial data.

Student teams should be composed of graduate students enrolled in school full-time during the competition period. Each team must have at least one student from a non-design discipline.

Teams usually include students in degree programs representing the following disciplines:

- Real Estate Development/Finance
- Urban Planning
- Urban Design
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- MBA or other graduate business degree

Application due date: December 5, 2011
Applicants notified of eligibility: December 12, 2011

This is an ideas competition with no expectation that any of the submitted schemes will be applied to any site. The winning team will receive $50,000 and the finalist teams $10,000 each.

For more information, visit the Web site: http://www.udcompetition.org.

For inquiries, please e-mail: udcompetition@uli.org.
On The Way To CELA (March 28-31)

Meg Calkins has a panel presentation with Norman Booth, Chip Sullivan and Margaret Cummins accepted. They will be discussing “Publishing Textbooks in the Digital Age”.

Burgu Yigit-Turna had a paper accepted with her student Sameera Rao “Critical Engagement with Informality: Urban Landscape Research and Design for Dharavi”

Simon Bussiere had TWO papers accepted: “Design & Engagement Tactics in Emerging Communities: Lessons for Educators” and “Sustainable Tactics in Emerging Communities”

Chris Baas paper was accepted: “What Did Gene Stratton-Porter See From Her Million Dollar View: Exploring the Early 20th Century Symbology of Natural, Native, and Wild Landscapes, and Their Implications for Early 21st Century Landscape Preservation”

Nick Serrano paper was accepted: “On Landscape Beauty: Aesthetics and Plants in Landscape Architecture

Jody Rosenblat paper was accepted: “2012 is a Threshold: the Mayan Sacred Landscape”

On the Way to Medellin

German Cruz has been selected to conduct a series of 5 lecture/workshop sessions in Medellin under the auspices of IFLA and the Colombian Association of Landscape Architects in a capacity building effort for educators in Landscape Architecture programs. The lectures/workshops will cover both theory and practice in landscape design and form part of a multiple section program to be offered across several months. Professor Cruz has participated in previous similar events in Sao Paulo, Brazil and is being considered for another event in Santiago, Chile later in the year.

BLA and MLA Programs Ranked in TOP 10 nationally by Design Intelligence

The landscape architecture at Ball State University can be proud of being in the top ten programs according to this year’s “Design Intelligence” report.

BSU has the only graduate program ranked nationally in the top ten graduate programs that is not housed in a Research 1 University.

The excellent national ranking in landscape architecture has been an unbroken winning streak since 2005, a historical stature only held by six of the other sixty-eight accredited or candidacy programs across the United States.

EcoSummit 2012

For the first time ever, the EcoSummit conference will be held in the United States. Led by the The Ohio State University and the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission, this international summit on ecology and sustainability will attract ecologists, environmental scientists, engineers, policy makers, and business leaders that provide ecosystem services around the world. Speakers include Nobel, Pulitzer, Kyoto, and Stockholm Water Prize winners in the first conference ever to link the Ecological Society of America (ESA), the International Association for Ecology (INTECOL) and the Society for Ecological Restoration International (SER). Exhibitors will include companies involved in ecosystem services, sustainable building and landscape design, renewable energy systems, engineering firms, restoration contractors, research firms, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and colleges and universities.

Electives Offered for Spring Semester 2012

The following courses are being offered as electives for Spring Semester 2012 with the instructors listed.

- Design Build  Les Smith
- Therapeutic Landscapes. Martha Hunt
- Plants 2  Susan Tomizawa
- Sustainable Land Systems  John Motloch
- LA Computer Applications 3  Simon Bussiere
- Cultural Landscapes  Carla Corbin
- Games for Design  Chris Marlow
- Public Art  Cindy McHone
- Irrigation and Lighting  Harlow Landphair

Students are encouraged to discuss the course with the instructors as well as with the Undergraduate Advisor.

Olmsted Scholars 2012

The Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) is now accepting nominations for our 2012 Olmsted Scholars. The Olmsted Scholars Program with its $25,000 prize is the premier national award and recognition program for landscape architecture students.

Now in its fifth year, the Olmsted Scholars Program recognizes one outstanding, faculty-nominated student from each university with an LAAB-accredited landscape architecture program. Each accredited institution may nominate one graduate student or undergraduate currently in his/her fourth or fifth year for this honor. The deadline for nominations is Feb 15, 2012.