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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.

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### Awards

#### 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.

## Greetings



Video animation worth watching by ASLA:

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 migh 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,

*Tody* 

### Competitions

### **Reinvent Tuscawilla Design Competition**

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

#### Purpose:

Tuscawilla 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 Tuscawilla 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 Tuscawilla 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 Tuscawilla 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 – 03/16/201

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 multi-disciplinary 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

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Landscape Architecture

MBA or other graduate business degree

Application due date: December 5, 2011

Applicants notified of eligibility: December 12, 2011 Competition dates: January 17, 2012 – January 31, 2012

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.

### Motations (With a tip of the hat to Lawrence Halprin)

#### On The Way To CELA (March 28-31)

**Meg Calkins** has a panel 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**t 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 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

ov ASLA:

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.