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Campus Planning & Design

Professional Practice Network Update



Connect with the Campus Planning and Design PPN in San Diego!!!

Early Bird Registration Saving Ends July 12!

ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture
(formerly known as the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO)
November 15 - 18, 2019 | San Diego, California

Register Here

5 reasons why you should register:

1. Tour UCSD Campus for a Field Session

[The Campus Defined: Design, Resiliency, and the Art of Landscape Architecture](#)

Friday, November 15 | 12:30 - 5:00 pm | 3.0 PDH LA CES

2. The Campus Planning & Design PPN Meeting: Earn continuing education credit at the [PPN Live](#) stage

Saturday, November 16 | 9:45 - 10:45 am | 1.0 PDH LA CES

3. Explore the EXPO Floor with the PPNs

Full [schedule](#) to be announced this summer.

4. Network at the Breakfast Social before the Campus Planning & Design PPN Meeting

Saturday, November 16 | 9:00 - 9:45 am | Location in the EXPO to be announced

5. Learn more about Campus Planning & Design at Education Sessions!

Schedule with [campus planning and design-related topics](#) and sessions presented by fellow PPN members to be highlighted in our next newsletter.

[Register Here](#)

SCUP Award Winners

The Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) [2019 Excellence Awards](#) include notable projects in Campus Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Architecture.

Congratulations to all the 2019 award winners! This year the work of several landscape architecture firms is recognized, including Andropogon, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Sasaki Associates, SmithGroup, Towers|Golde, and Walker Macy.

Our **PPN Members Spotlight** this month features two landscape architects and Campus Planning & Design PPN members: **Jack Rosenberger** (Virginia Tech) and **Ian Scherling**

(Sasaki Associates). Both Jack and Ian were involved in the creation of the 2018 Virginia Tech Campus Master Plan, recognized with a [2019 SCUP Excellence in Planning for an Existing Campus Merit Award](#). Kudos to Jack, Ian, and the entire Sasaki team of landscape architects responsible for the plan.

[View All SCUP 2019 Excellence Awards](#)

[SCUP Annual Conference](#)

July 14-16, 2019 | Seattle, WA

See ASLA's list of [Conferences for Landscape Architects](#) for more upcoming events.

PPN Members Spotlight



Jack Rosenberger, ASLA

Jack is the Campus Landscape Architect in the Office of University Planning at Virginia Tech, and has served in this role since 2016. As Campus Landscape Architect, Jack's main task is to provide professional guidance and leadership for the long-term planning of Virginia Tech's outdoor environment.

Since the completion of the Blacksburg Campus Plan in 2018 by Sasaki, there has been a strong desire to improve campus mobility by employing an “Access for All” mentality to each and every project, regardless of scale. Jack holds a BLA from SUNY-ESF (2005) and an MLA from Ohio State (2012) and is a licensed landscape architect.

Q&A: Tell us about your experience engaging the campus community in resilience planning.

The recent update and expansion of our Campus Tree Inventory has been a wildly successful resource that internal campus partners and external design teams did not previously have access to. On the construction side, this GIS-based dataset was recently used to help reduce the impact of a major utility project to our campus forest. This project sought to connect two Chiller Plants and provide a redundant chilled water loop. Understanding the location, species, and health of specific trees within the limit of work, the design team was able to make small adjustments to their layouts, which helped to avoid unnecessarily removing or damaging a substantial number of trees.

From a long-term planning perspective, our office recently used this dataset to execute a more focused study of the Drillfield’s forest canopy. This study, called a Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE), has helped us understand the current health of the Drillfield’s forest and project out areas that may see decline more rapidly than others. Understanding these dynamics can help our office generate focused plantings in specific areas of the Drillfield canopy that need regeneration.

To assist with engaging the campus community, there is a version of our [Campus Tree Inventory](#) which can be accessed by the public. This interface not only allows the public to gain access to a useful educational tool, but it can also be used as a method of crowd-sourcing. Groups on campus can use this dataset for focused studies of specific areas or tree communities, and provide valuable feedback to our Facilities Department on issues with individual specimens that may need immediate attention.

Current and recent work:

- [Blacksburg Campus Plan](#)

- [Campus Tree Inventory Map](#)
- Dietrick Plaza (in design)
- O'Shaughnessy Green Link
- [Drillfield Master Plan](#)



Ian Scherling, ASLA, PLA

Ian is a licensed landscape architect with ten years of professional experience. He collaborates closely with landscape architects and other design disciplines and his work spans the wide range of master planning, landscape planning, and built landscapes. Ian's work is global, with experience designing landscapes in the USA, Mexico, Japan, and the Philippines.

As a project landscape architect, Ian leads and coordinates the design of landscapes at all scales and project types, paying close attention to a holistic design vision and narrative. He approaches designs with a respect for regionalism, context, and heritage. Ian is committed to high quality placemaking as well as idea generation. He has served as an instructor at Northeastern University and a design critic and lecturer at Northeastern, Boston Architectural College, and Kansas State University. He is also the host of the Sasaki Podcast: Design Chatter. Ian holds a non-baccalaureate Master of Landscape Architecture degree from Kansas State University.

Q&A: How has your campus work cultivated social resilience and equity through inclusive campus spaces?

In the past 5 years, my work has made a monumental shift to prioritize and promote barrier-free, universally accessible landscapes. Even in campuses and other environments where extremely difficult challenges to accessibility persist, I believe we should be holding ourselves accountable as professionals to create barrier-free, socially-equitable paths and

spaces. This should be a measure of landscape excellence.

Current and recent work:

- [Virginia Tech Master Plan](#), winner of a [2019 SCUP Merit Award](#)
- SCUP 2019 presentation on the recently completed 77-acre [Harborwalk Park at UMass Boston](#)
- Current projects at the [University of Wyoming](#)
- The [Sasaki Podcast v1.0](#)

To nominate peers or self-nominate to be featured in a future Spotlight, [contact your Co-Chairs](#).

News from The Field



Headed for New Heights: Employing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Resiliency Evaluation

by Emily Schlickman, ASLA

Over the past four decades, the United States has experienced 241 distinct climate and

weather-related disasters, each incurring over \$1 billion dollars in damage. From catastrophic wildfires and landslides in the West, to hail storms and tornados in the Midwest, to unexpected freezes and destructive hurricanes in the Southeast, these events are becoming more common and more expensive. While the overall average since 1980 has been 6.2 billion-dollar events per year, the average for the last five years has doubled, to 12.6.

In response to this trend, landscape architects, urban designers, and urban planners are not only embedding resiliency-focused strategies into...[CLICK HERE to continue reading](#).

To be the Campus Planning and Design PPN's next contributor for The Field, [contact your Co-Chairs](#) about submitting a post.

University Landscape Architects: Survey on Stewardship of Campus Landscapes

Earlier this spring, our PPN distributed a [short survey on campus landscape maintenance](#) to campus landscape architects to collect data across institutions. (If you are a campus landscape architect and didn't already take the survey, [please access it HERE](#).)

The second phase of the survey, going out this summer, will query campus grounds/maintenance leaders on their maintenance programs. We would appreciate it if campus landscape architects that completed the survey could reach out to their campus landscape maintenance contact and ask them to keep an eye out for an email from ASLA with a link to the survey (and to complete the survey!).

Noteworthy Contribution



We would like to recognize **Gary Brown, FASLA, PLA**, Director of Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture at UW-Madison, for all of the effort and leadership he put into his candidacy for ASLA President. His long-standing leadership with the Campus Planning & Design PPN has contributed to the success and growth of this PPN. Thank you, Gary!

Call for Leadership

We are looking for the next co-chair and additional members to join the PPN leadership committee this fall. Being a part of the leadership team is a fun and rewarding way to be involved and share your passion for campus planning and design with your fellow members. [Send us a message](#) to find out more.

Thank you for tuning in this quarter. More to come in our next newsletter!

Sincerely,

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