

February 28, 2007

Jot D. Carpenter Medal Nomination
c/o Carolyn Mitchell
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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to nominate E. Lynn Miller for the Jot D. Carpenter Medal. I have known Professor Miller for almost 30 years through ASLA and the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA). He exemplifies many of the same outstanding academic attributes as Jot Carpenter. Professor Miller is devoted to his students and to the profession of landscape architecture.

For most of his career, Professor Miller taught at Penn State University, where he is now emeritus. His landscape architecture history course was one of the most popular on campus, reaching students from many disciplines in addition to landscape architecture. As a result, he exposed students from many fields of study to landscape architecture. He also taught studio and technology courses where his experience as a practitioner was most helpful. He is widely regarded by former students as an important role model and mentor. Professor Miller was an earlier innovator in on-line teaching, offering his landscape architecture history course on the web at Penn State.

While at Penn State, he taught as a visiting professor in China and Portugal. He helped establish the foundation for the landscape architecture program at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He has collaborated on various publishing and design endeavors in Lisbon, helping to establish landscape architecture education in that country.

Since his retirement from Penn State, Professor Miller has taught in the landscape architecture programs at Arizona State University, the University of Arkansas, and the University of Texas at Austin. In addition, he taught landscape architecture to continuing education students at the University of Phoenix. He served as interim chair at the University of Arkansas and interim director of our new program at Texas. He helped our program achieve candidacy status from the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board, which led to our recent full accreditation. His history courses were especially influential here. He instilled a deep appreciation of the contributions of Frederick Law Olmsted, Charles Eliot, Prince Hermann von Pückler-Muskau, and other pioneers in the profession.

I witnessed his teaching firsthand at both Arizona State and Texas. He brings considerable passion and enthusiasm for the profession to the classroom. He also urges students to be engaged in ASLA. Professor Miller helped us start our ASLA student chapter here and was involved in the student chapters at the other institutions where he has taught. He maintains close contacts with his former students across the nation and around the world.

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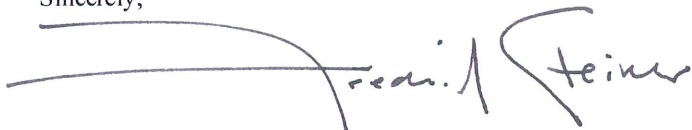
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Professor Miller is active in education broadly. He established a writing prize and a lectureship endowment at his alma mater, West Virginia University. He has served on the *Landscape Architecture* magazine editorial advisory committee and chaired the selection of the Bradford Williams Medal, among his many contributions to ASLA.

Lynn Miller exhibits the highest levels of personal integrity. He is a teacher's teacher. He has my strongest possible endorsement.

Your consideration of this nomination is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederick R. Steiner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F" and "S".

Frederick R. Steiner, FASLA

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