Greetings Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The annual meeting in New Orleans is just around the corner and I look forward to seeing all of you there. Please join us for the Council of Fellows Investiture Dinner on Sunday night and the Fellows business meeting on Monday morning. As we prepare to celebrate the incoming class of 2016 Fellows, I want to encourage you to participate in your local chapter’s next nomination process to help identify worthy individuals to be recognized and perhaps help prepare and review nominations for potential candidates. The call for 2017 nominations will open in late September. Please visit the Council of Fellows website for all the details. Also, please take advantage of the opportunity to participate in Emerging Professional Portfolio Review to be held on the EXPO floor Saturday and Sunday. What a great way for us to give back to the next generation of professionals! Sign-up information is below.

2016 ASLA ANNUAL MEETING AND EXPO

2016 ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO: Our annual meeting is October 21-24 in New Orleans. ASLA will continue to provide an emeritus registration category that was implemented in 2007 to better serve its retired members, many of whom are Fellows. Emeritus members of ASLA will be able to register for the Annual Meeting for only $370. If they book their hotel room at one of the official meeting hotels when they register, this rate is reduced to $295 until September 16. Please be advised that hotels are going quickly so please book your room soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with longstanding friends and colleagues. Check out the website for more details on the 2016 Annual Meeting and EXPO.

2016 Class of Fellows: ASLA received an impressive 77 nominations from 27 chapters and the Council of Fellows Executive Committee. The Council of Fellows Jury met March 10-11 and selected the following 28 distinguished individuals to be inducted into the Council of Fellows this year in New Orleans. Please visit the Fellows website to learn more about them.

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As is our tradition, we will induct the newly elected Fellows at the Fellows Investiture Dinner, an elegant ceremony on Sunday, October 23. This is always one of the highlights of the annual meeting and a chance to celebrate the continuing great work of our profession. Please be sure to purchase your tickets in advance and help us honor our class of 2016. **COF investiture dinner tickets** can be purchased when you register for the annual meeting. If you are interested in purchasing a full table of 10 for the dinner contact Kelli Bland at 202-216-2328. Remember that twenty dollars of each ticket purchase goes to help underwrite the annual Council of Fellows Scholarships. Tickets will not be sold at the door. This year at the dinner we’ll hear from one of our past scholarship students and you’ll have the opportunity to pledge support for future recipients.

In addition, the Council of Fellows Business Meeting on Monday, October 24, is open to all Fellows in attendance at the annual meeting. Please note the meeting will be held in the Convention Center, Room 334, from 8:45am - 9:45am. This meeting is timed so that attendees will miss only one education session and those of you receiving ASLA Awards can make it to your dress rehearsal.

### 2016 COF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

*Caption: Lauren Pinto, Daniel Rodriguez, and Abbey Wallace*

Congratulations to this year’s COF Scholarship recipients Lauren Pinto, Rutgers University, Daniel Rodriguez, University of Florida, and Abbey Wallace, Mississippi State University. Please visit the [scholarship page](#) to learn more about each of them. They will be joining us Monday morning at the business meeting to receive their certificates.

In addition to receiving $5,000, each recipient receives a one-year student ASLA membership, general registration fees for the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO, and a travel stipend to attend the meeting. We have heard from previous students that the opportunity to meet and network with professionals at the annual meeting is an incredibly valuable piece of the award.

Please pledge so that we can continue to offer this invaluable resource to the future practitioners of the profession! You may make multi-year pledges by using this [form](#) or perhaps you would interested in leaving a planned gift to the [Fellows Endowment Fund](#).

### 2016 EMERGING PROFESSIONALS PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Your expertise is needed at the upcoming ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO in New Orleans. The Emerging Professionals Committee is seeking volunteer reviewers for the 2016 Emerging Professionals Portfolio Review.
Reviews will take place during the Annual Meeting & EXPO on Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23 from 9:00am-5pm. 

**Review time slots are for two hours.** Reviewers will be placed in pairs and provide six, 20-minute reviews to students, recent graduates and emerging professionals. **We are looking for a total of 32 reviewers (16 per day).**

Tips and general guidelines on how to conduct a review will be distributed to the reviewer volunteers prior to the Annual Meeting & EXPO.

To participate, please select a time slot, go to [2016 Portfolio Reviews](#).

Thank you in advance for your volunteer service.

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**2017 CALL FOR HONORS AND AWARDS NOMINATIONS IS OPEN!**

*Deadline is Tuesday, January 17, 2017*

The call for nominations for ASLA 2017 honors remains open, including honorary membership, the medals, the Landscape Architecture Firm Award, and the Community Service Award. These prestigious awards recognize individuals and organizations for their lifetime achievements and notable contributions to the profession of landscape architecture. The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday, January 17, 2017**. The honors include:

- [The ASLA Medal](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=2454)
- [The ASLA Design Medal](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=2460)
- [The Community Service Awards](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=3296)
- [The Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=2898)
- [The LaGasse Medals](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=3410)
- [The Landscape Architecture Firm Award](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=3602)
- [The Landscape Architecture Medal of Excellence](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=3164)
- [The Olmsted Medal](https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=2826)

Honorary ASLA membership [https://www.asla.org/IndividualAward.aspx?id=3814] recognizes persons other than landscape architects whose achievements of national or international significance or influence have provided notable service to the profession of landscape architecture.

Any ASLA professional member or ASLA chapter may submit nominations for ASLA honors, and the process is very simple. Nominations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and forwarded with recommendation to the Board of Trustees for action at the midyear meeting in April.

For questions about the nomination process for ASLA honors, please contact Carolyn Mitchell, ASLA Honors and Awards coordinator, at 202-216-2331 or cmitchell@asla.org.

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**DIVERSITY SUMMIT 2016 BY CHAIR-ELECT MARQ TRUSCOTT**

By 2043 the United States of America is projected to have a majority minority population. In the past few years, ASLA’s make-up has been 60-70% Caucasian, 10-20% Asian, 8-15% Hispanic, and 1-2% African American. Our Society does not reflect the Nation’s demographic mix. Part of a five-year commitment, ASLA just completed their 4th Diversity Summit during the weekend of July 9th and 10th, at the temporary ASLA headquarters in Washington DC. Our facilitator for the Summit was Juanita Shearer-Swink, FASLA.
Five returning summiteers joined five new members to discuss *Paths to Landscape Architecture, Awareness of the Profession Amongst School-Aged Children, Navigating the University and Firm Cultures as a Minority, and How to Manage Post-Degree Mentorship*. Group discussions were held and break-out sessions were conducted, leading to the final major action items which include:

1. Advertise and develop minority scholarships.
2. Produce case studies on minority practitioners.
3. Create targeted advertorial material such as videos and pamphlets.
4. Include culture-centered courses in program curriculum.
5. Develop a mentor program for students and young professionals as well as an accompanying best practice guide.
6. Provide visibility and opportunities for minority students and practitioners.
7. Develop a comprehensive diversity guidebook that students and young practitioners can use as a resource for navigating issues unique to minorities in the profession.

As Fellows of the Society we can assist in a number of ways. My ideas include:

- Fund/Host Local Diversity Summits.
- Fund an ASLA Annual Meeting Trip for a Minority Associate Member.
- Sponsor a Contest for Community Design within a School, or Disadvantaged Neighborhood. Offer a Cash Prize, and Host a Pin-Up Night.
- Start and Host a ‘Future Designers’ Club.
- Create a Scholarship for Attendance to a Landscape Architecture Program.
- Host K-6 Drawing Sessions.
- Create a Coloring Book Page Competition.
- Be a Mentor Resource.

What do you think? Feel free to send me your ideas at marq.truscott@gmail.com
PRESIDENT DANOS ANNOUNCES ASLA FELLOWS CHALLENGE FOR THE ASLA CENTER

Starting the week of September 12, President Danos will reach out to all ASLA Fellows to ask them to take a leadership role in supporting the Campaign for the ASLA Center for Landscape Architecture.

To date, pledges to the Campaign total $1,058,000, including many generous pledges from ASLA Fellows. However, to complete the campaign, President Danos needs a strong showing from ASLA’s Fellows. When you are contacted, please consider joining the many Fellows who have already pledged. To see who is already on board, please see https://cla.asla.org.

FELLOWS PIN

Fellows will be able to purchase the new Fellows pin for $25 at ASLA Central during EXPO hours and at the Fellows business meeting. All profits from the sale of the pin will go to the COF Scholarship Fund. If you are not able to attend the EXPO or the business meeting and would like to purchase a pin, please contact Curt Millay at cmillay@asla.org.

RECOGNITION OF DECEASED FELLOWS

It has been our custom to acknowledge all Fellows who have passed away from the time of the last annual meeting, which was November 2015. To help us compile an accurate and complete list, I would be grateful if you would send the names of any Fellows you know who have passed away since that time to Curt Millay at ASLA. We are sorry to report since the time of our last newsletter the death of David Arbogast, FASLA; Donald W. Leslie, FASLA; Takeo Uesugi, FASLA; Lynn Wolff, FASLA; and Fellow-Elect Kenneth Seamon.

As always, we welcome any comments or questions that you may have regarding the Council of Fellows and hope that you will join us in New Orleans.

All the best,

Kurt Culbertson, FASLA
Chair
ASLA Council of Fellows