Hello everyone! I hope you all had an amazing summer break and are pumped to take on the upcoming school year! For those of you new to the Student ASLA membership, on behalf of the Student Advisory Committee (SAC), I would like to welcome you to the professional society and look forward to meeting you in the future. Each month the SAC will highlight an ASLA Student Chapter President and share the inside scoop about what’s happening in and around their student chapter!

Sarah Fitzgerald, Student ASLA
University of California-Berkeley, MLA Student

Describe yourself:
An activist at heart, I’m most in my element when I’m co-learning, co-designing, and co-building movements that advance social justice and ecological resiliency. My current design work strives to uncover and highlight under-appreciated narratives of place, while addressing histories of inequity and injustice. Why are you involved in ASLA?
The first year of my master’s experience was really tough, and the people and programming associated with the ASLA Student Chapter at Berkeley were incredibly helpful throughout that transition. Through social events, professional office visits, and organizing our presence at the ASLA Annual Meeting, the ASLA Student Chapter has had a hugely positive impact on my time at Berkeley, and I want to be a part of passing those opportunities along to the incoming class of students.

Tingyuan Luo
University of Texas at Austin, MLA Student

Tingyuan interned with SmithGroup in the San Francisco office this summer, and assisted with landscape architectural services on small to medium sized projects. During her internship experience, she had the opportunity to participate in several site visits, including one to a plant nursery that specialized in Bay Area plants.

Eduardo Sosa, Jr.
Michigan State University, 3rd Year Student

Eduardo interned with MSU’s Turf Management Department this summer maintaining the MSU Baseball and DeMartin Soccer stadiums on campus in preparation for game days. “Working with turf management has opened my eyes on how much preparation is involved to get the fields looking their best. Many do not realize all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. One of the things I have found most interesting is learning the science behind turf management and the technology we use to keep the fields in great conditions.”

Our student members are the future leaders of the profession. Each month, we will recognize a student ASLA member for their exemplary efforts and service.

WELCOME BACK!

*Design creates culture. Culture shapes values. Values determine the future.*
- Robert L. Peters