

The Student Connect

ASLA Student Advisory Committee's Newsletter

For Student Members - By Student Members



American Society of
Landscape Architects

**"THIS IS NOT A TIME TO BE APOLITICAL OR TO
BARGAIN FOR MINIMAL GAINS. THIS IS A TIME
TO WORK TOWARD A BOLD VISION FOR THE
FUTURE OF OUR PLANET."
- ASLA ADAPT**

Greetings and welcome to the December issue of The Student Connect! Every year, immediately following the closing of the National ASLA Conference, we experience a transition of committee leaders and members. Some are closing their two-year term on the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) and some are just beginning.

As one of the members ending her tenure, Robynne Heymans has selflessly volunteered her time as the national student representative to the board of trustees and chair of the SAC. Through numerous monthly conference calls, development of the student operations workbook (SOW), providing reports at bi-annual meetings and much more, Robynne has developed a strong presence for students at the national level.

As we move forward, I would like to introduce the new members to the committee as well as recognizing those who are entering their second and final year of their term.



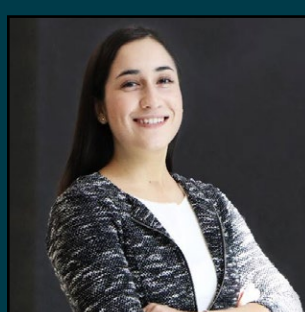
Taylor Fehmel
Associate ASLA (Term 2018-2020)
MLA Louisiana State University

Taylor is an Associate at Dana Brown and Associates in New Orleans. She earned an MLA with a graduate minor in Wetland Science and Management from LSU and holds a Bachelors in Horticulture and Landscape Design from the University of Delaware. Taylor has done thorough research in both ecological processes and plant adaptations in coastal regions.

Stephanie Onwenu
Associate ASLA (Term 2018-2020)
MLA Michigan State University



Stephanie graduated from Michigan State University in May 2019 with a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture and a Masters of Environmental Design. In school, Stephanie served as the Student Chapter President and MiASLA Student Rep. from 2018-2019. Nationally, she volunteers as a member of the Emerging Professionals Committee (EPC) and the SAC.



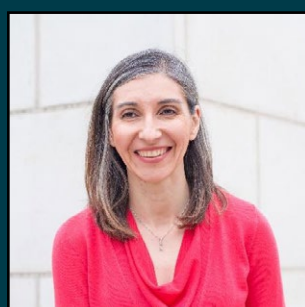
Adriana Hernandez Aguirre
Student ASLA (Term 2019-2021)
Texas A&M

Adriana has challenged herself to learn the necessary skills from landscape architecture and other fields to make this world a more sustainable and equitable place for everyone. As a National Olmsted Scholar Finalist, Adriana is committed to addressing social and environmental issues through innovative design solutions to advance our profession.

Kali Clarke
Student ASLA (Term 2019-2021)
Utah State University



Kali is a junior at Utah State studying landscape architecture and environmental planning. Serving as the president-elect of USU's ASLA student chapter and is excited to expand her involvement in ASLA to the national level.



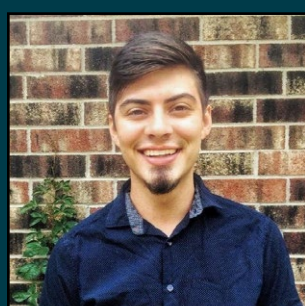
Lynda Ramirez-Blust
Student ASLA (Term 2019-2021)
Virginia Tech

Lynda is pursuing a Master of Landscape Architecture and Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program at Virginia Tech. Prior to entering the programs, Lynda built a successful 25 year career providing strategic, financial, and accounting consulting services to nonprofit organizations. She has served as a board member, treasurer, CFO, external auditor, consultant, and volunteer.

Daniel Rose
Student ASLA (Term 2019-2021)
University of Tennessee



Danny is a Dual MLA/MARCH candidate at UT Knoxville and served as his student chapters 2017-2018 VP and 2018-2019 President as well as the MLA/MARCH Student Rep. to his college's Dean's Student Advisory Committee. He is the recipient of the 2018 TNASLA State Scholarship and was named a 2018 University Olmsted Scholar by the Landscape Architecture Foundation.



Jacoby Gonzales
Associate ASLA (Term 2018-2020)
BLA Oklahoma State University

Jacoby served as the Student Chapter President at OSU from 2017-2019 where he earned his BLA which kick started his engagement in The Society. Simultaneously, he served nationally on the Membership Services Committee (MSC), EPC, and SAC. After graduating in May 2019, he was elected to serve as the Associate At-Large and the Emerging Professionals Chair for OKASLA.

As the incoming SAC Chair and National Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, communication is my primary concern. I look forward to connecting with you all and listening to your ideas and concerns on how ASLA can better connect with its student members and how you can connect with each other. Student Chapter Presidents, keep an eye on your inbox for an email from any one of us at the beginning of 2020. If you are not a chapter president or want to reach out sooner, feel free to email membership@asla.org.

Cheers and happy holidays!
Jacoby Gonzales



**How is your chapter celebrating
the holidays?**

Respond: Tag an instagram post
#studentASLA or email:
membership@asla.org with pictures and/or
responses to be featured in
our next newsletter!

ASLA Now Accepting Applications for the [Council of Fellows Scholarships](#)

Every year, ASLA's Council of Fellows awards up to four (4) scholarships to landscape architecture students who are struggling to pay their tuition or belong to under-represented populations within the profession. Recipients receive \$5,000, a one-year ASLA membership, and a travel stipend to attend the ASLA conference on Landscape Architecture this October in Miami Beach, Florida.

ASLA Chapter & LAF Scholarships Are Also Open for Applications

Other scholarships through ASLA Chapters and the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) are also accepting applications at this time. [You can visit the LAF website](#) to see all the opportunities available.

Looking Ahead

Dec	25	Christmas Holiday
Dec	19	Ask Me Anything with Eric Gilbey
Jan	1	New Years Holiday
Jan	15	LABASH Early Bird Registration Deadline
Jan	23	Call for Presentations at ASLA 2020 Conference for Landscape Architecture Closes
Feb	1	ASLA Council of Fellows Scholarship & LAF Scholarships Application Deadlines

Questions?
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