ASLA’s 20 Professional Practice Networks (PPNs) help support your practice and provide a forum to make connections outside your market. In 2017, PPNs provided excellent opportunities for professionals in the same areas of practice to exchange information, learn about current practices and research, and network with each other—both online and in person at the ASLA Annual Meeting. Thank you to those who shared experiences on The Field blog and shared their expertise as Online Learning presenters!

**THE FIELD thefield.asla.org**

The Field, ASLA’s PPN blog, offers members a place to exchange information, learn about recent work and research, and share thoughts about current happenings. Article contributions are by PPN members. Fresh content appears twice a week - check it out!

**TOP VIEWED POSTS ON THE FIELD**

- **The Evolving Practice of Ecological Landscape Design**
  By Kelly Fleming, ASLA
  Ecology & Restoration PPN Post

- **Data + Design: Measuring a Landscape’s Value**
  By Stephanie Marino, ASLA
  Sustainable Design & Development PPN Post

- **Women in Landscape Architecture Leaders**
  By Tanya Olson, ASLA; Kate Douglas Kestyn, Associate ASLA; Emily O’Mahoney, FASLA; Christa Schaefer, ASLA; Kristina Snyder, ASLA; Whitney Tidd, Associate ASLA
  Women in Landscape Architecture PPN Post

- **Urban Design Professional Practice Network Survey Results**
  By Keith Billick, ASLA
  Urban Design PPN Post

- **Black in Design Conference: Reflections from Two Women of Color**
  By Diana Fernandez, ASLA; Ujjiji Davis, ASLA

**ONLINE LEARNING learn.asla.org**

To provide our members with professional development opportunities, ASLA offers Online Learning webinars, many of which are hosted by the PPNs on a topic of special relevance to their members. The Online Learning webinars are a great way to earn your PDH!

**TOP ATTENDED LIVE WEBINARS**

- **Urban Street Tree Planting: Correcting Myths and Misconceptions**
  Presented by Jim Urban, FASLA
  Hosted by the Planting Design PPN

- **San Diego’s First Public Nature Play Area: How Park and Recreation Made it Happen!**
  Presented by Ilisa Goldman ASLA; Shamli Tarbell
  Hosted by the Children’s Outdoor Environments PPN

- **Creative Goal Setting for Women**
  Presented by Mia Scharphie, Associate ASLA
  Hosted by the Women in Landscape Architecture PPN

- **SPOTLIGHT mini-series: Transitional Landscapes & Tactical Mycelium**
  Presented by Elyana Javaheri, Associate ASLA; Bridget Ayers Looby, Associate ASLA
  Hosted by the Campus Planning & Design and Children’s Outdoor Environments PPNs

- **Creating Pollinator Habitat Along Roadsides**
  Presented by Jennifer Hopwood; Robert LaRoche; Ellen Alster, ASLA; Jessie Byrd, ASLA
  Hosted by the Transportation PPN
During the **ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO** in Los Angeles this October, PPNs hosted presentations, panel discussions, and informal Q&A during events in PPN Live, located on the EXPO floor. Meeting attendees had numerous opportunities to network with colleagues from all 20 of ASLA’s Professional Practice Networks (PPNs) through:

- participating in the PPN meetings that took place in PPN Live,
- attending a PPN-themed exhibitor tour of the EXPO floor, offered for PDH,
- and networking with PPN peers at the EXPO Reception featuring the PPNs.

**ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEETINGS IN PPN LIVE**

For the second year, the PPN Live space offered meeting rooms, the PPN Lounge, and a larger presentation space called Griffith Park Stage, which hosted our largest PPN meeting to date: the joint meeting of the Children’s Outdoor Environments and Healthcare & Therapeutic Design PPNs, which featured presentations on the therapeutic value of nature play spaces and evidence-based design of healthcare facility gardens.

**PPN EXPO TOURS**

ASLA offered attendees the opportunity to network with PPN peers and product exhibitors in a PPN show floor tour designed to highlight PPN topic areas. The PPN EXPO Tours gave attendees a chance to learn about new and improved services and how these improvements can assist in creating a successful design project. Each one-hour tour included four presentations by various exhibitors. Participants were able to earn 1.0 PDH for each tour!

**EXPO RECEPTION FEATURING THE PPNS**

PPN Live also brought the PPN Reception right to the show floor on Sunday afternoon. Fellow PPN members had the chance to meet, mingle, and make connections with friends and colleagues, and discuss how they are contributing to the landscape architecture profession.
ARE YOU AN INDUSTRY LEADER?

All members of ASLA are invited to contribute and participate on a national level through the Professional Practice Networks (PPNs) by:

- providing leadership as a PPN chair or officer,
- submitting entries to The Field,
- sharing expertise as an Online Learning speaker or press contact,
- being part of a peer review process,
- and influencing ASLA policy, initiatives, and priorities.

In addition to a chair or co-chairs, many PPNs’ leadership teams also include one or more PPN officers to assist with specific activities or provide general assistance when needed. Looking to get more involved at the leadership level? Listed below are a few possible positions. Contact your PPNs chair(s) to become a member of the leadership team:

- Editor, The Field
- Online Learning Webinar Coordinator
- Communications / Outreach Coordinator
- LinkedIn Group Coordinator
- PPN Meeting Planner

Professional Practice Networks (PPNs)

- Campus Planning & Design
- Children's Outdoor Environments
- Design-Build
- Digital Technology
- Ecology & Restoration
- Education & Practice
- Environmental Justice
- Healthcare & Therapeutic Design
- Historic Preservation
- Housing & Community Design
- International Practice
- Landscape - Land Use Planning
- Parks & Recreation
- Planting Design
- Residential Landscape Architecture
- Sustainable Design & Development
- Transportation
- Urban Design
- Water Conservation
- Women in Landscape Architecture
ASLA is excited to continue the Online Learning Student & Emerging Professional SPOTLIGHT mini-series, for a third consecutive year. SPOTLIGHT gives Student and Associate members the opportunity to work with experienced Professional Practice Network (PPN) mentors in creating a presentation for ASLA’s Online Learning series. Are you working on eye-opening research or a project that highlights innovation in design, tools, materials, or processes? This is your chance to share your work with the profession!

The SPOTLIGHT mini-series Call for Proposals will open in spring 2018. We look forward to getting a glimpse into the future of the profession through your ideas and knowledge sharing with your fellow landscape architecture professionals!

2017 SPOTLIGHT MINI-SERIES PRESENTATIONS

Transitional Landscapes: Temporary Places with Permanent Impacts
Presenter: Elyana Javaheri, Associate ASLA

Tactical Mycelium: An Exploration of Wastewater Treatment Byproducts as Ephemeral Building Material
Presenter: Bridget Ayers Looby, Associate ASLA, SITES AP

Tropical Hardwood Hammocks of the Florida Keys: Why Sustainable Landscapes Are Vital for the Region
Presenter: Tricia Keffer, Student ASLA

Aloha Public Art: Exploring Honolulu’s Art Scene
Presenter: Rachel Katzman, Associate ASLA

PPN Mentors:
David Cutter, ASLA, Campus Planning & Design PPN
Laura Tenny, ASLA, Campus Planning & Design PPN
Kenneth Hurst, ASLA, Children’s Outdoor Environments PPN

PPN Mentors:
Emily O’Mahoney, FASLA, Women in Landscape Architecture PPN
Kristina Snyder, ASLA, Women in Landscape Architecture PPN

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