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## HALS News Release

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### Theme Park Challenge 2011 Results & New 2012 Challenge: Documenting the American Latino Landscape

The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) was created in 2000 as a federal program to document historic landscapes in the United States and its territories. Documentation is critical to preserving these significant sites for the benefit of future generations. Like its companion programs, the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), HALS produces written and graphic records used by educators, land managers, and preservation planners as well as the general public. The National Park Service (NPS) administers the planning and operation of HALS, standardizes formats and develops guidelines for recording landscapes, and catalogs and/or publishes the information when appropriate ([www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm)). The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) provides professional guidance and technical advice for the program through its Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network ([www.asla.org/HALS.aspx?id=10088](http://www.asla.org/HALS.aspx?id=10088)). The Library of Congress (LOC) accepts and preserves HALS documents, furnishes reproductions of material, and makes records available to the public ([www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/](http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/)).

Results of the 2nd annual HALS Challenge were announced at HALS Meeting of the San Diego October 2011 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo on Monday, October 31, 2011. Congratulations to the winners! Sponsored by the National Park Service, cash prizes were awarded to the top submissions with a tie for 3rd place this year. This challenge has resulted in many valuable donations to the HALS collection.

2011 HALS Challenge: Celebrating Cultural Landscapes of Diversity, Sponsored by HALS-NPS

1st Place: Fairview Cemetery Albuquerque, NM by William A. Dodge and Sarah R. Payne, Van Citters: Historic Preservation LLC.

2nd Place: Bush Stadium, Indianapolis, IN by Ball State University Students: Kyle J. Boot, Austin Blomeke, Ethan Coverstone, Benjamin Doane, Brian Grover, Eric James, and Ashley Williams; with Faculty: Christopher Baas, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture and GERALYN M. STRECKER, Assistant Professor of English.

3rd Place (TIE): Rohwer Relocation Center Cemetery, Rohwer, AR by Kimball Erdman, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Arkansas.  
&  
Emancipation Park, Houston, TX by Steph McDougal, McDoux Preservation LLC.

The HALS office is continuing the challenge again in 2012 with a new theme, Documenting the American Latino Landscape. Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2012 (c/o Paul Dolinsky, Chief of HALS, 202-354-2116, Paul\_Dolinsky@nps.gov). Sponsored by HALS, cash prizes will again be awarded to the top three submissions. Results will be announced at the Phoenix September 2012 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo during the HALS Meeting. Good luck and thank you for helping to preserve American landscapes!

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The other wonderful short form history entries for 2011 included:

- Allensworth, Tulare County, CA by Cate Bainton, HALS Northern California Chapter
- Hamtramck Stadium, Hamtramck, Wayne County, MI by Eric James, Ball State University
- Ocean View Farms, Mar Vista, West Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA by Ali Bhai, GDML
- Tinner Hill, Falls Church, VA by Virginia Tech University Students: Anna Buczkowska and Basem Saah; with Faculty: Paul Kelsch, Associate Professor School of Architecture and Design
- Wasama Village, Ahwahnee, Madera County, CA by Chris Pattillo, PGAdesign
- Wattles Farm, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA by Ali Bhai, GDML
- Yellow Sulphur Springs, Christiansburg, VA by Virginia Tech University Brian Katen, Associate Professor and Program Chair School of Architecture and Design and C.L. Bohannon, Doctoral Student in Landscape Architecture



Karen Van Citters accepts the first place award from Paul Dolinsky, Chief of HALS, for Fairview Cemetery, Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico HALS NM-6 for William A. Dodge, Ph.D. and Sarah R. Payne, Ph.D., Historians at Van Citters LLC.



Ball State University Professor of Landscape Architecture Malcolm Cairns accepts the second place award from Paul Dolinsky, Chief of HALS, for the Bush Stadium, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana HALS IN-6 Ball State University Team.



University of Arkansas students Ben Stinnett and William Towle accept the third place award for Kimball Erdman, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Arkansas for Rohwer Relocation Center Memorial Cemetery, Rohwer, Desha County, Arkansas HALS AR-4.



Paul Dolinsky, Chief of HALS, accepts the third place award for Steph McDougal of McDoux Preservation LLC for Emancipation Park, Houston, Harris County, Texas HALS TX-7.