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LAF Annual Benefit



Join top designers and leaders from practice, academia, and industry on Fri, Nov 21 in the heart of Denver's Theatre District. Enjoy cocktails and fine food while raising money to support LAF's research and scholarship programs . [More](#)

Landscape Performance Series



63rd Street Beach
Chicago, Illinois
By restoring the back dune morphology, providing habitat, and eliminating erosion this site was transformed into a more ecologically-functional shoreline. [See Case Study Brief](#)

Fast Fact Library
In a Bristol, UK study, children who spent more time outdoors after school were more likely to be physically active. Outside, children averaged 17 minutes of physical activity per hour; inside, the average was only 6 minutes. [More Fast Facts](#)

LPS on the Road

[EcoDistricts Summit](#)
Washington, DC
Sept 24-26

[ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo](#)
Denver, CO
Nov 21-24

Special Thanks

DESIGNWORKSHOP

Over the years, Design Workshop has supported LAF through its thought leadership, board service, program participation, and financial support. With its DW Legacy Design approach, the firm has been a pioneer in landscape performance and evidence-based design. Nine Design Workshop projects have been documented as Case Study Briefs in LAF's *Landscape Performance Series*, the most from any one firm.

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"Sustainability goals will be met only if we change the way science intersects society. "
-- Ecological Society of America Earth Stewardship Initiative

The message of landscape performance resonated with ecologists during the 2014 ESA Earth Stewardship Initiative as they explored how they can move "from studying to shaping." Landscape architects have plenty of experience in shaping, but are just scratching the surface of how to study what they have shaped. LAF is playing a critical leadership role through its *Landscape Performance Series* and *Case Study Investigation* (CSI) program.

Barbara Deutsch
Executive Director

2014 Case Study Investigation (CSI) Blog Reflections from the Research Teams

The 2014 CSI program officially ended on August 8 with each of the faculty-student research teams presenting their work during a fast-paced, 1.5-hour webinar. The resulting case studies are undergoing final review and will be released this fall. Starting in Sept, keep an eye out for the 20 new LPS Case Study Briefs, as we publish several each week. In the meantime, you can read these reflections from the faculty and students who led the investigations:



- UT Arlington: [Social Life of Cool Urban Spaces](#)
- Cornell University: [I Know a Guy \(or Gal\)...](#)
- Florida International University: [Design Challenges in Coastal South Florida](#)
- University of Tennessee: [Place for the Future Workforce](#)
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From Studying to Shaping Working with Ecologists to Operationalize "Earth Stewardship"

"Sustainability goals will be met only if we change the way science intersects society." The Ecological Society of America's (ESA) Earth Stewardship Initiative is trying to tackle this challenge head-on. This year, the ESA Annual Meeting featured a demonstration project centered around Sacramento's American River Parkway. LAF and a number of leading landscape architects participated in workshops, panel discussions, and a design charrette to help ecologists move from study to shaping and explore how the expertise of ecologists can better inform policies, designs, and management practices that affect the built environment.



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Role of Post-Occupancy Evaluation Your Input Needed for Enterprising Study

How well do constructed landscapes live up to the lofty goals established by design professionals? And how do we know? Former CSI research assistant and University of Oregon graduate student Andrew Louw is investigating this topic for his masters thesis. He is both trying to understand the role of post-occupancy evaluation (POE) within the landscape architecture profession and exploring the use of a digital data collection method for POEs. Louw invites landscape architecture practitioners and others interested in landscape performance to participate in his study by taking a short survey.



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