

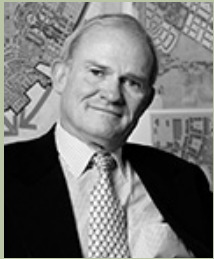
The Past, Present and Future Lecture Series 2011

USU and Design Workshop Archives Project

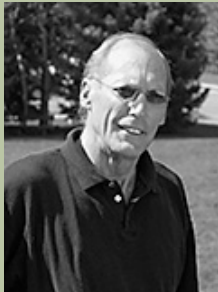
Joe Porter, FASLA, Founder

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Kurt Culbertson, Chairman of the Board



Joe Porter, FASLA, helped found Design Workshop in 1969. Porter earned his bachelor's degree from Utah State University and his master's from the University of Illinois. He has taught at the Department of Landscape Architecture at Louisiana State University, the School of Design at North Carolina State University and as an adjunct faculty member at the Department of Architecture and Planning at the University of Colorado at Denver. Porter is a full member of ULI. He has served as a board member and past president of the Landscape Architecture Foundation and The Center for Design Innovation. In 2008, Joe received the ASLA Medal for his lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession of landscape architecture.



Don Ensign, FASLA, co-founded Design Workshop with Joe Porter in 1969. Ensign holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Utah State University and a master's in Natural Resource Management from the University of Michigan. He was an associate professor in the School of Design at North Carolina State University and an instructor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at Utah State University. He was a registered landscape architect in Colorado, Michigan and North Carolina. His current work is on issues pertaining to development strategies, Smart Growth, and the disciplines of landscape architecture, land planning, and real estate development.



Kurt Culbertson, FASLA, Chairman of the Board, is a BLA graduate of Louisiana State University with an MBA in real estate from Southern Methodist University. Kurt is a full member of the Urban Land Institute, participating in the Recreation Development Council, and chair of the Rocky Mountain chapter of the Young Presidents Organization. Kurt's work in sustainable development strategies has earned him recognition both nationally and internationally. He is a past recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship and a fellow of Dumbarton Oaks.

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Retired Landscape Architects Panel Discussion

Vern Budge, BSLA

Leonard Grassli, FASLA

Craig Johnson, Professor Emeritus

Peter Lassig, Retired Landscape Architect for the LDS Church

Clark Ostergaard, Landscape Architect & Artist

Janet Striefel, FALSA, AICPA, LLA



Vern received his Associate of Science from Snow College in 1959, his BLA from Utah State in 1965, and his MLA from the University of Illinois in 1967. He is a charter member of Sigma Lambda Alpha, the national honor society for Landscape Architecture. Vern was a full time faculty member in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from 1967 to 2003 and was one of the major participants in building the Department's national reputation for quality education.



Mr. Grassli is the founding principal of MGB+A, and is involved with the project development in the firm as well as the business management. His project involvement includes coordination clients, concept and design development, and review of projects through completion. Throughout his 45 years experience in the Western United States, Mr. Grassli has participated in an extensive variety of projects both in the public and private sectors. He is an expert in working with city, county and state government staff and has participated in countless public meetings and charettes for many public projects. One of Mr. Grassli's strengths is combining the vision and needs of the client with his innovative ideas to create a solution that is both aesthetic and useful. In 1997, he was awarded the prestigious honor of Fellow by the American Society of Landscape Architects.



Craig Johnson joined the USU Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (LAEP) faculty in 1966 and was an integral part of this department for an unprecedented 42 years. He received a BLA degree from MichiganStateUniversity and an MLA degree from the University of Illinois. In 1983 he earned an MS degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from South Dakota State University. During his impressive tenure at Utah State University, he enriched the educational experiences of countless students and conducted innumerable environmental planning and ecological restoration projects. Craig has had an enormous impact on this department and the landscape architecture profession over the years. He has been honored with emeritus faculty status by USU and currently serves on several MLA student thesis committees.

Craig's areas of expertise include: planting design, land reclamation, urban forestry and wildlife habitat planning and design. His publication Conservation Corridor Planning at the Landscape Levels Managing for Wildlife Habitat received the Wildlife Society's book of the year award in 2001. For a comprehensive list of Craig's publications, please see his curriculum vitae.

Peter Lassig

Visit Temple Square and the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and you see some of the most magnificent flower beds anywhere. As I visit gardens around the country, I compare them to those that are on the doorstep of most Utah residents, and the Temple Square gardens never come up second best. Much of the credit goes to Peter Lassig, a humble and soft-spoken yet brilliant horticulturist. Although his official title -- Group Manager for Grounds Service in Charge of Downtown Properties for the Church -- is imposing, his own preference is simply to be called "the gardener." His guidance and direction have made these gardens world-renowned examples of using the beauties of nature to beautify urban areas. For an incredible 46-year career, Lassig, who retired this week, has learned, and then taught, a unique system of gardening. Lassig started on Temple Square when he was 18 years old working with Irving T. Nelson. He spent 14 years as an apprentice, and during that time, he served a mission in Japan and one at the New York's World's Fair. He received a degree in horticulture from Brigham Young University and spent three years studying landscape architecture at Utah State University. In 1972, he became the "head gardener."

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Clark Ostergaard

Clark Ostergaard A native of Utah, Clark worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a landscape architect for many years. He has studied art throughout his life. Clark has done illustrations for a number of wildlife books and magazines. He has won numerous art contests, including the Wyoming Conservation Stamp Contest (1988), Delaware Trout Stamp Contest (1988), and the Utah Ducks Unlimited poster contest (1990).



After receiving her BLA from Utah State University in 1978, Jan went on to obtain a Master's of Economics and Human Resources from the University of Utah in 1985. She is the founding Principal of Landmark Design, a planning and design firm out of Salt Lake City founded in 1987. Jan is a Licensed Landscape Architect in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Nevada. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA). She is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and she is certified by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Board (CLARB). Jan has directed many planning and design projects, including the Jordan Valley Water Conservation District Gardens, which won a Utah Chapter ASLA Merit Award in 2003, and the Interstate 215 Landscape Design and Implementation, which won a Utah Chapter ASLA Honor Award and Award of Excellence in 1995.

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Mark Johnson, FASLA, founding principal of Civitas, Inc.



Mark Johnson, FASLA, is founding principal of Civitas, Inc., an urban design firm in Denver, Colorado. Mark is a nationally recognized urban designer with over twenty years of experience in design and landscape architecture for public spaces. He has been responsible for site designs of new facilities, streetscapes, college campuses and redevelopment plans in several cities, including master plans in Los Angeles, Kansas City, St. Louis and San Diego. Mark is a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and a member of the Congress of New Urbanism, Urban Land Institute and the American Institute of Architects. He received his Bachelors of Landscape Architecture from Utah State University, and his Masters in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University. Civitas has recently been retained by private interests in Charlotte to help plan aspects of the Center City.

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Monrovia Nursery - National Update and Planting
Trends for Utah
George McGinness
Ian Cooke



With over 23 years of experience at Monrovia, George brings a wealth of plant knowledge to Utah. Past territories in North Carolina and New York only prepared George for the climatic zones that Utah offers. One of George's goals in Utah is to open a new alliance with landscape distributors within the region and Monrovia, so the design community will have many new plant opportunities to consider for today's and tomorrow's landscape projects.



Ian Cooke is an award winning British landscape designer who has designed many gardens in the Northeast and Tennessee for corporate and private owners since moving to America in 2000. Currently, Ian serves as a landscape industry consultant to Monrovia, and he occasionally leads horticultural tours throughout the world.

Sean Michael, USU LAEP Dept. Head



Sean Michael joined the USU Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning faculty in 2008 after 11 years at Washington State University. While earning a BSLA at West Virginia University, Sean served as the first landscape intern at Frank Lloyd Wright's "Fallingwater". He practiced in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Colorado, and pursued his interest in environmental psychology and design through an MLA at Texas A&M University. His PhD (Virginia Tech) focused on the relationship between landscapes and criminal behavior

The Past, Present and Future Keynote Presentation

2011 Utah ASLA Keynote Speaker
Gary Scott, FASLA



Gary D. Scott, FASLA, discovered landscape architecture in Boston 32 years ago, walking through the Emerald Necklace. Inspired by this and other Olmsted parks, and the books of John Simonds and James Rose, he embarked on a path of service through the profession. Graduating with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1980, he began a lifelong focus on the planning and design of parks and open space, reclaiming abandoned coal mines and sand pits, preserving forests and stream corridors, and transforming farm fields. These outdoor environments served as the primary setting of his childhood in Sycamore, Illinois, and creating and preserving them for everyone to enjoy motivates his career.

As director of Parks and Recreation for the city of West Des Moines, Iowa, since 1990, he leads a dynamic department in a rapidly growing suburban community. Focusing on long-range planning, partnership building, advocacy, financing, and public management, he plays a vital role in creating parks and open spaces. He also has guided regional trails and greenway planning organizations for the past 15 years. His work emphasizes serving the public and meeting their needs, and doing this successfully brings him great joy and satisfaction. Prior to this position, he served as the assistant director and landscape architect for the department from 1984 to 1990 and as a landscape architect for HDR/Cochran and Wilken from 1980 to 1984. He has been a licensed landscape architect since 1985.

Service to others has driven his 22 years of participation in ASLA. He served as ASLA vice president of finance, Iowa Chapter trustee and president, and chair of the ASLA Finance and Investments Committee. He also served on the Society's finance, public practice, constitution and bylaws, and strategic planning committees. He actively participates in the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA), having served as board member and committee chair and been chosen as one of several representatives for a professional exchange to Malaysia.

He was honored to receive IPRA's Slattery Award in 2003 and the governor of Iowa's Volunteer Award in 1992, to be profiled in Building Stone Magazine's "Best and Brightest Architects" in 2003, and to be inducted as an ASLA Fellow in 2007.