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**Patsy Eubanks Owens of the College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Elected to Prestigious American Society of Landscape Architects Council of Fellows**

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Washington, DC (May 21, 2024) – The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) [announced](#) the election of Patsy Eubanks Owens of the College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences as one of [40 ASLA Fellows](#) in 2024. ASLA Fellows are recognized for their exceptional contributions to the landscape architecture profession and society at large. Election to the ASLA Council of Fellows is among the highest honors the ASLA bestows on members and is based on [works, leadership/management, knowledge and service](#).

“Landscape architecture makes the world a better place, and ASLA Fellows represent the most accomplished and admired leaders in the entire field,” said ASLA President SuLin Kotowicz, FASLA. “The professionals recognized in this year’s class of ASLA Fellows have made consistent and exceptional contributions to resilience and sustainability, stronger and more beautiful communities, and human health, safety, and welfare. Congratulations to the 2024 class of ASLA Fellows!”

“Naming a new class of distinguished ASLA fellows is a reminder of how much landscape architects do to make our communities more connected, more enjoyable, and more resilient,” said ASLA CEO Torey Carter-Conneen. “We extend our warmest thanks to the new class of ASLA Fellows for their exemplary work and accomplishments.”

Owens was nominated by the Sierra Chapter of the ASLA and is one of five new Fellows recognized for their contributions to knowledge in the profession. For over 30 years Patsy Eubanks Owens has led groundbreaking research in community participation and adolescent inclusion in the design of and access to built environments. Working with underprivileged groups from Philadelphia to Appalachian communities to vulnerable California communities, Patsy was the first landscape architect to propose and provide evidence that landscapes play an important role in the social and emotional lives of adolescents, editing the first book on this topic, *The Routledge Handbook of Designing Public Places for Young People*. A dedicated educator, generous colleague, and influential advocate, Patsy’s critical knowledge and insights reach global audiences of researchers, planners, designers, and policy makers through her teaching, writing, projects, and presentations. Her important 2023 book, *Outdoor Environments for People*, was the first textbook to present a comprehensive look at social and psychological factors related to outdoor environments for all populations. While teaching at Virginia Tech in the late eighties, she created the Community Design Assistance Center to provide design services to communities and valuable professional experience to students. There she pioneered an engaged scholarship model of design pedagogy that seamlessly interweaves outreach, learning, and inquiry, resulting in CELA’s Award of Distinction. A 2018 Sierra Chapter Legacy

Award winner, Patsy's methods of working with young people to understand their needs for a supportive public realm were once considered revolutionary but are now accepted practice and have inspired localities to create welcoming public places for young people.

ASLA Fellows will be elevated during a special investiture ceremony at the [2024 Conference on Landscape Architecture](#), which will be held in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6-9, 2024. Fellow biographies are available here: <https://www.asla.org/ContentDetail.aspx?id=65494>.

### **2024 ASLA Fellows:**

- Patricia Algara, ASLA, BASE Landscape Architecture, San Francisco
- Matthew Arnn, ASLA, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, DC
- Claire Bedat, ASLA, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC
- Catherine Berris, ASLA, Urban Systems, Vancouver, BC
- Anita Berrizbeitia, ASLA, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Molly Bourne, ASLA, MNLA, New York City
- Jules Bruck, ASLA, University of Florida, Gainesville
- Karen Cesare, ASLA, Novak Environmental, Tucson
- Lisa Cowan, ASLA, StudioVerde, Cumberland, ME
- Lynn Crump, ASLA, Scenic Virginia, Richmond, VA
- Chris Della Vedova, ASLA, Confluence, Des Moines, IA
- Scott Emmelkamp, ASLA, Planning Design Studio, St. Louis
- Grace Fielder, ASLA, G.E. Fielder & Associates, Laurel, MD
- David Fletcher, ASLA, Fletcher Studio, San Francisco
- Pamela Galera, ASLA, City of Riverside, CA
- Cory Gallo, ASLA, Mississippi State University, Starkville
- Aan Garrett-Coleman, ASLA, Coleman & Associates, Austin
- Adriaan Geuze, ASLA, West 8, Rotterdam
- Kim Hartley Hawkins, ASLA, Hawkins Partners, Nashville
- Joseph Imamura, ASLA, Architect of the Capitol, Washington, DC
- Jerany Jackson, ASLA, Great River Engineering, Springfield, MO
- Joni Janecki, ASLA, Joni L. Janecki & Associates, Santa Cruz, CA
- Paul Kelsch, ASLA, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- Cody Klein, ASLA, OJB Landscape Architecture, Boston
- J. Rebecca Leonard, ASLA, Lionheart Places, Austin
- Bradley McCauley, ASLA, site design group, Chicago
- Charles Grant Meacci, ASLA, Bolton & Menk, Charlotte, NC
- Cleve Larry Mizell, ASLA, Lebanon, TN
- Michael Murphy, ASLA, Texas A&M University, College Station
- Faith Okuma, ASLA, Surroundings Studio, Santa Fe
- Patsy Eubanks Owens, ASLA, University of California, Davis
- Laurel Raines, ASLA, Dig Studio, Denver
- Jane Reed Ross, ASLA, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, Birmingham, AL
- Dale Schafer, ASLA, Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture, Hudson, NY

- Christopher Schein, ASLA, Hord Coplan Macht, Baltimore
- Jean Senechal Biggs, ASLA, City of Beaverton, OR
- Michele Shelor, ASLA, Colwell Shelor Landscape Architecture, Phoenix
- Judith Stilgenbauer, ASLA, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Manoa
- Leo Urban, ASLA, Urban Associates, Delray Beach, FL
- Glen Valentine, ASLA, Stimson, Cambridge, MA

### **About ASLA and the ASLA Fund**

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is the professional association for landscape architects in the United States, representing more than 15,000 members. ASLA Mission: Empowering our members to design a sustainable and equitable world through landscape architecture. ASLA Fund Mission: Investing in global, social, and environmental change through the art and science of landscape architecture.

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