Landscape architecture students create proposed memorials

by Trisha Gedon, Communications Specialist, Agriculture Communications

Landscape Architecture students worked on a project that has the potential to have a lasting effect in Stillwater.

Bo Zhang, assistant professor, worked with the students in his Landscape Architecture 4515: Studio 5: Urban Design class to create a memorial for the tragic 2015 Homecoming parade crash that took the lives of four parade-goers and injured 46 more.

“One of my students, Colton Craig, sent me an email this summer about this topic, and that’s how it became a class project. The feedback from students was very positive, and they were motivated to do a great project, not only for their design portfolio, but also for the community, the city and the university,” Zhang said. “While this project is hypothetical, we hope the students’ proposals could initiate a movement that leads to the discussion and the realization of a memorial in Stillwater.”

The location of the proposed memorial is on the northwest corner of the intersection of Hall of Fame and Main Street, near where the crash occurred. Patty Evans, city planner with the City of Stillwater, helped the group determine the site.

The design proposals, based on their understanding of loss, grief, unity and love, include master plans, sections, perspectives, bird’s-eye views and 3D physical models, was themed “Place Making for Lasting Memory” and was on display in the OSU Architecture Gallary from October through November 4.

Janet Cole, head of the horticulture and landscape architecture department, said the idea of landscape design is to create functional outdoor environments.
From the Department Head

How in the world can time pass so quickly? It seems like just a week or two ago that I interviewed for this job as department head. Who would ever guess that I could do this job and even maybe like it? Well, OK, I like it most of the time.

Has it been smooth sailing? Absolutely not!! We have faced huge budget cuts, grappled with declining enrollments, celebrated the retirement of colleagues and longtime friends while shedding a tear when they are gone.

At the same time we have celebrated the addition of new faculty Qing Luo and Bo Zhang are completing their second year in the LA program while Casey Hentges, Oklahoma Gardening Host, and Charles Fontanier, Turfgrass Teaching and Research faculty, are completing their first year with us. We are SO happy for all of these faculty and the contributions they have brought to the department.

So the question might be asked, how is the department doing? The best answer I can give is that we are surviving the best we can in the current situation. Limited budgets mean a limited ability to hire or even spend money for that matter. We are all in this situation together and using it as an opportunity to reflect, regroup, and grow into the future. I thank the faculty and staff for their understanding and cooperation in this challenging situation.

So as I close, I leave you with a few things for which I am thankful…

- Our caring faculty and staff
- Opportunity to see our students who are the future of our industry grow
- Involvement of industry professionals who help us keep our programs relevant
- Ability to dream of better economic times and how our programs might grow to meet future needs
- Alumni and friends who support us in so many ways
- Supportive administrators who see value in our programs despite tight economic times

Qing Lana Luo

Qing Lana Luo’s design work (2004) was selected at the EXHIBITION I Environmental Impact: 50 Years of Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota. The exhibition is on display from September 16 through January 8 by the Goldstein Museum of Design and the Department of Landscape Architecture of the University of Minnesota.

Michael Holmes

Congratulations to professor Michael Holmes! Holmes has been selected to serve on the American Society of Landscape Architects Committee on Education for two years, which began at the annual meeting in New Orleans on October 24.

Janet Cole

Dr. Janet Cole was initiated into the South Dakota State University chapter of Alpha Zeta, an honorary agriculture society as an undergraduate student. Over 30 years later, Dr. Cole received the CASNR Outstanding Teacher Award from the Oklahoma State University chapter of Alpha Zeta at the CASNR Banquet held March 31.
2016 Homecoming

A Cowboy Dream Homecoming was celebrated by the HORT 2513 Herbaceous Class with the creation of a “Living Pistol Pete” sign. Pete was a hit with students, faculty, alumni, and visitors to the Oklahoma State Campus during the 2016 Homecoming week. Dr. Lou Anella and Tim Hooper worked with students to create and develop the living sign. Students also learned about electrical lighting and safety issues with the night lighting of the sign. It was a great addition to celebrating Homecoming this year, and the students had fun with their class project!

Anella Receives Excellence Award

The Irrigation Foundation presented Dr. Lou Anella with the 2015 Excellence in Education Award at the 2015 Irrigation Show & Education Conference last November in Long Beach, California. The Excellence in Education Award recognizes a person who is actively teaching irrigation, water management and/or water conservation in affiliation with a two- or four-year institution. The award honors academics who are playing a critical role in developing educated professionals with the knowledge and skills to create efficient irrigation solutions that will protect water and the environment.

Camp T.U.R.F. Recognized

Congratulations to the Camp T.U.R.F. team for receiving second place in the OSU Interdisciplinary Competition in December 2015! The Camp T.U.R.F. was comprised of Janet Cole, Bruce Dunn, Kevin Gragg, Matt Fletcher, Bill Hilson, David Hillock, Michael Holmes, Jo Kahn, Karla Knoepfler, Lynn Malley, Dennis Martin, Shelley Mitchell, Justin Moss, Mike Schnelle, Andrina Shufran, Jason Vogel, Jennifer White, and Hailin Zhang.
Finding Center Conference

The Oklahoma State University Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects held its annual Finding Center Conference April 7-8 in Stillwater.

Finding Center is a free sustainability conference open to students, professionals, educators and the public. This year’s conference focused on different perspectives of sustainability coming from a variety of disciplines.

This year’s lineup featured world-renowned professionals including:

- Landscape architect Carol R. Johnson, FASLA—principal, founder and chairman emeritus of Carol R. Johnson Associates
- David Redhage—vice president of the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture
- Architect Brian Court, AIA—Partner at the Miller-Hull Partnership
- Golf course architect Agustín Píza—founder of Píza Golf Design
- Richard Moreta Castsillo—Arquitectonia and Design Director for various firms in South Florida
- Environmental psychologist Nancy Wells—associate professor at Cornell University

With over 50 years of landscape architecture and site planning experience, Carol Johnson shared a special moment when she told everyone, “I never thought I would get away with lifting the Kennedy Park up 5 to 6 feet, but I did!”

Above: A discussion panel with Carol Johnson, Brian Court, Agustín Píza, Dr. Nancy Wells and David Redhage covered the topic of Sustainability across disciplines Friday morning.

Below: Looking outside the box, Landscape Architecture students created recycling bins of reclaimed materials to promote sustainability and creativity and displayed them during the conference.

Above: Students, professionals, speakers and faculty enjoyed a casual dinner social Thursday evening at The Botanic Garden at OSU. Students learning from Richard Moreta Castillo took time for an impromptu photo op!

Below: Students are ready to sign up professionals attending the conference with Continuing Education Units.
In April, Dr. Shelley Mitchell and Joshua Campbell gave presentations to groups of children in Weatherford at the SWOSU Stampede event. They presented water efficiency methods to use in gardens and their importance.

Memorial story continues . . .

“We create areas where people can celebrate events and areas to heal after tragedy,” Cole said. “OSU and our students experienced an outpouring of support last year, and these students bring that support into their designs.”

The student designs incorporated a myriad of architectural features, including reflecting pools, memorial walls with inscriptions, timelines and fountains, along with various plantings and trees. Jonathan Gregory presented his design as the Four Strong Memorial.

“My design reflects loss, remembrance and healing for this small town we call our home,” Gregory said. “A memorial is a symbol of meaning that goes deeper than words. It’s a space that creates connection to the human soul.”

Craig said it was hard for him to do the research for this project because it was sad. “I call my design the Stillwater Strong Memorial, and it has a reflecting pool of still water and the materials are strong,” Craig said. “It’s a play on words but has a lot of meaning.”

Zhang said he is proud of the designs his students created and how they approached various urban design issues. “As landscape professionals, I felt like we should do something. This opens a dialogue with the City of Stillwater for the creation of a memorial,” Zhang said.

Turfgrass Classic

October 24 the OSU Turf Club hosted the return of its annual Turfgrass Classic at Stillwater Country Club. There was a great turnout and excellent weather, and superintendent Jared Wooten had the course in fantastic shape. Congratulations to the first place team of Jacob Gordon, Brady Finton, Keith Callery, and Chad Weinrich (sponsored by Innovative Turf Supply). Larry Taylor, Ryan Bailey, Brannon Besse and Joe Thompkins made up the Oklahoma Golf Course Superintendents Association runner-up team!
The STEM Competition at Oklahoma State University was one of three competitions around the state (also held at Tulsa University and Cameron University). The purpose of the nine contests centered on science, technology, engineering and math, was to give 90 high schoolers at each location a chance to experience college life while competing for awards. Students competing at OSU came from around the state and spent two days and one night (July 6-7) competing in contests such as egg drop, sling shots, Rube Goldberg devices, and more. Students entered the eighth grades and up this fall.

Congratulations to Randy Davis and Greenleaf Nursery of Parkhill, Oklahoma, on receiving the Governor’s Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award for 2016! They are our state’s largest nursery, and one of the largest nurseries in the whole United States. They have set the curve for recycling, conserving water, and reducing chemical use while producing exceptional quality container nursery stock for independent garden centers and nurseries across the United States.

Patrice Pike, an Austin music artist rocked us into another season of gardening by celebrating National Public Garden Day on May 6. Other artists who joined the Concert in the Garden series included Tyrel Draper, currently an Oklahoma State University student; the OSU Jazz Ensemble; Tyler Siems with special guests Tanner Bryan and John Homer; and the season ended with the children's Lil’ Tots and Tunes Concert with Andrew and Polly.

On March 25 was The Council of Educators of Landscape Architects (CELA) announced professor Michael Holmes’ entry the winner of its competition to design the organization logo and help establish its graphic brand. Over 50 entries from landscape architecture faculty and students were submitted from across the U.S. and around the world. Holmes’ winning submission is now the official logo of the organization. Holmes also took third place in the competition with a separate design submission.
Jordan Moss of Oologah, Taylor Roberts of Owasso, Ryan Thomas of Dewey, and Cheyenne Roberts of Jenks competed in the Turf Bowl Competition on February 11 at the Golf Industry Show at the San Diego Convention Center. After the competition, the group visited with industry representatives, met with potential employers, formed friendships with students from other schools and took in a few things that sunny San Diego had to offer. The teams’ case study essay scored eighth out of 62 teams.

As the 2016 spring semester wound down, students were busy finishing up projects and presenting work to faculty, company representatives and other students. Colton Craig shared his research titled “The Economic Impact of Renovating a Golf Club” at the Wentz Research Symposium with OSU’s President Hargis.

Square-foot gardening, low tunnels, hydroponics, vermicomposting, and vertical gardening are a few topics covered in Dr. Bruce Dunn’s Urban Horticulture Production class, HORT 3713. It is designed to address aspects of crop production under urban conditions and to develop knowledge and hands-on experience growing a range of crops using different production practices within urban conditions. HORT 3713 was developed by Dr. Dunn and is taught every other spring semester in even years only. Other topics covered include food safety, organic production, green roofs, canning, sprouts and micro greens.

“4-H Grows Here” was the theme of the 2016 Grant/Kay County 4-H camp held the first part of June. To highlight horticulture and tie in the theme of being well rooted and growing in 4-H, each of the 75 campers learned about seed stratification, germination and planting. The 4-H members were great listeners, asked super questions, and each one planted a pecan in a pot to take home to grow their own pecan seedling. They were very excited to have the chance to grow their own tree and learn about one of Oklahoma’s native treasures. Instructions for activity is explained in the new 4-H sheet “From a Nut to a Tree.” Thanks to Becky Carroll for teaching horticulture to the campers.
Charles Fontanier is the new turfgrass assistant professor with a 65 percent research and 35 percent teaching appointment. Fontanier received his Master’s degree and doctorate from Texas A&M University and joined our department December 1. His research emphasis was in irrigation and nutrient management of St. Augustinegrass turf systems, and he was the manager of the Texas A&M Turfgrass Field Laboratory in College Station. Fontanier enjoys working with students and is teaching turf management and turfgrass physiology and ecology.

In November 2015, Casey Hentges became the new host of Oklahoma Gardening. Previously Hentges was the director of horticulture at the Myriad Botanical Gardens, managing the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory and the 15-acre public garden, overseeing adult and youth programming, managing scheduling of events and activities, developing interpretation for horticulture tours and more. With almost one season of Oklahoma Gardening under her belt, she looks forward to the next season with more new and exciting ideas.
Terri Wright, Yukon, Oklahoma, has positively impacted the Oklahoma Green Industry for over 30 years. She has held down an impressive array of horticultural jobs ranging from nurseries to chemical supply companies to American Floral Services, Oklahoma City. During her tenure, she not only has made her mark in industry circles but has continued to give back in a number of ways to Oklahoma State University at both Stillwater and Oklahoma City campuses. Over the years Terri has been instrumental as an advisor to the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. Examples of her service include but are not limited to her assistance with the Oklahoma Greenhouse Growers’ Short Course in which OSU worked side by side with greenhouse industry leaders. Terri also helped behind the scenes with a number of OSU-driven horticultural workshops. Wright continues to enjoy horticulture currently serving as South Central Regional Manager for Bonide Products which helps both industry and laypeople be more successful in their gardening ventures. Because of her commitment to horticulture she was named the Distinguished Horticulture Service Award recipient August 2016 at OSU, Stillwater.

Bill Odle, the 2016 Distinguished Landscape Architecture Alumnus recipient, is Managing Principal of the Houston office of TBG Partners, a firm of 140 landscape architects and planners based throughout Texas and in Florida. Odle serves on TBG’s Board of Directors and oversees strategic planning for firm-wide initiatives. Odle first joined TBG in 1995 and his vision has been integral to TBG’s sustained growth, including embracing a more holistic, story-based design approach that prioritizes environmental, economic and social criteria. He is also passionately involved in several professional and community organizations, including active involvement with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) as the Chairman of the Board for the Houston ULI District Council and the national Vice-Chair of the Public/Private Partnership Council. Odle sits on the board of Scenic Houston, the board of the Missouri City Parks Foundation as well as the advisory board for the University of Houston C.T. Bauer College of Business Graduate Real Estate Program.
Global Horticulture Conference

The Global Horticulture Conference held on November 17 was designed to allow participants to gain a better understanding and appreciation of horticulture and related disciplines throughout the world, said Mike Schnelle, OSU Cooperative Extension floriculture specialist. “Horticulture from other countries around the world is so fascinating, and this conference was one way people had an opportunity to learn more about it.” Topics covered included sustainable and regenerative agriculture, aesthetics and culture of Chinese landscapes, water, the role of women in horticulture, the Watoto Tribe and the global implications of OSU’s Greenseeder Hand Planter. Kate Schecter, president and CEO of World Neighbors in Oklahoma City was a featured speaker. World Neighbors is an international development organization striving to eliminate hunger, poverty and disease in the poorest, most isolated rural villages in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Top: Mike Schnelle showing/discussing banana (Musa) flower and its edible uses around the world. Above: Bill Raun discussing OSU’s GreenSeeder.

Various food from around the globe were available to sample during the conference.

Lunch featured foods from Nicaragua and the Middle East included chicken tikka masala, aloo gubi, lentil rice and persian salad.

Calendar of Events

December 1-2 | Poinsettia Sale, Teaching Greenhouses, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Stillwater, Oklahoma

December 17 | Crafting Bird Feeders, The Botanic Garden, Stillwater, Oklahoma

January 13-14, 2017 | Horticulture Industries Show & Conference, The Chancellor Hotel, Fayetteville, Arkansas

August 3, 2017 | Shackelford Lecture Series—Save the Date!

Student Awards

Lakshmy Gopinath
second place poster; C-5 Division Competition, Crop Science Society of American Annual Conference, November 2015

Brett Johnson
selected as the Honorary Commencement Marshal for DASNR’s Fall 2015 graduation ceremony

Matt Barton received the Leo & Kathy Noltensmeyer Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Precision Ag, May 2016
ThinkWater

ThinkWater works to educate Oklahoma residents about water conservation and smart irrigation. Their mission is to promote conscious water use and drought awareness. They engage as partners with Oklahoma communities to provide responsible water use and conservation extension programming and educational opportunities to build strong Oklahoma water systems. ThinkWater promotes water efficient plants for the Oklahoma landscape such as Autumn Sage, Russian Sage, Catmint, Stonecrop, Red Hot Poker and more. For more information visit the website www.thinkwater.com or Facebook page.

Water conservation was the topic with the new Oklahoma County Master Gardeners and Public Master Gardener students on September 27.

On October 27, ThinkWater spent the day with Squeeze Every Drop at Tinker Air Force Base talking to the community about water conservation and EPA WaterSense irrigation controllers.

We want to hear from you!

We would like to include you in our alumni success stories and “News” updates. Please send us your contact information, any professional and personal information you would like to share as well as a current electronic photo. Information can be emailed to donna.dollins@okstate.edu.

Other Departmental Teaching and Extension Activities

The 2016 TURF Camp was held June 5-17 with 22 youth from all over Oklahoma. One day was spent at The Noble Foundation taking a greenhouse tour, doing strawberry DNA extraction, being a dirt detective and producing carbon dioxide. For more information, visit www.hortla.okstate.edu/camp-turf.

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The Botanic Garden at OSU

Last year, The Botanic Garden held 162 events, workshops, meetings, camps and tours for Oklahoma State University and the community as well as 21 OSU classes utilizing TBG and being the homebase for the award winning television series Oklahoma Gardening. 2016 has been just as busy with activities!

In April, The Botanic Garden celebrated Earth Day with two beautiful new fountains! A special thanks to Jeaneane Campbell, TBG Ambassador, and John Eccles, owner of Shade of Green Landscaping LLC. for their generous donation.

We would like to thank Jeremy Williams and Greg Hutchison from Husqvarna for setting up the Automower 450x and to Husqvarna for their donation to TBG!

TBG relies heavily on their TBG Ambassadors. Last year they donated 3,003 service hours, and again this year they have provided many hours keeping the gardens manicured and looking great, as well as providing educational programming and tours to the community and visitors to The Botanic Garden. Thank you again for your continued time and support! Another big thank you to our student employees! (Pictured in the upper left.)

Families and Flashlights, a camping experience in the garden; Finding Center Conference social; Yoga in the Garden, Concert in the Garden series; Grandparent University; Camp TURF; Tuesday Evening Gardening series; GardenFest; Jack-O-Lantern Jog; Nature Walk with Words; TGB Kids programs; and even Pokémon Go were just a few of the activities at The Botanic Garden this year.
2016-2017 Scholarship Recipients

Mike Albert Leadership
Xochilyn Davis

Chris & Jenny Steigler Memorial
Jimi Underwood

Cleveland County Master Gardeners Association
Grant Linstead

Easton Sod Farms
Grant Linstead

Edmond Iris and Garden Society
Grant Linstead & Hannah Weis

Enid Council of Garden Clubs
Andrea Stara

Garfield County Master Gardener
Sazanna Parks

Kay County Master Gardener
Andrew Kirby

Lakeside Garden
Colton Craig & Katy Layman

Landscape Management
Scott Mendenhall
Cole Landers
Macy Wollenberg

N.E. District of Oklahoma Garden Clubs
Samuel Bynum

Oklahoma Golf Course Superintendent’s Association
Philip Davis

Oklahoma Horticultural Society
Nathan Stewart & Brandt Emerson

Oklahoma Nursery and Landscape Association
Cody Landis & Katy Layman

OSU Horticulture Club Award
Erin Caldwell, Jacob Cheatham, Katelyn Stenmark, Nathan Stewart & Kyla Thompson

OSU Turf Club
Zachary London

Pi Alpha Xi
Jimi Underwood, Scott Mendenhall & Nathan Stewart

Ponca City Council of Garden Clubs
Payton Wyens

Town & Country Garden Club
Claire Ocheltree

Tulsa Area Iris Society Memorial
Katy Laymen

Tulsa Council of Federated Garden Clubs
Xochilyn Davis

Tulsa County Master Gardener
Nathan Stewart

Daniel Jordan, Student Highlight

Daniel Jordan, landscape architecture and landscape management double major, was named a Senior of Significance by the OSU Alumni Association as one of the top 49 students in the 2016 class. Daniel is truly a leader among his peers. He served as a College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Ambassadors where he volunteered over 500 hours working with prospective students, planning an annual leadership conference, serving as a Student Academic Mentor to small groups, and assisting new freshmen with adjusting to college. He is a member of Sigma Lambda Alpha-National Honor Society for Landscape Architecture and president for the past two years. Congratulations, Jordan!

NEW Endowed Scholarships for 2016-2017

F.W. “Dutch” and Rose Bellinghausen ................................................................. Colton Craig

Oklahoma Vegetable Association in Honor of Jim Motes .......................... Huston Hoelscher, Caroline Nelson, Katelyn Stenmark

Richard N. Payne —Floriculture Crop ............................................................... Nathan Stewart

Charles & Linda Shackelford—FFA Horticulture ......................................... Megan Nichols

Carl Whitcomb—Nursery Management .......................................................... Brandt Emerson

Congratulations to our graduates!

Fall 2015—Undergraduates
Ryan Bramer
Robert Bucktooth
Toby Coats
Austin Gimondo
Kendall Golden
Brett Johnson
Sean Kinsheloe
Zachary London
Krystle Soudek

Fall 2015—Graduate
Lakshmy Gopinath

Spring 2016—Undergraduates
Corey Branch
Benjamin Crosby

Jason Devine
Ryan Grider
Jeffrey Jackson
Daniel Jordan
Paul Kretzer
Carol O’Brien
Christopher Prince
David Reese
Danielle Jaden Rich
Sara Wallace
Benjamin Warden
Zhiyuan Yang

Spring 2016—Graduate
Magdalena Vinson

Upon graduation, Daniel secured a position with the Baughman Company P.A. in their Wichita, Kansas, office.
Thank You for your generosity!

Contributions from July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016.

If we have inadvertently omitted anyone from this list, please accept our apology and gently remind us of that fact.

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Randy Davis, Greenleaf Nursery
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Brett Mann
Tim May, Halff and Associates
Todd Mayhew, Valnet Corporation
Amy McCormack, Nature’s Source
Ignacio Mejia
Merideth Mejia
Jared Merz, Total Environments
MESA Design
Kerry Meyers, Proven Winners
Steve Millett, Hort Americas
Nicole Novack
Bill Odle
Jamison Pinson, Environ Group
David Purser, Intervention Pro-Tech
Sarah Ramey, Circo Innovations
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Shannon Strowbridge, Flanova
Mike Stutchman, Greenleaf Nursery
Studio W
Jeff Suiter
SWA
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Barbara Tartar
Lisa Whittlesey, International JMG Program
Daniel Zummallem

England/Chelsea Travel Abroad and Hands-on Experience

Faith Daniels and Logan Fisher received the England/Chelsea Travel and Hands-on Experience and in May traveled to Chelsea, London for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and to visit horticultural operations. Daniels said, “Traveling abroad opened my eyes to new horticultural uses and practices by other cultures, and attending the Chelsea Flower Show and experiencing the spectacular Poppies Memorial Tribute display surrounding Royal Chelsea Hospital was a highlight for me.” Over 5,000 knitted crocheted poppies transformed the grounds into a carpet of red in honor of all servicemen and women who have fought across all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations over the last 100 years. Daniels said this opportunity has allowed her to expand her career possibilities in the horticultural field.
Landscape Architecture Spring Break Travel Course

March 12 through 18, landscape architecture junior and senior students traveled to Charleston and Savannah to experience a unique ecosystems within the regional landscape of the low country, reinforce design history through experience of history imbedded in place, experience cultural customs, language, food and tradition, as well as, practice independent life travel skills. Students visited Charleston, Middleton Plantation, Beauford, and Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia.

Middleton Place is an 18th century rice plantation comprised of 65 acres of America's oldest landscaped gardens, the Middleton Place House Museum, and the Plantation Stableyards. The gardens reflect the elegant symmetry of 17th century European design.

Founded in 1733, Savannah has the distinction of being America's first planned city. Designed in a series of grids, Savannah's unique design allowed for 24 public squares lined with homes and buildings representing more than eight different architectural styles. Savannah has beautiful parks in and around the Historic District. Emmet Park and Forsyth Park are two of the largest and are the most well-known. Emmet park sits on a grassy strip on a bluff overlooking the Savannah River. Previously known as Strand and later as Irish Green, the park was built as a tribute to Robert Emmet, Irish patriot, and to Savannah's Irish population.

The LA 4990-606- Charleston and Savannah Travel Course is taught by Cheryl Mihalko and is intended to be offered every other year to meet the landscape program goals and needs.

Historic Madison Square, named after the fourth President of the United States James Madison, is surrounded by some of the most important and interesting buildings in Savannah. The square laid out in 1837 commemorates Sgt. William Jasper, a soldier from the Revolutionary War, and the Siege of Savannah in 1779. The large monument dedicated to Jasper is in the center of the square, but the granite marker also defines the southern limit of the British defense. Photo by Ryan Grider

Although Sheldon Church has lain in ruin for more than 120 years, the classic simplicity of its design remains. Erected in 1745-55, it is one of the first Greek-Revival structures built in the United States, and visitors can visualize the grandeur of the pre-Revolutionary church. Photo by Ryan Grider

The Angel Oak located in Angel Oak Park on John’s Island makes a perfect background for our Oklahoma State students. L to R: Ryan Grider, Cody Landis, David Yang, Ben Crosby, Daniel Jordan, Suzanna Parks, Sam Bynum, and Emily Smith.

David Yang sketching the Angel Oak. The Live Oak is estimated to be in excess of 400-500 years old and produces shade covering 17,200 square feet. The oak derives its name from the Angel estate.
Faculty Retirements

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Smith, Regents Professor and Pecan Specialist, on his retirement as of August 5. Dr. Smith joined the department in June 1977 with a 30 percent teaching and 70 percent research appointment. He is recognized as a pecan expert nationally and internationally, and his research dealt with pecan management while addressing plant nutrition, fruit thinning, ground cover management and other strategies to reduce irregular bearing. Dr. Smith said he was looking forward to spending more time fishing and maintaining his pecan orchard. We miss having him in the department, but we wish him the very best.

Upon completing his Ph.D. from Cornell University, Dr. Brian Kahn began his career at Oklahoma State University on May 1, 1982. Although the majority of his appointment was research, he has shown great dedication to teaching and mentoring students. His research focused on sustainable cultural and management practices for improved yield and quality of vegetables in Oklahoma, and he served as the Departmental Undergraduate Advising Coordinator for many years. We celebrated with Dr. Kahn, 34 years later, on his accomplishments as an instructor, advisor and researcher. Thank you, Dr. Kahn, for your dedication and congratulations on your retirement!

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